

**TORCHWOOD
CHILDRE ! OF EARTH**

Episode 1

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1 EXT. MOORLAND - NIGHT X

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Black & white footage. Wide open moorland. Cold moonlight.

CAPTION: 1965.

Headlights cutting through the darkness.

CLOSER: an old minibus, trundling along.

CUT TO INTERIOR. CLOSE on a little boy at the back of the bus. This is CLEM. 11 years old. Glimpses of OTHER KIDS around him - 12 in total - but focus on Clem, all wide-eyed and solemn. Poor, plain clothes.

CUT TO the wheels of the bus, stopping.

CUT TO Clem & other kids stepping off the bus, lost, staring all around. ADULTS giving them orders, but they're just glimpsed throughout this sequence, sound muffled; much of this feels like a kid's perspective.

Clem and the kids walk forward, into the dark... *

Then a DAZZLING WHITE LIGHT shines on them. They flinch. Shield their eyes *

BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT is filling the air ahead of them. *

Clem looks terrified. He hangs back, other kids scared but still walking forward either side of him.

And then, as he stares...

CHILDREN walk into the WHITE LIGHT. Disappearing into it. *

As Clem stares...

More CHILDREN go into the light... *

SUDDEN JUMP CUT TO MOORLAND, further away - young Clem is now running, running, running, desperate, like a wild thing -

He stops, looks back.

Far away, the BUS, with SILHOUETTES of ADULTS around the white light... *

Which then shuts off. *

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Pitch black.

CU Clem, as he turns, runs through the night, terrified -

CUT TO:

2 EXT. CARDIFF BAY - NIGHT 1 2

CU GWEN COOPER. She bursts out of the Torchwood Tourist Office door. She is terrified. Running for her life.

CAPTION: *Today.*

She runs, runs, runs.

Stay on her, close, jerky, hand-held. Her face, animal - fear, panic, despair.

She runs round into Roald Dahl Plas. Stops dead.

Ahead of her: the Water Tower.

And as Gwen stares, wild-eyed...

The whole thing blows up!

CUT TO TITLES

CUT TO:

3 EXT. MARKET STREET - DAY 1

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MOTHER (CONT'D)

If I just leave you? In the middle of town? Is it? Tyler, come on!

Mother cont b/g, improvising, as Gwen hears another voice...

FATHER

Suzette! We're gonna be late. Suzette! Now stop it, you're looking silly, d'you want people to see you, looking silly..?

A good distance away, a FATHER, with SUZETTE, 9 y/o, in school uniform; Suzette's just standing there, blank.

(NB, no other children around.) Neither parent clocking the other. Only Gwen, looking between them both. Alert.

CUT TO:

4 INT. RHIANNON'S HOUSE - DAY 1

4

RHIANNON - late 20s, Welsh - shoving clothes in the washing machine. It's a plain house on a rough council estate.

RHIANNON

...and if he gives you any more trouble, you just tell him, your dad's going round his house to punch his face in. And I'll punch his bloody mother. Have you got that, David? David..?

She realises she's not getting any reply. Stands, looks:

Her KIDS - DAVID, 9 and MICA, 7 (pronounced Meesha, like Mica Paris) - are at the table, having breakfast. But they've just stopped. Staring. Blank.

RHIANNON (CONT'D)

Are you listening to me? David? Mica? You two! Look at me!

CUT TO:

5 INT. ALICE'S HOUSE - DAY 1

5

Lovely old house, like a three-storey detached, though on a suburban street; the sort of house that's all ivy outside.

ALICE - 45, wise, calm, bit earth-mother - is in the kitchen, calling through to the hall, where her son,

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STEVEN, 8, is standing in the open front door, his back to Alice.

ALICE

Steven! I've told you, if you leave the front door open, those cats are going to get in.

(pause)

Steven? Don't just stand there, you'll be late.

(pause)

Steven..?

She walks down the hall towards him...

REVERSE, STEVEN in the doorway. Staring. Blank.

CUT TO:

6 INT. FROBISHER'S HOUSE - DAY 1

6

Getting posher with every home; an off-road detached house, driveway, nice garden, in the London commuter belt.

Though inside, nice and lived-in, like any house with kids.

FROBISHER - 45, high-ranking Civil Servant, putting on weight, suit & tie - is just heading towards the kitchen to find his wife, ANNA, 40, smart, a politician's wife.

FROBISHER

...I've booked the car for seven thirty, but I might have to leave it on standby - if Baxter starts talking, he never stops, so I can't guarantee what time, I'll send you a text when I'm on the motorway...

He clears through the Breakfast Room, not seeing:

His kids, HOLLY (9) AND LILLY (11) at the table, just sitting there. Staring. Blank. But no one notices.

CUT TO:

7 EXT. CARDIFF STREET, OUTSIDE SCHOOL - DAY 1

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Massive BLARE on a horn!

It's RHYS, in the cab of a Harwood's Lorry.

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RHYS
Get out of the way!!

Because 3 kids - 8 y/os - are standing in the road, in front of his truck. The kids, staring, blank.

RHYS (CONT'D)
Oy! I said bloody shift!

But then Rhys looks across...

He's next to a PRIMARY SCHOOL. And there are more KIDS, on the pavement. Standing still, staring, blank. Couple of MUMs, saying 'What are you doing?', getting no reply.

And Rhys's POV moves round to the SCHOOL YARD. Where there's a good few KIDS. Standing, blank. Eerily still.

And then, like someone's flicked a switch -

The yard snaps back to normal, kids running, chattering, playing. None of them aware that anything happened. And the kids in front of the lorry run on, too.

CUT TO:

8 INT. RHIANNON'S HOUSE - DAY 1

8

RHIANNON watching the kids, as...

In that second, they blink - no big deal, no 'dazed' acting, literally just a blink - and snap back to mid-argument:

DAVID
- and you can shut up an' all, you were the one crying, you were like a baby, I seen you.

MICA
Was not.

DAVID
Was.

MICA
Was not.

Etc. Rhinannon just shrugs it off, turns away.

CUT TO:

9 EXT. ALICE'S HOUSE - DAY 1

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No big deal. But Gwen files it away. Walks on.

CUT TO:

12 EXT. CARDIFF BAY - DAY 1 12

GWEN walking along with a Starbuck's. Just an image of the place, the shops, the water. Quiet, early morning.

CUT TO Gwen heading down the stairs to the Tourist Office door. Calling out to the Water Taxi Man on the upper level:

GWEN

All right, Glyn? What's occurring?

WATER TAXI MAN

I've been watching the bay. No sea monsters.

GWEN

Still early.

And she heads inside...

CUT TO:

13 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - DAY 1 13

Lift door opens. GWEN steps out. Throws the switch. The portal *clank-clank-clanks* back, cage doors swinging

14 INT. HOSPITAL, A&E RESUSC ROOM - DAY 1

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The *SHTOOM!* of two resusc paddles on a chest -

AN OLD MAN laid out, oxygen mask on. STAFF all around, led by Doctor RUPESH PATANJALI, 23, bit new, bit gauche.

RUPESH

And again! Clear!

