

The Darkness Of Constantopia – Part VI



CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Part 6 Additional Characters

Thomas Horton-Hell/The Puppeteer Head of Horton-Hell security and idolised by all the young Specials throughout the City. He is an example of how successful the rehabilitation system can be. Abandoned by his parents he eventually found his way to AJ and Emily Fox who educated and reformed the troubled teenager into the successful business man and engineer he is today. Nicknamed the Puppeteer he can control all forms of electricity, he can manipulate technology, machinery and even the nervous systems of living beings. He's abilities and notoriety have made Horton-Hell an egotistical young man. He also has a great deal of self confidence being a very attractive and suave individual. He has short dark brown hair and big brown eyes with a perfectly styled beard on his chin. He is tall and thin, always wearing designer fitted suits, usually blue in colour, with salmon pink shirts. He is a performer and craves the limelight and the rewards that success brings.

Samuel Sowden Newly appointed President of Marvinium after Marcus Deeming stood down. He served the former President loyally in his cabinet and became his Vice President two years ago. Samuel Sowden has been groomed to succeed Marcus Deeming, as they have similar political views and the former President could see a lot of his younger self in him. He is a single parent to his only daughter Sophie Sowden, who he adores and is immensely proud and protective of. He is an intelligent looking man and there is great wisdom in his green eyes. But he can be immature and too trusting, which is why he requested that an ageing Marcus Deeming should delay retirement and be his Presidential Advisor. He is a smart looking man, with short black hair slicked back into position carefully and precisely. A simple man who always dresses in a plain black suit, white shirt and a pale blue tie.

Sophie Sowden The President's daughter and science graduate who is desperate for an opportunity to make a name for herself. She is driven and stubborn, but above all hates the fact that she is the daughter of the President. Craves to be recognised for her own achievements and wants to make a difference. She is young but is nobodies fool, she has a wise head on her youthful shoulders. She has the same intellectual look as her father, with short brown curly hair and beautiful brown eyes. She longs for a mother figure and idolises her mentor Professor Emily Fox who she dreams of working alongside. She is a touch mischievous and finds life in the Presidential Palace quite boring, she often escapes to meet up with her University friends for a bit of excitement. Her real passion is learning, she is extremely clever and has an overly active mind.

Harrier H Son of Professor Emily Fox and Papa G, he is a young Special who can fly and become invisible. H is also a crack shot and a weapons expert. He longs for adventure and independence, but above all wants to make his mother proud of him. He is only fifteen years old, but due to the fact he has Papa G's firelord DNA he ages quickly and looks a lot older. In fact he is best friends with another young Special called Sam Hammer who is a good five years older than him, but H tries to keep his real age hidden. He has straight light brown hair with a fringe that partly covers his face, hazel eyes and a thin youthful face. H is tall and very slim, he relies heavily on stealth, speed and his skill with weapons as he has little physical strength. He is the only person who shares his mothers secret, the only person she trusts. Professor Emily Fox has found a way to turn her powers on and off so she is now living a double life. Emily Fox legally runs operations at Whipps Corps during the day, while at night her alter ego Inferno Fox runs the cities illegal Underworld with the help of her son.

Sam Hammer Young orphaned Special with super human strength and indestructible skin. He lives at the School for Specials under the guidance of AJ who he doesn't respect or ever listen to. His hero is Thomas Horton-Hell and he wants to emulate his idol. Sam is a huge young man, with a very youthful looking face and tight blonde curls in his hair. He is best friends with H and always looks to cause mischief, believing his powers will always get him out of trouble. Mostly that is true because of his unmatched strength and fact he has skin like armour, no one can physically defeat him. He is not good, but he certainly isn't evil, just very easily manipulated.

Episode 1: 'THE DARKNESS OF CONSTANTOPIA (part 6)'

Scene Breakdown & Scripture

Ten years have passed . . .

Scene 1 Podium Outside the Royal Palace

(Marcus Deeming stands on a podium next to the newly appointed President Sowden waiting to address the masses. The applause is deafening as the crowd cheer and chant Deeming's name, he looks slightly embarrassed and extremely overwhelmed by the show of affection towards him. The President stands proudly next to his mentor and joins in the applause with a joyful look written all over his face. Marcus Deeming slowly raises his hand to hush the crowd and coughs gently into the microphone in an attempt to make himself heard)

M. Deeming Citizens of Constantopia. It has been over a decade of peace and prosperity for all of you. Although I have led you through the difficult times and into a new era of togetherness. I cannot claim that all the success has been down to me alone. Every success story

involves a great team and over the years I have been blessed with friends and colleagues so gifted and loyal. I have been a very lucky man. The great intellect and vision of former Vice President Emily Fox and the courage and morality of Captain Constant has made our streets safer and helped us all to live in harmony. Now I pass the baton to another man who holds the same values and virtues as me. Ladies and Gentlemen please welcome the new President, Mr Samuel Sowden . . .

(There is riotous applause and cheers from the watching crowd as the two men respectfully shake hands and swap positions on the podium)

President Sowden Thank you Marcus and what an inspirational role model you have been. For my first term in office I plan on developing all the good work already done by the previous office. Nothing need change and with Marcus Deeming by my side these glorious days should continue for many years to come . . .

Scene 2 Captain Constant's House

(AJ lies in bed, her naked tattooed body only covered by a black satin sheet as Captain Constant is hastily getting ready to leave. She sits up and attempts to attract his attention by seductively stroking his neck as he sits on the bed to put his socks on. Sadly her efforts are ignored and he leaps to his feet being extra careful not to make contact with AJ's beautiful enticing eyes)

AJ Come back to bed gorgeous. Why the rush? I'll make it worth your while
Cptn Constant I'm sorry – duty calls, this nation is not going to police itself
AJ But since we've been sending the dangerous Specials to the Island there's been no trouble
Cptn Constant Something's brewing honey, the Underworld is rising again. A new threat is upon us
AJ I know the story: 'G is back and is gonna destroy our peace' blah, blah, blah. It's all fairy tales and scaremongering. He is dead - you saw him die
Cptn Constant I don't believe the gossip, but all tales have an element of truth. Something is coming and I need to be ready
AJ Surely it can wait fifteen minutes. I'm ready for action now
Cptn Constant I'm afraid not. I can't keep the new President waiting, have a good day

(Captain Constant leans over and kisses AJ's cheek then leaves in a hurry)

AJ Ah man, second fiddle to a couple of old blakes. Some engagement this is turning out to be

(AJ frustratedly rolls over and goes back to sleep)

Scene 3 Basement of Whipps Corps

(In the dark gloom of the damp, eerie basement, the flaming silhouette of Inferno Fox leans over a shackled, heavily battered and bruised man. The terrified man stares submissively into her burning eyes, he is terrified and resigned to his fate. Inferno Fox grows impatient and looks angrily and impatiently at her prisoner, she pokes her fiery finger nail deep into the man's shoulder. He screams and begs her to stop, but she just shakes her head whilst unsympathetically smiling to herself)

Inferno Fox Right, speak to me if you want to live you maggot!!! I've spent all these years in hiding, making millions from my illegal operations and suddenly there are ridiculous rumours that G has returned. Who told you of my business?
Bruised Man No one Miss Fox and I will certainly not tell another living soul!
Inferno Fox Damn right you will not, I've led this double life for a long time now and it's been fun fooling Deeming and Constant into believing I'm a good little girl. I won't lose my presidential perks for a weasel like you
Bruised Man I don't know who started these rumours, honest to God I have no idea
Inferno Fox Well someone knows too much and I don't like not being in control, this could ruin everything
Bruised Man Maybe if you gave me some of your special powers I could find him for you
Inferno Fox Honey you couldn't afford my prices, but wait a second you said him. You're lying to me my sweet, who is he?
Bruised Man I don't know honestly
Inferno Fox I'm growing impatient

(Inferno Fox again moves closer and runs a burning finger nail down the man's cheek, he screams in agony. Suddenly the door of the basement swings open as Harrier H bursts in)

Harrier H Mother, it's Reverend Cross, he has returned

(Inferno Fox instantly turns and loses all her composure. Her face is full of rage as she looks at a slightly nervous H who is always cautious of his mother's moods)

Inferno Fox So the man responsible for the death of your father is back and seeks to expose me?
Harrier H It would appear so, I was just drifting through the air and I saw him talking to another man
Inferno Fox Who was it?
Harrier H I could not see, it was a short meeting and his face was covered. But I got close and from what I heard I fear they plan to destroy us
Inferno Fox No one can destroy us my son, we are cunning and strong. Hunt him down, find his location
Harrier H Will do. Do we need this useless pile of flesh any more?
Inferno Fox No. . .

(Harrier H quickly reaches into his long black coat, pulls out a hand gun and shoots a bullet straight through the helpless man's eye, he dies instantly. H calmly conceals the gun back in his coat and walks towards his mother)

Harrier H I will fly now mother, but I will be in touch soon
Inferno Fox Good work H. I will dispose of this then pay the new President a visit. I think he will be interested to learn of the Reverend's return . . .

Scene 4 Royal Palace

(Inside the old Throne Room, all the riches, gold and jewels have been replaced by modern art and sculptures of the King's of the past. The walls of red and gold have been painted white and the room is now plain and minimalist. The Throne has gone and in its place a large round oak table at which President Sowden, Marcus Deeming, Captain Constant and Sophie Sowden sit discussing affairs of state. There is a crash as Emily Fox storms in through the door in a state of shock. Captain Constant rushes over to console his old friend as Sophie Sowden and Marcus Deeming look on with great concern. President Sowden stands, straightens his tie and unemotionally watches as tears fall from the beautiful Professor's blood shot eyes)

President Sowden What is the meaning of this Emily?
Cptn Constant Fox, are you OK?
M. Deeming You look as if you've seen a ghost?
Prof. E Fox Gentlemen, I've just received news that Reverend Cross has returned
Cptn Constant I knew it
President Sowden What did you know Captain?
Cptn Constant I knew there was evil waiting, lurking in the shadows
M. Deeming Wait a second Fox, how sure are you that this sighting is genuine?
Prof. E Fox Positive Deeming, I am in no doubt at all that he has returned and is ready to corrupt this City once more
President Sowden Well we can't let that happen, Captain, find that unholy man and bring him to justice
Cptn Constant Yes Sir
President Sowden Emily, my daughter Sophie has just finished her degree and is looking for work
Prof. E Fox Well congratulations, she always was a bright little thing
President Sowden Do you think you could take her under your wing? You may need her now
Prof. E Fox Is that what Sophie wishes to do Sir?
Sophie Yes Miss Fox, you're a genius. I've always admired your work, your strength and determination to succeed in a world ruled by men
Prof. E Fox Well maybe we'll have a month's trial at Whipps Corps and we'll see if I can use you. Is that acceptable?
Sophie Of course. I won't let you down
Prof. E Fox Let's hope not
President Sowden Thank you Emily I'm very grateful
Prof. E Fox Not a problem Sir. Please find Reverend Cross his presence worries me
Cptn Constant Don't worry Fox I'll make sure he pays for his crimes once and for all

Scene 5 Ruins of The Ministry

(An ageing, scarred Reverend Cross hobbles out in front of a small squadron of Hooded Monks. He stands still, surrounded by rubble and points his sceptre aggressively at them. The Reverend was never a man of action or one to get his hands dirty, but the years have certainly taken their toll on him. All his black hair gone, replaced by a wavy grey uncontrolled mess. But although physically broken, the Hooded Monks who look into his black eyes know that his mind is still as sharp as ever, maybe even more cunning and certainly more evil. Anger and bitterness have consumed him and he lives solely for revenge)

Rev Cross We are the survivors, the just and the rightful rulers of this God-forsaken World. We have waited and I have drawn all of you back to me now for one purpose. Revenge!!! We will make them pay for their crimes and their interference and their 'supposed' victory over Dr Dark and myself. I will succeed where he failed. First I must destroy all my enemies, I have set plans in place to unmask and disgrace that abomination that is Inferno Fox. Then my attention turns to their hero and 'saviour' Captain Constant, he will pay the ultimate price for his meddling. We will take everything he ever thought important, his job, his allies and his respect. First things first my followers, the City Bank, You know what to do.

Scene 6 School For The Specials

(The Sun is just rising over Constantopia as the huge figure of Sam Hammer tries to creep unnoticed through the door of the School for Specials, but is confronted by an unhappy looking AJ shaking her head in disapproval)

AJ Young master Hammer?

(Sam Hammer curses under his breath)

AJ You've been out all day and all night young man. You know the rules state I have to be informed of any changes to your sleeping arrangements

Sam Hammer I know the rules, but they're stupid and they don't apply to me

AJ They apply to everyone young man, you don't want to end up on the Island do you?

Sam Hammer I'd like to see them try and take me there!

AJ They wouldn't think twice, you may be as strong as an ox with impregnable skin, but you still need to obey the laws of the land

Sam Hammer I've not broken any laws, so quit with the third degree. If you don't like the way I act then try and stop me lady, I dare you

(Sam Hammer walks in and brushes past AJ as if she wasn't there pushing her to the floor. She looks up defeated as the young Goliath storms up the stairs to his room)

Scene 7 Whipps Corps

(In the offices of Whipps Corps Captain Constant sits talking to Emily Fox and Sophie Sowden. The Professor is pacing around the room looking extremely agitated as her young protégé looks on worriedly. Captain Constant slams his hand aggressively on the desk making Sophie jump out of her skin. Emily Fox looks out of the window barely even noticing the Captain's show of emotion)

Cptn Constant We need to find Reverend Cross and quickly. It's always been my one regret that he never paid for his part in Dr Dark's diabolical scheme

Prof. E Fox I know, it's like he just . . . vanished. I'm sure he'll turn up soon

Cptn Constant All my surveillance teams are out searching, it won't be long

Sophie Is there anything you'd like me to do Miss Fox?

Prof. E Fox What did you say your specialist field was honey?

Sophie Electrics and circuitry, I can work wonders with computer systems too

Cptn Constant Do you think you could get into the police surveillance cameras and keep track on all of the Reverend's old contacts?

Sophie Of course, that's easy! Give me a list of names and last known locations and I will find them for you

Cptn Constant Good work, that's where I'll start my investigation

Prof. E Fox You can work in my office Sophie, use my computer. Is there anything else you need?

Sophie This is everything, just give me a few minutes and I'll have everything you need Captain

Cptn Constant Thank you young lady, you are going to be of great use to us

Sophie I do hope so

Scene 8 Clayton's Café

(Captain Constant rushes in and looks apologetically at AJ, who he was supposed to be meeting with for lunch over an hour ago. AJ is having a bad day and looks as if she might explode. Captain Constant sits down and passes her some flowers he bought on the way to the café. AJ takes the flowers and throws them on the floor, staring straight into the Captain's anxious eyes. She realises the other customers are watching, so AJ calms herself and leans closer to Captain Constant looking menacingly at him)

AJ And what time do you call this honey?

Cptn Constant Sorry AJ, work has been crazy and I was right, trouble *is* on its way
AJ Well can we concentrate on the wedding for five minutes, I'm fed up of being ignored today

(Captain Constant's phone rings, he answers as AJ puts her head in her hands in disbelief)

Cptn Constant Fantastic send those addresses to my phone I'll get on to it right away. Thank you Sophie – that's great work

(Captain Constant hangs up the phone and stands to leave. AJ angrily grabs his arm and pulls him towards her)

AJ Err, hello? Where you going? We've not discussed anything, or even had lunch!

Cptn Constant I'm sorry, I truly am. I'll take you out to dinner tonight, we'll chat then

AJ But I want to talk NOW!!!

