

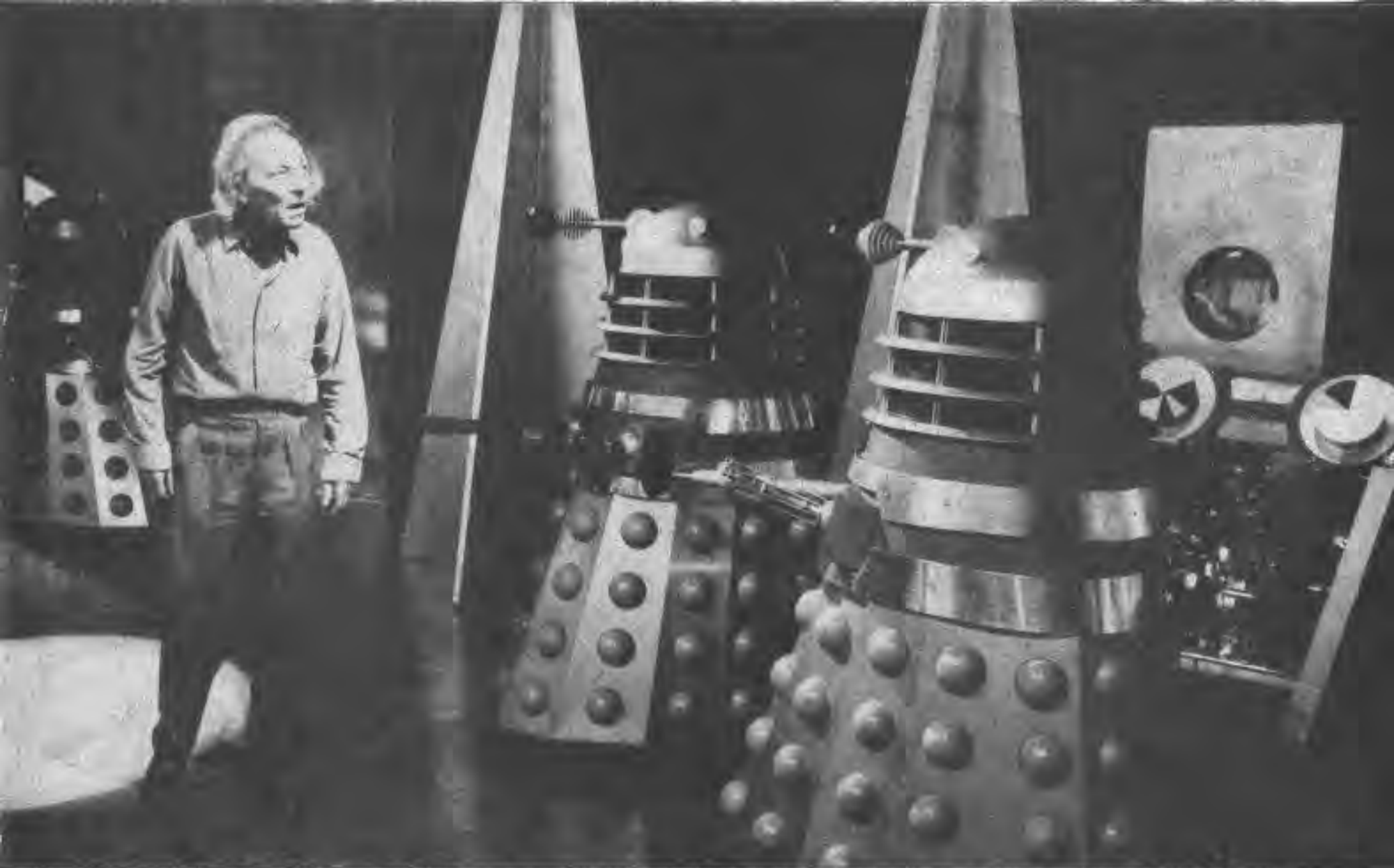




the funtastic adventures of-

# DR. WHO

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The Original Dr. Who was William Hartnell when the series first began. Here he meets the mysterious Daleks in the episode known as "The Survivors."

## who's on first? no—WHO is first

**W**HO will save the Earth from the lizard-like slime monsters, the Silurians? WHO will melt the monstrous Ice Warriors? WHO will lock the Sea Devils in Davy Jones' locker?

WHO will make an Alien Mind Parasite mind its Ps & Qs and choose a different site to sit in than people's brains?

