TORCHWOOD ASYLUM By Anita Sullivan

* A note about Freda's voice. She is from 2059 and UK language has evolved. Her grammar is generally 'multiethnic youth vernacular'. Her vocabulary incorporates a few Scandinavian derived words. But her accent should be Cardiff.

1. ARRIVAL

The Weir footbridge, Maindy, Cardiff around 7.00 am. A man walks his dog along the bank. The dog starts whining.

1. DOG OWNER Samson? What's up with you? Come here. Here!

[The sky rips open and a body falls, screaming, into the river. It is Freda. The dog starts barking.]

2. DOG OWNER Blimey!

9. DOG OWNER ...Run off. Hey... Hey!

[Freda's gone. Samson howls.]

10. DOG OWNER It's all right Samson. All gone. All gone.

2. OPENING ANNOS/ TORCHWOOD MUSIC AND BRANDING

At the end of opening annos a shop alarm cross fades into the background of the following scene.

3. <u>SHOPLIFTER</u>

Cardiff town centre, just after 9am. Freda is pinned to the ground by a security guard outside BHS. Freda is screaming and fighting.

11.	GUARD	This is shop property!
12.	FREDA	Is mine, krackskull [idiot].
[Police ca	ar pulls up, doors oper	<u>ı.]</u>
13.	GUARD	I saw you lift it!
14.	FREDA	Get off me!
[Andy arr	rives at a run.]	
15.	FREDA	Let me go!
16.	GUARD	Ow! You little skank!
17.	ANDY	Stop there, both of you.
18.	GUARD	She bit me!
19.	ANDY	And you're crushing her. Let her sit up. I'll take it from here.
[The guard gets off Freda.]		
20.	ANDY	[To Freda] You: keep your backside on the pavement and your hands where I can see

them.

[To guard.] And you: tell me what happened?

21. GUARD Caught her shop-lifting. Picked out a coat, put it on, walked out. Bold as brass. When I confronted her, she pulled a gun. I disarmed her and...

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I'm arresting you on suspicion of robbery. You don't have to say anything, but it may harm your defence if you don't mention when questioned something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence.

In other words, it helps if you tell me your side of the story... if you have one.

[Freda doesn't say anything.]

28. ANDY I'm noting that the suspect said nothing.

[To Freda.] Come on, trouble. On your feet. We're going for a little ride in a police car.

40. JACK Leave that. Come and be my beautiful assistant.

[In the background the main door opens. lanto arrives.]

- 42. JACK lanto!
- 43. IANTO Quiet night?
- 44. GWEN [To computer]

52. JACK On your way where?

53. GWEN The station, interview room three. Andy's got someone in custody he thinks we should meet.

5. <u>THE PLAYGROUND</u>

Freda is in the police interview room being questioned.

54. WPC So how old are you? If you're seventeen or under we need to get you an appropriate adult. Mum, big sister, teacher...? Do you want to make a phone call?

[WPC's voice fades down. We hear Freda's thoughts. Memory sound: kids' voices in a locker room.]

55.	FREDA	[Internal voice.] School. I remember A girl hostiling me.
56.	GIRL	[Memory space.] Who's your mam, ghostie?
57.	FREDA	[Internal voice.] I says nothing.
58.	GIRL	[Memory space.] Hey, gore guzzler: cat ate yer tongue? Or you ate the cat?'
59.	GIRL & FREDA	Cry, ghostie! Cry! Cry!'
[WPC's v	voice and interview roo	m atmos fades back up, into Freda's thoughts.]
60.	WPC	Oi. Are you listening to me, girl?
61.	FREDA	[Internal voice.] But I don't cry. I watch.
62.	WPC	May as well be talking to the chair.
63.	FREDA	[Internal voice.] Hate and fear all mixed up.

