

## Dr Zoo and the Splurgle challenge!

### Drama 1

#### Characters:

Dr Zoo (Timelord)

Avril Mertlee (Girl who becomes Dr Zoo's travelling companion)

Professor Splurgledroid (Creator of the Splurgledroids and evil master mind)

Adam

Eve

God

Scene: To one side a garden with Dr Zoo's Tardis. The opposite side is Professor Splurgledroid's laboratory with a desk and computer.

(Dr Zoo runs onto the stage carrying an umbrella)

Dr z: Oh where did I leave it? I always have the same problem. I park it somewhere and then can't find it again. I'm sure it's here somewhere, absolutely sure. But where? (runs off stage)

[Enter Avril. She looks at the Tardis.]

Avril: That's strange, what's this? It wasn't here yesterday I'm sure. I wonder what it is and why someone has left it here?

(Enter Dr Zoo still running)

Dr z: This is ridiculous! It must be here somewhere. I've got to find it before that dreadful Professor Splurgledroid catches up with me. If I don't stop him he will soon release his army of Splurgledroids and they will take over the whole of the universe by splurging everyone with his mind numbing gunge! But where did I put the Tardis? I've got to find.... (He runs into Avril)

Avril: Excuse me!

Dr z: Oh, I'm sorry, so sorry. It's just that I'm in a hurry, a terrible hurry. I've lost my ... (sees Tardis) Oh here it is!

Avril: So this thing is yours is it?

Dr Z: Well of course it is. Who else would it belong to?

Avril: Well what's it doing on my Father's land? He'll not be very happy about this you know. He doesn't like trespassers.

Dr Z: Well I'm very sorry, very sorry. I had to stop off here on some urgent business, but if you just let me get past you I can be on my way in no time at all.

Avril: (Moves in front of Tardis) Not so fast mister. First of all I need to know who you are and what you are doing here.

Dr Z: Well I really haven't got time! I need to get away as quickly as possible.

Avril: (moving closer to Tardis) Well you're not going anywhere until you tell me who you are, or I'll call my Dad to sort you out!

Dr Z: OK, OK. I'm Dr Zoo.  
Avril: Dr Who?  
Dr Z: No, he's my brother, I'm Dr Zoo.  
Avril: Dr Zoo? What sort of name is that?  
Dr Z: The one my mother gave me, now I really must get going.  
Avril: But why did she call you Dr Zoo?  
Dr Z: Well you see, my mother had 26 children and she gave each one a name beginning with the next letter in your earth alphabet. The first was Aoo, the second Boo, the third Coo, the fourth Doo. Get the picture?  
Avril: So you were the last and got stuck with the name Dr Zoo?  
Dr Z: Spot on, now can I....  
Avril: But that's a terrible name!  
Dr Z: Well it's not so bad. I feel more sorry for brothers number 12 and 16.  
Avril: (Pauses and counts on fingers, looks at Dr Z) She didn't did she?  
Dr Z: She certainly did!  
Avril: What! Dr Loo and Dr Poo!  
Dr Z: Well now you know who I am, you'd better tell me who you are.  
Avril: Well Dr Zoo, I'm Avril, Avril Merttlee.  
Dr Z: What did you say?  
Avril: Avril Merttlee.  
Dr Z: What? Merttlee with two Ts and two Es?  
Avril: How did you know that? No one gets that right first time.  
Dr Z: But... but... but... Avril Merttlee is an anagram of 'Time Traveller!'  
Avril: A what?  
Dr Z: An anagram. It means if you jumble the letters of Time Traveller, you get the name Avril Merttlee!  
Avril: Well fascinating, but I haven't got the faintest idea what you mean.  
Dr Z: Well it's obvious isn't it? You must be my next time travelling companion.  
Avril: Time travelling companion? Are you a bit nuts Dr Zoo? There is no such thing as time travel!

(Sound effect of rumbling noise)

Dr Z: Oh no! It's starting to happen!  
Avril: What was that?  
Dr Z: It's what I've been trying to stop. It's the space time continuum starting to fracture. Time is starting to split apart. It's all the work of Professor Splurgledroid and his army of dreadful robots.  
Avril: What are you talking about?

(Sound effect of rumbling)

Dr Z: I'm talking about that! It's no good! It's too late! You'll have to come with me now or you will disappear into a space time vortex and be split into a Billion Trillion time fragments and scattered across the universe and beyond. We need to get inside the Tardis!

