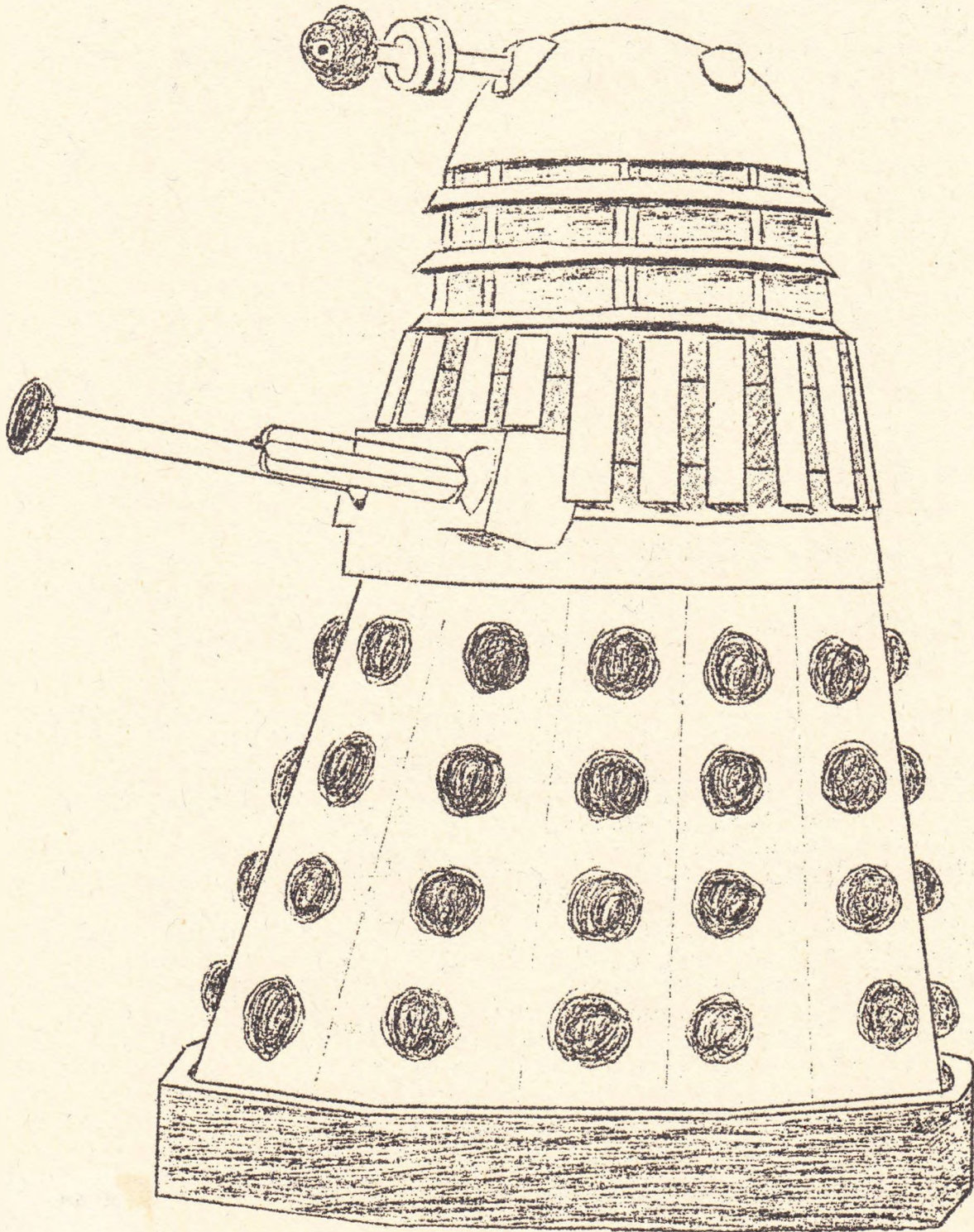


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AS PROMISED, DALEKS by Robbie Canter

((*Robbie Canter is a Canadian fan currently living in California. This is installment two in her multi-part series on the early years of DOCTOR WHO. The first part, pubbed in EUREKA!4, covered the origin of the show's concept and introduction to the British public.*))

Daleks were introduced to "DOCTOR WHO" in the second serial, "The Dead Planet". The creation of Terry Nation (who managed to retain ownership of his invention), they are usually described as pepper pot shaped. ((*Robbie's illo is on the cover page.*)) According to their mythos, they are malevolent creatures who have given up a normal physical form to inhabit "travel machines" which are pretty much impervious to most types of damage. They were evolved by early Kaled scientists to enable the Kaled people to survive the centuries-long war with the Thals (the second race of Skaro) which, due to earlier nuclear bombing in the war, was causing mutations to develop. One scientist, Davros, reasoned that if he could find his race's final mutated form and encase it in almost impervious travel machines, they would carry the war to the enemy and the Kaleds would emerge victorious. This is not quite what happened.

