

## Dr Zoo and the Splurgle Challenge

### Drama 5

Cast:

Dr Zoo

Avril Merttlee

Professor Splurgledroid

Simon

Andrew

Jesus

Scene: Street in Galilee. Tardis is to one side. (Note - Professor Splurgledroid's laboratory is not needed in this drama)

(Enter Dr Zoo Avril, Simon and Andrew)

Sim: This way Dr Zoo. Jesus is just through here.

And: He'd love to meet you. He loves meeting everyone.

(Sound effect distant rumbling noise)

(Dr Zoo and Avril Stop, Simon and Andrew carry on walking off stage)

Dr Z: (stops and shakes his head)

Avril: Are you alright Doctor?

Dr Z: Err..... yes. For a moment I thought I heard something, but I must have been imagining it.

Avril: Not the space time continuum opening up again?

Dr Z: No, it can't be that. That's always very obvious.

Avril: What was it then?

Dr Z: I must have imagined it. I can't hear anything now . Come on lets ....

(Sound effect of distant rumbling again)

Dr z: There is something, I'm sure.

Avril: Let's get back to the Tardis then! I don't want to be sucked into space at a billion miles an hour!

Dr Z: No, it's not that. It's a time travel channel opening up. Someone is travelling through time using the sonic umbrella, and they must be travelling here!

Avril: Who could it be?

Dr Z: Well Avril, there is only one person it could be, and that is Professor Splurgledroid. He must be here somewhere.

Avril: What? With is army of Splurgle Droids?

Dr Z: I doubt it. The umbrella could only support one person, or two at the most. He couldn't have brought the Splurgle Droids with him. They're far too heavy.

Avril: Oh that's a relief. I don't fancy being splurged with his mind numbing gunge.

Dr Z: Well I don't know about that. Professor Splurgledroid is very dangerous and will stop at nothing to defeat me. We've got to be very careful and keep an eye out for him.

Avril: But what does he look like?

Dr z: Well he can change his appearance so he could look like anything. The one thing we do know though is that he is carrying an umbrella, and in 1<sup>st</sup> century Galilee, where the umbrella has not been invented yet, that shouldn't be too hard to spot!

Avril: We can't look everywhere all of the time though can we. We could do with some help. But who could help us?

Dr Z: Well maybe this lot could?

Avril: Who?

Dr Z: This lot! (Gestures to audience)

Avril: You know they're so quiet I'd almost forgotten about them! (To audience) Will you help us?

Aud: Yes!

Avril: Ok then. When you see Professor Splurgledroid you could ...err ..... You could ..... err ...

Dr Z: (Blows a raspberry)

Avril: Well that's not very nice Dr Zoo! I was just trying to think of something for this lot to say to warn us when Professor Splurgledroid is around. There is no need to be so rude!

Dr z: (Blows raspberry)

Avril: Did your mother not teach you any manners?

Dr Z: No! I mean that's what they could do. (Blows raspberry) It's like the sound of the Professor's Splurgle Droids when they are Splurging their mind numbing gunge. It's a perfect sound for the Professor.

Avril: But .....

Dr Z: But you haven't come up with anything better!

Avril: Ok then, if you say so. Shall we practice?

Dr Z: Of course, this is playscheme! Ok you lot. If you see a man with an umbrella anywhere about you need to go (Blows raspberry) OK? After 3 – 1, 2, 3, (Raspberry)

Aud: (Raspberry blowing)

Dr z: Brilliant! Brilliant. Now don't forget, if you see a man with an umbrella, let us know!

(Enter Simon and Andrew)

Sim: Oh there you are, we thought we had lost you.

And: Are you coming to see Jesus? He's waiting for you.

Dr z: Lead the way, we are right behind you.

(They exit)

Professor Splurgledroid enters carrying umbrella)

Aud: (raspberry blowing)

Prof: Excuse me! Excuse me! That is not very polite is it. I'm only a visitor here. I may dress a bit funny and look a bit strange but that's no reason to spit at me! Honestly, what horrible people you are in this Galilee place!