SHTOOM! on the paddles. But the screens still flatline.

RUPESH (CONT'D)

Nope. I think we should call it, everyone agree? Okay. Time of death, 09.17. Sally, I can leave it with you, yeah? I'll go and tell them...

And he walks away...

CUT TO:

15 INT. HOSPITAL, CORRIDOR - DAY 1

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RUPESH walks along. And CAPTAIN JACK & IANTO JONES turn to face him. *

RUPESH

I'm sorry. We did everything we could, but... he didn't make it.

CAPTAIN JACK

Oh that's a shame.

IANTO

That's very sad.

CAPTAIN JACK

Poor old Mr Williams.

IANTO

Very sad indeed.

RUPESH

There'll have to be an autopsy, but given his age, I'd say his heart gave out.

IANTO

That brave old heart.

RUPESH

You were neighbours, is that right?

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CAPTAIN JACK
We live next door.

IANTO
He's got no family to speak of. All on his own. We'd just keep an eye out for him, y'know.

RUPESH
Well I'm sure he appreciated it. If only there were more like you two in the world.

CAPTAIN JACK
I know it's an imposition, but with us being such good neighbours, over all these years... Can we see the body?

CUT TO:

16 INT. HOSPITAL, PRIVATE CUBICLE - DAY 1

16

Curtains draw back. There's the OLD MAN, now cleaned up and laid out. RUPESH with CAPTAIN JACK & IANTO.

CAPTAIN JACK
Bless him.

IANTO
God rest his soul.

CAPTAIN JACK
Say, d'you think we could..? Just on our own? Pay our last respects?

RUPESH
Course you can. Just come and find me, once you're done. And I'm sorry for your loss.

CAPTAIN JACK
Thank you.

Rupesh goes.

Pause. Then Ianto hauls up his BRIEFCASE, slams it open - it's full of steel surgical instruments. Jack pulls down the sheets to the old man's waist. Hushed, fast:

IANTO
He thought we were together. Like a couple. He said, 'You two.' The way he said it, like 'You two'.

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CAPTAIN JACK
But we are. Does it matter?

IANTO
I dunno, it's still new to me.
(hands him)
Laser saw.

CAPTAIN JACK
Thank you!

Jack holds up the small LASER SAW -

FX & PROSTHETICS: RED LASER LINE ZAPS OPEN THE BODY,
creating a clean vertical wound in the stomach.

CAPTAIN JACK (CONT'D)
Tongs.

IANTO
(hands over)
Tongs.

Long, thin, medical steel tongs; Jack roots inside the
wound. Grits his teeth, it's tough, in there.

CAPTAIN JACK
There we go. Almost got it...

And the curtain pulls back.

RUPESH
Sorry, one more thing -

He stops dead.

Jack looks at him.

Ianto peim.

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CAPTAIN JACK

Now look at it, that's not human, is it,
does that look human?, no it does not.
It's just a little hitchhiker he picked
up, no harm done, it didn't kill him -

IANTO

- some people say they're positively
beneficial, they release endorphins into
the bloodstream, he died a happy man.
And I've got Tupperware.

Jack drops the organ into Ianto's Tupperware box, *plop!*,
Ianto seals it up, puts it in the briefcase -

CAPTAIN JACK

And we're very considerate, we don't
leave any mess -

Uses LASER SAW -

FX: A BLUE LASER LINE zaps along the BODY, closes the
WOUND, with no scar, like it was never there.

IANTO

- we'll get out of your way -

CAPTAIN JACK

- thanks very much -

Jack & Ianto stride out - Rupesh gobsmacked! But -

RUPESH

Wait a minute - *wait a minute* - !

CUT TO:

17 EXT. HOSPITAL - DAY 1

17

CAPTAIN JACK & IANTO striding along, towards the SUV,
RUPESH running to keep up with them - all on the move -

RUPESH

- whatever it was, that was mutilation,
I should report you -

CAPTAIN JACK

Then why don't you?

RUPESH

But that... thing, what the hell was it,
that hitchhiker -

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CAPTAIN JACK
Try putting it in a report.

They're just getting into the car -

RUPESH
Are you Torchwood?

CAPTAIN JACK
Never heard of 'em.

Doors slam. Engine guns up. His last chance to stop them -

RUPESH
There are bodies going missing!

Pause. Engine stops.

Then Jack's window slides down. Cool & calm:

CAPTAIN JACK
How many?

RUPESH
I was right, you're Torchwood. This whole city talks about you.

CAPTAIN JACK
What bodies, where?

RUPESH
It started two months ago. Bodies, taken down to the mortuary, then the records just stop. Five of them. Five in two months. And none of them white. One of West Indian decent, one African, three Chinese, all male.

CAPTAIN JACK
What was your name again?

RUPESH
Rupesh. Rupesh Patanjali.

CAPTAIN JACK
(to Ianto)
What d'you think?

IANTO
NHS.

CAPTAIN JACK
Yeah.

(MORE)

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CAPTAIN JACK (CONT'D)
(to Rupesh)
Too much red tape. Sorry. But good
luck with it!

Window up, engine roars, they drive off. Rupesh
abandoned.

CUT TO:

18 EXT. WHITEHALL - DAY 1 18

OFFICIAL BLACK JAGUAR pulls up. FROBISHER steps out of
the back. Nods hello to a POLICEMAN. Heads into work -
a large, smart Whitehall building.

WHIP PAN, further across the road, where a LONDON BUS is
stopping at the kerb.

LOIS HABIBA steps off; 21, eager, nervous - late! She
runs along, across the road. Heading for the same
building.

CUT TO:

19 INT. CORRIDORS OF POWER - DAY 1 19

FROBISHER heading along.

CUT TO LOIS, further back, trotting along, fast.

CUT TO:

20 INT. FROBISHER'S OUTER OFFICE - DAY 1 20

Wood panelling office. FROBISHER walks in - at her desk,
his secretary, BRIDGET SPEARS, 50, formidable; standing,
waiting, COLONEL ODUYA, male, 40s, in full UNIT uniform.

FROBISHER
Oh Christ.

COLONEL ODUYA
And good morning to you too.

MISS SPEARS
Colonel Oduya for you, sir.
Unscheduled. I would remind you that
you've got the Category Meeting at
quarter past.

FROBISHER
You'd better come through.

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He heads into his Inner Office, Colonel Oduya following, closes the door. WHIP PAN ACROSS -

As LOIS arrives!

LOIS
I'm late! I'm sorry! Oh my God, I'm really, really sorry!

CUT TO:

21 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1 21

FROBISHER going to his desk, COLONEL ODUYA sits opposite.

FROBISHER
Just tell me it's something small. Tell me it's a meteorite! Or a shadow on the moon. Just for once, tell me it's easy.

COLONEL ODUYA
Might be nothing, sir.

COLONEL ODUYA (CONT'D)
But it's my job to keep the government informed, even if it turns out to be a false alarm.

FROBISHER
Then what is it?

COLONEL ODUYA
Children, sir. It's the children.

CUT TO:

22 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - DAY 1 22

GWEN at her computer. The door *clank-clanks* back, CAPTAIN JACK & IANTO coming in laughing, like kids.

