

# THE DAY IN THE LIFE OF TAMARA SCOTT

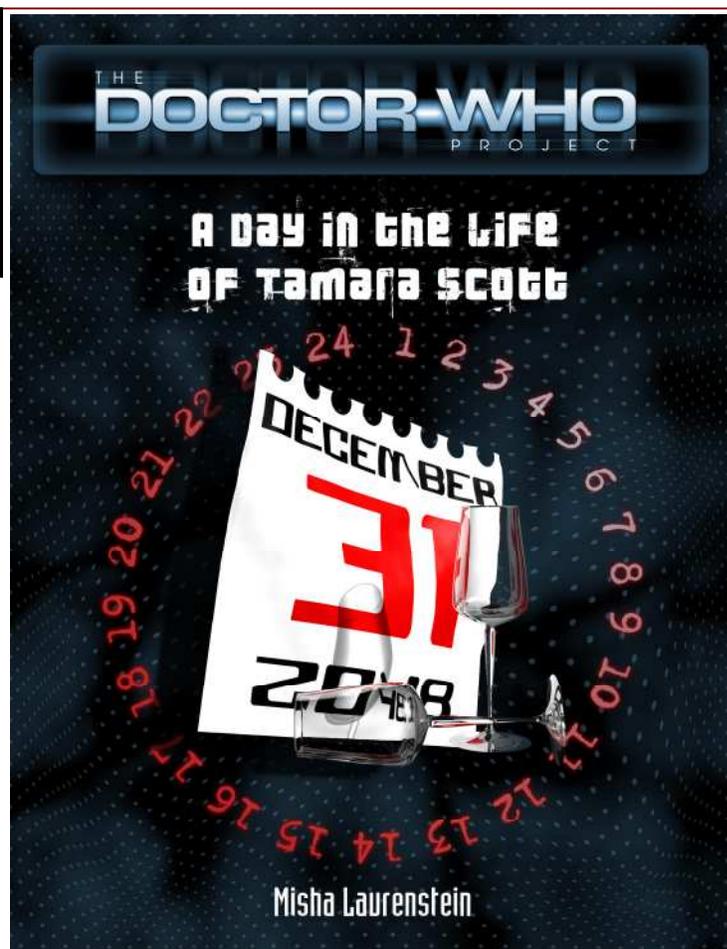
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Imagine, if you will, the quintessentially unruffled British secret agent, the sort of person who enjoys their Martini shaken and not stirred, and who can enter a ballroom or casino after a fight to the death without a hair out of place. If you've just conjured up one of the many actors who've played Ian Fleming's iconic creation James Bond that's hardly surprising. But if you're a fan of *TDWP* the person you've pictured is far more likely to be Tamara Scott, the long standing companion of *TDWP*'s Eighth Doctor and one of the most popular recurring characters of this fan fiction series.

Misha Lauenstein's *A Day In The Life Of Tamara Scott* presents a rare excursion into the life of a companion-to-be. It is an exercise which merits attention. By establishing some of the key elements of Tamara's character *before* meeting the Doctor we catch a glimpse of her nature as it was prior to her friendship with the Time Lord. This is a significant point, and one which lends Tamara a depth seldom afforded to the Doctor's travelling companions.

Lauenstein's featurette is replete with neighbourly exchanges, an artful piece of car vandalism and an undercover burglary, all washed down with a Bond-esque return home and a champagne supper to boot. Confident and assured throughout, Tamara is presented as an authentic twenty-first century woman who is more than capable of handling herself, even if that means becoming involved in a four against one street fight. Naturally, Tamara's attackers are given a lesson they will not quickly forget.

Well paced throughout, *A Day In The Life Of Tamara Scott* is a sharply written companion piece which fans new to Tamara's character would do well to read before embarking upon her debut story *The Cosmic Plot of Doctor Hu*, also penned by Lauenstein. Moreover, would-be companion creators should take note of this exercise in character-making when approaching their own



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ideas. For, believe it or not, life before the Doctor really does exist. 9/10