6. RUNAWAY

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76.	ANDY	It's like nothing I've seen before.
77.	JACK	And probably won't for years
78.	ANDY	You what?
79.	JACK	I wonder where she got it.
[Beat.]		
80.	JACK	OK, Andy. We'll take her.
81.	ANDY	Take her? I called you because of the gun
82.	JACK	The gun and the girl are connected.
83.	ANDY	But she's in our custody. And she's a minor. If you're not CRB checked you can't touch her. End of story.
84.	GWEN	Jack why don't I talk to her first? See what we're dealing with? Then we can liaise with

7. WHITE PAINT

[Freda is in the interview room. Murmur of Jack's voice]

88. FREDA [Internal voice.] Other side of the glass. I know they's talking about me, but I don't hear no words.

[Memory sound: window cleaning.]

89. FREDA [Internal voice.]

8. INTERVIEW ROOM

Gwen enters the interview room and approaches Freda.]

90. GWEN Hello. I'm Gwen. Mind if I sit down?

[Freda doesn't answer.]

91. GWEN Can I get you a drink? I'd give the coffee a miss, but the chocolate's all right.

[Freda doesn't answer. Gwen sits.]

92. GWEN So. What's your name?

[Freda doesn't answer.]

93. GWEN Where are you from?

[Freda doesn't respond.]

- 94. GWEN You do speak English, right?
- [Freda doesn't respond.]

95. GWEN

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96.	GWEN	Good. Not talking to myself then, eh? See, I'm not interested in the shoplifting. We know what happened: it's all on camera. What I am interested in though, is the gun. Where you got it.
[Freda d	oesn't respond.]	
97.	GWEN	Did you buy it? Find it?
[Freda d	oesn't respond.]	
98.	GWEN	Did someone give it to you?
[Freda d	oesn't respond.]	
99.	GWEN	OK. Too many questions. You've had a rough morning. A rough journey. Right?
[Freda d	oesn't respond.]	
100.	GWEN	This is Cardiff, Wales, The Earth. The year is 2009.
[Freda very quietly starts to cry.]		
101.	GWEN	It's all right. You're not in trouble. We get quite a lot of this round here. It's my job to help people who are lost. So. Where shall we start?
102.	FREDA	[Very quiet.] Freda.

[Pause.]

103. FREDA My name's Freda.
104. GWEN OK Freda. Let's see about getting you out of here, shall we?

[The POV shifts to inside Freda's head. Gwen's voice is in the background, coming in and out of focus.]

105.	FREDA	[Internal voice.] Out there… Out there is over-loud, over- bright.
106.	GWEN	We're going to take you somewhere safe and comfortable.
107.	FREDA	[Internal voice.] Autos everywhere. Not like home.
108.	GWEN	But I'd like to take a blood sample for health screening, first.
109.	FREDA	[Internal voice.] Blood. Summink in the blood.
110.	GWEN	Is that all right with you?
111.	FREDA	<u>[Internal voice.]</u> Wanna remember, but is all skilaboo [messed up] in me head.
112.	GWEN	l can do it if you like, or we can get you a nurse?

9. RED BUTTON

The SUV. Ianto driving, Jack front seat passenger.

125.	IANTO	So what's she like?
126.	JACK	About sixteen. Skinny. Pale. And packing a laser gun.
127.	IANTO	Probably from Newport, then.
[Jack get	s the gun out of the ev	vidence bag.]
128.	JACK	This is it. No sights. Big red button.
129.	IANTO	Not while I'm driving!
130.	JACK	It's a toy, lanto.
131.	IANTO	We should do proper tests
132.	JACK	How bad can it be?
133.	IANTO	Jack!

[Jack pushes the button. A brief very high pitched whine. Buzz as all the electric windows wind down.]

134. IANTO Did **you** open all the windows?

157. JACK Or a motorbike. Like this F-Z-6? Perfect for city driving.

[Metalic tinkering noises.]

158. IANTO It's locked.

159. JACK Not for long.

[Clunk as bike lock falls off.]

160. IANTO Isn't that stealing?

[Jack mounts the bike, tinkers about with the ignition.]

161. JACK

10. <u>SAFE HOUSE</u>

We're in the safe house. The flat door unlocks and Freda, Andy and Gwen enter.