Cptn Constant Duty calls, the criminals don't wait and neither must I

AJ Who the hell is Sophie?

Cptn Constant No time to explain now, I've got some people to interview

(Captain Constant pulls his arm free and rushes out as AJ lets out a frustrated scream)

Scene 9 Basement of Whipps Corps

(Inferno Fox sits calmly on Papa G's old red leather sofa that she took from the Club many years ago. It's one of the few things she still has to remind her of him. She lays still, lost in thought, her fiery skin piercing the darkness. Suddenly her peace is broken as Harrier H appears on the sofa next to her. Inferno Fox doesn't acknowledge him, just stares vacantly at the dark, damp ceiling. H flicks his long fringe to one side and kneels down beside his mother)

Inferno Fox Any news on the Reverend? It won't take Constant long to find the old man and I need to find him first
Harrier H It just so happens that I followed some of his Monks back to the old ruins of his burnt out Ministry and there he was talking of revenge

Inferno Fox Revenge on whom?

Harrier H You mother and Captain Constant, he is angry and has command over a small army

Inferno Fox I will not let him take what I've worked so hard for! If he wants to talk about revenge it is /who will have it for the murder of my beloved G

Harrier H You plan to pay him a visit mother?

Inferno Fox Indeed I do, he needs to be put in his place

Harrier H Do you need my assistance?

Inferno Fox No my son you have done well, I can't have your cover being blown. Stay invisible and out of this . . . for now. Besides, I have another job for you

Scene 10 City Bank

(There is a great disturbance at the City Bank. Civilians lay face down on the cold marble floor as five Hooded Monks have broken into the vault and hold the scared citizens hostage at gun point. There are sirens wailing outside as Thomas Horton-Hell and his security force walk slowly in through the front door. Horton-Hell's men are heavily armed, but he stands in front of them unarmed, wearing sun glasses looking more like a celebrity than a crime fighter. He approaches the Hooded Monks and calmly removes his sun glasses slipping them casually into his jacket pocket)

Horton-Hell Stop there, thieves

Hooded Monk No way, we will have our reward

(The Hooded Monks drop their bags of cash, turn and open fire on Thomas Horton-Hell and his security force. Horton-Hell is quick and evades the shots however a few of his men are shot and some civilians are injured)

Horton-Hell I said STOP!!!

(Thomas Horton-Hell stands and points his finger at the Hooded Monks who are instantly paralysed. They are motionless and their weapons fall harmlessly to the floor as Horton-Hell moves towards them)

Horton-Hell Now you will have to listen to me, your crime has been foiled by Horton-Hell security, follow me and meet your justice

(Thomas Horton-Hell dramatically throws his hands to the ground and the Hooded Monks tumble in a heap. The remainder of his security force rush over and apprehend the Monks. They are dragged to their feet and led by Thomas Horton-Hell out of the bank. He is whistling cheerfully to himself as he reaches into his jacket and serenely puts his sun glasses back on)

Episode 2: 'THE DARKNESS OF CONSTANTOPIA (part 6)'

Scene Breakdown & Scripture

Scene 1 Outside the City Bank

(Captain Constant and a squadron of Police arrive as Thomas Horton-Hell and his team lead out the two surviving Hooded Monks who are in shackles. Captain Constant surveys the scene shaking his head in disbelief at the chaos all around him. People are running about in a state of panic, there are many injured civilians being treated and some dead bodies being carried out of the bank. Horton-Hell notices the Captain and strolls over to where Constant is helping an old lady to her feet. Horton-Hell removes his sun glasses and looks at his rival with a sense of superiority)

Horton-Hell Tut tut, late again Captain, you appear to be getting too old and slow for the criminals of this city
Cptn Constant I may be getting old and slow, but you Thomas are clumsy and reckless! Look at all of these innocent civilians!
Horton-Hell Collateral damage Captain. Face it – the old days of policing are over. I am the new name in security and protection in this city. You may as well retire
Cptn Constant I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I'm going nowhere. You'll be facing prosecution for all this unnecessary damage and the injuries caused
Horton-Hell This is the price we pay for peace Captain, sometimes conversations just aren't the answer
Cptn Constant You're wrong Thomas
Horton-Hell Unfortunately for you Captain your city disagrees. With the growing threat of the Underworld gathering strength again the people don't trust you any more. They want protection, alarms, high-end security systems and that is what I offer them. Safety for them, their families and their wealth
Cptn Constant You are not above the law
Horton-Hell Very soon I'll *be* the law. Horton-Hell Security protects every major bank, all Insurance Brokers and Top Retail Outlets, I'm taking over. . .
Cptn Constant Over my dead body
Horton-Hell Careful what you wish for Captain. Anyway, nice to chat, see you around. I'll let you deal with these criminals. . . Oh and by the way, you're welcome

(Captain Constant and his Police force take the Hooded Monks away, as Thomas Horton-Hell and his troops walk over to his black Jeep and drive off at great speed)

Scene 2 Royal Palace

(President Sowden and Marcus Deeming sit in the Presidential Suite discussing the robbery. A roaring fire in the corner of the room heats the men as the President sits on a small black settee reading some documents. Marcus Deeming sits at a large desk writing a risk assessment detailing the daily events. President Sowden stands purposefully and makes his way over to where Marcus Deeming is busily working and puts his right hand on his left shoulder)

President Sowden This Horton-Hell Security are doing a grand job at preventing crime in the city
M. Deeming That they are Mr President, but I have reservations about the man
President Sowden What do you mean? Surely any man who makes a stand against crime is a good, just man
M. Deeming Usually I'd agree, but any man who makes a financial profit out of this sudden increase in criminal activity makes me suspicious
President Sowden Times are different now my friend, I understand your doubts, but I believe you may be paranoid. We are at peace and Thomas Horton-Hell is a role model and success story from your very own Specials Rehabilitation System
M. Deeming Yes that is true, he is a prime example that these beings with special powers can be of great use to society. I just have a bad feeling . . .
President Sowden . . . Be calm Marcus, please. When Constant has apprehended Reverend Cross all will be well again, your past is clouding your judgement
M. Deeming Maybe you're right. Just the mention of his name brings back horrible memories. I guess I'm a little nervous, I promise to give Horton-Hell a chance

Scene 3 Ruins of The Ministry

(Reverend Cross is standing in front of a charred, decaying staircase flanked by some Hooded Monks carrying guns as Inferno Fox appears in the doorway. Her skin glows orange in the shadowy, decrepit mansion. She smiles and licks her lips in anticipation. The Reverend fearfully steps back onto the stairs preparing to run as Inferno Fox boldly walks towards the men)

Rev Cross KILL HER!!!

(The Hooded Monks attack, firing their weapons and charging towards the fiery siren but Inferno Fox is too quick. She evades the bullets easily with agile leaps and somersaults, she kicks and scrapes the attacking Monks leaving them burning on the floor in agony. There is a look of crazed delight on her face as she stands staring into Reverend Cross' emotionless eyes. He bravely stands his ground and sarcastically applauds the flaming beauty for her display of elegance and power)

Inferno Fox Now I will kill you for your part in G's death
Rev Cross Killing me won't protect your little secret Inferno Fox or is it *Professor Emily Fox*? It's all so confusing, how *do* you keep up?
Inferno Fox I'm a genius, it's not too hard if you've got half a brain
Rev Cross Indeed, I've always been in awe of your intellect and your deceit. We're not that different Fox, we both crave power and we don't care who we step on to get it
Inferno Fox I am nothing like you
Rev Cross I'm not sure the President or Marcus Deeming or even the Captain will agree. They'll send you straight to the Island when they learn your secret and you don't want to go there
Inferno Fox What do you know of the Island holy man?
Rev Cross Enough! It's a barren waste land full of hate and anger. The beings there are continually at war. But if you were there, Vice President Fox, the creator of the Island, the woman who designed their hell on Earth. Well then they would all have a common enemy. You wouldn't last five minutes
Inferno Fox What do you want from me?
Rev Cross You keep Captain Constant off my trail and I'll keep your little secret, for now
Inferno Fox How can I trust you?
Rev Cross You can't, but at the moment you have a great life and I have that in the palm of my hand. I won't take it away unless I have to, because to be honest I don't want the deadly Inferno Fox at my door with nothing else to lose. I wouldn't survive your wrath
Inferno Fox And don't forget it Cross. I'll accept your deal for now, but rest assured this isn't over . . .

Scene 4 Horton-Hell Towers

(Harrier H enters Thomas Horton-Hell's office without knocking, he walks straight up to the desk situated by a huge window where Horton-Hell sits typing on a computer. H removes his long black trench coat and places it on the back of an empty chair, his gaze is fixed on the billionaire business man. H sits and flicks his fringe out of his eyes as Horton-Hell peacefully looks up at him impressed by the young mans arrogance)

Horton-Hell Hello there young man and what can I do for you?
Harrier H Mr Horton Hell, I've heard you are looking for men to join your security force?
Horton-Hell And who has told you this?
Harrier H I saw the arrests at the bank and saw some of your men get shot. I just assumed you'd be a few men light and I'd love to volunteer
Horton-Hell Why? You are H are you not, your mother is Emily Fox who is friends with Captain Constant. Surely you'd want to work with them?
Harrier H Their ways are old fashioned sir and as a young Special there's only one role model in this city for me. You are a hero to our generation
Horton-Hell Why thank you, I do what I can. You are quite astute – Horton-Hell Security is the future. So you're a Special, what can you do?
Harrier H My full name is Harrier H, I can fly at supersonic speeds, become invisible and I'm the greatest marksman in this city
Horton-Hell Bold claim for one so young, what's your weapon of choice?
Harrier H It doesn't matter sir. Gun, knife, axe or even bow and arrow. I never miss
Horton-Hell Prove it. Look out of that window and opposite you will see a sign

(H looks out of the window behind where Horton-Hell is sitting. He sees many office buildings and tower blocks with people bustling from window to window busily doing their daily duties. After being momentarily distracted he sees a bright green sign in the distance above a state of the art electronics shop)

Harrier H I see it, the one that says Horton-Hell Security?
Horton-Hell That's the one. It's over one hundred meters away. If you can put an arrow in the middle of one of the 'O's' you can have a job

(Horton-Hell walks over to a closet at the back of his extremely organised, pristine office. H looks around to see he is surrounded by camera's and surveillance screens watching the entire city. He is just thinking how all this equipment must give Horton-Hell so much information and power when the perfectly dressed man appears and hands H a bow and arrow. Horton-Hell walks over to the window, pulls it open and beckons for H to join him. H places the arrow on the bow, aims and draws the string back. He lets the arrow fly and it hits straight in the middle of the first 'O')

Harrier H Get in!!!
Horton-Hell Impressive. Very impressive. You're hired, you will certainly be a great asset to my team
Harrier H Thank you sir, when do I start?
Horton-Hell Right now, we have a meeting to attend

Scene 5 Whipps Corps

(Emily Fox stands over Sophie Sowden as the young lady is eagerly showing her all the interesting data she has found on the computer system. Professor Fox adjusts her red rimmed glasses and leans closer to Sophie, totally absorbed in every word that is being said. Sophie is gleefully smiling as Emily Fox pats her back and nods her approval. The Professor stands up and straightens her long tightly fitting white coat as Captain Constant enters with a hopeful look in his eyes. Emily Fox goes to greet the Captain as Sophie continues to work on the computers)

Prof. E Fox What a pleasant surprise Constant, what can I do you for?
Cptn Constant Any news on Reverend Cross?
Prof. E Fox Sadly not honey, he has become very good at staying hidden. However I saw the mess at the bank, Horton-Hell is a very arrogant and brash young man
Cptn Constant Thank you Fox, I thought it was just me. Everyone else seems to worship the ground he walks on
Sophie He gives me the creeps, he thinks he is above everyone else
Cptn Constant That he does young lady and that is what makes him dangerous. How is it all going here ladies? Anything that my Police Force might find useful?
Prof. E Fox Everything is going great. Sophie here is fantastic, she's upgraded all my systems and now everything is running much more efficiently
Sophie I'm just trying to be of use Miss Fox. Speaking of which I've just finished upgrading your protection and I've discovered something peculiar
Prof. E Fox What do you mean my dear?
Sophie There is a virus lying dormant in all your systems and I can't get rid of it. Its sophisticated, much more advanced than anything I've ever seen. Someone is watching your every move
Prof. E Fox My every move?
Sophie Yes. Everything you do on your computers and as well as that it's in all your camera's and machinery too
Cptn Constant That's not good?
Prof. E Fox Hell no. If terrorists or criminals got their hands on some of our gadgets or weapons we'd be in a lot of trouble
Sophie I've managed to isolate it to just this computer, so the rest of the building is safe but I'll keep watching it. It's evolving all the time
Prof. E Fox Thank you Sophie, can you take Constant to the vaults and show him some of the things we've been working on
Cptn Constant Why aren't you coming Fox?
Prof. E Fox I have an appointment with the President, but Sophie will look after you. She's also had some great ideas she'd like to run by you. I'll have my phone on me so if you have any problems just give me a call

Scene 6 Royal Palace

(President Sowden stands gazing out of the window at the beautifully manicured lawn as Marcus Deeming and Emily Fox sit at the round table chatting happily. Thomas Horton-Hell and Harrier H come through the door escorted by a Presidential Guard. Marcus Deeming and Emily Fox look up in surprise as Horton-Hell smiles arrogantly at them, he winks at Emily Fox who rolls her eyes at the gesture. H stands void of emotion as The President turns from the window and rushes over to the young men, greeting them warmly)

President Sowden Welcome Mr Horton Hell, may I be the first to congratulate you on the impressive work your company is doing
Horton-Hell Why thank you sir, that is high praise indeed coming from a man of your standing
President Sowden And welcome to you too young H. Emily you did not tell me that your son was now working with Mr Horton-Hell?
Prof. E Fox I beg your pardon Mr President, but this is the first I've heard of it too

Horton-Hell Young man I hope you have not gone behind your mothers back
Harrier H Of course not, I wouldn't dream of it
Prof. E Fox Gentlemen you misunderstand, he had informed me of his desire to work with Mr Horton Hell and hopefully one day follow in his foot steps
President Sowden Well such ambitions are welcome here. It pleases me to see you both working together for the good of us all
Horton-Hell That is all I want. For the people of this city to sleep a little easier at night, knowing Horton-Hell Security is watching over them
M. Deeming Why have you requested an audience with the President sir?
Horton-Hell I'm here to offer my services to you. Mr President, I can offer absolute protection for you and your loved ones, your belongings and your home for a very reasonable rate
M. Deeming That's very generous, but the President needs no security, he has his own Presidential Guards who watch over him twenty four seven
Horton-Hell With all due respect, these men you call guards aren't worthy of the name. We are fortunate that we are at peace, because if we were not they would be shown up for the farce they are
M. Deeming How dare you come in . . .
President Sowden . . . Now Marcus calm yourself, I'm listening to the man and he makes some valid points
Prof. E Fox If I may sir
President Sowden Of course Emily, go on
Prof. E Fox I believe that Mr Horton Hell's offer is a very good one, but he is after all a civilian and personally I do not feel comfortable having the safety of the leader of our nation in the hands of someone we do not know
Horton-Hell You think I mean to harm the President?
Prof. E Fox That's not what I said Thomas, don't put words in my mouth. The best thing is for us to sit down, read the proposal, look into your companies background and then make an educated decision
President Sowden Then that is what we'll do, thank you Emily. Does that sound agreeable to you Mr Horton-Hell?
Horton-Hell That sounds fair, I know you'll come to the right decision in the end

Scene 7 The Corridors of Whipps Corps

(Sophie Sowden is leading Captain Constant through the corridors of Whipps Corps to the storage vaults. The Captain looks thoughtful and notices the buoyant mood of his guide and chuckles to himself. Sophie is almost skipping with joy as they approach the elevator. She reaches out and presses the button. They wait in silence as the distant drone of the lift motor starts up)

Cptn Constant So, how are you finding it here?
Sophie I'm loving it, I'm learning so much – she's a fantastic mentor
Cptn Constant She is one of the smartest people I've ever met. You'll learn a lot from her
Sophie When I first came here I was so intimidated. Her reputation and the stories I hear of her past and her associations are so . . .
Cptn Constant . . . They are all in her past now thank goodness, but even in her darkest days she always did the right thing in the end
Sophie So was she very troubled?
Cptn Constant I'm not sure she'd like being talked about. Just a bit of advice, don't cross her. Stay loyal and she'll make a genius of you too
Sophie OK, I'll bear that in mind. I'm just so excited! She's an absolute heroine of mine, I can't *believe* I'm working with her
Cptn Constant Well make sure you stay focussed on the job in hand. She hates repeating herself or feeling let down
Sophie Understood. Well its here now, I've got some things up in the vaults I think you're going to like
Cptn Constant Lead the way young lady

(The elevator door slides open and they walk in)

Scene 8 School For The Specials

(Thomas Horton-Hell and Harrier H enter into Sam Hammer's room. H goes in first carefully avoiding the mess on the floor, Horton-Hell stays in the doorway unimpressed by the state of the young mans room. Sam Hammer is lying motionless on his bed fast asleep after another late night. Horton-Hell impatiently picks up a mobile phone he finds next to his feet and throws it at the sleeping giant who leaps out of bed ready to kill. H smiles as Sam angrily throws a chest of drawers at him. H quickly flies to the ceiling avoiding the blow as the drawers crash into the wall. The two youngsters laugh as H lands next to his huge friend)

Harrier H Hello mate how's it going?
Sam Hammer Not bad H, bit bored though – the witch has grounded me, it's so . . .
Horton-Hell . . . I beg your pardon young man?