IANTO
- you're gonna get us killed!

CAPTAIN JACK
No, you get killed, not me, you'd die like a dog, like an ugly dog!

GWEN
Oy, Chuckle Brothers. I think I've found something.

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CAPTAIN JACK

Yeah, well I want you to run a check on St Helen's Hospital. Specifically, the morgue -

GWEN

There's a computer, do it yourself. Meanwhile! I've got reports, this morning, of seventeen road traffic accidents, happening right across the country, all the way from Glasgow to St Ives.

CAPTAIN JACK

...is that above average?

GWEN

They all occurred between 8.40 and 8.41, seventeen accidents in exactly the same minute. And every single one of them, involving children.

Captain Jack & Ianto crossing to her now, interested.

IANTO

That'll be the school run.

GWEN

All of them were standing in the road - not crossing the road, they were *standing*. I saw it myself, Jack. These two kids, on Market Street. They just stopped.

CUT TO:

23 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1

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COLONEL ODUYA

But the accidents are just one part of the picture. Because every other child stopped at the same time.

(hands over a file)

And not just in Britain.

CUT TO:

24 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - DAY 1

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IANTO now busy at another terminal, GWEN & CAPTAIN JACK crossing to join him, more urgent now.

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IANTO

Same reports from France. Fifteen road traffic accidents. All timed around 9.40, they're an hour ahead, so it was simultaneous.

GWEN

All with children?

IANTO

Yup. Hold on. Still cross-referencing... Here we go -

GRAPHICS on-screen, a map of the world. With red dots coming up, as Ianto lists...

IANTO (CONT'D)

Reports coming in, RTAs in Norway. Sweden. Denmark. Luxembourg.

CUT TO:

25 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1

25

Colonel Oduya handing over file after file...

COLONEL ODUYA

Germany. India. Egypt. Guyana...

CUT TO:

26 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - DAY 1

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GRAPHICS: more RED DOTS coming up on the map.

IANTO

Spain. Portugal. Bosnia. Tokyo...

CUT TO:

27 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1

27

COLONEL ODUYA

Singapore... At 8.40 GMT, most of America was asleep, but even there, we're beginning to get reports. I think we can assume it was all of them, sir. As far as we can tell, at 8.40 this morning, every single child in the world... stopped.

28 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - DAY 1

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IAN TO

All of them between the ages of five and eleven. Prepubescent.

GWEN

Seen anything like it before?

CAPTAIN JACK

No way. *Kids..?*

CUT TO:

29 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1

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COLONEL ODUYA

Until we can get further information, we don't know if it's extraterrestrial in origin. Though the United Nations has taken UNIT up to yellow alert, just in case.

FROBISHER

Bloody hell.

LOIS comes in with two coffees. Switching gears:

FROBISHER (CONT'D)

...and, Colonel Mace? How's he getting on these days?

COLONEL ODUYA

He's fine. Wouldn't mind a posting to Vancouver myself. Wonderful countryside, so they say.

FROBISHER

Nice for some.

LOIS

(putting down coffees)

Sorry. My name's Lois, sir, Lois Habiba. Started today. Just helping out Miss Spears while they introduce the new computer system.

FROBISHER

Thank you.

IE, get out. Lois goes. Follow her...

CUT TO:

30 INT. FROBISHER'S OUTER OFFICE - DAY 1 30

LOIS coming out of the Inner Office, MISS SPEARS at her desk. Lois has got a second, smaller desk, full of files.

LOIS

All done. What's his uniform? That's not British Army, is it?

MISS SPEARS

If you could start transferring the names and addresses.

Lois chastened, gets back to work.

CUT TO:

31 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1 31

FROBISHER and COLONEL ODUYA, more relaxed:

COLONEL ODUYA

You've got two daughters, is that right?

FROBISHER

Yeah. Maybe I should get them home from school.

COLONEL ODUYA

I'd be careful, sir. I wouldn't do anything that draws attention. Right now, this thing's random enough to go unnoticed, and if anyone files a news report, then we're crushing it. But so far, we're the only ones with software clever enough to piece all this together. Well. Us, and Torchwood.

FROBISHER

D'you want me to talk to them? They're a pain in the backside, but they could help.

COLONEL ODUYA

We're on to them, right now.

CUT TO:

32 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB, JACK'S OFFICE - DAY 1 32

CAPTAIN JACK on the phone, GWEN walks in, puts a file down.

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CAPTAIN JACK
...okay, find out anything, let me know.
Immediately.

(hangs up)
Of all the times for Martha Jones to go
on holiday. I get Sergeant Grunt, I'm
talking to a sergeant!

GWEN
Don't you dare phone her, it's her
honeymoon, so what did they say?

CAPTAIN JACK
UNIT base in Washington has run some
tests on a couple of kids. Brain scan,
blood sugar, checked for radiation...
Nothing.

IANTO pops his head round -

IANTO
You were right! He's back!

CAPTAIN JACK
I said so!

Jack & Gwen heading out -

GWEN
Who's back - ?

CUT TO:

33 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - CONTINUOUS

33

JACK & IANTO heading for a terminal, GWEN following -

CAPTAIN JACK
What's he doing?

IANTO
Waiting. Exactly like you said. He's
been there for 20 minutes.

ON SCREEN: CCTV FOOTAGE, HIGH ANGLE of Roald Dahl Plas.
And standing there... RUPESH.

CUT TO:

34 EXT. ROALD DAHL PLAS - DAY 1

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RUPESH looking round, feeling like an idiot.

CUT TO:

35 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - DAY 1

35

Watching, on the terminal:

CAPTAIN JACK

Persistent.

IANTO

Good sign.

CAPTAIN JACK

Dogmatic.

IANTO

Always a plus.

GWEN

Oh Christ, never work with a couple -
you two talk like twins, now tell me who
he is.

IANTO

Rupesh Patanjali. He saw the
hitchhiker, he's the bodies-going-
missing man.

CAPTAIN JACK

Dr Patanjali. We need a doctor.

GWEN

What, and you let just him follow?

IANTO

Ask about Torchwood, most people point
you towards the Bay.

GWEN grabbing her jacket & stuff, heading out -

GWEN

You bastards, that's exactly what you
did to me! First time we met! Bollocks
to that, I'm promoting myself. To
recruitment officer!

The door *clank-clank-clanking*, and she's gone.

IANTO

She's calling us a couple now.

CAPTAIN JACK

What's your problem?

IANTO

Just saying.

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Pause.

CAPTAIN JACK
I hate the word 'couple'.

IANTO
Me too.

CUT TO:

36 EXT. ROALD DAHL PLAS - DAY 1 36

RUPESH now down by the waterfront.

GWEN walking towards him.

GWEN
Hi. It's Rupesh, isn't it?

RUPESH
...yeah.

GWEN
Gwen Cooper. I'm Torchwood.

CUT TO:

37 EXT. ROALD DAHL PLAS - DAY 1 37

GWEN & RUPESH sit outside the Millennium Centre, at those cafe-bar tables & chairs. He's handing over a file, she flicks through it; but she's testing him, throughout.