167.	GWEN	Well. This is it.
[Gwen loo	cks front door, crosses	s to kitchen/ diner.]
168.	FREDA	Wow. Retro or what!
169.	GWEN	Take a look round. Pick a room.
[Freda ex kitchen.]	<u>kits smartly up a short o</u>	corridor. We stay with Gwen and Andy in the
170.	GWEN	What's that face for?
171.	ANDY	Nothing. I just thought Torchwood would be more high tech.
[Gwen fill	<u>s a kettle, turns it on.]</u>	
172.	GWEN	This is a refuge, you dope. It's supposed to be homely
[We hear	Freda exploring dista	ntly. Gwen opens kitchen cupboards.]
173.	ANDY	What's all that stuff?
174.	GWEN	lanto's been shopping.
175.	ANDY	He's stocked up for World War Three!
176.	FREDA	[Off.] I'll take the green room.

177.	GWEN	[Calling.] Righto!
178.	ANDY	This is just temporary, right? Until we've ID'd the weapon and located Freda's family.
179.	GWEN	Until the Torchwood investigation is completed. Yes.
[Beat.]		
180.	GWEN	Andy. Let's get something straight. You're here as a police observer
181.	ANDY	Observer?
182.	GWEN	There are things
183.	ANDY	I'm not just a baby-sitter
184.	GWEN	we can't discuss.
185.	ANDY	this is my case!
186.	GWEN	We will share any information /that is relevant
[Freda comes back in, interrupts.]		
187.	FREDA	The windows is all locked.
188.	GWEN	This is a safe-house. Safe flat.
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I'm a prisoner.

FREDA

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190.	GWEN	For your protection.
[Beat]		
191.	GWEN	Freda, show me your hand.
[Freda do	esn't say anything.]	
192.	GWEN	I won't touch, just look.
[Freda let	s Gwen look at her ha	nd.]
193.	GWEN	That's a nasty burn. If you don't get it cleaned up you'll get sick.
[The kettle boils.]		
194.	GWEN	There's some swabs and a dressing on the table.
[Freda sits down at the table. Rips open a packet.]		
195.	ANDY	I'll make the tea then, shall I?
196.	GWEN	Coffee, thanks.
[Andy makes drinks. Freda starts to clean her wound.]		
197.	GWEN	Careful, Freda. That's going to
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200. FREDA Ow-ow-ow!

201. GWEN Shall I do it?

212.	FREDA	Is like trying to remember a dream? Somethings comes right at you, full but if you over-think is gone. I remember when I were at school, but can't remember yesterday. Is all skillaboo [messed up].
213.	GWEN	What do you remember?
214.	FREDA	Bits. A rap from a song. A sight from a window. A manno. Yelling. Reaching down. Hole in a roof with smoke rushing out. Bang: canister-meals explode. Crash: stairs collapse.
215.	ANDY	And that was how you got burned?
216.	FREDA	It don't feel like my memory. More like summink I seed in a DV.
217.	GWEN	Anything else?
218.	FREDA	An address. 51 Lundy Street.
219.	ANDY	That's here. In Cardiff.
220.	FREDA	For vrai?
221.	ANDY	What's there?
222.	FREDA	Dunno. All I sees is a tree.
223.	GWEN	What kind of tree?

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236.	FREDA	A bath? We's permissioned to use the bath?
237.	GWEN	I'd actively encourage it.
238.	FREDA	What gives with the water ration?
239.	GWEN	We don't have that here. There's lots of water in Cardiff. Hot water, if you fancy a soak.
240.	FREDA	Does I? Is too much, this! Too much!
[Freda ex	<u>kits to the bathroom.]</u>	
244		Coffly 1 Vouire telling me

241. ANDY [Softly.] You're telling me.

11. RIFT SPIKE

She is in the safe-house kitchen with Andy]

251.	GWEN	[Through speaker phone.] Hello?
252.	JACK:	Gwen. There was a rift spike this morning, above the river at Maindy.
253.	GWEN	[Through speaker phone.]

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It's OK, Andy. We'll handle it.

262. IANTO We tested the gun. It's future tech, not offworld. A remote control. Powerful enough to short security cameras.