WHO will test the metal of the iron horde—the robotic mobile Daleks?

And WHO will defy that ultimate in Villains—The Master?

WHO is what the doctor ordered and Dr. Who is what the world gets, the medical marvel clad in an elegant red-lined black cloak, ruffled shirt & string tie. He well may be the Dr. Welby of the creature set.

DR. WHO has been running for 12 years on British TV and has additionally captivated 27 foreign countries. It was about time he turned his sights to the United States and now, via PSB/TV, he's creating an American following which promises to be as vast in age bracket & as vociferous in popularity as at home in England.

So far we've seen DR. WHO VS. THE SILURIANS (intelligent reptiles who went into hibernation millions of years ago and surfaced to find the descendants of the despised mammals known as apes now making monkeyshines

and calling themselves Men & Women); THE AMBASSADORS OF DEATH, wherein Dr. Who flew on a solo mission into space to locate some missing astronauts—and stumbled on a plot to start an interplanetary war); THE INFERNO (Dr. Who was thrust into a strange parallel world where a project to create a new energy source by penetrating the Earth's crust destroys the planet); and THE TERROR OF THE AUTONS (Dr. Who's beautiful assistant was attacked by a plastic daffodil! Then Dr. Who was attacked by *his own telephone cord!* The Autons, guided by the arch-villain, The Master, attempted to control the plastic all over the Earth to destroy humanity!)

## who is dr. who?

Well, if you've read FM #124, you know that the first glimpse of him by American audiences was in a movie version called DR. WHO & THE DALEKS—starring horror great, Peter Cushing. But the movie portrayed him a typical scientist without going into much detail. So we'll give you some background (thanks to "The Making of Dr. Who" by Malcolm Hulke & Terrance Dicks):

When British TV decided to create a sci-fi hero in 1963, their first thought was to have a man who could move about both in Time & Space, who could go back into history or forward into futurity, not only on Earth but anywhere in the

Universe. So Dr. Who's vehicle, the TARDIS (Time & Relative Dimensions in Space), was created. But something went wrong and when Dr. Who landed in London he became stranded on our planet. In several of DR. WHO's adventures he tried to make the TARDIS go where he wanted but the TARDIS was always out of control. However this did not greatly displease the Doctor. Built into his character is a scientific curiosity about everything & everywhere: This is part of the special DR. WHO magic. In one story, for example, the Doctor summed it up:

"Can you imagine silver leaves waving above a pool of liquid gold containing singing fishes? Twin suns that circle & fall in a rainbow heaven, another world in another sky? If you like to come with me, I'll show you all this—and it will be, I promise you, the dullest part of all. Come with me and you will see wonders that no Human has ever dreamt possible. Or stay behind and regret your staying until the day you die!"

## time for dr. who

But who is DR. WHO? Well, he's an exiled Time Lord.

The Time Lords are an immensely civilized race. They can control their own environment and live forever—barring accidents—and they hold the secret of Space & Time travel. But, with all that, DR. WHO was *bored*. With all their powers, all they ever did was *observe*. That wasn't enough for him! He was curious. There were whole galaxies to explore, thousands of different planets & civilizations, whole aeons of Time and countless races to meet... so he "borrowed" a TARDIS and set about on his adventures. But the Time Lords caught up with him and, as punishment, they exiled him on Earth in the 20th century, our present time. (*Pretty harsh punishment! FJA*)

The Doctor is a member of U.N.I.T. (United Nations Intelligence Taskforce), a special international army of soldiers & scientists formed when it became clear that our increasing scientific progress on Earth was attracting the interest of alien life forms in Space. These alien beings had no reason to care about Earth & Humanity any more than the average person is much concerned if they step on an ant hill. Various hostile invasions or attempted invasions of our planet took place. So the world's authorities decided to set up an army of specialists to protect Earth's security. Each country had its own branch, with all the branches under UNIT headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

## the silurians strike!

The man in charge of Britain's branch of UNIT is Brigadier Alastair Lethbridge Stewart (Nicholas Courtney), an Army man who goes by the book. So he & the Doctor do not always see eye-to-eye. For instance, when the Silurians, a nest of human-like reptiles hibernating in deep cav-



The dreaded Cybermen, looking warmly enough dressed for a trip to Siberia.



Koquillion protects Maureen O'Brien from kill-crazy aliens on the planet Dido in the year 2493. Dr. Who has an amazing adventure on the weird world in the episode known as "The Powerful Enemy."