GWEN
...and three of the bodies were Chinese?
Were they related?

RUPESH
No, one of them was 27 years old, the other two in their 50s. But not from the same family.

GWEN
Bit odd, though. Statistically. Three, in a city this small.

RUPESH
That's what I thought. Mind you. Nothing compared to that hitchhiker.

GWEN
Freak you out?

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RUPESH

Oh yeah!

GWEN

Me too. Apparently, anyone could have one. Don't! I know!

RUPESH

This place! Ever since I moved here, it's just... weird.

GWEN

Where you from, then?

RUPESH

Chesterfield, it's in Derbyshire. Came down here, 18 months back.

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*

GWEN

Enjoying it?

RUPESH

Very much, yeah.

GWEN

Bet it doesn't pay much.

RUPESH

Not at first. Could be worse.

GWEN

Torchwood's paid by the Crown. First pay cheque, I almost fell over. Had to hide it from my boyfriend. I was buying clothes and stashing them under the bed.

RUPESH

D'you mean... the Royal Family?

GWEN

By decree. Something to do with Queen Victoria. We go way back.

RUPESH

So what's it like, inside Torchwood, I mean, what d'you do..?

GWEN

Why are you so interested?

RUPESH

Well. From what I've heard, it just sounds... I dunno.

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GWEN

Exciting?

RUPESH

Suppose.

GWEN

Glamorous?

RUPESH

No, more sort of... Thing is, we've all seen it now, the past few years. Alien life. Even though half the world's still denying it. But for me, it's...

(pause)

Okay. It's the suicides. Past few years, suicides rates have doubled. And that's ever since the first alien. My first case, my first death, was a suicide, and d'you know why she did it? Cos she'd written all these letters... she'd been a Christian, all her life, not devout, but practising, and then alien life appears. And she wrote this bit, she said: it's like science has won.

GWEN

Lost her faith.

RUPESH

More than that. She said she saw her place in the universe. And it was tiny. She died, because she thought she was was nothing.

GWEN

I went through that. Even now, I get terrified. But at the same time... It is brilliant, and beautiful, and completely bloody magic. It's bigger, y'know? Like the whole wide world is bigger. My life, is bigger. Shit.

And she's running - !

Rupesh lost. Eh? Looks round. Then belts after her -

CUT TO Gwen, racing across the open Plas, on her mobile -

GWEN (CONT'D)

Jack! Get up here! Right now! It's happening again! The children!

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- as she runs up to MOTHER #2, with her 9 y/o DAUGHTER.
Who is just standing there. Staring ahead. Blank.

GWEN (CONT'D)

It's all right, don't touch her -

MOTHER #2

Don't be so daft, she's just playing a
game, who are you - ?

But the daughter, still blank, OPENS HER MOUTH.

A NOISE; high pitched, wowing. Like a radio tuning in.
It's not deafening. But it's *impossible*.

CUT TO:

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42 EXT. ROALD DAHL PLAS - DAY 1

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CAPTAIN JACK & IANTO running up, to GWEN, RUPESH & MOTHER #2, the DAUGHTER's mouth open, the tuning noise -

CAPTAIN JACK

What's she doing, what's the noise?

GWEN

I don't know!

MUM

Sasha! Stop it! Sasha, listen to me!
Now just stop it!

RUPESH

There's another one - !

Way across the Plas, MOTHER #3, with 2 KIDS, BOY & GIRL, both standing with mouths open, mum saying 'Stop it!' etc.

Both Rupesh and Ianto run together - Ianto getting out a camcorder, as he runs - fast & hand held - calling to mum -

IANTO

- s'all right - just leave 'em, just stand back -

Rupesh makes her take a step back, as Ianto films the kids -

RUPESH

It's all right, I'm a doctor, I'm at St Helen's, my name's Dr Patanjali, there's nothing to worry about, we just need to take a look -

And then the BOY & GIRL speak. A flat, adult, male voice.

BOY & GIRL

We. We. We. We are. We are.

IANTO

Woaahhh...

He looks across, to Gwen & Captain Jack -

CUT TO them, the DAUGHTER intoning the same words.

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42 CONTINUED:

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DAUGHTER
We are. We are. We are.

CUT TO:

43 EXT. CITY STREET - DAY 143

46 CONTINUED: 46

BOY & GIRL
We are coming. We are coming. We are
coming. We are coming.

CUT TO:

47 EXT. PRIMARY SCHOOL - DAY 1 47

CHILDREN
We are coming. We are coming.

CUT TO:

48 EXT. PRIMARY SCHOOL #2 - DAY 1 48

CHILDREN
We are coming. We are coming.

CUT TO:

49 EXT. CITY STREET - DAY 1 49

CHILDREN
We are coming. We are coming.

CUT TO:

50 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1 50

FROBISHER on the phone, in a panic -

FROBISHER
Shit, shit, shit -

And he runs out -

CUT TO:

51 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - CONTINUOUS 51

FROBISHER runs out, to MISS SPEARS & LOIS -

FROBISHER
- who's got children?? Find me a kid,
find me a bloody kid, now!!!

CUT TO:

52 OMITTED 52

53 INT. PSYCHIATRIC WARD - DAY 1 53

53 CONTINUED: 53

- through a DAY ROOM, whizzing past PATIENTS -
- running through open French windows -

CUT TO:

54 EXT. PSYCHIATRIC WARD GROUNDS - DAY 1 54

The ward's got old-fashioned grounds, lawn & trees & benches -

- NURSE running, CHARGE NURSE following -

NURSE

He won't stop, he keeps saying the same thing, over and over -

- and run with them, to find -

A MAN. An ADULT. 55, wiry face, gaunt, unshaven, standing still and staring ahead and intoning the same words.

This is CLEM; forty four years later.

CLEM

We are coming. We are coming. We are coming. We are coming.

CUT TO:

55 EXT. ROALD DAHL PLAS - DAY 1 55

DAUGHTER

We are coming. We are coming...

55 CONTINUED: 55

BOY
Why's he filming? Mam, we gonna be on
telly?

Mum just hugs them both, upset.

CUT TO:

56 OMITTED 56

57 EXT. PSYCHIATRIC WARD GROUNDS - DAY 1 57

CLEM collapses to his knees, exhausted. (In b/g, a
second nurse is filming this on her mobile.) NURSE goes
to him -

NURSE
There we go, I've got you. Look at me,
Tim. You all right?

But he looks at her, terrified:

CLEM
They've found me.

CUT TO:

58 EXT. CARDIFF BAY - DAY 1 58

60 CONTINUED:

60

MISS SPEARS
I'm sorry, we've got no
comment -
(next line)
Peter? Can we leave it
for now?
(next line)
No comment, you'll have
to talk to the press
secretary -
(next line)
I'm sorry, no comment -

LOIS
I've been told to say, no
comment. I really can't add
to that, if you could just
hold -
(next line)
I'm sorry, he's not seeing
anyone right now -
(next line)
Hi. Right. No, I don't
know who that is, sorry, I'm
new -

Etc in b/g, as Miss Spears goes to Lois, with a Post-It -

MISS SPEARS
- I'll have to abandon the press list,
can you set up an autoreply? You'll
have to get into my account, that's my
username, spears, and the password is
Hastings, capital H, rest of it lower
case -

- as Frobisher grabs the files, angry -

FROBISHER
- anyone else, just tell them, no!
Bridget. No more calls!