- 263. GWEN [Through speaker phone.] And what about the blood test?
- 264. IANTO Should be finished in... twenty minutes.
- 265. ANDY [Through speaker phone. Slightly off.] Tell them about the water ration!
- 266.
 GWEN
 [Through speaker phone. Calling off.]

 OK.
- 267. GWEN [Through speaker phone. Close, whispered.] I better go.
- 268. JACK Keep that pet bobby of yours on a leash. Don't make me ret-con him.
- 269. GWEN [Through speaker phone.] I'll do my best...
- 270. JACK And Gwen. She may well be an innocent traveller. But until we know that for sure... stay focused. Objective.

[Gwen hangs up].

281.	FREDA	Smells good.
282.	GWEN	It's just a pizza, bit of salad. That all right for you?
283.	FREDA	Top borze! [Excellent.] Is it veggivore?
284.	ANDY	Uh No. Ham and mushroom.
285.	FREDA	Don't matter. I's too hungry!
286.	GWEN	You drew the short straw, Freda. lanto's the cook. He makes pizza from scratch, dough and everything

[Gwen's voice and the live atmos fade down during the speech above and we hear Freda's thoughts.]

287. FREDA [Internal voice.] Hungry. "Watch out for your pets." Who says that? "Don't let 'em out, there's a ghostie about." In the press. That word again: 'ghostie'.

[Andy, Gwen and live atmos fades back up.]

- 288. ANDY Grub's up. Grab a plate.
- 289. FREDA [Internal voice.]

292.	ANDY	Yeah. 'Top borze'? Right?		
293.	FREDA	Right. You is picking up the Scandy, squad- man!		
[Gwen's laughing.]				
294.	FREDA	What? What!		
295.	GWEN	The amazing powers of junk food. You're almost human again.		
[Pause. Eating.]				
296.	GWEN	We need to get you some proper clothes, Freda. Help you blend in.		
297.	FREDA	Should do summink about my hair an' all. I's got all these burnt bits? See?		
298.	GWEN	Well, now that you mention it.		
299.	FREDA	But I ent got no money for attiring.		
300.	GWEN			

13. <u>TEST RESULTS</u>

lanto is in the hub. He is tapping away at the computer. Jack walks in from his office.

320.	JACK	OK. Moira Evans pays single-occupancy council tax at Lundy Street. But she doesn't have a bank account, passport or National Insurance number.
[Beat.]		
321.	IANTO	[Puzzled] Hmm
322.	JACK	What's up?
323.	IANTO	I got the results.
324.	JACK	And?
325.	IANTO	Freda doesn't have any T-cells.
326.	JACK	No immune system?
327.	IANTO	Her monocyte count is healthy.
328.	JACK	Has she got a virus or not?
329.	IANTO	All scans negative.

14. HAIRCUT

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Gwen and Freda are in the bathroom of the safe house. Gwen is cutting Freda's hair.

332. FREDA Oi! Don't cut no more off!

333. GWEN

343.	GWEN	So you're now sixteen?
344.	FREDA	Seventeen.
345.	GWEN	So you came from 2069? What's it like?
346.	FREDA	Dark. Grid-power unpermissioned in the daytime, see. Gotta conserve resources.
347.	GWEN	You said something about rationing?
348.	FREDA	For vrai. Fair, we have what we need, most of the time. But there ent all the choice you has.
349.	GWEN	Sounds like you lived in difficult times.
350.	FREDA	Is what you're used to?
[Beat.]		
351.	GWEN	You OK?
352.	FREDA	I just feel homesick for something, real bad, but I can't remember what.
353.	GWEN	Can you remember how you got here?
354.	FREDA	I were in the river. That's it.