**Peter Cushing vs. The Daleks. For more on this movie version, see coverage in FM 124.**

erns for millions of years, were brought back to life by accidental electrical discharges from a nearby research station, the Doctor investigated the caves and communicated with these creatures. They claimed that Earth had been theirs before people populated it; to put it bluntly, they wanted their planet back. To destroy Humanity they released a terrible disease. Many people were killed. The Doctor found the antidote but then took it upon himself to discuss peace terms with these monstrous murderers! He thought both humans & Silurians could live together in harmony. Brigadier Stewart took "normal military action" and, using explosive charges in the caves, totally destroyed the enemy. Instead of thanking him, Dr. Who was displeased. Humanity had annihilated an intelligent lifeform, probably the last of their species, and the Doctor had a reverence for *all* living things!

### **beware the master!**

Time & again the Master, a totally evil genius, struggles against the Doctor. The Master too is a runaway Time Lord. He stole a TARDIS and has roamed all over the Universe. But except for that, the Doctor & the Master are totally different. The Doctor left his fellow Time Lords because they bored him and because he had a great



**Insectoid warmakers infest the planet Vortis. These Zarbis capture Dr. Who, in "The Web Planet!"**

wish to see the Universe & its many wonders. True, he has often interfered in things on other planets but always on the side of good. The Master, however, has always been completely on the side of evil. Nothing pleases him more than to enter into a bad situation and make it worse.

The Master only tries to be wicked on a tremendous scale. He certainly would not bother to rob a shop or a bank! His plans are always vast—to conquer Earth or, better still, to conquer the Universe. For his own ends he will sometimes work with others who are also evil. But he will forget his "friends" at any time that suits his purpose. He is not without a sense of humor and takes an almost adolescent delight in macabre practical jokes. A bomb rigged up with string, a murderous plastic armchair, a miniaturized corpse left in a lunchbox... the Master is full of fun like that. Sherlock Holmes has the evil Prof. Moriarty and Dr. Who has the Master to contend with.

### **the monsters are coming!**

"In nearly every DR. WHO adventure there is one moment that everyone is waiting for," we quote from *The Making of Dr. Who*. "Up till then you have only seen the damage caused by the monster or you may have seen a scaly foot



**Dr. Who meets Who? Ingrid Pitt, that's who. Jon Pertwee as the star of the DR. WHO series, playing part of vampire thirsting for Ingrid's throat in THE HOUSE THAT DRIPPED BLOOD.**

or a mechanical hand. But now the moment has come in the story when the monster will be revealed. Here it comes, lurching from the shadows, eyes flashing, ray-gun blazing, advancing toward the daring Doctor & his terrified companions! However, what you don't see is the man from the BBC's Visual Effects department who is trailing behind the monster, turning off & on those flashing eyes. Nor do you see the perspiring actor who is inside the heavy costume of this terrifying alien invader from Space... most of the monsters & aliens in DR. WHO are actors inside specially-designed costumes.

"Probably no sci-fi monster has caused so much interest & excitement as the famous Daleks. Gliding along the metallic corridors of their underground city on the planet Skaro or actually gliding along London streets on one of their attempted invasions of Earth, squawking in their electronic voices their war-cry 'Exterminate! Exterminate!' they have brought fear, terror & a great deal of pleasure to millions of viewers."

The Daleks are described as hideous, legless machine-like creatures which move on a round base. They have no human features. A lens on a flexible shaft acts as an eye and their hands are

mechanical grips. They are pepperpot in shape, rolling along on tiny wheels and inside a very small actor can sit & move by running his feet along the floor. When they were first assembled (in the BBC parking lot) 6 Daleks had been made. While the designers started to explain to the small actors how they must sit inside and how to pull the levers which made the snout go up & down, the DR. WHO magic happened—the Daleks came alive! The actors inside started to chase each other around the parking lot, shouting from inside those diabolic domes: "I am a Dalek! I am a Dalek!" Everyone wanted to get inside one and *become* Daleks!

## hello, dalek

This spirit captured the nation. All you had to do was to get a cardboard box, put it on your head, cry "Exterminate!" in a funny voice and lo! you *were* a Dalek! Dalek fever spread. Soon you could buy Dalek toys, soap, T-shirts, salt shakers, Easter eggs, wallpaper, flashlights, pup tents, piggy banks, shower stalls, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners & highrise condominiums. Two films were made about the Daleks (DR.