He storms in to the Inner Office -

CUT TO:

61 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1

61

FROBISHER storms in. Slams the files down on his desk.
His life's gone to Hell. Pause. Hold on him, as he
recovers. Then goes to his chair. Sits.

Without looking, he's aware of the door opening.

MISS SPEARS OOV
Sir?

FROBISHER
I said, no one.

MISS SPEARS OOV
Mr Dekker, sir.

He looks up. *Shit.*

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61 CONTINUED:

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MISS SPEARS discreetly withdraws, leaving MR DEKKER standing there. 60s, in a suit, but a bit shabby; he's a worker, bit of a boffin. Looking at Frobisher with evident satisfaction. Like they both know what this means.

Frobisher gutted. This is even

63 CONTINUED:

63

CAPTAIN JACK

Just what I need!

(pause; calmer)

Okay, sorry. Not your fault. You picked hell of a day. Listen, just tell him Torchwood, W-O-O-D. We might be able to help, okay? What was your name?

LOIS

Lois, Lois Habiba.

CAPTAIN JACK

Good luck to you, Lois Habiba.

He hangs up. Stay on Lois.

She types in to her call log: *Torchwood*. The moment she's done so, a RED FLAG automatically pops up next to it, *ping!*

Lois intrigued. Clicks on it.

On screen: *CLASSIFIED. Security Level Two.* With a box for username and password.

Lois glances at Miss Spears - she's busy, talking away.

Lois looks at the Post-It, on her screen. Username and password. What the hell. She types it in.

Screen opens up. *TORCHWOOD.* Various options: *History, Archive, Contact, Personnel,* etc. She clicks on *History.*

On Lois, as she reads.

...blimey!

CUT TO:

64 EXT. THAMES HOUSE - DAY 1

64

OFFICIAL BLACK JAGUAR pulls up.

FROBISHER steps out. Grim. With MR DEKKER.

Together, they head into Thames House. (FX shot?)

CUT TO:

65 INT. THAMES HOUSE, BASEMENT CORRIDOR - DAY 1

65

Dark, subterranean corridor. FROBISHER & DEKKER walk down some steps, hurry along, Dekker wry, smiling, throughout.

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66 CONTINUED:

66

MR DEKKER

Elected officials, they just come and go. The 456 was here before him, it'll be here long after he's gone. And so

70 INT. CHINESE BEDROOM - NIGHT

70

71 CONTINUED:

71

She presses the button -

ON SCREEN: THE MOBILE-PHONE FOOTAGE of sc.54. Clem standing there, saying 'We are coming.' On a loop.

CAPTAIN JACK

What the hell..? Who's he?

GWEN

Name's Timothy White. Patient in the Psychiatric Ward of the Duke Of York Hospital, East Grinstead.

CAPTAIN JACK

How d'you get the footage?

GWEN

It was the staff, they've emailed it to the police. But every single police force is swamped with all the mums and dads going mental, it's just waiting in line. I reckon no one else has noticed him yet.

IANTO

East Grinstead.

CAPTAIN JACK

What is that, two hours..?

GWEN

I'm on it!

CUT TO:

72 EXT. CARDIFF BAY - DAY 1

72

That small multi-storey car park. GWEN at the wheel of her car - drives off, fast -

CUT TO:

73 INT. HOSPITAL A&E - DAY 1

73

Busy, chaotic, PATIENTS, NURSES, etc. RUPESH hurrying back in. Though still in a world of his own.

He looks round. Waiting area: a CHINESE MAN with a bleeding nose. Rupesh just clocks that for a second. Gets to work.

CUT TO:

74 EXT. ROALD DAHL PLAS - DAY 1

74

CAPTAIN JACK & IANTO on a bench, with a sandwich, surveying the Plas. Calm & quiet:

CAPTAIN JACK
Lunchtime. This place should be buzzing with kids.

IANTO
Everyone's taken them home.

CAPTAIN JACK
We need a child. Cos we need to test those frequencies. Find the right frequency, and we could find out who's transmitting.

IANTO
Where d'you get a child, though? I could find you lasers and Weevils and hitchhikers. But kids...

Pause. Jack deep in thought, dark. Then heads off -

CAPTAIN JACK
See you later.

IANTO
Where are you going?

CAPTAIN JACK
Now who's a couple?

And he walks off.

CUT TO:

75 EXT. MOTORWAY/CAR - DAY 1

75

GWEN driving. On her hands-free headset:

GWEN
I know, I promised, shut up. Change of plan, I've got to go to East Grinstead! Of all places.

CUT TO:

76 EXT. HOUSE FOR SALE - DAY 1

76

INTERCUT with Gwen, sc.75.

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76 CONTINUED:

76

RHYS, pottering round the outside of a nice semi-detached house with a FOR SALE sign, staring through the windows.

RHYS

S'all right, I thought you'd be busy.
'We are coming!'

76 CONTINUED: (2)

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RHYS

But that means it's timed around
Britain. Specific British hours. It
might be worldwide, but I reckon
someone's looking right at us.

GWEN

...that's brilliant. Hey, you're not
bad, you.

RHYS

I'm bloody superb.

GWEN

(old joke)

Oh my God, Severn Bridge! I'm going
into England! Farewell forever!

RHYS

Good luck! Have you got currency?

GWEN

I've had my injections! See ya!

CUT TO WIDER: Gwen's car heading over the SEVERN BRIDGE.

CUT TO:

77 INT. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE - DAY 1

77 CONTINUED:

77

FROBISHER

Well, if you want to go outside...

GREEN

Who's going to report me?

And Frobisher goes back to his chair, as Green lights up. Holds the pause. Frobisher nervous. Then, exhaling smoke:

GREEN (CONT'D)

When I was a kid, it was the Bomb. Iron Curtain. Reds under the bed. It was all so bloody simple. Now it comes raining down from the skies. Made of metal and stinking green and all sorts. I find myself running a country under siege. From above!

FROBISHER

What d'you recommend that we do?

GREEN

You tell me.

FROBISHER

Well. Given that this is now worldwide, Prime Minister... I think it might be best if certain historical events were taken... off the record.

GREEN

So Britain gets a clean sheet?

FROBISHER

Yes, sir.

GREEN

How do we know if these... what do we call them?

FROBISHER

The 456. They never gave a name. We just called them the 456 after the frequency allocation.

GREEN

Then how do we know the 456 will keep quiet?

FROBISHER

We don't. All we can do is hope to cover ourselves.

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77 CONTINUED: (2)

77

FROBISHER (CONT'D)

79 CONTINUED:

79

ALICE
You'd better come in.

And he heads inside...

CUT TO:

80 EXT. COUNCIL ESTATE - DAY 1

80

Rough old estate. The SUV pulls up.