368.	GWEN	That's probably why your memory is all messed up.
369.	FREDA	Will it come back?
370.	GWEN	It's starting to. So that's good, eh?
371.	FREDA	Can I go home?
372.	GWEN	We're working on that. But at the moment, we can't control the rift. I'm sorry.
[Beat.]		
373.	GWEN	You OK?
374.	FREDA	I ent got much to go back to, that I remember. I miss me mam, but Where I's from People is over-stressed, angry. Gotta take it out on someone. The ghosties get it worst, but anyone a bit different is
[A phone rings in the next room.]		
375.	GWEN	What are ghosties?
[Andy picks up the phone.]		
376.	ANDY	[Off]. P.C. Davidson, here Oh, hello Jack.
377.	GWEN	Hold that thought. This might be our all-clear.

16. <u>THE BIG REVEAL</u>

The safe-house dining-room, following directly from previous scene. Andy is			
on the pl	on the phone as Gwen enters from the bathroom.]		
378.	ANDY	She's in the bathroom. Can I take a message?	
[Gwen g	rabs the phone.]		
379.	GWEN	Hi, I'm here. You got the results?	
[We hea	r a whisper of Jack's v	oice on the other end.]	
380.	GWEN	No virus?	
381.	ANDY	Thank god!	
[Jack sp	eaks.]		
382.	GWEN	What kind of problem?	
383.	ANDY	What? What's the matter?	
[Jack speaks.]			
384.	GWEN	[Whispered]. What?	
[Jack speaks.]			
385.	GWEN	OK. So what do we do now?	
[Jack speaks.]			
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386.	GWEN	I'll bring her in.	

[Gwen hangs up.]

387.	ANDY	What's going on?

388. GWEN Lockdown. I'm taking her to The Hub.

389. ANDY OK. I'll call the station.

- 390. GWEN No.
- 391. ANDY No?
- 392. GWEN

[They reach the bathroom, crunch of feet on glass.]

410.	GWEN	She's jumped straight through the glass!
411.	ANDY	That's over twenty feet She's up. She's running!
412.	GWEN	She's got away!
413.	ANDY	Oh no she hasn't.

18. <u>POLICE CAR</u>

Andy is driving at high speed with the blues on.

418.	ANDY	I can't believe it! She looks so human.
419.	GWEN	Her physiology is totally different.
420.	ANDY	She yawns like a human, cries like a human
421.	GWEN	Keep your eye on the road.
422.	ANDY	But I just can't/ believe it.
423.	GWEN	Slow down!
424.	ANDY	This can't be real.
425.	GWEN	And turn off the blues. This is supposed to be a covert operation, Andy!
426.	ANDY	But we have to stop her!
427.	GWEN	What? Taking over the world?
[Beat.]		
428.	GWEN	She's on foot, unarmed, heading for Lundy Street. Jack's on his way too. We just pick her up and take her to The Hub. Calmly. OK?

[Andy turns off the blues and slows down.]

429. GWEN Thank you.

430.	ANDY	So this is what you do. Fight monsters.
431.	GWEN	We deal with whatever comes through the rift. Sometimes it's aliens.
432.	ANDY	I knew it!
433.	GWEN	Once it was a light aircraft from 1953.
434.	ANDY	Why didn't you tell me?
435.	GWEN	Because I knew how you'd react.
436.	ANDY	What do you mean, 'react'?
[He blare	es his horn, yells out th	e window.]
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437.	ANDY	Oi! This is a one-way street, pal! What is this:
		National Outpatient's Day?

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565.	GWEN	We looked at your blood.
566.	FREDA	No.
567.	GWEN	It's there in black and white.
568.	FREDA	ls a lie!
569.	ANDY	Freda, we know! You just jumped out a second floor window, slashed your arms but you're not bleeding. Why?
570.	FREDA	Because I'm, what? Alien? Ghostie? Is that what you think?
[She ren	nembers.]	
571.	FREDA	That is it, ent it? What I am.
572.	GWEN	We think so. Yes.
[Beat.]		
573.	FREDA	So what? What's it to you? What does it matter what's in my blood? My family live here fifty year without causing no trouble to no one. Why is yous all hostiling me? I en't done nothing wrong.
573. 574.	FREDA	matter what's in my blood? My family live here fifty year without causing no trouble to no one. Why is yous all hostiling me? I en't
		matter what's in my blood? My family live here fifty year without causing no trouble to no one. Why is yous all hostiling me? I en't done nothing wrong.