Avril: (off stage) But I want to stay Doctor. Jesus is just amazing.

Dr z: (off stage) We'll come back Avril. I thought I heard the warning sound. We need to check it out.

Prof: Oh I see! You little good for nothings! It was a warning sound was it. Well you'll be sorry about this, very sorry. I'll come back with my army of Splurgle Droids and make sure that you are the first to be gunged with my most powerful mind numbing gunge! So watch out!

(Prof exits quickly)

(Enter Dr Zoo and Avril)

Dr z: I'm sure I heard them, didn't you?

Avril: Well Jesus was so interesting I wasn't really listening!

Dr z: Ah, here they are. Did you see him?

Aud: Yes etc

Dr Z: Where is he then?

Aud: He went that way etc.

Dr z: Come on Avril, we'd better go and see if Professor Splurgledroid is really here.

Avril: But I want to go and see Jesus again! He's amazing!

Dr Z: We'll see him again later, but if Professor Splurgledroid is really here we have to find him. Come on!

(Dr Zoo and Avril exit)

) Professor Splurgledroid enters)

Aud: (Raspberry blowing)

Prof: Oh shut up you snivelling little worms! It won't be long before my Splurgle Droids are here and you will be history! Anyway, thank goodness for that passing camel. It hid me from Dr Zoo and his silly little travelling companion.

(Dr Zoo and Avril enter)

Dr Z: There you are Professor!

Prof: Ah Dr Zoo! We meet at last!

Dr Z: Give me back my sonic umbrella!

Prof: You must be joking Dr Zoo. With the umbrella you are in my power and always will be. Now I can release my army of Splurgle Droids and take over the entire universe (Evil laugh).

Avril: Oh no you don't Professor Splurgledroid!

Prof: Huh! Are you going to stop me little girl? What with? One of your hair clips? (evil laugh)

Avril: Come on Doctor, let's get him!

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(Fast chase music)

(They run back and forth across the stage shouting things like)

Avril: Come here you ugly old prune!

Prof: You'll never catch me!

Dr z: Give me my umbrella!

Prof: Why: Are you expecting rain!

Avril: You'll never get away with this!

Prof: Oh no? Watch me!

(Prof runs off stage and Dr Zoo and Avril follow. Dr Zoo and Avril come back on alone)

Dr z: Where has he gone?

Avril: He's disappeared!

Dr Z: He must be around somewhere. He won't know how to work the umbrella's invisibility shield. I had only just installed it.

Avril: Invisibility shield? What's that?

Dr Z: If you hold the umbrella open above your head and press the blue button on the handle, then you are surrounded by an invisibility shield and no one can see you.

Avril: What? Not even you?

Dr Z: Not even me. In fact there is only one person who can see through the invisibility shield.

Avril: Who's that then?

Dr Z: Well it's God!

Avril: God? Well we're hardly likely to meet him here are we, so it's just as well Professor Splurgledroid doesn't know about it then isn't it. If he did we'd never find him. Come on let's go and look for him again.

(They exit)

(Professor Splurgledroid enters. He stand centre stage on the edge of the higher step)

Aud: (Raspberry blowing)

Prof: Oh shut up you little worms! No amount of silly noises can stop me now I know the secret of the Sonic Umbrella's invisibility shield! Dr Zoo didn't realise I was listening to him (Evil laugh). Now let's see! (He opens umbrella and holds above his head) Press the blue button just like ... this. Ha ha! Perfect, now I am invisible!

(Enter Dr Zoo and Avril)

Dr z: Did you call us? Have you seen him?

Avril: Where is he?

Aud: He's there etc. etc.

Avril: Where?

Aud: over there!

5.4

(Dr Zoo and Avril look straight at Prof)

Dr Z: What are you talking about? There's no one there!

Aud: Over there! Under the umbrella! Etc.

Avril: Well I can't see anything. Are you sure you've seen him?

Aud: He's over there etc.

Dr Z: OK, that's enough. I'm trying to save the universe from the Splurgle Droids and you're just playing games with us.

Avril: And I thought we could trust this lot. Honestly, what is the world coming too.