However, in the first Dalek story, none of this was known.

The Doctor and his companions (willing and unwilling) meet the survivors of the Thal race and enter the city seeking equipment to repair a part of the Doctor's TARDIS. The ship doesn't really need repairing, the Doctor merely want an excuse to examine the city which appears abandoned. Inside the all-metal city they encounter Daleks for the first time in the Doctor's lifeline as well as the first time in the show's history. After various twists and turns of the plot they learn that the Daleks are evil and just want to destroy everyone. Needless to say, the Doctor and his companions help the Thals overcome this bunch of Daleks and leave with thanks ringing in their ears.

And so the stories went, an historical such as "Marco Polo" and "The Aztecs" was followed by a science fiction story such as "The Keys of Marinus" and "The Rescue". The policy was that the Doctor and his companions could not interfere with or change Earth's history, but that there would be no such restraints on their actions on other planets or in Earth's future. Mostly this was a way of avoiding questions of "If he changed that, why doesn't history reflect it?"

The two abducted teachers (Ian and Barbara) were always after the Doctor to return them to their home world and time; once the Doctor grew to trust them he started to make efforts to do so. Unfortunately, by this time it had become obvious to one and all that the Doctor did not always have complete control over his TARDIS. In fact, he rarely seemed to be able to guarantee where he would end up. Once he did get them back to Earth and in the right time period. However, something had gone wrong with the TARDIS and they emerge to find themselves one inch tall, in the
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HERE AND BACK AGAIN

It's been over six months since I did EUREKA! 4 and it seems like a very long time indeed. I wasn't sure I'd get to do another one for quite a while as I was in New Jersey and didn't have a way of producing zines.

I went there for a job. It was a good job, but my husband couldn't find a job and so I decided to return. Job hunting is very discouraging here, as entry level computer jobs are rare, but let's talk DOCTOR WHO. (Please don't tell me about how great your area is; if my husband can't move, neither can I.)

I discovered a whole new world of DOCTOR WHO in New Jersey. A nice surprise was that the Hillsboro cable system carried five PBS stations (from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania), four of which had DOCTOR WHO! The cable here has two PBS stations and keeps threatening to remove the one that shows the Doctor due to "duplication". So I got to see the Doctor every night except Sunday.

Another surprise was that the New Jersey Network was showing not the familiar Tom Baker episodes, but the new package of DOCTOR WHO episodes featuring the First and Second Doctor! Channel 12 from the Delaware Valley was also showing this package, but several weeks later. So while I missed some of the early DOCTOR WHO stories, I did see some of the First Doctor, all of the Second Doctor, and some of the Sixth Doctor.

While there I hit all the PBS money raising events and got to see some of my fellow DOCTOR WHO fans. The area seems to be a hotbed of DOCTOR WHO activity lead by The Prydonians of Princeton. Associate groups include The Unearthly Children, the Jersey Jagaroths and TARDIS Tours.

I was introduced to the Prydonian's newsletter, THE PRYDONIAN RENEGADE and after that issue I had to join the club, even if I never attended a meeting or event.

I have heard that New Your City will be getting it very own DOCTOR WHO club (I'm amazed they didn't have one!) to be called UNYT. I understand they are looking for a name for which UNYT will be the acronym. Being originally from New York state, I humbly suggest they call themselves United New York TARDIS.

I didn't attend any of the regional conventions that I might have, other than a one day event in Trenton that featured Patrick Troughton. Oh, well. I'm sorry I missed Whoevent '86 as that looked like a good event. I was already back in Chattanooga, by that time.

Well, I'm back now, missing all that DOCTOR WHO activity. Guess I'll just have to make my own.

Short zine this time. I plan to have an article about the upcoming
Trak-a-Thon and any activity the local DOCTOR WHO might have.

As always, thanks to Dick Lynch, the Chattanooga DOCTOR WHO club for
keeping the files burning, Debbie Graham, Robbie Carter (keep the
articles coming!), the Pydonians of Princeton, Sharon Rose and anyone
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