Sam Hammer Mr Horton-Hell! I'm so sorry I didn't see you standing there
Horton-Hell It's irrelevant to whether you saw me or not. Never refer to AJ in that way again. She is a beautiful, kind, generous soul who helped me deal with my demons when I was your age
Sam Hammer I'm really sorry, I didn't know, I'll never speak badly of her again
Horton-Hell You've wasted my time H, I can't use him
Harrier H Give him a chance he has some really unique skills
Sam Hammer You want me to work for you?! Mr Horton-Hell please, I'll do anything to work with you, I want to be just like you!
Horton-Hell You are rude and obnoxious
Harrier H Don't be hasty sir. This is Sam Hammer he has super human strength, he can throw cars as far as you can throw a ball. His skin is indestructible and impregnable, he doesn't feel pain
Sam Hammer This is all true
Harrier H Watch. . .

(Harrier H reaches inside his coat and pulls out a gun, he shoots Sam Hammer in the chest. Thomas Horton-Hell turns his head in disgust expecting to hear the giant lad fall. The bullet however just bounces off him and embeds itself in the wall next to where Horton-Hell stands in absolute shock)

Horton-Hell What the hell, that's crazy!!! OK, OK, I will employ you young Hammer on one condition
Sam Hammer Anything, just name it
Horton-Hell You show AJ respect in the future and obey her rules
Sam Hammer Of course. . . I will apologise as soon as I see her next
Horton-Hell Good, no time like the present is there?

Scene 9 Ruins Of The Ministry

(Outside the collapsing walls of the Ministry Reverend Cross stands on the top step to address his troops who have gathered in the courtyard. Although defeated over a decade ago many of the Hooded Monks survived and went into hiding with the Reverend, over two hundred all stand motionless awaiting their orders)

Rev Cross The plan is in place, all the pieces are exactly where they are meant to be, so now go and play your part. By tomorrow morning Captain Constant will be a laughing stock, a decaying relic of the man he used to be. All those who worshipped him will now mock him wherever he goes, the plan is flawless. And when Captain Constant is broken we will then break Inferno Fox. Their nightmares will become realities and there's nothing they can do about it!!! Mor ha ha ha!

Scene 10 Italian Restaurant

(A beautifully dressed AJ impatiently sits at a table checking her watch. She is wearing a skin tight blue dress which is very short and quite revealing. Her hair has been straightened and styled in an attempt to finally get her lovers attention. AJ checks her watch once more and polishes off her second bottle of wine as Captain Constant appears in the reception area. He has made no effort to dress up and rushes over to where AJ sits and stands over her looking nervously into her raging eyes)

AJ This is unacceptable, I do not like being stood up again. Oh, and again and again
Cptn Constant I'm here now so technically I've not stood you up
AJ Don't try and make light of this, I've been trying to talk to you all day
Cptn Constant I'm afraid it's gonna have to wait till tomorrow
AJ WHAT!!!??!
Cptn Constant There's been a robbery at the jewellers, I have to go
AJ That's it! If you go now I'm gone forever. I will not be second best to *anything any more* I'm sick of it
Cptn Constant I'm so sorry, we'll talk tomorrow I promise

(Captain Constant turns and rushes out as AJ necks more of her wine, she angrily stands and is about leave when Thomas Horton-Hell, Harrier H and Sam Hammer approach her table. Horton-Hell looks at the livid blonde beauty and nods his head in appreciation of what he is seeing. H nudges Sam Hammer reluctantly forward as he shamefully looks at the floor)

Horton-Hell Good evening AJ, long time no see. You look amazing, I've missed you
AJ What's all this about Thomas? I'm not in the mood
Horton-Hell This will be quick. Sam?
Sam Hammer I'm very sorry Miss AJ, I don't mean to disrespect you and from now on I'll do exactly as I'm told
AJ Why thank you Sam, I only want what's best for you
Horton-Hell He is aware. We'll go now as I guess you are waiting for Constant?

AJ Not quite . . . he couldn't stay
Horton-Hell Well we can't have that now can we? A gorgeous thing like you in a restaurant with no date? Allow me to join you for the evening
AJ I don't know . . .
Horton-Hell . . . Go on, for old times' sake
AJ If you insist
Horton-Hell I do. H – can you take Hammer and show him the ropes please? I shall brief you both in the morning
Harrier H As you wish sir

(Harrier H puts his hand on Sam Hammer's muscular shoulder and ushers him out of the busy restaurant)

Horton-Hell So then AJ, what you drinking?

Episode 3: 'THE DARKNESS OF CONSTANTOPIA (part 6)'

Scene Breakdown & Scripture

Scene 1 Jewellery Store

(Captain Constant rushes through the door of the jewellery store with alarms still ringing loudly. He prepares himself, ready to be attacked, then he notices a Hooded Monk standing at the rear of the shop holding a female assistant at gun point. The terrified girl is crying and pleading for Captain Constant to save her. The Captain slowly edges towards the captive and her assailant, stepping slowly over the broken glass and precious jewels spread everywhere. The manager lays in a pool of blood and diamonds. Captain Constant checks his pulse without taking his eyes off the Hooded Monk, he is barely alive. The Monk stares at the Captain, daring him to attempt a rescue)

Cptn Constant Hold it right there
Hooded Monk Don't come any closer or she gets it
Cptn Constant Just be calm, we can sort this out without anyone getting hurt. Just take the jewels and let the lady go
Hooded Monk You think it's that easy don't you?
Cptn Constant Look, you've come here to steal jewellery to sell on for a profit, isn't that how a robbery works?
Hooded Monk You know who I am Captain, you've fought my kind before, you know I have no need for jewels or money
Cptn Constant Then what *do* you want?
Hooded Monk Come on, the great Captain Constant, can't even see the obvious when its being served to him on a plate?
Cptn Constant You're distracting me from your real objective
Hooded Monk Indeed! And in about an hour our mission will be a success. Until then you will not leave this shop, because if you do this young lady gets a bullet in her brain
Cptn Constant Damn, I've fallen straight into the Reverend's trap. Maybe Horton-Hell was right, my time is over . . .
Hooded Monk . . . Your time will *soon* be over, when the master has finished with you, your life won't be worth living
Cptn Constant What is he planning?!
Hooded Monk I'm not going to *tell* you, just stand over there and put your hands where I can see them. No more talking please

Scene 2 Royal Palace

(President Sowden, Marcus Deeming and Sophie Sowden are gathered in a small office as gunfire and screams can be heard all around them. The President looks out of the window to see a group of Hooded Monks attacking the Palace and killing all the Presidential Guards. They are remorseless and organised, as they catch the guards totally unprepared. Suddenly muffled voices can be heard outside the door, there is a flurry of gun shots then silence. Sophie is horrified and grabs hold of her father who is also shaken up. Marcus Deeming stays calm and tries to barricade the door with chairs and the desk, but the Hooded Monks are too strong and smash the door to pieces. Marcus Deeming turns quickly and stands in front of the President in an attempt to protect him)

M. Deeming Mr President please get down
President Sowden No Marcus I will not hide from these terrorists
Sophie Please Dad I'm scared!
President Sowden Just stay close to Marcus and I promise it'll be OK

(There are more gun shots outside as three Hooded Monks enter the President's office, carrying shot guns over their shoulders)

Hooded Monk President Sowden?
President Sowden What is the meaning of this?!
M. Deeming Run Mr President I will distract them!
Hooded Monk Ah, the former President Deeming and President Sowden, you are of no interest to us
President Sowden So why are you here if you don't want to kill me?
Hooded Monk The master demands her

(The lead Monk points straight at Sophie Sowden whose face turns ghostly white, she is panic stricken and starts to sob uncontrollably)

Sophie Why me? I've done nothing to you
Hooded Monk Silence girl, you will come willingly or we will take you by force
President Sowden I will not let you take her, I will not!

(The President runs at the Hooded Monks who block his advance with ease and push him to the floor. He looks up helplessly as the lead Monk points his shot gun at the Presidents head)

Hooded Monk Mr President let that be a warning, attack me again and I will kill you and still take your daughter anyway
Sophie Daddy, please help me
M. Deeming Take me instead, I beg you, whatever you want it's yours!
Hooded Monk Sit down old man, all we want is the girl. Nothing else

(Marcus Deeming throws himself at the Monks who punch him in the jaw knocking him violently to the floor. Sophie tries to run, but she is caught by the lead Monk, who puts her in a bag and carries her out of the room with minimal effort. The President desperately leaps to his feet as the Hooded Monks retreat out of the door)

Hooded Monk Goodbye for now Mr President
President Sowden I'll get you for this. I'll have your heads! No-one puts their hands on my daughter, no-one!!!

(The President is fuming and tries to run after the Hooded Monks, but Marcus Deeming gets back to his feet and holds him back)

M. Deeming Not now Mr President they will kill you, we will get Sophie back whatever it takes I promise
President Sowden You'd better, I'm holding you personally responsible for finding her

Scene 3 Horton-Hell Tower

(A taxi pulls up outside the imposing building that is Horton-Hell Tower. Thomas Horton-Hell steps calmly out and pays the driver, tipping generously. AJ stumbles out after and is held up by the suave billionaire business man. She looks up at his perfect face and big brown eyes, clearly in awe of this apparently flawless man. Horton-Hell senses her weakness as he holds her in his arms and smiles seductively at an intoxicated AJ. She smiles back trying really hard to hide her weakness, but fails miserably. She forces herself out of his arms, winks at him and begins to walk away)

Horton-Hell Thank you, that was an amazing evening. Constant is a fool to let you down like he does
AJ He's a busy man honey, I get it, and I'm a patient gal
Horton-Hell Patience of a saint I'd say, you deserve a medal. You deserve better, so much better than that
AJ Thank you, you're a real sweetie. I've had a lovely evening too, you know how to treat a lady. It's been nice to feel wanted
Horton-Hell You're a very attractive lady, any man with half a mind would want to give you the World
AJ Careful Thomas, sounds like you're about to invite me up for coffee
Horton-Hell Well how about it? You said yourself you've had a lovely evening, why end it here?
AJ Do you *mean* coffee?
Horton-Hell Well let's *start* with coffee and see where the evening takes us. No pressure, I just think you deserve to have a bit of fun. You're not the same AJ any more
AJ What do you mean by that?
Horton-Hell You used to be crazy, spontaneous and a risk taker, but you're becoming like him
AJ You say that like it's a bad thing
Horton-Hell It is. It's not you, you're better than him. He's boring and pays you no attention, come to my pent house and I'll lavish you with all the attention and spontaneous fun you used to live for
AJ I'll come up . . . for *coffee*
Horton-Hell You won't regret it beautiful

Scene 4 Ruins of The Ministry

(Reverend Cross stands over a shackled and hooded Sophie Sowden, her sobs can still be heard through the bag that has been placed over her head. A frustrated looking Reverend removes her hood and shines a torch into the frightened girls face. She forces her eyes shut to block out the light as Reverend Cross grabs her short brown hair and pulls her to her feet. He still towers over Sophie who is a small fragile looking girl, she bravely chokes back the tears and looks deep into the Reverends unforgiving bloodshot eyes)

Rev Cross Young Sophie Sowden, how can someone so small and insignificant be such a thorn in my side?
Sophie I've done nothing to you, please let me go. I'm sorry but you've got the wrong person
Rev Cross Oh no I've not. You're the one who discovered the virus I had put in the systems of Whipps Corps. I need that virus up and running again
Sophie Why should I? I'll never let you gain access to Emily Fox's research
Rev Cross Poor young foolish child, I have no interest in her silly little gadgets. Its Emily Fox I need to keep my eye on
Sophie What has Miss Fox got to do with all this madness?
Rev Cross You idolise this woman. You think she is a being that is so good, so pure, even God like. But she is selfish and has done so much evil. She can't be trusted
Sophie I know she has a chequered past but all that's behind her . . .
Rev Cross . . . Is it? What do you know? She has fooled even those closest to her. She is still evil and threatens *my* plans and *your* fathers term in office
Sophie How do you know this?
Rev Cross I've seen it. That virus meant I could keep my eye on her and her operations. She is rotten to the core
Sophie You lie, you would say anything to get my help
Rev Cross If that's how you feel, sleep on it. You'll see that what I say is true. If you still feel the same in the morning, I'll persuade you in another way

Scene 5 Captain Constant's House

(It's in the early hours of the morning when an exhausted Captain Constant finally arrives home from work. He stumbles through the front door, but is shocked to see AJ packing up her belongings. She is hurriedly piling clothes into a giant suitcase. She doesn't even acknowledge the Captain's presence and keeps emptying her wardrobes and drawers. Constant storms over and aggressively grabs AJ's arm throwing her onto the bed)

Cptn Constant Where are you going?
AJ I'm leaving honey, I can't pretend that I'm happy any more
Cptn Constant But I thought we were going to get married?
AJ You're already married, to your job, there's not enough room for me in your life too
Cptn Constant Granted I've been distracted these last few weeks, but things have been escalating. I can't just ignore the city, it needs me!
AJ I need you, more than your precious city. You never have time to listen to me or do what I want to do. It's all about you and this city
Cptn Constant Don't go, I can change
AJ No you can't honey. It's who you are and I wouldn't want to change you, I just need to start being true to myself
Cptn Constant So that's it? You're not even gonna give us a chance?
AJ I've given you so many chances, there's always somewhere else you need to be. I'm sick of being invisible. No-one listens to me at home or at work. I'm powerless and I hate it
Cptn Constant You're not powerless – you're strong
AJ I used to be. Goodbye honey I'll see you around
Cptn Constant Please don't go, I'll do anything!
AJ It's too late, we're over. We have been for ages. I was just too weak and feeble to admit it

