DOCTOR WHO 2

Children in ! eed

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RECAP:

STOCK SHOT: the TARDIS flying through the blue vortex.

Dialogue leading up to to THE DOCTOR regenerating. The new Doctor appears. Big smile, his last line: 'Barcelona!'

Cliffhanger scream into -

1 CONTINUED:

THE DOCTOR

I'm the Doctor!

ROSE

No, but where is he? Where's the Doctor, what have you done to him?

THE DOCTOR

You saw me, I changed right in front of you!

ROSE

I saw him sort of... explode, and you replaced him, like, I dunno, a teleport or a transmat or a body swap or something. You're not fooling me, I've seen all sorts of things, I've seen Nanogenes and Gelth and Slitheen, oh my God, are you a Slitheen?

THE DOCTOR

I'm not a Slitheen!

ROSE

Send him back! I'm warning you! Send the Doctor back, right now!

THE DOCTOR

(kinder)
Rose, it's me. It's honestly me. I was
dying, and to save my own life, I
changed my body. Every single cell.
But it's still me.

ROSE

(upset) But... you can't be.

THE DOCTOR Then how could I remember this..?

He goes close, very close, gentle; it's not so much his words, as the look in his eyes.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D) Very first word I ever said to you.

ROSE

...Doctor?

THE DOCTOR

Hello.

ROSE

Ohh my...

Horrified - believing him, now - she steps back, pulls her hand free.

He gives her a bit of space, goes back to the console.

THE DOCTOR And we never stopped, did we? All across the universe, running, running, running, and that one time we had to hop. (he hops) D'you remember? Hopping for our lives. (a dying joke) Yes? All the hopping? You and me? Hop? No?

ROSE Can you change back?

Serious again:

THE DOCTOR D'you want me to?

ROSE

Yes.

THE DOCTOR

Oh.

ROSE

Can you?

THE DOCTOR

No.

Silence.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

THE DOCTOR No. But... your choice. If you want to go home...

Presses the controls.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D) Cancel Barcelona. Change to... Earth, London, the Powell Estate. Let's say... 24th of December. Consider it a Christmas present. (a final button) There!

CUT TO:

2 EXT. FX SHOT, TIME VORTEX

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3 CONTINUED:

THE DOCTOR Oh come on! All I did was change, I didn't -(twists his face) roxlap pakk graaaaaaap jaho!

ROSE

...what?

THE DOCTOR I said I didn't -(twists face) gaspaaaaa cobble po! Jalkoreen! (normal, horrified) Uh oh.

THE DOCTOR Putting a bit of speed on! (to the Tardis) That's it, oh my beautiful ship, come on! Faster! Thattagirl! (to Rose) What d'you think? Faster? D'you want to break the time limit?

ROSE

Stop it!

THE DOCTOR

Oh don't be so dull, let's have a bit of fun! Let's rip through that vortex -(sudden quiet) - the regeneration's going wrong, I can't stop myself, oh my head -(wild again) Faster! Open those engines! All the way!

An alarm sounds -

ROSE

What's that?

THE DOCTOR We're gonna crash land!

ROSE Well then, do something!

Tardis shaking like mad, now.

THE DOCTOR Too late! Out of control! Oh, I love it! Hot dog!

ROSE You're gonna kill us!

THE DOCTOR Hold on tight! Here we go!

Big CU of a grinning Doctor -

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D) Christmas Eve!

CUT TO:

4 EXT. FX SHOT, TIME VORTEX

- and the Tardis hurtles towards camera, spinning so fast it becomes a blur, rocketing towards camera, and over that, the cliffhanger scream - !

Tardis fills frame, and wipe to END CREDITS VORTEX, though no credits, only:

GRAPHIC: DOCTOR WHO returns in THE CHRISTMAS INVASION