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577.	FREDA	By accident.
578.	ANDY	You're an alien.
579.	GWEN	Andy. You are NOT helping.
580.	FREDA	Half alien. My dad were human.
581.	ANDY	Oh, that's OK then!
582.	FREDA	So what you gonna do about it, squad man? Shoot us?
583.	GWEN	No one is going to get shot, Freda. Torchwood is going to help you.
584.	FREDA	Torchwood?
585.	GWEN	But you have to come with us.
586.	FREDA	Torch. Wood. What's that smell, that horrible smell?
587.	GWEN	Freda?
588.	FREDA	The fire! The fire were here. I remember
[She is h	aving trouble breathin	g.]
589.	FREDA	Flames. Over hot to breathe. Smoke hostiling. Burning. Burning hair.

[She's choking.]

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500		56 They tried to kill yel
590.	FREDA	They tried to kill us!
591.	GWEN	Who did?
592.	FREDA	You! People! Killed my mam! Just like she
		always said you would!
593.	GWEN	Freda, it's OK.
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594.	FREDA	GET AWAY FROM ME! LEAVE ME ALONE!
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<u>[Freda m</u>	Takes a break for it. W	e hear sounds of a motorbike arriving]
595.	GWEN	Freda! Wait!
[Jack arr	rives with his service re	evolver.]
596.	JACK	Freeze!
[Everyth	ing stops.]	
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597.	JACK	Get on the floor and put your hands where I can see them.
[She doesn't move.]		
598.	JACK	On the floor! Now!
599.	FREDA	Or what? You'll shoot me? Do it. I ent got
		nothing to lose. Do it! Do it!
[Beat. Jack can't shoot.]		
600.	FREDA	Can't, can you? I looks too human.
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not a some freak with spines, she's a teenage
girl.
Half alien.

- 624. ANDY Half human. So you don't just shoot her!
- 625. JACK She's on the run!
- 626. ANDY Of course she's running! Her mum burned to death in front of her and you shove a gun in her face. What would you do?

[Beat.]

623.

JACK

- 627. ANDY Let me talk to her.
- 628. GWEN We tried that.
- 629. ANDY I didn't.
- [Beat.]
- 630. ANDY Give me five minutes with her. If I can't bring her in, all right: stun her. But give me a chance. Give her a chance. Please.
- 631. JACK OK. OK!
- 632. ANDY Aye, Captain!

[Andy pulls away at alarming speed in U turn.]

633. GWEN WOAH!

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634.	JACK	Where are you going?
635.	ANDY	Short cut.
[The car	bumps and bounces	violently]
636.	JACK	Through the park?
637.	ANDY	Nice thing about 'overt' operations: you don't have to be subtle.
638.	JACK	I like your style.
639.	ANDY	I've a cousin in Machynlleth was abducted by aliens.
640.	JACK	Really?
641.	ANDY	Don't believe it myself. Whole world to choose from, why pick a tosspot like him?
642.	JACK	Cut the chat and keep your foot on the gas.
643.	ANDY	You guys should get yourselves a teleporter. Like in Star Trek. Save a lot of bother.
644.	JACK	I'll bear that in mind.
[Under his breath.]		
645.	JACK	I wonder. If I ret-conned him now would he still be able to drive?
21.	MAINDY	

Freda is on the Maindy footbridge. We hear her thoughts.

646. FREDA

653.	ANDY	Freda. I'm sorry about your mum. She must have been very strong to keep you safe all those years. A brave woman.
654.	FREDA	She was.
655.	ANDY	And now you're alone in a world that doesn't make sense. And there's no one you can trust.
[Freda is crying. Andy moves along the bridge, closer to her.]		
656.	ANDY	It's OK. A lot of people feel like that.
657.	FREDA	I don't think so!
658.	ANDY	They do. Doesn't matter where they're from, what they've been through. That's just how they feel. It's how I feel, sometimes.
659.	FREDA	For vrai? [Really?]
660.	ANDY	Yeah. That feeling's even got a name: 'alienation'.
661.	FREDA	Nice.
662.	ANDY	But it means that deep down, everyone's the same, right? In fact, if you didn't feel alien sometimes, you wouldn't be human.
663.	FREDA	Fair.