(AJ closes the case and zips it shut. She is crying as she picks up her bag, turns and walks out of the door leaving Captain Constant standing alone, confused and distraught)

Scene 6 Basement of Whipps Corps

(Inferno Fox sits on the red leather sofa scraping her flaming nails down the wall. She is on edge as she has lost control of the situation, she is staring at the wall contemplating her next move. Harrier H suddenly appears on the sofa next to her, he looks visibly distressed and disgusted. He stares at the same part of the wall as his mother and they sit in a troubled silence for a few minutes. H breaks his trance and turns to look at Inferno Fox)

Harrier H Mother? The kidnap had nothing to do with Horton Hell, he was out all night with AJ
Inferno Fox And you followed him all night?
Harrier H Yes. After I took Hammer back of course and then I saw some things I really shouldn't have
Inferno Fox What?
Harrier H AJ . . .
Inferno Fox And Horton-Hell?
Harrier H Afraid so. He was nowhere near the Royal Palace though
Inferno Fox Maybe I was wrong. So it's all on Reverend Cross? He is becoming a real nuisance
Harrier H I don't know why you didn't kill him when you had the chance
Inferno Fox He knew too much about us and our operations. All I could do was bargain with him, which doesn't sit comfortably at all
Harrier H So what now mother?
Inferno Fox Stay on Horton-Hell, I'll deal with the Reverend. I won't let him harm Sophie – I've got grand plans for that young lady
Harrier H Good news. I like her hanging around, she brightens up the place
Inferno Fox Control yourself H, mind on the job in hand please. Let's concentrate on eliminating this threat to our business
Harrier H And then I can . . .
Inferno Fox . . . Go now before I start getting angry
Harrier H Yes mother

Scene 7 Royal Palace

(A focussed, determined President Sowden and Marcus Deeming sit behind a desk in the wreckage of the Presidential Office ready to address Captain Constant and Thomas Horton-Hell. The two rivals stand uneasily together and their hatred of each other is plain to see)

President Sowden So gentlemen no prizes for guessing why you're here
Horton-Hell I was horrified to hear about the kidnap of your daughter sir. If there's anything I can do to help . . .
President Sowden . . . That's exactly why you're here. I want my daughter found and Reverend Cross brought to justice
M. Deeming And we need this done quickly and covertly, before the press get wind of what's happened
President Sowden Are you listening Captain? Are we boring you?
Cptn Constant No Sir, sorry Sir, I've had a difficult few days
Horton-Hell I saw AJ yesterday, she wasn't happy with you. It's OK though I showed her a good time
Cptn Constant You what??

(Captain Constant goes for Thomas Horton-Hell and wrestles him to the floor. The President screams and slams his hand on the desk to regain their attention. The Captain releases Horton-Hell and both men get sheepishly to their feet staring at the floor nervously. President Sowden stands vigorously and storms to confront the two men who stand unmoving)

President Sowden I don't care about your personal business, whether you like each other or hate each other. Find my daughter!
Cptn Constant I will begin the search straight away
President Sowden Thank you Captain. Thomas?
Horton-Hell As much as your plight upsets me and truly it does, I don't actually work for you
M. Deeming He is the President, *everyone* works for him
Horton-Hell Well that's a matter of opinion. I'll do you a deal, I'll do your bidding and if I find your daughter you'll put Horton-Hell
 Security in charge of the Presidents on-going safety
M. Deeming You can't go using blackmail to get . . .
President Sowden . . . It's a deal, just find my daughter!
Horton-Hell OK *Boss*, she's as good as found

Scene 8 Whipps Corps

(The always beautifully quirky AJ stands unhappily in the corner of Professor Emily Fox's office, holding a gigantic suitcase which looks far too big for her tiny frame to hold. She looks around the sterile white pristine office and finds comfort in how some things never change. Her life is falling apart, but Emily Fox is an inspiration. Her friend had her life ripped to pieces when Papa G died, people she trusted accused her of betrayal, but yet she never stopped. She never slipped, she never showed any sadness, her office was always clean, she has been a model parent and run an extremely successful laboratory. If Fox can do it so can she! AJ's thoughts are suddenly disturbed as Professor Emily Fox appears in the doorway. She removes her red glasses and shakes her head mocking her blonde friend)

Prof. E Fox Hey honey, I've heard some disturbing rumours about you
AJ What have you heard?
Prof. E Fox That you've left Constant and that you've had an encounter with one, Thomas Horton-Hell

AJ Who told you?!

Prof. E Fox How long have you known me sweetness? You must know by now I know *everything* that goes on in this city. I'm a little disappointed. I thought you and the Captain were for keeps

AJ Me too, but people change

Prof. E Fox Constant never changes

AJ Not him, it's all about me. I'm fed up of feeling trapped and always feeling like a second thought, you know?

Prof. E Fox Hell yeah I can relate to that. G was the same, he'd never change and in the end I realised too late that I never wanted him to

AJ That's different, you have your own life too, something that gives you purpose. I have nothing Fox, no friends and no prospects. I wanna change that

Prof. E Fox So how can I help honey?

AJ Years ago you offered me some special powers like I used to have and I wondered if that offer was still on the table?

Prof. E Fox Well I never had your original powers to give you, but I've got some stuff knocking about and I do hate seeing you so sad. What would you like?

AJ I just want to be noticed again, I want everyone to know my name and pay attention to me

Prof. E Fox Mind control?

AJ Sounds fun

Prof. E Fox Oh it is. But dangerous too, it can have awful side-effects

AJ I don't care Fox, I need to get control back

Prof. E Fox OK, as you're a friend I can sort something out, but it must be our little secret – no-one can know

AJ I won't tell a soul

Prof. E Fox Give me a week or so, I'll call you when its ready. Gives you time to think about it, because once it's done there's no going back

AJ I've had enough of looking back, its time I started moving forward

Scene 9 Horton-Hell Tower

(In the offices of Horton-Hell Tower, Thomas Horton-Hell stands looking out onto Constantopia smiling joyfully to himself as Harrier H and Sam Hammer wait patiently for their next instruction. Sam nudges H and shrugs his shoulders as H shakes his head in confusion, both are clueless to why they have been called to see their boss. Horton-Hell laughs hysterically and leaps on to the desk to face his employees)

Horton-Hell Right boys, everything is going to plan. By this time tomorrow we will be solely responsible for the President's security then phase two can begin

Harrier H What is phase two?

Horton-Hell When it affects you H I will tell you, until that time just make sure no-one is allowed access to my pent house tonight

Sam Hammer Of course Sir. We will let no one up here

Horton-Hell Good, I will be leaving for a few hours so you've got some time off. Here. . .

(Thomas Horton-Hell jumps towards the young men who move to defend themselves. However they are put at ease as Horton-Hell chuckles and places his manicured hands on their tense, nervous shoulders. He winks happily giving Harrier H and Sam Hammer a handful of cash from out of his trouser pocket. The young friends are still looking at each other in bemusement, but gladly accept the generous gift)

Harrier H What's this for?

Horton-Hell Your loyalty, now go and spend it, but be back here in exactly two hours to start your shift

Sam Hammer Of course sir, thank you sir, you are very generous!

Horton-Hell You've earned it

Scene 10 Whippis Corps

(A broken and emotional Captain Constant enters to ask Emily Fox for her help. She sits at her desk checking graphs and statistics on her computer. The glare from the computer shines in her glasses and in the low evening light her dark olive skin looks absolutely stunning. She hears the Captain's foot steps and looks up smiling warmly at her friend. He bows his head in dejection as the Professor removes her glasses and stands. She glides effortlessly over to comfort him. Emily Fox hugs the Captain who finds a moment of solace in the warmth of her arms. He pulls away and forces a smile, but all the Professor sees is sadness and regret)

Cptn Constant Evening Fox

Prof. E Fox Good evening Constant, how are you doing? I heard about you and AJ, I'm sorry

Cptn Constant Thank you for your concern, but I have greater worries than that right now

Prof. E Fox I think that's your problem. You need to actually take some time off. You work too hard, no-one else gets a look in

Cptn Constant Not now Fox, I've gotta find Sophie before *he* does
Prof. E Fox Before who does?
Cptn Constant Thomas Horton-Hell
Prof. E Fox Why? Is it some kind of race?
Cptn Constant He is taking my job from me and if he finds Sophie first he is all but in charge of Policing the whole city. He is taking everything from me
Prof. E Fox He is isn't he? Interesting, its exactly like he said
Cptn Constant Like who said?
Prof. E Fox Doesn't matter honey, Right, so how can I help?
Cptn Constant I need you to help me locate Reverend Cross
Prof. E Fox And how do you suppose I do that?
Cptn Constant You must still have some of G's former links to the Underworld, I'm desperate Fox – I can't let him win!
Prof. E Fox OK Constant I'll see what I can do, but promise me if you don't find Sophie first and Horton-Hell takes everything you ever held dear don't stop fighting for the city. Do not give up, Horton-Hell is a fraud and I will prove it. By the end of all of this you'll need my assistance
Cptn Constant Well at least there's two of us who can see past his charms
Prof. E Fox Know this, whatever happens I'm on your side honey and you can rely on me when you've got no-one else. I won't let you down
Cptn Constant Thank you Fox, I'll remember that. Now I've got a President's daughter to find, wish me luck
Prof. E Fox Good luck sugar, I think you're gonna need it . . .

Episode 4: 'THE DARKNESS OF CONSTANTOPIA (part 6)'

Scene Breakdown & *Scripture*

Scene 1 Ruins of The Ministry

(Inferno Fox screams into the grounds of the Ministry attacking any Hooded Monks who stand in her path. Her speed and fury are no match for the army of Monks. As she reaches the front steps with all the Monks in retreat Reverend Cross walks out to confront her. Inferno Fox grabs the remaining Monk by the throat, then with a vicious spinning kick sends him flying towards Reverend Cross. The Reverend stands unimpressed by the flaming women's skills as the Hooded Monk flies past him. Inferno Fox stalks the Reverend raging at his kidnap of Sophie Sowden. Not intimidated, the old man hobbles towards his blazing intruder)

Rev Cross Inferno Fox, I guess you've come for your little student? You really have got her brain-washed
Inferno Fox I have no time or patience for this Cross, what have you done with Sophie? Why take her in the first place? She's just an innocent young girl
Rev Cross So many questions my fiery friend, I'm afraid I can't answer them all now, but in time you . . .
Inferno Fox . . . Do I look like I'm in the mood to play your games? Where is she?
Rev Cross She is safe, that's all you need to know. She'll be back home soon enough
Inferno Fox Hang on, you went to such great lengths to kidnap her and you're just gonna let her go?
Rev Cross The great mind of Inferno Fox can't work it out? It must be an *ingenious* plan
Inferno Fox You wanted her to do something for you? You wanted her to betray me? But she wouldn't, would she?
Rev Cross Like I said you've got her well and truly brain-washed, she would not hear anything against you
Inferno Fox What did you tell her? We had a deal Cross
Rev Cross Calm yourself, your secret is safe, it's the only thing stopping you from killing me. I'm not that stupid, but I planted some seeds so I guess we'll see how smart the young girl truly is
Inferno Fox Your pushing the boundaries of our deal Cross, now where is she?! Let her go back to her father before I start getting really annoyed
Rev Cross She's not here Fox, I wouldn't keep her here, I knew you'd come visiting so I've moved her on somewhere safe
Inferno Fox If you hurt her, God help me I'll . . .
Rev Cross . . . You'll what? You can't threaten me I have your whole life in the palm of my hand remember and the life of your precious Sophie. I hold all the cards, now be gone demon I have work to do
Inferno Fox I swear I'll be back and I will kill you in the end. One way or another I will be the end of you, know that and think very carefully about your next move Reverend

(Inferno Fox hears sirens in the distance, she quickly turns and leaves Reverend Cross standing alone smirking to himself)

Scene 2 School For The Specials

(Captain Constant comes into the school carrying a huge bouquet of roses in an attempt to beg AJ for forgiveness. He stops in his tracks as he over hears voices coming from AJ's office. He silently creeps up to the door and listens intently. Thomas Horton-Hell is there talking to AJ about her situation)

AJ Things are complicated right now Thomas, sure we had a great night, but I need to sort some things out and get my head straight
Horton-Hell I'm only offering you somewhere to stay temporarily, I'm not asking for your hand in marriage
AJ That's a bit insensitive honey
Horton-Hell Yeah I know, sorry, but we both know neither of us are the marrying type. I have no idea what Constant was doing trying to contain you. You crave freedom. We both do
AJ I thought marriage was what I wanted, but it was suffocating, I was living every day around him and what he wanted. He never cared about my needs, maybe I have ambitions
Horton-Hell What ambitions have you got?
AJ I want wealth, respect and power, but above all I don't ever want to be ignored ever again
Horton-Hell Well I can help you AJ, come with me, we can achieve both our goals together
AJ I'll come and live with you . . . for now
Horton-Hell Don't make it sound like a chore, you weren't complaining last night
AJ No, I guess living there might have a few perks . . .

(Captain Constant drops the roses on the floor and silently leaves dejected and tearful)

Scene 3 Horton-Hell Tower

(Harrier H and Sam Hammer are messing about in the corridors of Horton-Hell Tower when suddenly they hear a strange noise coming from behind a locked door. The two young men look at each other bemused by the high pitch squeak coming from the offices. They carefully approach the office and H puts his ear to the door listening carefully)

Harrier H Can you hear that?
Sam Hammer Hear what?
Harrier H It sounds like a voice
Sam Hammer Are you trying to be funny H? You pulling a prank on me? If you are I swear I'll smash you into next week
Harrier H No seriously, it's coming from behind this door
Sam Hammer I hear it. Sounds like someone singing
Harrier H Mr Horton-Hell told us that no-one should be up here
Sam Hammer Let's find out who it is then shall we?

(Harrier H tries to open the door but its locked)

Harrier H Damn it, the door isn't budging. Maybe you could . . .

(Before H has time to finish his sentence Sam Hammer pushes him out the way, grabs the handle and pulls the door off its hinges with ease. There's a gentle thud as a small figure hides behind the sofa)

Sam Hammer That's how you open a locked door H
Harrier H Who are you? Show yourself! You should not be up here
Sam Hammer Come out or I will crush you

(Sam Hammer impatiently storms over and lifts the sofa up with one hand. A thin young girl is laying there shaking and covering her eyes in fear. Its Sophie Sawden)

Sophie I'm sorry, please don't hurt me
Harrier H Sophie you're safe, what are you doing here?
Sophie I don't know I was blind folded. I heard a commotion, I was dragged into the back of a van and I ended up here
Sam Hammer Mr Horton-Hell rescued you, the President will be pleased
Harrier H All seems a little too convenient to me
Sam Hammer What do you mean? He is a hero!