IANTO steps out. Heads for a house. Walks round the side, using the kitchen door; he knows the place. Goes inside -

CUT TO:

81 INT. RHIANNON'S HOUSE - DAY 1

81

- into RHIANNON's. His sister's. She's at the table - she's got a job putting folded sheets into envelopes.

IANTO
Only me.

RHIANNON
Bloody hell. We must be in trouble. Or is it Christmas?

IANTO
How are they?

MICA's nearby, playing an X Box on a portable TV. During this, Ianto automatically gets out £10, gives it to Mica, who takes it but just keeps playing.

RHIANNON
Well, bit of a scare, I brought them home, just in case. I reckon it's that group hysteria thing. Y'know, like when lots of girls all faint at the same time. Say thanks to your uncle.

MICA
I did.

RHIANNON
(yells)
David! Your Uncle Ianto's here!

During the below, DAVID belts downstairs, runs up to Ianto, gets given a tenner, doesn't say thanks, runs away again.

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IANTO

I was thinking. I missed Mica's birthday. I could, I dunno. Take her to MacDonald's or something.

RHIANNON

That's all of £3.95, big spender.

81 CONTINUED: (2)

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RHIANNON

You've been seen.

Glinting with a secret, she goes to put the kettle on.

WIDE, on Ianto, strangely adrift in a family home.

CUT TO:

82 INT. ALICE'S HOUSE - DAY 1

82

CAPTAIN JACK & ALICE with a coffee, watching STEVEN in the back garden. He's painting a banner, SAVE OUR FOOTIE. All polite, civilised, underlying tension:

ALICE

They're saying on the news, we should send them back to school tomorrow. D'you think it's safe?

CAPTAIN JACK

I don't know any more than you.

ALICE

Oh come on.

CAPTAIN JACK

I don't.
(pause)
Any word from Joe?

ALICE

Living in Italy. With her. They finally got married. But he phones, now and then, sends Steven postcards. Remembers his birthday. There are worse fathers.

Silence between them, letting that settle.

CAPTAIN JACK

How are you off for money?

ALICE

Don't worry about that. You give me enough.
(pause)
Kind of easy, writing a cheque.

CAPTAIN JACK

Alice. You're the one who asked me to stay away. I'd come roundn po,bT2SyryTj ET Q q 1 0 0 1 0 -0

ALICE

Yeah...

(smiles, quiet)

I just can't stand it, dad. I look older than you. And it's never gonna stop. I get older and older, and you stay the same. One day, you're gonna be standing at my funeral. Looking just like you did when you were standing at mum's. No wonder she was so furious. You make us feel old.

CAPTAIN JACK

Actually, I found a grey hair.

ALICE

Oh now *that's* the end of the world.

Quiet laugh, off both. Then, of Steven:

CAPTAIN JACK

You ever gonna tell him?

ALICE

What do I say? That you're his grandfather?

CAPTAIN JACK

He's too young to notice, right now. That I don't age. But one day, he's gonna realise.

ALICE

That's another reason to stay away.

CAPTAIN JACK

...suppose, I could... make the most of it. While he's still young. Take him out. Buy him some stuff. Me and him, sort of thing.

ALICE

D'you mean today?

CAPTAIN JACK

While I'm here, might as well.

ALICE

You bastard.

And this stays calm and civilised:

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ALICE (CONT'D)

Something happens to the kids, and you want to spend time with him. On the same day. You are not experimenting on that boy, dad. Not ever.

Silence. Then:

ALICE (CONT'D)

That's why I want you to stay away. Because you're dangerous.

CUT TO:

83 OMITTED

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AND

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85 INT. HOSPITAL A&E - DAY 1

85

RUPESH, with his pager, heading for a wall-phone.

RUPESH

Dr Patanjali. You were paging me?

Switchboard: 'Putting you through' -

CUT TO:

86 EXT. ROAD OUTSIDE ALICE'S HOUSE - DAY 1

86

CAPTAIN JACK getting into his car (when it's not the SUV, it's a sports car). On his mobile:

CAPTAIN JACK

Rupesh! Captain Jack Harkness. You've got a children's ward, haven't you? I need a kid.

CUT TO:

87 INT. RHIANNON'S HOUSE - DAY 1

87

IANTO & RHIANNON with a cuppa, spinach dip & nachos. Ianto aware of MICA, throughout this, who's oblivious.

RHIANNON

- so Susan-on-the-corner was in town, and it was her anniversary, so they went to that posh French place in town, by the memorial, and there was you.

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87 CONTINUED: (2)

87

RHIANNON

...no!

IANTO

Now stop it.

RHIANNON

You are kidding me! Really though?
Really?

87 CONTINUED: (3)

87

JOHNNY

You want to watch it on this estate.

IANTO

No, it's fine, it's top of the range,
it's got a triple-deadlock.

JOHNNY

Sounds like it.

And an alarm is sounding, in the b/g.

Ianto realises... shit! Runs!

CUT TO:

88 EXT. COUNCIL ESTATE - DAY 1

88

IANTO runs out, JOHNNY following, then RHIANNON -

No car!

IANTO

But... but that's a triple deadlock,
they can't have - !

JOHNNY

No, cos what they do is, they drive
round the block, then they come back for
a lap of honour. The victory parade!
We'll get 'em -

There's a pile of bricks nearby - Johnny picks one up,
gives another to Ianto -

IANTO

We should phone the police -

JOHNNY

Naah, this is more fun, here they come!
Told you! Get ready!

And the SUV roars towards them, beeping, having completed
a circle. Some LAD shoving his arse out of a side
window. DAVID appears in a top floor window, yelling
them on:

DAVID

Waaaaaaaaaay!

RHIANNON

David! Inside! Now!

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88 CONTINUED:

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- as Johnny throws a brick at the car -

JOHNNY

91 CONTINUED:

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CLEM
Give me your hand.

She hesitates... Then reaches out.

He takes hold of her hand. And sniffs. Deep. He smells her wrist. Gwen alarmed, but in control.

And he looks up at her in awe.

CLEM (CONT'D)
You're telling the truth.

GWEN
How can you tell?

CLEM
I can smell it. You've met them?

GWEN
Dozens of them.

He smells her wrist again. Believes her. But...

He lets go, sinks back.

CLEM
Still not safe. Isn't it, isn't it?
They're watching.

He looks up. The CCTV camera is high on the wall, little red light blinking away.

GWEN
Well I can do something about that.

She unscrews the top of her pen. Clicks a button on the side; a bulb at the end of the pen glows blue.

The red light on the camera goes out.

CUT TO:

92 INT. NURSES' STATION, DUKE OF YORK HOSPITAL - DAY 1 92

The NURSE, going through files, facing away from the monitor. On it, CCTV IMAGE of GWEN & CLEM blinks off.

CUT TO:

93 INT. INTERVIEW ROOM, DUKE OF YORK HOSPITAL - DAY 1 93

CLEM
What's that thing?

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93 CONTINUED:

93

GWEN

The technical name is a gizmo.

And he laughs. She laughs too, both like kids. Then Clem keeps laughing a little too much, Gwen cooling. Clem stopping abruptly with:

CLEM

Isn't it?

