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The Doctor has fallen to his death. His companion, Lucie Miller, has returned to her life on Earth, grief-stricken. Then, one night, an alien visitor arrives at her front door and shoots her.

Could it be that Lucie's days with the Doctor are not over? She will only find the answer on the planet Orbis. A planet where all forms of life are facing violent extinction.

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Janina says

????????????????600 years????????????jellyfish????????????

who even are you doctor
why would you know you get amnesia every fifteen minutes

Mel says

This was definitely my favourite EDA so far. I really liked the jelly fish people and the Old Doctor having lived their for 600 years and forgotten everything. The Headhunter was even better than before, she reminded me a little of an evil River Song. Lucie was back to being brilliant and hilarious again, loved the slap. The reunion was emotional and it was funny and dark and sad at the same time. The only thing that let this one down was the Trans mollusc bad guy played for laughs. Apart from that I really enjoyed this one.

Christopher Buchanan says

A very weak resolution to a season ending cliff hanger. It felt like they were trying to bullshit their way out of a corner they'd written themselves into that ought not to have been that difficult. The story was at least palatable but was kind of ruined by really over the top ridiculous aliens. Oh, and look, the 8th Doctor has amnesia. That never happens. And time bullets? Really? Time bullets? Uhg. I hope this isn't a sign of things to come in season 3.

Tabitha says

It started right off with some action, which was great, but it was a little confusing at first. We get a little information, but it feels like we were dropped in halfway through the story. It doesn't take long to piece together, so I wasn't lost for long. The only thing that really annoyed me was the headhunter using Lucie's full name over and over.

Wendy says

Season 3 of the New Eighth Doctor Adventures gets off to a heck of a start in this story. It really shakes up the Doctor and Lucie's relationship as well as taking the character of the Doctor to some interesting places. In fact, it shakes things up to such an extent that I'm a tad worried that subsequent stories won't follow through - that everything will be back to normal by the next episode.

This also sets up what looks to be an interesting plot arc involving the Headhunter.

Slightly marred by the Molluscari, who were a bit silly. I think the idea was that they'd be that much more menacing when they finally turned definitively evil. It worked...to a point.

Keiran Thegreat says

Lucie Miller and the Doctor are reunited on the planet Orbis, however he has been there for a while and is not keen on the idea of leaving.

A story that is interesting, funny, touching, sad and in places quite silly. A promising start to the third series of 8th Doctor adventures.

Ritchie says

Lucie finally reunited with Eight after thinking him dead. The thing is, he has no memory of her. Jellyfish people (Jelly Furtado!) vs. Clam people.

Christoph says

Was für ein Season Start, v.a nach dem Ende der letzten Episode, wo wir mit einem Cliffhanger im wahrsten Sinne des Wortes, konfrontiert wurden.

Diese Episode steigt gleich direkt ein, mit Lucy Miller, welche sich nach dem vermeintlichen Tod des Doctors mit der Bedrohung durch eine Headhunter konfrontiert sieht. Diese zögert nicht lange und erschießt sie in den ersten Sekunden.

Klingt nach den besten Voraussetzungen für einen kompletten Neustart.
Mitnichten.

Wir finden gleich darauf den - wenig überraschend lebendigen - Doctor wieder. Auf dem Planeten Orbis, umhegt und gepflegt von den Einwohnern, wandelnden und intelligenten Jellyfish. Er ist völlig integriert in deren Gesellschaft, hilft, wo er kann.

Lucy Miller - ebenso lebendig - wird von der Headhunter erpresst (mittels eines TimeyWimeyTricks, der den Tod von Lucy Miller rauszögert), den Doctor zu finden. Gemeinsam machen sie sich auf den Weg und finden ihn.

Dabei offenbaren sich einige Verwicklungen, schliesst direkt an den Cliffhanger an, löst noch offene Punkte auf und erschliesst auch neues Terrain dabei.

Erzählerisch dicht, spannend, actiongeladen, humorvoll, skuril - eine perfekt ausgewogene Doctor Who Episode. Mehr kann man als Fan nicht verlangen ...

Clara says

A very funny, very charming read right up until the point where a whole (sympathetic!) species first gets eaten and then destroyed and everyone, including the Doctor, shrugs it off.

Nicholas Whyte says

"Orbis has the Doctor suffering from amnesia yet again, and Andrew Sachs playing an evil invertebrate ruler for the second time in twelve months (OK, the first time he was playing Adric controlling the invertebrates). Sheridan Smith does well as Lucie, not having faced these situations before, but we the audience have and this didn't seem very new."

Jamie Revell says

As the kick-off for the "third season" of the 8th Doctor Adventures, this is a somewhat strange beast. I suspect it's intended to be a comedy, which seems a rather odd way to start a season off, even if there are clearly serious events going on as well.

There are undeniably funny bits in it, and I particularly liked the way that Lucie's re-uniting with the Doctor was written. The acting is also good, with Sheridan Smith once again doing a great job bringing Lucie to life. (She seems to me particularly reminiscent of Donna here, who may well have been the on-screen companion at the time this was written, although Lucie obviously dates back earlier than that). Andrew Sachs clearly also has a lot of fun hamming it up as a homicidal oyster, and the Headhunter is properly menacing for perhaps the first time.

But the ending really rather lets it down. Without giving too much away, what happens is pretty horrifying, but the story fails to do anything with that, as if a high death toll doesn't really matter if the victims don't happen to be humanoid. Maybe that wasn't the message the writer intended, but, taken as a whole, the story is uneven enough for it to be hard to tell.

But, then again, the acting is good, and there is some good writing too... it just seems to lack something in the way of consistency. All in all, 3/5 seems fair.

Shaun Collins says

While not as epic as the previous 2 parts, this "coda" does a nice job of hitting the reset button for the 8th Doctor (who apparently, is the amnesia king having had it The Movie, several of the books, Big Finish's divergent universe AND again here).

Sure, the jelly fish and the mollusks are a bit silly and nearly panto, but it makes for a nice change of pace from the heaviness of Morbius before it. But it's the tragic ending that sells this for me. The idea that the Doctor screws up...

Gayle says

Listened to this last night and, my goodness, I think it is my favourite 8th Doctor audio story so far! Very humorous and moving in parts. It sees the reunion of Lucie Miller and the 8th Doctor, the latter having been residing on the watery planet of Orbis for six hundred years. Thought Andrew Sachs as the gender-changing villain was a hoot and thought the unrequited crush for the Doctor by Selta, a jellyfish-like native of Orbis, was both funny and sweet.

Amanda [Novel Addiction] says

This was a little bit confusing for me, since I wasn't familiar with the companion that shows up. But once I got over it, I was able to enjoy the story by itself. I already found the next in the series so I can continue on.

Counts as a book from OneClickDigital for my library summer reading challenge.

Colin says

The follow-up to a cliff-hanger, and not very satisfactory in that respect, but still, a very good story . . .