(Enter Simon and Andrew)

Sim: Jesus is coming!

And: He's coming this way!

Sim: Make way for Jesus!

And: Three cheers for Jesus!

(They all stand in a line as if by the roadside. Simon and Andrew on one side of Professor Splurgledroid, Dr Zoo and Avril on the other)

And: Hip hip!

All: Hurray!

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(General cheering as Jesus enters and walks across the stage)

Jesus: (Stops centre stage) Hello Simon. Hello Andrew. Hello Dr Zoo. Hello Avril. (Pauses) and Hello Professor Splurgledroid!

Dr Z: Professor Splurgledroid? How did you know about him?

Avril: We've been looking for him, but can't find him anywhere.

Jesus: Well that's because he is trying to hide. He might be able to hide from you but he can't hide from me. No one can hide from me Professor Splurgledroid.

Prof: (folding up umbrella) Well that may be true Jesus, but you can't stop me! You can't stop me and my plans to take over the universe!

Jesus: That's true Professor Splurgledroid. I can't stop you, it's only you who can stop yourself. All I can do is tell you something.

Prof: Oh yes? And what is that then?

Jesus: I can tell you the only thing you ever need to know - God loves you.

Prof: What? God? God loves me? The great and powerful God loves me?

Jesus: He certainly does.

Prof: What? Me? Professor Splurgledroid, the inventor of the Splurgle Droids that are now poised to take over the universe. God loves me!

Jesus: He certainly does.

Prof: But that can't be true. He must hate me, I'm so bad! I'm nasty and bad tempered and cruel and greedy and more, much more! God must hate me!

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Jesus: Well you're wrong Professor. God loves you and there is nothing you can do to stop him loving you, no matter how bad you think you are.

Prof: Well I've heard about God's love before, and I've often wondered what it might be like.

Jesus: Well let's go and get something to eat and I'll tell you all about it.

Prof: But I'm about to take over the universe!

Jesus: Well let's have a little chat about that as well, shall we?

Prof: Err.... I'm not sure why I'm saying this Jesus, but Ok, yes, let's go!

(Jesus and Prof exit together)

Avril: Well what was all that about then? Surely God can't love Professor Splurgledroid. He's nasty, very nasty!

Sim: But that doesn't stop God loving you you know.

And: No, God loves us all. We're all nasty really in some way. But God still loves us!

Avril: Is this true Doctor?

Dr Z: You know Avril, I thought there was something familiar about Jesus. We've met him before.

Avril: Have we? Where?

Dr Z: Right back at the beginning of this adventure. In the garden. Remember?

Avril: But that was God.

Dr Z: Right, absolutely right. And this is God too. God come to bring his people back. God who loves all of us so much, even Professor Splurgledroid. He's the only one who can see through the invisibility shield.

Avril: Wow! You mean ....

(Enter Professor Splurgledroid and Jesus)

Prof: Thank you Jesus, thank you. Dr Zoo have your Sonic Umbrella back, I won't need it any more, I'm staying here with Jesus. And I've given the order for all the Splurgle Droids to be destroyed and my mind numbing gunge to be poured down the drain . I don't need to rule the universe. I don't need power and all of that ! All I need is God's love! Wow! It's amazing!

Jesus: Today this man has become a special child of God! Come on Simon and Andrew, let's get going.

(Jesus, Professor Splurgledroid, Andrew and Simon all exit)

Avril: Wow! That's amazing.

Dr Z: Yes it is, amazing. But I think I better get you back home Avril, before you are missed.

Avril: Before I'm missed? I've been gone for ages!

Dr Z: Well that's not strictly true. You see now I've got my Sonic Umbrella back I can control the Tardis once again and drop you off at exactly the time I first met you. No one will know you were ever away. Come on, we've had enough excitement for one week. It's time to go home!

5.6

(They get into the Tardis)  
(Sound effect of Tardis)

Voice: So Dr Zoo sets out once more on his mission to defend the universe.

Professor Splurgledroid is following Jesus,  
And the Splurgle Droids have been destroyed before they reached Beccles!  
What a happy ending!