**The Sensorites! Fearsome creatures who cannot stand noise or darkness. At first hostile, they become friendly when Dr. Who discovers a cure for the mysterious disease that is killing them.**



**Sci-fi Fiction episode, "The Planet of Giants," has Dr. Who & his friends time-travel to a world where they are only 1" in height and in danger of being washed down plug holes and tumbling into match-boxes.**

WHO & THE DALEKS and INVASION EARTH 2150 AD)... and the sad story behind the Daleks was almost forgotten. They were the result of a terrible neutron war on their native planet, Skaro. They had once been quite different, perhaps even beautiful. The neutron war released radioactivity which made the Daleks mutate & change. First they lost the use of their arms & legs. Then, their bodies became useless—until only their brains were left. So they built these traveling machines. The Dalek, you see, is not a real being. It is only a container for the brain of a being which no longer has a body. Even their voice isn't their own; it is an electronic voice, a loudspeaker inside the container which says what the brain wants it to say. Perhaps these are the reasons they are always so unfeeling, cruel & violent: they hate every living thing which still has its own body. Above all they hate the Doctor because he has defeated them so many times.

### **a clue to future DR. WHO**

Some of the adventures of DR. WHO which will be upcoming are:

*The Claws of Axos:* An alien spaceship lands with the Axons: humanoid, friendly, beautiful. They ask for hospitality on Earth to regenerate, as their planet has been crippled by a solar flare.



**An Ogron, one of a race of cruel & primitive aliens, used by the Daleks as guard dogs.**

A suspicious DR. WHO discovers the Axons, their ship & a material called Axonite are all part of a parasite brought by the Master to absorb all living energy on Earth!

In *The Daemons* a prehistoric burial mound called Devil's End is dug into despite the warning of a local white witch. A mysterious force erupts, killing the archeologist and injuring the Doctor. When he recovers he finds the village cut off by a heat barrier. The Master—posing as the new vicar—has released the power of a Daemon named Azal. Azal offers his power to Dr. Who. The Doctor declines and is about to be destroyed for his rejection when—but that would be telling!

Each episode is a cliff-hanger. As some of you already know, Forry Ackerman, in addition to editing **FAMOUS MONSTERS OF FILMLAND**, also edits a sci-fi paperback series titled **PERRY RHODAN: PEACELORD OF THE UNIVERSE** (a 30-million word space-time series which is published two a month). This hit sci-fi series has now hit its 97th American edition... but the German edition of **PERRY RHODAN** is in its 761st issue! Almost the same holds true for **DR. WHO**—there are adventures we will wait years to see, like: **THE TIME MONSTER**, **PLANET OF THE DALEKS**, **THE GREEN DEATH**, **THE SEA DEVILS**, **INVASION OF THE DINOSAURS** and more!

Another similarity between the 2 series is that we are seeing the *3rd DOCTOR WHO*. That's right—there are 4 actors who portray him thru-out the series. We're picking up on the series in the middle. Well, in **PERRY RHODAN**, Forry tried to skip several adventures to get to the

more exciting parts and the readers were outraged. They wanted *all* the **PERRY RHODAN** adventures just as **DR. WHO** viewers want to see *all* the **DR. WHO** adventures.

## **anti-matter meets uncle matter**

We do get a glimpse of the first 3 Dr. Who's together in **THE 3 DOCTORS** episode. When the energy of the Time Lords is being drained by a mysterious black hole in space and a cosmic ray research balloon brings back a blob of animated gray gell which dematerializes people on contact and besieges Dr. Who in the **TARDIS**, the only way the Time Lords can help is by sending the Doctor's previous selves... so the brains of the 3 Doctors discover the incidents are caused by Omega, a bitter Time Lord trapped in a universe of anti-matter for thousands of years.

Other adventures include: *The Wheel in Space* (inside a drifting rocket lurks a hostile Servo Robot. The rocket is in the orbit of a space station called The Wheel, where there have been reports of "space rodents". These are Cybermen, planning an Earth invasion); *Invasion of the Dinosaurs* (London is evacuated after invasion by prehistoric Saurians and the capital is under martial law); and *Planet of the Spiders* (a blue anti-hypnosis crystal Dr. Who found on the planet Metebelis 3 and gave to Jo Grant as a wedding present is sacred to the giant spiders who inhabit Metebelis 3—and they want it back!).

And you'll want **DR. WHO** back again & again when you discover for yourself the wonderful family magic in the **DR. WHO** series!

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