Avril: But ! ...

(Dr Z pushes past Avril and opens Tardis door then pushes her inside. But as he enters he drops the umbrella outside)

Avril: Get off me! What are you doing?!

(Dr Z shuts the door)

(Sound effect of Tardis)

(Enter Professor Splurgledroid. He is looking around)

Prof: Oh not again! He's got away! That wretched Doctor Zoo, he's always one step ahead of me. But never fear, my time will come! The time when I can release my army of Splurgledroids to tear up the space time continuum by splurging everything with my mind numbing gunge! (Evil laugh, stops suddenly as he notices the umbrella. He picks it up) Well what's this I wonder? (looks at handle as if reading a label) Dr Zoo's sonic umbrella. If found please return to Dr Zoo, Timelord. Well, well, well, (evil laugh) the Doctor is getting careless in his old age, very careless. His sonic umbrella is his most powerful weapon and now I have it. I think he will be a little easier to defeat now! I'll take it to my laboratory and consult the Splurgledroid computer. Let's see what Dr Zoo's sonic umbrella can really do! (Evil laugh)

(Prof exits)

Voice: Meanwhile, in the Tardis hurtling through space and time.

(Conversation from inside the Tardis)

Avril: Let me out! You've kidnapped me!

Dr Z: I haven't kidnapped you, I've saved your life.

Avril: Just let me out so I can go home.

Dr Z: I can't let you out. We are speeding through space and time at a billion miles an hour and a billion hours a mile!

Avril: Oh rubbish, just let me out!

Voice: Meanwhile back at Professor Splurgledroids laboratory.

(enter Prof and sit at desk with computer)

Prof: (while typing) Right, let's see what this sonic umbrella can do shall we.

Comp: Good morning Professor. Here is all the information I have about Dr Zoo's sonic umbrella. It is his most powerful weapon. It can split time with one swipe. It can protect from neutron showers, atomic rays and dalek extermination, and when it is open it can remotely control the Tardis.

Prof: Pardon: What did you say?

Comp: I said, it is Dr Zoo's most powerful...

Prof: Not that bit, just the last bit.

Comp: When it is open it can remotely control the Tardis.

Prof: Really (evil laugh) Does that mean that with this I can send Dr Zoo and his silly time machine to any time I choose?

Comp: Yes Professor. Just open the umbrella and shout the time you want to send him too.

Prof: Oh yes! Oh yes! This is all I need! All I need to defeat Dr Zoo and take over the universe with my Splurgledroids! Where shall I send him too computer? Somewhere from which he will never come back! (Evil laugh).

Comp: I'll check my data base Professor. Why not send him to the forbidden time zone?

Prof: The forbidden time zone? When is that?

Comp: It is the beginning Professor, the year zero. The year that it all went wrong. The big time Lord must have been very angry then. Dr Zoo could never survive his anger. He'll be blown into a trillion Zillion atoms and disappear for ever.

Prof: Perfect, perfect. Here goes then! (He opens the umbrella and shouts) Send Dr Zoo to the year zero! (Evil laugh) (sits on a chair) Ok computer. Tune into the year zero and let's watch Dr Zoo being blasted into a trillion pieces! (evil laugh)

[From inside Tardis)

Dr Z: What's happening? Something has taken over the controls. I can't stop it!

(Sound effect of tardis)

Avril: Can I get out now?

Dr Z: Well yes we can, but we'll have to be very careful. We've gone back in time further than I've ever been before. In fact we're in the forbidden time zone. The Tardis time clock has stopped so I don't know where we are. We could open the door and find that we are sucked into nothing!

Avril: Oh yes Dr Zoo, or whatever your real name is. You must think I am really stupid. Pull the other one it's got bells on it! You'll open the door and we will still be in my garden outside my house, just like we were before.

(They come out of the Tardis)

Avril: Look here you stupid man, do you expect me to believe all this rubbish about time travel? I mean it's... (stops and looks around) it's... it's... it's beautiful. This isn't my garden. This is the most beautiful, the most wonderful, the most colourful garden I have ever seen. Where are we Dr Zoo?

Dr Z: We've gone back in time. Right back to the very beginning. Right back to....

(Enter Adam and Eve)

Adam: Oh great! You've blown it now haven't you.

