

The second story of season 30 is not what it appears to be. It begins as a light-hearted tale with a bit of a mystery, but rapidly reveals its true form.

From the title alone, one could reasonably expect the return of an old enemy. However, like much of the story, it is not what we first expect. Or in my case, second expect, as I thought the monsters in the story to be revamped Rutans.

No, theirs is a fate brought on by the true villain of the piece, whose revelation at the beginning of part three was totally unexpected. I would have thought that the identity of the villain would have made an ideal cliff-hanger to part two, and the revelation instead at the beginning of part three seems a bit misplaced.

Events are alluded to in the story that I am not privy to, though I'm not certain whether or not those events have been explored in earlier seasons of TDWP. But little moments like the Doctor's whalebone sunglasses and Tamara checking to see if her website was still online in this future time to which they had traveled quickly make one more at ease with the setting.

At any rate, part three sees a threat to the Doctor's life, even more so than usual, with uncertain consequences. The old enemy escapes, but leaves the audience with even more questions than before.

The season is shaping up quite interestingly...

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