GWEN

I think you've seen aliens too.

(silence)

You're safe now. With me. Tim. What's your real name?

(pause)

How long's it been? Since you said your name.

CLEM

Never.

GWEN

Then tell me.

And now, he's starting to cry, gently.

CLEM

I was a kid.

GWEN

What happened?

CLEM

They took us out. In the dark. Isn't it? They told us, they said we were going to a new home.

GWEN

Who did, who said?

CLEM

The staff.

GWEN

What, like a care home?

CLEM

They drove us away. For miles and miles.

INTERCUT CU Clem with fleeting images from sc.1. The kids, the bus, the moorland.

(CONTINUED)

CLEM (CONT'D)

And then we stopped.

GWEN

Where was this?

CLEM

Nowhere.

GWEN

But where did you come *from*? Sorry, go on, you stopped.

CLEM

They were there. In the sky.

Images of young Clem, the light.

GWEN

What did they look like?

CLEM

Light. Isn't it, isn't it? The light took them.

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*

Sc.1, the children walking into the light.

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GWEN

Took who?

*

CLEM

My friends.

GWEN

But not you?

NEW IMAGES from sc.1 - near the light, glimpses of SOLDIERS. The boots. The uniform. Guns.

And then, on CU Clem, cutting back to earlier, Clem still beside the light; an ADULT puts his hand on his shoulder. Clem looks to the hand; the way the older Clem twitches towards his shoulder.

Clem, now, no longer just upset, more distressed:

CLEM

I ran. There was something, there was people, there was, isn't it, isn't it, isn't it, isn't it??

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GWEN

S'all right, I believe you. You're safe. Okay? You're safe now.

(CONTINUED)

CLEM

But they're coming back. I've been smelling them for months. In the air. Long time coming.

GWEN

The smell. What's it like?

But he shrinks back. Head down. Withdraws.

GWEN (CONT'D)

Can you tell me what it's like? Timothy? Can you?

Silence. She leans forward.

GWEN (CONT'D)

Tim. I can help. Look at me. I really can. If kids went missing, something's got to be written down. And I can find it, I can help you. But to do that, I need to know your name. Who are you?

CLEM

...I was Clem. Clement MacDonald.

GWEN

Thank you. Hello, Clem.

CLEM

(smiles)

Hi.

GWEN

Where were you from?

CLEM

I don't know.

GWEN

Come on though, just think. It was somewhere in Scotland, can you remember?

CLEM

...Holly Tree.

GWEN

Is that a town, or a place, or..?

ace, or..?

GWEN

(closer)

Is that where it happened? Clem? Look at me. And think back. What was the Holly Tree?

CLEM

You're pregnant.

GWEN

...sorry?

CLEM

Yes you are.

GWEN

No, don't think so.

CLEM

I can smell it. Three weeks.

Gwen wide-eyed...

95 CONTINUED:

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GWEN

- Ianto, I need a search on Clement MacDonald, could be M-C or M-A-C, and try the words Holly Tree, and Scotland, we're looking at the 1960s, got that? Then try it with the words Timothy White, with the option of Timothy White's, apostrophe s, like the shop.

CUT TO:

96 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - DAY 1

96

INTERCUT with Gwen, sc.95.

IANTO at a terminal, like a guilty kid.

IANTO

I lost the car.

GWEN

Yeah, and if you find anything, let me know, straight away, don't wait for me to get back -

IANTO

These kids nicked it.

GWEN

I'll see you later.

HOSPITAL: Gwen drives off. Dark mood.

HUB: during Gwen's call, Ianto's been typing: *Clement MacDonald McDonald Holly Tree Scotland 1960 Timothy White White's*. Now he presses SEARCH.

CUT TO:

97 INT. MONITORING DESK, ASHTON DOWN - DAY 1

97

CU COMPUTER SCREEN. A red flag *pings!* Keys are tapped...

Ianto's SEARCH PAGE pops up, highlighted: *Clement MacDonald*

The male OPERATIVE picks up the phone.

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OPERATIVE

I've got a red flag on a Torchwood intercept, the name Clement MacDonald, can you trace it?

CUT TO:

98 INT. FROBISHER'S INNER OFFICE - DAY 1

98

FROBISHER at his desk. MISS SPEARS standing there.

FROBISHER

You'll find the names under 456.

MISS SPEARS

And what d'you want me to do?

He hands her a file; he can barely look her in the eye. She opens it.

There's just a blank piece of paper.

112 CONTINUED:

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RUPESH (CONT'D)

(shows ID)

Dr Patanjali, A&E, We just need to check
Mr Chow Lee Jee.

Captain Jack & Rupesh go a slab, and there's the Chinese
man from sc.73. Jack moves in to inspect him. *

CAPTAIN JACK

Well he hasn't gone missing.

RUPESH

I can see that.

Jack inspects the body. Lifts up eyelid, checks for
marks.

CAPTAIN JACK

Need to run a toxicology scan. Not on
the NHS, we've got much better
equipment. Pupil's blown, that
corresponds with a brain haemorrhage.
Though it could be induced artificially.
No signs of trauma to the skin, apart
from bruising, but that's consistent
with the defibrillators...

Happily chatting away as behind him, Rupesh lifts up his
GUN and then SHOTS JACK IN THE BACK! Through the heart!

Jack slams on to the Chinese man. Slides to the floor.

Rupesh turns to the Male Nurse, who's not remotely
shocked.

RUPESH

Get them in. Seal off the area.

CUT TO:

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RUPESH (CONT'D)

...but he was dead.

JOHNSON

Now he's dead again. And we'll keep on killing him till he's ready. Get him prepared.

The Male Nurse starts unbuttoning Jack's shirt.

RUPESH

How the hell does he do it?

JOHNSON

No one knows. Theory would suggest it's connected to the Torchwood Hub. That Rift thing. Which makes the whole place a target.

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RUPESH

D'you think it feels like dying? Every time?

JOHNSON

Apparently so.

RUPESH

...I liked him. All of them. Good team. I mean, sort of disorganised, by the look of them. But well-intentioned. I was kind of looking forward to joining up.

(pause)

What changed the orders?

JOHNSON

The children.

And the shirt's open, she walks forward, picks up a LASER SAW identical to the one in sc.16. Holds it up...

FX: RED LINE of LASER cuts open Jack's stomach.

CUT TO:

117 OMITTED

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119 INT. MONITORING DESK, ASHTON DOWN - NIGHT 1

119

The MOBILE-PHONE FOOTAGE of Clem, sc.54, playing on screen. The OPERATIVE on the phone.

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119 CONTINUED: 119

OPERATIVE

The name Clement MacDonald hasn't been active for 44 years, but here he is. Sectioned in March of this year, under the name Timothy White.

CUT TO:

120 INT. HOSPITAL BASEMENT CORRIDOR - NIGHT 1 120

JOHNSON on her ear-comms.

JOHNSON

That's way beyond coincidence. Bring him in.

CUT TO:

121 OMITTED 121

122 INT. PSYCHIATRIC WARD, DAY ROOM - NIGHT 1 122

PATIENTS sit watching TV. All quiet and dull.