Harrier H Perhaps. Look the main thing is you're safe now and I'm sure you'll be back with your father in no time
Sophie You're Miss Fox's son aren't you?
Harrier H Yes, I'm H, pleased to meet you
Sophie Pleasures all mine, your mother is an inspiration, but Reverend Cross doesn't like her much
Harrier H How do you mean?
Sophie He thinks she is against my father
Harrier H Don't listen to him, he'll say anything to get you to do his bidding
Sophie I didn't believe him, not one bit. Your mother has always been nothing but honest and genuine to me. She has my loyalty
Harrier H I'm sure she'd love to know that, she thinks very highly of you
Sophie Really, you really mean that! That is the greatest . . .
Sam Hammer . . . OK OK, you love her, she loves you, we get it. H we have a job to do, go patrol the hallways and I'll keep watch of the President's daughter
Harrier H OK. Try not to destroy anything else while I'm gone

(Sophie Sowden is more relaxed now and chuckles to herself. Sam Hammer shakes his head in disgust as Harrier H coyly smiles and walks out into the corridor)

Scene 4 Royal Palace

(Thomas Horton-Hell strolls into the Palace with great arrogance ready to celebrate his success with the President. Sophie Sowden meekly follows the grinning billionaire lost in her own thoughts. The office door opens and President Sowden runs out ignoring Thomas Horton-Hell, he heads straight for Sophie who he hugs tightly and kisses her head. Marcus Deeming follows coolly out of the office and invites Horton-Hell to enter. The two men sit as the President and his daughter follow them in, President Sowden looks relieved, but still very concerned)

President Sowden Sophie!!! I'm so pleased you're OK
Sophie Daddy, I'm fine you've no need to look so worried
Horton-Hell Very true, it seems she has dealt with this whole ordeal with immense strength. Shows great character to suffer as you have and still be so assured
Sophie I just had faith, that is all
M. Deeming Well we must thank the Lord for your safe return
Horton-Hell Screw the Lord Deeming, thank *me*. It's down to *me* the young girl has been returned in one piece
President Sowden Indeed. How can I repay you?
Horton-Hell Just keep your word Mr President, to be contracted with your security will be ample reward for my work
M. Deeming Where's Reverend Cross?
Horton-Hell I beg your pardon Deeming?
M. Deeming You heard me Hell, the deal was Sophie's return and the apprehension of Reverend Cross. By my calculations you were only half successful in your mission
Horton-Hell This is absurd
President Sowden I thank you whole-heartedly for my daughter's return, but Marcus is right. Bring me Reverend Cross and you can have your contract
Horton-Hell You're making a mistake, you've double crossed me! No-one plays Thomas Horton-Hell for a fool! If it's the Reverend you want then the Reverend you will get

Scene 5 Basement of Whipps Corps

(Harrier H is highly agitated and walks around the gloomy basement contemplating the events of the day. In contrast Inferno Fox sits on the red leather sofa with a contented look on her face. She looks radiant and relaxed as she feels comfortable that she is back on top again)

Harrier H It's all very suspicious mother
Inferno Fox I know, this whole scenario stinks of collusion, but I have no proof
Harrier H I don't buy that Reverend Cross escaped. How can an old frail man like the Reverend run away without Horton-Hell being able to stop him?
Inferno Fox He didn't want to stop him. They are plotting something together, but I don't know what. Horton-Hell has all but destroyed Constant like Cross told me would happen and now he's making a play for the President
Harrier H But they don't strike me as two people who would share power
Inferno Fox You're wrong, Cross is happy to stay in the shadows and perform his evil. While Horton-Hell craves the limelight and all the perks that power will bring him. It's a perfect match made in hell
Harrier H It's suspect yes, but I don't believe Horton-Hell would stoop to those levels. He doesn't need the Reverend's help, if he wanted control he could take it!

Inferno Fox Only by eliminating the competition, Reverend Cross has helped him find a weakness in all his enemies. Constant's pride in his job and love for AJ, my secret life . . .

Harrier H . . . It's all just guess-work mother, you're over thinking things. It's just coincidence

Inferno Fox With these people *nothing* is a coincidence and nothing is left to chance

Harrier H So what now?

Inferno Fox Get me evidence. I need to destroy this unison before they destroy me

Scene 6 Captain Constant's House

(Marcus Deeming arrives to check on Captain Constant as no one has heard from him all day. He is worried, as the Captain has never taken a day off work before and always answers his phone. Deeming enters cautiously fearing that some foul act has been committed on his old friend, but soon sees Captain Constant laying on the floor. He is laid out flat on his back holding an empty bottle of whiskey. Deeming is shocked to see that his friend has drunk himself into oblivion, as the Captain never drinks alcohol. Captain Constant's blood shot eyes open straining in the light, he tries to sit up, but falls back to the floor. Marcus Deeming helps him to his feet and sits him on a chair)

M. Deeming Constant!!! What have you done?

Cptn Constant Just had a few drinks to cheer me up a little

M. Deeming And has it?

Cptn Constant Nah

M. Deeming This isn't like you old friend, I've never seen you in so much pain

Cptn Constant I can't deal with it, I'm worthless, I've lost everything and it's all his fault

(Captain Constant goes for another drink, but Marcus Deeming pushes him back in his chair)

M. Deeming Whoa there, slow up. Whose fault?

Cptn Constant Thomas Horton-Hell

M. Deeming Yes he is quite the show-man, but what has he actually done?

Cptn Constant He's stolen my wife and my job and now I have nothing

M. Deeming Nonsense, AJ will come round, she's no fool. She won't suffer his arrogance for long and secondly no-one is taking your job

Cptn Constant But he found the President's daughter

M. Deeming That he did, but he has a secret. I know it, but I just can't figure it out

Cptn Constant So you believe me?

M. Deeming Of course I do, or I did! Look at you, pull yourself together. The Captain Constant I know would never give up. You want AJ back?

Cptn Constant Yep

M. Deeming You want to expose Horton-Hell?

Cptn Constant Sure

M. Deeming Then get up, sober up and start fighting like you used to. You're this city's hero, the people need you. /need you. Now sit still while I get you some coffee

Cptn Constant I won't let him win

(Marcus Deeming goes to the kitchen avoiding the piles of broken glass and picture frames on the floor. He soon returns with a mug of black coffee which he gives to the Captain, he drinks it and leaves with Marcus Deeming at his side)

Scene 7 Whipps Corps

(Thomas Horton-Hell walks into the office with an aggravated look in his eyes. He is focussed and determined walking straight up to Emily Fox's desk and thumping his hands hard down in front of her. Emily Fox is surprised by this uncharacteristic show of anger and jolts up in her chair. She puts her hands up nervously in an attempt to show her fragility. This just irritates Horton-Hell who throws her computer on to the floor smashing it to pieces. The Professor nervously plays with her long dark brown hair and looks up at the tall man trying to gain his sympathy)

Horton-Hell I hear you have some concerns about my operations? Well how about you stop hiding from behind your little desk and tell me to my face?

Prof. E Fox I'm sure your operations are perfectly legitimate, it's you I don't trust

Horton-Hell Finally a break-through! Though it seems somewhat rich, a lady such as yourself talking about trust and honesty

Prof. E Fox I have no idea what you're talking about. I have nothing but the good of this nation on my agenda. But you, I think you have a silent partner who is playing you

Horton-Hell So you think someone controls me? 'The Puppeteer', /control people. It's kinda my . . . 'thing'

Prof. E Fox Have you come here to threaten me?
Horton-Hell If you like. Stay out of my business Emily Fox. Or should I say, *Inferno*
Prof. E Fox I have not gone by that name in some time
Horton-Hell Liar!!!
Prof. E Fox Really? Interesting. And you're not in league with Reverend Cross?
Horton-Hell Reverend who?
Prof. E Fox Come now, do you think me a fool? I know your secret
Horton-Hell And I know *yours*. I planted that virus and I've been watching you for years
Prof. E Fox I *knew* it was you. Why hide behind the old man though? That's the actions of a coward
Horton-Hell I'm no coward

(Thomas Horton-Hell holds out his right hand to a nearby plug socket generating a ball of electricity in his hand, he fires it at Emily Fox. The Professor leaps high into the air with great speed and agility whilst transforming into Inferno Fox. She snarls then attacks Horton-Hell but he calmly raises his left hand and stops her in mid-air. Inferno Fox drops to the floor paralysed, Horton-Hell is in control of her entire nervous system)

Horton-Hell The legendary Inferno Fox! I didn't think it would be this easy, so you think you can attack me hey? Know this: I can kill you whenever I choose! I can control all forms of electricity including your nervous system. So you will stay out of my way or next time I won't be so lenient!

(Thomas Horton-Hell kicks a defenceless Inferno Fox violently in the face five times then leaves her lying there unconscious in a pool of her own blood)

Scene 8 School For The Specials

(An edgy Thomas Horton-Hell arrives with flowers and chocolates to see AJ. She can sense a difference in him, his usual composure has gone. AJ looks at him with disappointment and shakes her head. This makes him more nervous and he rushes towards her holding her tightly. AJ pushes him away and looks at him in bewilderment)

Horton-Hell Hey there AJ, I got these for you
AJ What have you done?
Horton-Hell What? Can't a man buy his girl flowers and chocolates once in a while?
AJ In my experience, no. And I'm no man's girl
Horton-Hell Well on this occasion, it's a present to welcome you into my home
AJ This is only temporary, Thomas
Horton-Hell Of course, but it won't take you long to realise that you're where you want to be
AJ You are so sure of yourself aren't you?
Horton-Hell I'm pretty confident in myself, yes, and I'm pretty persuasive
AJ You're not as amazing as you think you are
Horton-Hell That's not what you said the other night
AJ Well, I didn't want to make you feel insecure did I? What's that on your shoe? It looks like blood
Horton-Hell It's just some paint, I'm redecorating my office! Red excites me
AJ You never stop do you, have you got a few minutes honey?
Horton-Hell Sorry no I've got to shoot, got something very important to do
AJ More important than . . .

(AJ leans forward and whispers something into Thomas Horton-Hell's ear who suddenly forgets his apprehension for a moment and grins. He quickly remembers what he has done and looks seriously into AJ's enticing sky blue eyes)

Horton-Hell Save that thought! Maybe later, but I really have to go, bye for now AJ

(Thomas Horton-Hell looks nervously at his shoe, turns and rushes out)

AJ Aaaaarrgghh!!! It's starting all over again! These men will learn and will regret treating me this way, I swear I will not be ignored forever

Scene 9 Royal Palace

(In the old Throne Room a determined looking President Sowden, Marcus Deeming and Sophie Sowden sit discussing the future. Marcus Deeming is a little distracted, still worrying about the health of Captain Constant and Sophie appears to also be concerned about her recent trauma. The President

confidently stands and throws some reports onto the huge round table)

President Sowden How's Captain Constant?
M. Deeming Not good I'm afraid, all the events that have taken place have changed him
President Sowden So he is no longer the man he was? This worries me, without his strength and focus we are at risk
M. Deeming Risk from what? I still have faith in Constant he has never let us down before, he's just having a few bad weeks . . .
President Sowden . . . Your faith isn't shared by the rest of my advisers. Our lives and our nation are always at risk Marcus you know this.
We must look to a new hero, Thomas Horton-Hell. He will protect us from now on. He has proven himself worthy time and time again
M. Deeming I believe this to be a mistake, he hides behind his powers and machinery, he is not a good man. I know it
President Sowden You are a traditionalist Marcus – it is your great charm, but crime fighting has moved on. It's gone past one man's capabilities, it needs an entire force and to be combated by advanced Intel and technology
Sophie Daddy, I think Mr Deeming is right. There's something about Mr Horton-Hell, he gives me the creeps and Miss Fox doesn't trust him either
President Sowden I value your input my dear, but the decision is made and that is that. Now speaking of you and Emily, what are your plans?
Sophie I want to go back to work, I've learnt so much in the short time I've been there
President Sowden Your safety concerns me, you'll be safer here
Sophie I'm a big girl Daddy, you can't pamper me forever. I need to find my own way
M. Deeming I hate to interfere, but Emily told me in confidence of how impressed she is of Sophie's progress and wants to offer her a permanent position as her personal assistant
Sophie Really? That's amazing! Please Daddy, please
President Sowden I'm gonna regret this, but if it's what you want
Sophie It is, it really is
President Sowden Then so be it
Sophie Thank you Daddy, I'll make you so proud

(Sophie Sowden is ecstatic, she runs up and hugs her Dad then hugs Marcus Deeming too, which catches the old man totally off guard causing him to laugh nervously. She skips out of the old Throne Room singing happily to herself as The President and Marcus Deeming proudly watch on)

Scene 10 Horton-Hell Tower

(Thomas Horton-Hell sits typing on his lap top. He stops, checks his watch and looks impatiently at the door. Suddenly Reverend Cross sneaks in, carefully making sure he wasn't spotted. He hobbles up to the desk and sits opposite the irate, red faced business man)

Horton-Hell You're late
Rev Cross I will not beg your forgiveness, I had to be sure I wasn't followed
Horton-Hell Understood. Well, everything is going according to plan
Rev Cross Even Inferno Fox? Has she been silenced?
Horton-Hell I paid her a visit and she now knows that she cannot compete with my power
Rev Cross Splendid!!! And her boy?
Horton-Hell He stays loyal to the cause, he has no idea what we plan to do to his mother
Rev Cross He could be a . . . 'nuisance' when he finds out
Horton-Hell He won't find out. I have it all in order. As soon as I dispose of the mother I will dispose of the son too
Rev Cross Then it does look like everything is going to plan. Captain Constant broken, Inferno Fox defeated and unlimited access to the President's office, you'll soon have all the power you ever craved
Horton-Hell Indeed, but it's all thanks to your insight and guidance, I will always be indebted to you
Rev Cross Nonsense. It's a common goal young man. Right, I should go before the boy and his oath friend return. Same time tomorrow?
Horton-Hell Sounds good! We have come so far we don't want anything to get in the way now. I have somewhere I need to be too so let me see you out Reverend

(Reverend Cross struggles to his feet and shakes Thomas Horton-Hell's hand. They smile at one another with a sinister look in their eyes, they laugh and leave the office shutting the door behind them. Suddenly in the corner of the room Harrier H appears rubbing his hands together in glee)

Harrier H I knew it, I knew he was getting rid of us for a reason. I must get to my mother, sounds like she might need my help

Episode 5: 'THE DARKNESS OF CONSTANTOPIA (part 6)'

Scene Breakdown & Scripture

Scene 1 Whipps Corps

(Captain Constant carefully walks into Professor Emily Fox's darkened office. He is being extra vigilant with his weapon drawn suspecting foul play. He scouts the room and sees nothing amiss when all of a sudden he hears a quiet, painful groan from behind the desk. Captain Constant claps his hands and the lights immediately switch on. He notices a puddle of blood on the floor beside the desk and rushes over. He is visibly disturbed when he sees Emily Fox laying semi-conscious on the floor with a bleeding and bruised face. She struggles to look up through the swelling around her eyes, she recognises the Captain and smiles weakly)

Cptn Constant Oh my god Fox, what has happened?!

Prof. E Fox Help me Constant I can't get up

(Captain Constant helps a bloodied Emily Fox to her feet. He lifts her tiny frame with ease and places her in a chair whilst tending her wounds)

Cptn Constant Who did this to you?

Prof. E Fox Horton-Hell! He is an animal and he is out of control

Cptn Constant He has gone too far this time, how dare he lay his hands on an innocent defenceless woman. I'll make sure he pays for this I promise

Prof. E Fox Don't put yourself in danger, he is very powerful and you aren't yourself right now Constant

Cptn Constant I've been wallowing in self-pity for too long and neglecting my real responsibility. I've sat back and let my city be ruled by this monster, but no longer Fox. I swear to you I'm gonna bring him to justice for this assault. Why attack you? What provoked him?

Prof. E Fox I know too much, I had proof of a collusion between him and Reverend Cross, but he stole it, they now want us both eliminated. He knows you have been weakened and he's tried to silence me, but you've gotta promise me honey we won't let him win

Cptn Constant Never Fox, I'm gonna get my head straight, then I'll be all over him like a rash

Prof. E Fox Thank you Constant, you're a good friend

Cptn Constant Do you need anything else?