[Andy is beside her now, almost near enough to touch.]

664.	ANDY	As long as you can remember that you can
		kind of, get on with life. You mum would want
		you to get on with life.

[Beat.]

- 665. ANDY You cold?
- 666. FREDA Froze. Can't feel me fingers no more.
- 667. ANDY [Firmly.] Give me your hand.

[She gives him his hand.]

668. ANDY [Firmly.] Now, step over to this side.

[Freda steps over the railing to the bridge side.]

669. ANDY That's it. You made it.

22. FALLING ASLEEP

Freda is in her bedroom at the safe house, dreamy. Gwen is looking after her. A clock ticks quietly.

670. FREDA

[Beat.]

679. FREDA [Giggles.] Some of them don't even know. Top panic when people finds out!

680. GWEN

687. FREDA No one can!

688. GWEN

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714.	JACK	Then she has to be isolated. Her future knowledge is too dangerous.
715.	IANTO	That's a bit hypocritical, Jack. You're pretty gung-ho with the timeline yourself
716.	JACK	I'm much more responsible these days.
717.	IANTO	And I quote: "Time is like a river: you can throw in the odd shopping-trolley, it'll still make it to the sea."
718.	JACK	Did I really say that?
719.	GWEN	I think what really bothers you is she's part alien.
720.	JACK	[Reasonably.] And so it should. Her DNA could have a major impact on human evolution.
721.	GWEN	But she's not the only one out there. What you going to do, hunt them all down?
722.	IANTO	[Sadly.] Then Freda would never exist.
[Beat.]		
723.	GWEN	Her people are peaceful. Refugees. Their planet became uninhabitable.

724.	IANTO	So she can't go home. Can't go back to the
		future.
725.	JACK	But she shouldn't be here. If we don't isolate her, we have to Retcon her. Whether she
		likes it or not.
726.	GWEN	Her memories are all she has!
727.	JACK	And they nearly pushed her off a bridge!
728.	IANTO	Keep your voices down, guys.
[Pause.]		
729.	GWEN	So what do we do?
[Pause. lanto chuckles.]		
730.	JACK	What's funny?
731.	IANTO	Maybe the future Torchwood didn't send
[Beat.]		Freda here for her benefit but ours.
732.	ΙΑΝΤΟ	Maybe what we're doing now creates this whole situation in the future.
733.	GWEN	What, like Torchwood's legacy: the anti-alien backlash?
734.	ΙΑΝΤΟ	Doesn't have to be.

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735.	JACK	So, what? We open our doors to the universe and spread the love? Come on! You've seen what's out there!
736.	GWEN	Not everything that comes through the rift is bad. OK: shoot the monsters but the others? Someone has to take responsibility.
[Beat.]		
737.	IANTO	Well. Couldn't social services help Freda?
738.	GWEN	Ha!
739.	IANTO	No, I'm serious. Why not?
740.	GWEN	No case-history.
741.	IANTO	Andy could help us put something together. If we don't Ret-con him.
742.	GWEN	We'd have to give Freda continued support too.
743.	IANTO	We could set you up as her key-worker, Gwen. You have the police experience.
744.	GWEN	Teamwork!
745.	IANTO	l like it.

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747.IANTOSorry, Jack.748.JACKThis is my decision. OK?749.GWENOK.IPause. Jack sighs.]750.JACKBut one way or another, it looks like
Torchwood's getting an Asylum policy.

24. SWEET DREAMS

Freda's room. Freda in bed, Andy dozing in a chair. Freda wakes, sits up.

751. FREDA Mam? Mam!

759. FREDA [Internal voice]. Safe house. Friends talking. I ent alone. Someone near us breathing, soft like waves.

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I imagines I's walking by a stream. I steps in the water. It goes round my feet, makes space for me. The sound of the water changes, just for a moment. Then it flows on like before.

THE END