Eve: Me? What do you mean? You're as much to blame as me.

Adam: But you gave me the apple.

Eve: But you chose to eat it.

Adam: But he said: eat the fruit of any tree except that one.

Eve: Well you knew where it came from, but you still ate it.

Adam: But you took it.

Eve: You ate it.

Adam: You took it.

Eve: You ate it.

A & E:(general arguing)

Dr Z: (stepping forward) Err hem! Excuse me.

Adam: (With shock and surprise) who are you? I thought we were the only ones?

Dr Z: My name is Dr Zoo.

Eve: Dr Who?

Dr Z: Err no, he's my brother, I'm Dr Zoo. You see my mother had ...

Avril: Doctor, I don't' think we need to hear that again now, after all this has already been a long sketch.

Dr Z: Yes, I think you're right Avril. (to Adam and Eve) I'm Dr Zoo and this is Avril. Tell us who you are?

Adam: I'm Adam.

Eve: And I'm Eve.

Avril: You seem very unhappy. What's happened?

Adam: Well thanks to her we've blown it.

Eve: Thanks to me?! It's more your fault than mine!

Adam: We've done something stupid. We've disobeyed God.

Dr Z: Disobeyed God! Good grief! What a stupid thing to do!

Eve: Yes we know that now, but we've already done it and God is really angry now.

Dr Z: I'm not surprised.

Adam: Well he's so angry that we expect him to just wipe us all out at any moment. So you see we really have blown it. Blown it big time!

Avril: Can we do anything Doctor? Could we try and talk to God? See if he'll give these two a second chance?

Dr Z: What? Talk to God?

Avril: Well can't we at least try? If he is going to wipe us all out anyway it can't do any harm, can it?

Dr Z: Well I suppose you're right Avril. Let's see what we can do.

Adam: It's no good. He'll never give us a second chance. He's just too angry with us.

Avril: Come on Doctor, let's see what we can do.

(Avril pulls Dr Z off to one side. Adam and Eve leave opposite side)

(Enter God and sit on step)

God: (Crying) Oh I miss them. I really miss them.

(Enter Dr Z and Avril behind)

Avril: Look there's someone. Is that him?

God: It's not fair! I only wanted to be their friend, that's all. So why did they do this?

Dr Z: I think it must be him. There's no one else around.

Avril: (rushing up to God) Please don't wipe them out!  
God: What did you say?  
Avril: I said please don't wipe them out, or this beautiful garden.  
God: Wipe them out? Well I'd never thought of that. I just want them back, back with me.  
Avril: Shall we go and find them then? Shall we bring them back?  
God: Oh no, it's not like that. They have to want to come back. They have to come back on their own. But when they do I'll be waiting. I'll be waiting to welcome them back.

Prof: This isn't working computer. He's not angry, he's just sad. This isn't going to destroy Dr Zoo at all. No we'll have to think of somewhere else to send them to! I'll open the umbrella and give it some thought.

Comp: Good idea Professor. Oh, by the way, I forgot to say that when the umbrella is opened, Dr Zoo has just 1 minute to get into his Tardis before he is dragged through space backwards at a billion miles an hour, which will mean he will be squashed until he is no bigger than an ant!

Prof: Brilliant. How far is he from his Tardis now?

Comp: About 2 minutes away Professor.

Prof: (Evil laugh) Well, I'll open it now then.

(Prof opens umbrella and there is a rumbling sound)

Dr Z: Oh no! Someone must have my sonic umbrella. My time vortex is starting to open. Quick Avril, we need to get back to the Tardis before we are whisked away into space at a billion miles an hour.

Avril: But we can do something to help here!

Dr Z: there is no time. We'll just have to go. Come on.

Avril: But ...

Dr Z: Don't argue, just run!

(Fast music as they run round the stage and eventually jump into the Tardis just as a loud rumbling sound starts followed by sound of tardis)

Prof: Oh drat! They got back in time! But where shall we send them now computer?  
(Evil laugh)

Voice: Will Dr Zoo and Avril escape from the power of Professor Splurgledroid now he has the sonic umbrella?  
Where will he send them next?  
Can Dr Zoo save the world from the army of Splurgledroids and their mind numbing gunge?  
Come back tomorrow to find out more in the next episode of Dr Zoo and the Splurgle Challenge!