Prof. E Fox Besides a new cheekbone? No, just stop him before he hurts someone else

Cptn Constant Consider it done

(Captain Constant is livid and storms out, leaving Emily Fox all alone smirking gingerly to herself)

Scene 2 School For The Specials

(AJ wakes up in a spare room in the School For The Specials. It takes her a few seconds to process where she is, she looks around the small plain room and its magnolia walls. An empty pine wardrobe and small chest of drawers stand next to a tiny open window. The morning sun creeps into the room and the unmistakable sound of children playing whilst making their way to breakfast. She sighs unhappily and realises she has another day of monotony to look forward to. She seems to have no escape from this life and is feeling particularly sorry for herself when she rolls over to see Thomas Horton-Hell is next to her. He is looking very pleased with himself as he lays there staring at AJ with his warm brown eyes)

Horton-Hell Good morning beautiful, I could get used to waking up next to you

AJ Well don't get too used to it, I'm not gonna be here forever

Horton-Hell I know, so you keep saying, but I'm convinced I'll change your mind

AJ Why?

Horton-Hell Because no-one ever says no to Thomas Horton-Hell, I always get my own way

AJ Well I think you may be in for a rude awakening

Horton-Hell We'll see, we'll see. What you doing today?

AJ Gotta go into the school today. Got a load of newbies starting, so that'll be a nightmare

Horton-Hell How so?

AJ They just don't respect me, they have these powers they can't control and think they're immortal. They don't want to listen to an ordinary woman, they think I'm beneath them

Horton-Hell Well make them listen

AJ And how do I do that? Not all of us are able to manipulate people like you do

Horton-Hell It's all about confidence and self-belief, nothing to do with powers. Actually scrap that, on second thoughts you don't stand a snow ball's chance in hell, the young hooligans will walk all over you

AJ Thanks
Horton-Hell Don't take it personally – but you're weak and scared, no one will listen to someone who doesn't even take themselves seriously
AJ Ouch honey
Horton-Hell Sometimes the truth hurts. You're a lovely girl, but very easy to control. You're weak minded, no one will ever do what you say
AJ You quite finished?
Horton-Hell Yeah, gotta go now anyway. Good luck with the youngsters, look forward to hearing how it goes

(Thomas Horton-Hell gets up and quickly gets dressed, leaving a speechless AJ lying there in a state of shock)

Scene 3 Royal Palace

(Captain Constant races in to confront President Sowden and Marcus Deeming. He flies through the door and storms around the office with fists clenched and eyes bulging. Marcus Deeming stands and approaches his old friend concerned at this uncharacteristic show of aggression. President Sowden however stays seated looking extremely displeased by the intrusion and lack of respect)

President Sowden Please come in Captain
Cptn Constant My apologies Mr President, I know I've been off my game this past month, but things are getting out of control
President Sowden What do you mean? Everything seems to be going swimmingly and when Thomas catches Reverend Cross we'll be at peace once more
Cptn Constant Horton-Hell won't be catching Reverend Cross, they're in allegiance
M. Deeming Slow down Constant – that's a big accusation
President Sowden Indeed it is. What proof do you have?
Cptn Constant I've just come straight from Whipps Corps where Emily Fox had the proof, but the animal beat the living hell out of her to retrieve it
M. Deeming He attacked Fox?
President Sowden I do not believe it, he is a man of justice and honour he would never attack an innocent woman
Cptn Constant Well go visit Fox, see for yourself – be my guest! She is battered and bruised, her face is a mess
President Sowden Is this some wild elaborate drunken dream of yours Constant? If this were true, it would certainly serve your interests, it's no secret you hate the man
Cptn Constant This *is* true! I've not been myself, but I saw Fox as clearly as I see you now. She was scared, such fear I've never seen in her before, he must be stopped
M. Deeming What is his end game then?
Cptn Constant I have no idea, but between him and Reverend Cross they planned to destroy Fox and myself. Then I guess they're coming for you
President Sowden I need proof Captain, this is all conjecture
Cptn Constant I will get you proof, but there's something else I must do first
M. Deeming OK Constant, get to work and I promise we'll speak to Fox

Scene 4 Basement of Whipps Corps

(A fuming Harrier H is pacing in front of a surprisingly tranquil Inferno Fox sitting peacefully on her sofa. She stands and slowly walks over to her greatly agitated son in an attempt to calm his temper. This however does not work, Inferno Fox chuckles to herself as she sees the same fiery look in his eyes as she often saw in his father. Her laughter causes H to stop dead and he just stares at his mother. With every passing second his anger grows)

Harrier H I'm gonna kill him! Rip that smug little head off that skinny little neck and shove it where . . .
Inferno Fox . . . Be calm. You mean well I know, but I will deal with Horton-Hell myself
Harrier H How can you? Has he not proven to you his power? Next time he will kill you, I can get in there first – I have his trust and I can get close to him
Inferno Fox Do you think I'm an idiot? Do you think I'm incompetent boy? This is not the first being of great power I've ever encountered and I'm yet to be defeated
Harrier H But as soon as you get close to him he will stop you dead, paralyse your every muscle
Inferno Fox Listen, I've spent the last decade studying the genetics of these Special beings. I know how these powers work, where they come from, how to transfer them into ordinary people and of course how to stop them from affecting me
Harrier H You have an antidote?
Inferno Fox I've felt his power I know what he can do and it won't take me long to create a serum to protect my body from his manipulations
Harrier H Are you sure?

Inferno Fox Of course I'm sure. For every power I've ever created I've also created an antidote so I stay in control at all times. I've spent a long time at the top and this little man will not knock me off my perch

Harrier H I still wanna kill him, no-one lays their grubby little hands on my mother

Inferno Fox They certainly don't. He will pay for that, but you can't go back to him

Harrier H Why?

Inferno Fox He'll know I've spoken to you and he'll be waiting for you. You're not a good liar H, he'll see you want to avenge me

Harrier H So what do I do?

Inferno Fox Stay here and protect Sophie, I still feel like she has a part to play in all this. She is the future of this business

Harrier H I'll do that for you mother, but I must go and warn Sam first . . .

Scene 5 School For The Specials

(Captain Constant arrives at the school and walks into AJ's office with the look of determination on his face. AJ is sitting behind the desk looking at exam papers, she lifts her gaze to see her former love standing opposite her. She groans in frustration and looks back down at her papers continuing her studies. Undeterred the Captain walks closer and coughs to gain her full attention. She looks up quickly and her look of frustration has turned to annoyance)

AJ What do you want now? Can you not see I'm busy

Cptn Constant I know you don't want me any more, I hate it and I hate how I treated you, but you mustn't get involved with Horton-Hell

AJ Still trying to control me even when you're nothing to do with me any more?

Cptn Constant I love you and I'm worried about you. He is a dangerous man

AJ You don't love me, you love the job and this reputation you have. I just hope that keeps you warm at night

Cptn Constant Why are you so angry? I'm the same man you agreed to marry

AJ I was misguided. I see much clearer now

Cptn Constant I suppose Horton-Hell has helped you? Can you not see he's using you?! He doesn't care about you. You were just a part of his plan to break me

AJ It's all about you isn't it Constant? It's always about you. Well I'm sick of it, I'm sick of no-one listening to me, no one helping me, no one caring about me

Cptn Constant I've always cared about you, from the day we met in that Elzinian prison I've cared about you

AJ You just used me. I was useful to you so you could save your beloved city, but now I'm of no use to you and of no use to anyone

Cptn Constant Don't say that

AJ I know Thomas is a bad man, I'm not blind. But maybe that's what I deserve, maybe evil people should stick together. Pain is what I've always known so it's about time I started fighting back

Cptn Constant What are you saying? You're gonna stay with Horton-Hell even though he is a villain and assaulted Fox?

AJ Fox is of no concern to me, she is tough and I'm sure she'll get her own back in some way. But whether it's *with* Thomas or *without* him I don't care. It's about time I took some power back for myself. Now get out and don't come back. You're not welcome here any more

(AJ stands and quickly walks out on Captain Constant who can't believe what he has just heard)

Scene 6 Horton-Hell Tower

(A flaming fully regenerated Inferno Fox enters Thomas Horton-Hell's office and stands in the doorway. The sudden burst of heat distracts Horton-Hell and Reverend Cross from their discussions as they turn around to see their nemesis staring at them confidently. Horton-Hell laughs and looks at Reverend Cross shaking his head in disbelief. He walks towards the fiery vision arrogantly mocking her, pointing at the small scars on her face. Inferno Fox slams the door shut and forces her burning fingernails through the door of his locked safe concealed in the wall. The safe door springs open and she takes all the gold from inside putting it into a bag)

Horton-Hell Hold it right there

Rev Cross The legendary Inferno Fox, it's good to see you up and about. I heard you took one hell of a beating

Inferno Fox Which I'm afraid you are going to pay for

Horton-Hell Listen, you've embarrassed yourself once today let's not totally ruin your reputation

Inferno Fox And tell me what is my reputation. . ?

Rev Cross You are a supposed genius, very powerful and feared

Horton-Hell Any who stand up to you are never seen again. But such tales are clearly mythical. You are no longer the same Inferno Fox I was warned about

Inferno Fox Well maybe you should heed the old warnings

(Inferno Fox places the bag of gold on the floor and boldly walks towards an unflinching Thomas Horton-Hell and Reverend Cross)

Horton-Hell I told you to stop

(Thomas Horton-Hell holds his hand up, but Inferno Fox keeps coming much to the surprise of the two men. Suddenly the arrogance is replaced with fear as Horton-Hell dashes to the fuse board)

Rev Cross How is this possible?

Horton-Hell I will finish you Fox!

(Thomas Horton-Hell puts his hand in the fuse box and fires electricity at Inferno Fox as the power is cut from Horton-Hell Tower. She is too quick however and in the dark, the glowing assassin dodges his strikes with great speed. Fox moves behind Horton-Hell and forces his head through the desk pinning him helplessly to the floor. He squirms in terror as Reverend Cross nervously backs up towards the door)

Inferno Fox I am everything you ever heard about, everything you ever feared. I'm forever evolving and forever getting stronger and stronger. Any weapon you create or power you harness I can overcome. I am the most powerful being you'll ever face and angering me was the biggest mistake you've ever made

Rev Cross Release him Fox, we still have leverage over you. One word to the President and you'll be going straight to that Island death-camp of yours

Inferno Fox And that Reverend is why you're not dead already. I'll give you one chance, leave now, both of you, or I will hunt you down and kill you

Horton-Hell OK OK! Just please let me go

Inferno Fox Coward, not so tough now are we?

Rev Cross This isn't over Fox, we'll still win this war

Inferno Fox You've already lost, now go before you get burnt

(Inferno Fox releases a battered Thomas Horton-Hell then looks menacingly at Reverend Cross and strolls calmly out of the office, picking up the bag of gold as she leaves)

Scene 7 Docks

(Harrier H and Sam Hammer sit at the Dock, they're watching the ships come and go discussing Thomas Horton-Hell, who ordered Sam Hammer to wait for a shipment to be delivered. The huge blonde Goliath is sitting happily flicking stones into the water as H sits nervously playing with his long brown fringe)

Sam Hammer Nice of you to join me, I thought I was gonna be working alone tonight

Harrier H You still might be – I'm quitting Sam, I can't work for Horton-Hell any more and neither should you

Sam Hammer Why not?

Harrier H He's a bad man and not a very smart one. He's attacked my mother and he's in collusion with Reverend Cross. Won't be long before Captain Constant arrests him

Sam Hammer Well that's too bad for your mum, is she OK?

Harrier H She'll live thanks, but he can't be trusted

Sam Hammer I'm sorry you feel that way H, but Mr Horton-Hell has been good to me, I'm not gonna leave him. I'll follow him to whatever end

Harrier H Even if it means the Island?

Sam Hammer Doesn't scare me H, I'm indestructible and the strongest person alive. Who in their right mind is gonna pick a fight with me?

Harrier H True, but surely it's better to be free?

Sam Hammer Free and boring? Give me danger and excitement any day. You've known me forever H, when did I ever do the easy thing

Harrier H Never, I guess

Sam Hammer I've always been a bad boy and that is my future. I guess that's why I've always seen a little of myself in Mr Horton-Hell, he is destined for the top and I'll be at his side

Harrier H You're not naturally bad, it's a choice Sam. You could join me and we could do the right thing for once

Sam Hammer Where's the fun in that H? I'm afraid I'll be staying with Horton-Hell

Harrier H If that's how you feel then I guess we're enemies from now on then mate, cos I will see him dead for what he did to my mum. I would rather die than let him claim any kind of power

Sam Hammer Well I guess it's goodbye then. I hope we never have to battle, as that wouldn't turn out too good for you . . .

Harrier H We'll see, I'd still fancy my chances

(Harrier H and Sam Hammer stand looking defiantly into each others eyes as if trying to intimidate one another. The stare is broken and the two friends hug whilst saying farewell. Harrier H turns, bends his knees and shoots off high up into the night sky)

Scene 8 School of The Specials

(AJ has spent the whole day struggling to control her students. She is an emotional wreck, she rushes into the toilets sobbing and looks into the mirror. She looks deep into her tearful, bloodshot eyes and rakes her fingers aggressively down her scarred, tortured face. Suddenly the tears stop, her sadness is replaced by a psychotic smile and her eyes light up wildly)

AJ Thomas was right, I can't do this! They don't pay any attention to me. No-one will ever respect me again unless I do something about it. I'm better than this! I will make them listen, I'm no joke, I was AJ the most powerful being alive. I'll show them, all of them, Constant's betrayal, Thomas' doubt's, Fox and her pity, Deeming's arrogance. They've all profited from what happened all those years ago. Constant is a hero, Thomas is a role model, Fox has a career and has international acclaim and Deeming got all the glory, titles and power any man could wish for. I did as much as any of them and what did I get? Forgotten, left here to rot in this dead end job with no money, no prospects and no respect. Screw this and screw them, I'll get my powers then I'll destroy all those who have ignored me all these years and left me out in the cold. I will take the rewards that are rightly mine and no one is gonna stand in my way!!

Scene 9 Whipps Corps

(Emily Fox and Sophie Sowden sit behind a desk. Sophie is explaining how the new systems work and both ladies are so engrossed in their work that Reverend Cross and his Hooded Monks creep into the office undetected. A Hooded Monk pulls out a shotgun and fires a shot just missing the Professor's head. Emily Fox and Sophie look up in surprise to see a whole army in front of them. The smiling Reverend, oozing confidence once more, strolls towards the two small females in lab coats chuckling to himself)

Rev Cross I told you this war wasn't over Fox

Prof. E Fox What do you mean?

Rev Cross My Monks are here to silence you and your little apprentice. Nothing and nobody will stand in our way, especially a jumped up has-been villain like yourself

Sophie What's he talking about Miss Fox?

Rev Cross Oh yes Miss Fox tell the young girl your secret, dash her illusions. Her idol, her hero is actually the greatest criminal this city has ever known! Show her, attack us, I can see the anger! Go on change, become that demon, you know you want to

Sophie What's he talking about? Change into what?

Prof. E Fox Ignore him Sophie, he is playing with your mind trying to turn you against me. I have a chequered past, you know this, but now I am good

Rev Cross Lies, lies, lies!!! You are a good liar, but you will do anything to protect your young protégé. Now bring me the girl

(The Monks advance and grab the helpless, terrified Sophie by the hand dragging her towards Reverend Cross who is watching Emily Fox looking terrified. The Professor's hand starts flaming but stops as the door swings open)

Harrier H Get your filthy hands off her!!!