But on CLEM. Suddenly, he looks up.

And he *sniffs*.

CUT TO:

123 EXT. DUKE OF YORK HOSPITAL - NIGHT 1 123

BIG BLACK VAN - TROOPS get out of the front, in the same paramilitary uniform as Johnson's men - run to the back, open the doors. Two POLICE CONSTABLES (ie, not constables at all, troops in disguise) step out, head for the hospital -

CUT TO:

124 INT. PSYCHIATRIC WARD, DAY ROOM - NIGHT 1 124

CLEM sniffing the air, now. Keen. Alert. Danger.

CUT TO:

125 INT. PSYCHIATRIC WARD, CORRIDOR - NIGHT 1 125

Two POLICE CONSTABLES marching along with a nurse (different woman, now). Fast, but controlled. They march into -

CUT TO:

126 INT. PSYCHIATRIC WARD, DAY ROOM - NIGHT 1

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- POLICE CONSTABLES & nurse stride in, look around -

Clem's chair is empty.

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Only the door at the far end, swinging, then stopping.

Silence.

CUT TO:

132 INT. HOSPITAL, MORTUARY - NIGHT 1 132

CAPTAIN JACK lying on the floor, next to the dead RUPESH.

And he wakes - !

Deep breath, disorientated - what - ?! Then he sees Rupesh.

CAPTAIN JACK

...no...

So sorry for him. Kneels beside him.

He touches Rupesh's head, gently. Like it's Jack's fault.

Then he's furious. Stands. Looks round the room. The Chinese man..? What the hell happened here..?

Then he storms out.

CUT TO:

133 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - NIGHT 1 133

IANTO at the computer, *clank-clank-clank* as the door rolls back, and GWEN strides in.

IANTO

Result! There was a Holly Tree Lodge just outside Arbroath. It's a hotel now, but up until 1965, it was a state-run orphanage. And they had a Clement MacDonald! He was taken into care, April 1965, after his mother died, no father on record, in November 1965, he was transferred, along with... Oh, all right then, never mind me.

Because she's just walked up the steps, over the floor, and down into the Autopsy Room without saying a word.

AUTOPSY ROOM: Gwen's hauling out a piece of equipment. It's a bit like an ordinary paper-scanner, with extra wires.

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She's getting cross with herself, dropping things.

CUT TO:

134 EXT. CARDIFF BAY - NIGHT 1 134

The Bay glittering with lights; a quiet night, just a few PUNTERS in the bars. CAPTAIN JACK striding down the stairs towards the Tourist Office door. Grim.

One of the punters is watching; presses his mobile, *bleep!*

CUT TO:

135 EXT. CARDIFF STREET - NIGHT 1 135

JOHNSON in an ARMED RESPONSE VAN, gets the *bleep!* On comms:

JOHNSON

He's inside! We don't know how deep that place goes. Give it five.

CUT TO:

136 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - NIGHT 1 136

AUTOPSY ROOM, GWEN's got the scanner working. She puts her hand on the horizontal screen; a light runs down the length of it, like a photocopier.

GRAPHICS projected on the wall: an outline of a woman's body, G's insidI,,en; olof ngsetline of a woman's

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CAPTAIN JACK

I don't know. He was just left there.
Right beside me. Like someone's
gloating.

IANTO

Did they kill you?

CAPTAIN JACK

Yeah.

Beat. Then a sudden, fast hug between them, then they separate. Not like lovers, more like soldiers.

CAPTAIN JACK (CONT'D)

Maybe we're being targeted. Whether it was him, or me... we should be careful, better tell Gwen.

IANTO

She's back, she's in the lab.

CAPTAIN JACK

Gwen!

(crossing)

Boy, have I had a day...

At the top of the stairs, he sees the GRAPHICS. Gwen with her hand still on the scanner, stunned. Jack realising...

CAPTAIN JACK (CONT'D)

Oh my God. Is that..?

He runs down the stairs. Gwen takes her hand off the scanner, the image disappears.

CAPTAIN JACK (CONT'D)

How long?

GWEN

Three weeks.

CAPTAIN JACK

But that's good, isn't it?

Gwen just lost, doesn't know. Jack's kind, takes her hand, gently puts it back on the scanner, GRAPHICS reappear.

CAPTAIN JACK (CONT'D)

From where I'm standing. Looks good to me.

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GWEN

...yeah.

And finally, she smiles. Almost cries.

GWEN (CONT'D)

Bloody hell. *Brilliant.*

CAPTAIN JACK

Ianto! We're having a baby!

As Ianto run in, to the top of the stairs -

CAPTAIN JACK (CONT'D)

Have you told Rhys?

GWEN

I've only just found out.

CAPTAIN JACK

Oh, you told me before you told him,
he's gonna love that.

IANTO

Congratulations.
Would now be a good time to tell you I
lost the car?

CAPTAIN JACK

You did what?!

GWEN

That is so bloody... spectacular! But
what about this place, and the job,
and..?

CAPTAIN JACK

We'll manage. We always do.

And smiling right at her, he lays his hand on hers. On
the scanner.

GRAPHICS: OUTLINE of a man's body. Jack's. With a BIG
RED LIGHT on his stomach. And an ALARM sounds!!

GWEN

...what the hell is that?

CAPTAIN JACK

Oh my God...

Takes his hand away, GRAPHICS disappear - but Ianto's
running down the stairs -

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IANTO
It's active! Two minutes!

CUT TO:

139 INT. RHIANNON'S HOUSE - NIGHT 1 139

RHIANNON & JOHNNY staring at DAVID, who's blank, saying:

DAVID
We are coming. We are coming.

CUT TO:

140 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - NIGHT 1 140

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FX: THE LIFT ASCENDS.

CUT TO:

146 EXT. CARDIFF BAY - NIGHT 1 146

As sc.2, GWEN, wild, desperate, running towards the Plas -

CUT TO:

147 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - NIGHT 1 147

FX: LOW ANGLE on IANTO, on the lift, only halfway up -
he's looking down at -

HIGH ANGLE CAPTAIN JACK, looking up at him. Quiet:

CAPTAIN JACK

I'll come back. I always come back. *

CUT TO:

148 EXT. CARDIFF BAY - NIGHT 1 148

As sc.2, GWEN runs round into the Plas -

CUT TO:

149 INT. TORCHWOOD HUB - NIGHT 1 149

FX: LIFT ASCENDING, CU IANTO looking up, but not there
yet -

CU CAPTAIN JACK. Closes his eyes.

CUT TO:

150 EXT. CARDIFF BAY - NIGHT 1 150

As sc.2. GWEN stops, stares, as -

FX: ALMIGHTY EXPLOSION, a MASSIVE VAULT OF VIOLENT FLAME
volcanoes up from the floor of the Plas above the Hub -

FX: THE WATER TOWER lost in fire!

CUT TO:

151 INT. FROBISHER'S HOUSE - NIGHT 1 151

FROBISHER on his knees in front of his kids, crying.

LILLY & HOLLY

We are coming. We are coming.

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LILLY & HOLLY (CONT'D)

(pause)

We are coming back.

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