(Harrier H flies in, shoots two Hooded Monks and puts a shocked Sophie Sowden over his shoulder. He shoots out the window and quickly flies out to safety. As the startled Monks and their Reverend turn back Emily Fox has changed and her skin is glowing red with flame)

Inferno Fox You wanted the demon, well here I am!

(All the Hooded Monks open fire, but Inferno Fox leaps around them at great speed evading their shots and swiping the assailants one at a time. In the midst of the fighting Reverend Cross somehow manages to escape)

Scene 10 Outside the Palace

(Harrier H lands and gently places a confused and shaken up Sophie Sowden in the courtyard outside her home. Although she is now free and safe she is still holding onto him tightly. H physically prises her fingers off him and turns to leave, desperate to get back to help his mother. She grabs his arm spinning him around, then looks into his eyes and H nervously bows his head averting his gaze. Sophie gently puts her fingers under his chin, she lifts his head and moves the hair out of his eyes. She smiles warmly and puts her hand on his shoulder to calm the young man's nerves)

Sophie Thank you, I didn't realise you were one of them

Harrier H One of who?
Sophie Oh I'm sorry, I didn't mean to offend you, I meant a Special. I thought your mother would have cured you
Harrier H There is no cure for I am not sick. I can fly and become invisible, but apart from that I am no different to you. I feel pain, I get sad, I laugh when I'm happy, I enjoy watching films, reading books and listening to music
Sophie I'm truly sorry H. You saved my life and all I do is insult you. It's very rude of me!
Harrier H It's no problem, honestly, I'm used to that response, people fear what they don't understand
Sophie But they shouldn't – it's not fair
Harrier H Hey life's not fair, people just judge me, no one really wants to get to know someone like me
Sophie I'd like to get to know you, I mean, if you wanted to go out sometime, I mean as friends, you know
Harrier H You serious? Honestly? I'd love to, I can be free whenever you want. But right now I better get back to my mother
Sophie I understand, don't let me hold you up, she needs you and I've got a lot to tell my Dad
Harrier H Get inside quick in case they come for you again. I've really gotta fly for now, but I can't wait to see you again

(Harrier H smiles coyly, blushes with embarrassment and flies away at great speed. Sophie Sawden giggles for a moment, then runs straight into the Royal Palace as fast as she can)

Episode 6: 'THE DARKNESS OF CONSTANTOPIA (part 6)'

Scene Breakdown & Scripture

Scene 1 Royal Palace

(An overly excited Sophie Sawden rushes in to the Presidential Office to tell President Sawden about the attack on Whipps Corps. She is in a mad frenzy, her eyes are wild as she abrasively ruffles up her short brown hair. Her father stands and watches in silence, baffled by his daughters erratic state of mind. She tries to speak but as she opens her mouth no words come out. She is feeling enthused, but also still very unsettled by the nights events. President Sawden stands and approaches his daughter placing his arms around her gently to calm her nerves)

Sophie Daddy, daddy, you'll never believe what's happened!
President Sawden Calm down Sophie and tell me? Why are you back so early?
Sophie I was working, then the Reverend turned up, they had guns and he grabbed me and flew me here
President Sawden Sorry I don't understand my dear, please slow down, what has happened? You said the Reverend was involved?
Sophie Yes that's what I said. He came to Whipps Corps to attack Miss Fox and myself, but H saved me
President Sawden I thought H was working for Thomas Horton-Hell
Sophie Not since he assaulted his mother, he has no interest in working for him ever again
President Sawden So Thomas definitely attacked Emily?
Sophie Yes, I believe so, that's what she told me
President Sawden So maybe Reverend Cross turned up to finish the job Thomas started
Sophie I assume so, but he seems obsessed by her. He insists she has something to hide
President Sawden What, Emily Fox?
Sophie He believes her to be evil and some kind of demon. He wants to expose her
President Sawden He truly is mad, I've known her for years and there is no-one as genuine, honest or good as Professor Emily Fox
Sophie I agree Dad, but we had to leave her alone I hope she's OK
President Sawden I'll inform Captain Constant, he'll waste no time in getting there
Sophie Thanks Dad, what are you going to do now?
President Sawden I think I need to have a little chat with Thomas Horton-Hell and get to the bottom of these accusations once and for all

Scene 2 Whipps Corps

(The laboratory is burning and fire engines are at the scene. Charred corpses are being carried out by paramedics. Harrier H swoops down silently from the night sky and sees an emotional Emily Fox talking to an animated Captain Constant, who stands pointing at the flaming building. The Professor stares at her empire crumbling in front of her eyes and looks distraught. Captain Constant is trying to console her as H slowly approaches carefully avoiding the rushing firemen, police men and ambulances. He puts his hand on his mothers delicate shoulder)

Harrier H Mother, are you OK?
Prof. E Fox I'm fine H, just a few burns. Luckily Constant turned up and helped me to escape
Cptn Constant What happened here Fox? This is a very bold move for Reverend Cross and not at all like him. It's clumsy and brash – not usually his style
Prof. E Fox He has taken a severe disliking to me. I believe he brought his Monks round to finish what Horton-Hell started
Cptn Constant The animals! Where were you H?

Harrier H I was here Captain, I helped Sophie to escape then came straight back
Cptn Constant Well thank God you *were* here, I hate to think what would have happened to young Sophie if they got their hands on her again
Prof. E Fox Well luckily whatever their end goal was, they were unsuccessful
Cptn Constant Unless they planned to destroy Whipps Corps and all our weapons and assets
Prof. E Fox True my love, but they don't care for such things. They just want to destroy us Constant
Harrier H You're both still standing
Cptn Constant That we are young man and while there is breath in my lungs I will never let Horton-Hell win
Prof. E Fox Welcome back Constant. What now?
Cptn Constant The President demands we attend a meeting, I believe he wants to confront Horton-Hell
Prof. E Fox Well that will be very interesting indeed, I can't wait to hear what he has to say
Harrier H What do you want me to do?
Prof. E Fox Stay here and help with the clean-up. I need somewhere I can operate from and I have some important work in the basement that you need to keep safe
Harrier H Understood mother
Cptn Constant Well let's go and finish Horton-Hell for good

Scene 3 Horton-Hell Tower

(A slightly unhinged and raving Reverend Cross stands tending slight burns on his heavily wrinkled face, whilst brushing debris and ash from his cloak. A concerned looking Thomas Horton-Hell sits at his desk tapping his fingers nervously lost in his thoughts. The agitated holy man upset at being ignored storms across the office and smashes his sceptre down hard on to the oak work top, this startles Horton-Hell and certainly gets his attention)

Rev Cross So the President wants a meeting with you?
Horton-Hell It would appear so
Rev Cross This is excellent! It gives you an opportunity to regain control of the situation
Horton-Hell How do you suppose I do that? You were supposed to eliminate Fox yet she lives and is probably more angry than before
Rev Cross That's a good thing
Horton-Hell How is that a good thing? She is immune to my powers, knows we are in unison and knows you were sent to kill her
Rev Cross Calm yourself, all we need is for her to show her true colours
Horton-Hell So I'm bait? You want her to kill me so everyone can see what she really is?
Rev Cross She won't kill you
Horton-Hell How can you be so sure? She is crazy with rage!
Rev Cross She is no fool and you'll have young Hammer with you too, he'll protect you. Fox knows when she lets her cover slip the President will send her straight to the Island
Horton-Hell Will he though?
Rev Cross He'll have to, she has lied to him for so long and when he learns the truth he'll never forgive such a deception, not from one of his closest aides
Horton-Hell I hope you're right
Rev Cross I am. When she is out of the way there is no-one else who can stop us

Scene 4 Ruins of Whipps Corps

(AJ casually strolls up behind a hard working Harrier H who is sifting through the wreckage. Absorbed in his work H doesn't hear the quirky blonde beauty creeping through the rubble. She stands behind him watching carefully as he moves brick after brick trying to salvage all he can. She puts her hand on his long straight hair messing it up in her fingers, H springs round with great speed ready to defend himself. AJ laughs and winks at the young man who instantly blushes and looks at his feet in embarrassment. Harrier H has always had a secret crush on AJ, unfortunately for him she is fully aware of his feelings and loves to tease the youngster. She seductively runs a finger down his cheek and looks at the devastation all around them)

AJ Wow they sure made a mess here didn't they?
Harrier H They certainly did, very little survived and the majority of all the systems and data have been destroyed
AJ Has the Reverend destroyed everything Fox was working on?
Harrier H Pretty much. Why the interest? You've never been interested in my mothers work before
AJ I love your mother, she's the hardest working person I've ever met. It would be a disaster if all her hard work has been lost
Harrier H Don't come here acting all sympathetic AJ, you're on their side aren't you?
AJ Hell no, whatever makes you say that?
Harrier H You are in some kind of relationship with Horton-Hell are you not?

AJ In a manner of speaking
 Harrier H... Then you're against us! This mess is partly your doing
 AJ That's not true – I'd never go against your mother, especially now she's promised me something
 Harrier H Ahhh!!! I get it, she's promised you one of her little potions has she?
 AJ She told me to keep it a secret
 Harrier H And so you should! You will have to see my mother about all this. I will talk no more of it
 AJ OK I can take a hint sugar, where is your mum?
 Harrier H With the President, she'll be back later I'm sure. Maybe by then I'll have things in some kind of order here
 AJ Well good luck honey, I'll see you again a bit later
 Harrier H You're not gonna stay here and help?
 AJ In this dress? Seriously, you have a lot to learn about us ladies H

(AJ smiles, turns and leaves the scene as Harrier H shrugs his shoulders watching her walk away totally enchanted. He realises he is staring so quickly turns and continues sorting through the remnants of Whippets Corps)

Scene 5 Royal Palace

(A focussed Thomas Horton-Hell and a dis-interested Sam Hammer are brought in front of President Sowden, Marcus Deeming, Captain Constant and Emily Fox who sit around the table watching the two men move towards them. It is quite an intimidating scenario for the young billionaire as the four most powerful people in Marvinium sit as if judging his every move. However, these situations don't affect Thomas Horton-Hell, as in his mind he is the most important person in any room and always gets what he wants. So he smiles warmly ignoring their glances of disdain)

President Sowden Greetings Thomas so glad you could join us at such short notice
Horton-Hell Not a problem, who am I to refuse an audience with the President? However I do feel that I'm here on trial . . .
President Sowden I personally believe that you want what's best for this nation. However Marcus, Constant and Emily have differing opinions and I wish for this all to be resolved now
Cptn Constant Nothing will be resolved until that man is locked away like the criminal he is
Horton-Hell I am not the criminal here, you're all misguided and being deceived by someone you've trusted for years
Cptn Constant Nonsense, don't try and divide us we know all there is to know about each other
Horton-Hell You're very quiet Fox, got anything you'd like to say?
President Sowden Emily don't be afraid, no harm will come to you in . . .
Horton Hell . . . Ha! No harm will come to you Fox? What a joke, she is the most powerful, most dangerous one in here. I can't believe you can't see it
Prof. E Fox If I was so strong I wouldn't have just let you beat me to within an inch of my life, or let Reverend Cross destroy all my years of blood, sweat and tears would. How dare you come here and accuse me of anything, how dare you!
President Sowden I'm sorry my dear, I'm sure Thomas meant no offence
Horton-Hell Don't tell me what I meant! I meant great offence, but not to Fox she is a genius and has got you all bewitched
M. Deeming Come now Horton-Hell, can we get back on track? Miss Fox is not the one we're questioning here
Horton-Hell No, but she should be
Cptn Constant But she isn't, so tell us what game you're playing
Horton-Hell I'm playing no game, I just want peace
M. Deeming Don't lie to us, we are not idiots, the only person to profit from this sudden burst of criminal activity and fear is you
Cptn Constant And your allegiance with Reverend Cross will soon be proven
President Sowden I'm afraid Thomas that it's not looking good for you
Horton-Hell That's it I've heard enough! Sam – crush the President
Sam Hammer Yes sir. . .

(Thomas Horton-Hell calmly checks his perfectly manicured hands as Sam Hammer storms over and grabs President Sowdens neck in with his right hand and lifts him above his head with ease. The President gasps for air, desperately trying to fight his gigantic attacker, but to no affect)

Horton-Hell Now you will all listen to me, I will order young Sam Hammer here to squeeze the life out of your President and no-one can stop me
Cptn Constant Let him go at once!

(Captain Constant leaps at Sam Hammer who brushes him aside with his left arm as if he wasn't even there. The Captain smashes head first into the wall, but as he tries to get up Thomas Horton-Hell coolly raises his hand and points his finger at him, leaving Captain Constant helpless and paralysed. Marcus Deeming stands and looks with disgust at Thomas Horton-Hell)

M. Deeming What are you doing?! You won't get away with this

Horton-Hell I don't plan to get away with anything. None of you have the power to stop me! Isn't that true Fox?
Prof. E Fox Don't do this honey, this won't end well . . . for either of us
Horton-Hell Don't worry about me Fox, worry about your President I'm about to kill him
Prof. E Fox I know what you're trying to do – it won't work
Horton-Hell Then the President dies. Sam, kill him
Sam Hammer With pleasure

(Emily Fox instantly becomes Inferno Fox and as quick as a flash she grabs Thomas Horton-Hell's neck and digs a burning claw into his throat. He grimaces a little, but then smiles and winks at Inferno Fox whose expression changes, she knows her cover has been blown)

Horton-Hell I knew I'd get you in the end Fox
Inferno Fox Let the President go or I'll slit your throat where you stand
Horton-Hell Oh I don't know
Inferno Fox Don't test me, I've got nothing to lose now and if I'm going down I wouldn't think twice about taking you with me
Horton-Hell OK, OK I believe you. Sam release him

(Sam Hammer nods his head dutifully and lets the President drop to the floor. Marcus Deeming and Captain Constant look in horror at Inferno Fox who looks back at them with regret. She realises what she has done and releases Thomas Horton-Hell allowing him and Sam Hammer to escape)

Cptn Constant Fox, we trusted you with everything, how could you?!
M. Deeming I don't get it, we gave you everything, why?
Inferno Fox You will never understand, but I had to
M. Deeming There's no excuse, you realise now we have no choice but to send you to the Island. You've endangered our safety and the Presidents life
Inferno Fox I understand, but I've got something I must do first
Cptn Constant Come back Fox you're under arrest
Inferno Fox Not yet honey...

(Captain Constant attempts to apprehend Inferno Fox, but she is too fast and disappears in a blur of flame as Marcus Deeming turns to help a breathless President Sowden to his feet)

Scene 6 Clayton's Café

(Sophie Sowden steps into the busy café. She orders a green tea and looks around to see Harrier H sitting by the window nervously looking out, carefully studying every passer by. She walks over and sits next to her young friend putting her hand on his, but he is unmoved. She takes a sip of her tea, then H suddenly spins round and looks straight into her big brown eyes. Sophie is caught totally off guard by the tortured, deadly serious look on her friends face)

Sophie What's happened H? You sounded really scared on the phone
Harrier H This is important, my mother just called me and asked me to tell you some truths
Sophie That sounds serious, what's happened? Why can't she tell me herself?
Harrier H It's complicated, she is about to be arrested
Sophie Arrested! For what?
Harrier H I'll try and explain . . . my mother is unique. She is in fact two different people – Professor Emily Fox who the whole world knows and respects, and Inferno Fox who is feared and is in control of the underworld
Sophie So the Reverend was right, you both lied to me! I think I've heard enough, leave me alone. You and your mother are both evil and . . .
Harrier H . . . It is true we have both done evil things, but you must understand sometimes the threat of death and pain is the only way to combat evil and keep criminals in their place
Sophie So you're defending your actions, you're telling me you were working to keep the peace?
Harrier H In a way, yes. Some criminals do not fear the system, they don't fear justice or even the Island, but they all value their lives and live in fear of my mother. She can take their lives or make their existence intolerable
Sophie But why didn't she tell Marcus or Constant?
Harrier H She had to protect them, they are icons and heroes to these people. They can't get involved in sinister business, but they needed my mother to do the dirty work that they couldn't be seen to be doing
Sophie That makes *some* sense I guess, so . . . you're not evil?
Harrier H Don't get me wrong we have done bad things, me, my mother and my father before us, we all have a lot of blood on our hands, but we only did what needed to be done
Sophie But it's done now, it's all over?

Harrier H It'll never be over Sophie, it just needs to be controlled. Which is now my responsibility
Sophie Why?
Harrier H My father controlled the underworld for centuries, my mother for a decade and it's now my turn, it's my destiny
Sophie Then you're destined for the Island, or worse – death!
Harrier H If that's my future, then so be it
Sophie And what about me? Why tell me all this?
Harrier H My mother loves you, she sees a lot of herself in you
Sophie I'm no warrior or murderer
Harrier H No, my mother before my father's death. A good soul with an amazing intellect and a creative mind, she thinks you are the future of Whipps Corps
Sophie She's giving me her legacy?
Harrier H Yes it's all yours, some of the World's greatest minds have worked there and now it's your turn to be amazing
Sophie Of course I accept, I won't let her down. I just feel awful – she's going to suffer on the Island . . .
Harrier H . . . She won't, my mother always has a plan. Anyway she told me I need to get you out of the City, it's not safe here
Sophie I'm not leaving, with Miss Fox gone this City needs me. I'm going back to work
Harrier H Then I'll come with you

Scene 7 Basement of Whipps Corps

(Captain Constant carefully enters the dark basement of Whipps Corps to arrest Inferno Fox. The lights are out and all he can see is the fiery frame of Inferno Fox in the corner. He switches on the lights and sees her putting something into a purple bag then hide it in a drawer. He approaches her slowly awaiting an attack, however she just slowly turns and leans innocently against the wall)

Cptn Constant What's that?
Inferno Fox Nothing that concerns you Constant
Cptn Constant Why do this Fox, after everything?
Inferno Fox I've been carrying on the work of G
Cptn Constant But why? We're at peace, there has been no threats like there used to be
Inferno Fox And why do you think that is honey? Evil is still out there, it's on every corner, down every alleyway. G knew this too, he was always on your side as well
Cptn Constant He had a funny way of showing it
Inferno Fox It would have shown weakness to his enemies. Understand we all just want a peaceful world without war, pain and suffering, but that's never going to happen
Cptn Constant So what? We just give up?
Inferno Fox Of course not! We monitor and control all the dangers to our society and we stamp it out. By any means necessary
Cptn Constant But that's not morally correct
Inferno Fox Of course not, but it's essential to the running of a City! You're a hero, a good guy, you'll never understand the sacrifices we have made whilst you claim the glory
Cptn Constant I do not covert glory
Inferno Fox Yet it follows you everywhere, I don't want thanks or plaudits I'm just doing what needs to be done. I have broken many laws, but in my opinion it's all been for the greater good
Cptn Constant Death, murder and torture can never be good
Inferno Fox We'll see Constant. Now arrest me and take me away, but remember what I said. By the end of this you'll need my assistance and I will be here for you, like I've always been, whether you like what I've done or not

(Inferno Fox holds out her hands in surrender whilst grinning at Captain Constant. He is partly angered by her lack of guilt and partly relieved she didn't resist arrest. The Captain strolls towards her, he binds Inferno Fox and leads her out of the basement)

Scene 8 Horton-Hell Tower

(Thomas Horton-Hell and Reverend Cross sit to discuss their next step. The two men are content and pleased with their actions, they feel that they have regained control of the situation now they have eliminated the threat of Inferno Fox. Horton-Hell sits at his computer watching footage streamed from security camera's of the Presidential Office. He laughs as he watches President Sowden and Marcus Deeming rushing around in a state of panic. The Reverend sits opposite him, rubbing his hands together as Sam Hammer stands by the door watching over his leader)

Rev Cross Splendid, splendid! Fox has been arrested and no doubt on her way to the Island where she'll meet a violent death
Horton-Hell Let's hope so, the plan worked superbly. I'm sorry I doubted you Reverend
Rev Cross I do not blame you and no apologies are necessary
Horton-Hell It was good to see how easily young Sam here repelled Captain Constant too

Sam Hammer Thank you Sir, he is no match for me in one-on-one combat
Horton-Hell Indeed – your strength is quite impressive. What now?
Rev Cross We wait, Captain Constant and the City's Police Force will come to arrest us
Horton-Hell Then we will destroy them all in one go and at last we will be in control
Rev Cross We will then march on the Palace and finish the President and Marcus Deeming once and for all!

Scene 9 City Prison

(AJ visits Inferno Fox in prison. She is dressed in a tight blue denim dress, as she makes her way towards the heavily guarded window where Inferno Fox sits, watching her tattooed friend approach. Guards escort her to meet the fiery criminal, as Inferno Fox peacefully sits there running her hands through her hair. AJ sits down and gestures for the guards to leave, unfortunately they ignore her request which angers the tiny blonde bombshell. She stands and confronts the armed men ready for a fight. The guards back down and leave the ladies alone, Inferno Fox grins and nods her approval at AJ's defiance)

AJ Naughty, naughty. I can't believe I never figured it out, you've been Inferno Fox all these years?
Inferno Fox Very astute honey, you must have had some idea way back when I was conducting experiments on Lord Black's hand that I wasn't entirely being a good little girl . . .
AJ I should have pieced it together and questioned why you were collecting samples of all the powers. Now it makes perfect sense, selling them to the highest bidder? No wonder you're so rich
Inferno Fox It was never about giving people 'Special Powers', it was all a part of my wider experiment on their genetic codes
AJ And the money had nothing to do with it sugar . . . ?
Inferno Fox Well I guess it helped a little, to fund my research
AJ And bought you amazing clothes, a beautiful house and many other things
Inferno Fox I'm guessing you're not here to discuss my crimes or my lifestyle choices?
AJ Nothing slips past you does it?
Inferno Fox You want to know if I've got your powers all ready for you
AJ That I do
Inferno Fox Well you're in luck. My work on your mind control serum was undamaged in the fire at Whipp's Corps and is waiting for you in a purple bag in the basement
AJ So . . . I just go in and inject it?
Inferno Fox Precisely, but I'm warning you that this serum can totally mess with your mind
AJ My mind has always been a little messed up honey. What's the worst that can happen?
Inferno Fox You could become a power-crazed mentalist, craving revenge and World domination
AJ Is that likely?
Inferno Fox You never know sweetie
AJ That's a gamble I guess I'll take. Whatever happens I can't be any more unhappy than I am now right now
Inferno Fox Remember – the *purple* bag in the basement, take out the syringe and inject the serum. A new life awaits you
AJ Thanks Fox. I really hope you don't get stuck here for too long
Inferno Fox Oh don't worry about me honey, I won't be in here very long at all

Scene 10 Outside The Royal Palace

(President Sowden stands alone to address the nation about the arrest of the former Vice President. A confused and angry crowd have gathered demanding answers. They feel cheated, believing that everything President Sowden and Marcus Deeming have accomplished has been built on a lie. He stands meekly and at a loss, but he is determined not to lose the respect of his people. He understands exactly how they feel, for he too has been lied to his whole career and has put his complete trust in a remorseless criminal. He moves forward to the microphone and there is suddenly a deathly hush all around the podium)

President Sowden You, the people of our nation demand answers and deserve to know the truth about what has happened here today. The former Vice President Professor Emily Fox has been arrested today for crimes against the state. She has been leading a double-life, masquerading in her spare time as legendary foe of the city Inferno Fox. She has been found guilty of many offences and numerous counts of murder. We have all been betrayed by this wicked and remorseless woman and rest assured she will be punished for all her wrong doings. I understand you must feel let down by a leader who let a notorious villain into his regime, but I assure you greater checks and tests will be carried out in the future to ensure this never happens again. We are facing civil war as the Specials appear to be rising up. But now Inferno Fox is detained and very soon Thomas Horton-Hell and Sam Hammer will be made accountable for their attack on the palace too. I promise we will be at peace once more . . .

Episode 7: 'THE DARKNESS OF CONSTANTOPIA (part 6)'

Scene Breakdown & Scripture

Scene 1 Basement of Whipps Corps

(AJ stands in frustration as she has desperately torn Inferno Fox's secret base to pieces. She composes herself and takes a deep breath, then sees a small chest of drawers in the corner of the room. Her eyes light up as she pulls open the top drawer, removing a small purple bag from inside. AJ laughs hysterically as she opens up the purple bag and removes a syringe from within. She hurriedly injects the turquoise serum into her blood stream and a few moments later her body starts to contort violently. She lets out a terrifying scream, a combination of pain and ecstasy. On hearing the horrific cries Harrier H and Sophie Sowden rush in to investigate. They see AJ crouching in the corner of the room and move closer, concerned about the health of their friend. As AJ looks up at the two youngsters her skin becomes deathly white, her eyes glow red and she smiles a maniacal grin. Harrier H sees the syringe on the floor and instantly knows what has happened, he forces Sophie behind him to protect her)

Harrier H Sophie get out of here!
Sophie What has happened to her?
Harrier H Now is not the time, please run you're in danger!
Sophie What about you?
Harrier H No questions, get out of here NOW!!
AJ Ah! Young love how cute, shame it's gonna all end in tears . . .
Harrier H RUN AWAY, NOW SOPHIE!!!

(Sophie Sowden doesn't argue and looking petrified she kisses Harrier H's cheek and runs out as fast as she can)

AJ How sweet, trying to protect the one you love
Harrier H What? I don't love her
AJ I am already inside your mind, your thoughts betray you honey. She is very pretty and smart I can see the appeal, it's such a shame
Harrier H What is?
AJ That you'll never have her! You're thinking about shooting me my sweet and I can't have that. I thought you loved me? You will do my bidding willingly or I will enslave your mind and body
Harrier H What's happened to you? Why are you so angry? And why would my mother give you such power?
AJ She is a fool, she trusts that I'm a good soul, sadly she is mistaken and misguided. I will take her son and take her title, now I am the most powerful being in this World
Harrier H Not yet you're not. . .

(Harrier H quickly pulls a gun and aims it at AJ's head. But as soon as he moves he freezes. His hand slowly moves and the gun ends up pointing at his own temple. H fights it but he has no control over his mind or body)

AJ Why complicate this honey? You are too valuable for me to just kill. An assassin of your capabilities isn't easy to come by, but know this, threaten me again and I will end you. Join me!!!
Harrier H Never!!!
AJ Sadly you have no choice. If you want to do it the hard way so be it

(AJ touches her temple and closes her eyes, Harrier H's hands drop by his side and his gun falls to the floor. He slowly looks up, his face is vacant and emotionless)

Harrier H What do you need from me Mistress?
AJ Protection my young slave, you will protect me with your life
Harrier H I will see no harm comes to you Mistress
AJ Good, now let's go and do some recruiting . . .

Scene 2 Horton-Hell Tower

(The sirens are wailing as countless Police cars arrive at Horton-Hell Tower. Captain Constant leaps out of the car and leads the Cities Police Force towards the steps to the main entrance. He walks up to the steps carrying a megaphone, as armed officers surround the building. Tiny red laser dots cover the elaborate golden archway and the blacked out glass of the front entrance. The officers are ready to attack when given the signal)

Cptn Constant Thomas Horton-Hell, Sam Hammer and Reverend Cross: this building is surrounded. Come out with your hands up

(Thomas Horton-Hell and Sam Hammer calmly step out to face Captain Constant, Horton-Hell stands confidently in front of his huge enforcer)

Horton-Hell Ha ha ha, you think this ridiculous mass of humanity can match our power?! Come and arrest us if you think you can,
law man
Cptn Constant We don't want a battle, we just want you to come peacefully and face up to your crimes
Horton-Hell You are pathetic. If you want us – come and get us

(Captain Constant approaches steadily ready to engage Thomas Horton-Hell in battle)

Horton-Hell You're not worth it, I'm not even going to waste my energy on you. Sam, take him out
Sam Hammer Yes sir

(Sam Hammer steps past his boss and heads towards Captain Constant who leaps at his attacker. Sam Hammer punches Captain Constant who flies back down the steps and lands on his back. He gets back to his feet quickly and attacks again as Thomas Horton-Hell laughs uncontrollably. Sam Hammer swings punches, but Captain Constant uses his speed to avoid the blows. He begins to land blows on Hammer too, but they have no affect on his larger opponent)

Horton-Hell Captain Constant just give it up, Sam can do this all night
Cptn Constant I'm sure he can, but I will never give up
Sam Hammer I'll get you in the end old man, you can't dodge me all night
Cptn Constant Men – load your weapons

(The Police Force load their guns and aim them at Thomas Horton-Hell standing on the steps)

Horton-Hell Oh no!!! Whatever can I do? I surrender please don't hurt me!!! Fools!!! Never aim a gun at me, do you not know who I
am?! You will ALL die

(Thomas Horton-Hell raises his hands above his head and the confused, frightened policemen turn their guns on each other)

Cptn Constant Don't do it Hell!
Horton-Hell Shut him up Sam

(With Horton-Hell's distraction Sam Hammer manages to grab Captain Constant and hold him in a head lock crushing his neck)

Horton-Hell Now watch your men die
Cptn Constant Don't do it, please I'll do anything!
Horton-Hell Too late

(There is a mass of gunfire as every policeman surrounding the building is shot and killed)

Cptn Constant You animal, I will get you for this you beast!

(Captain Constant fights free of Sam Hammers vice like grip and faces up to both Thomas Horton-Hell and Sam Hammer. He quickly glances behind to see all his men lying on the street in pools of their own blood)

Horton-Hell Give up, you cannot win
Cptn Constant I will never give up!

Scene 3 City Prison

(A panic stricken Sophie Sowden visits Inferno Fox in prison. She is angered by her mentors betrayal, but is fully aware she is the only person capable of saving Harrier H from A.J. With great apprehension she approaches Inferno Fox's cell, she is still in awe of her hero, but is also very cautious. For the first time she understands that all the horrific tales and rumours she had heard growing up were true. A cold shiver rushes up her spine and fear takes over her, she thinks about leaving, but thinks of H and how he needs her. She moves on past the other prisoners who taunt and abuse her, but she is focussed now and blocks everything out. Eventually she reaches Inferno Fox's cell and looks into the eyes of the being who is half her inspiration and half a fiery demon. Inferno Fox looks up surprised to see Sophie Sowden's young face looking at her in disappointment. For the first time Fox genuinely looks

ashamed)

Inferno Fox Sophie! I didn't expect to see you ever again, I'm so sorry to have let you down. I thought I told H to get you both out of the City?
Sophie Don't, just don't! I haven't come here to discuss what you want or what you've done, H is in danger and I need to know how to help him
Inferno Fox Danger? How?
Sophie AJ has gone insane. She is not the same as she was. H confronted her to protect me, I escaped but watched from a distance. They left together but he didn't appear to be himself
Inferno Fox This is not what I planned. IDIOT! Why didn't he do what he was told? What have I done . . .
Sophie . . . What have *you* done? Tell me – and maybe I can stop it
Inferno Fox Only I can stop it, that's the point
Sophie I don't understand
Inferno Fox All you need to know is that AJ now has advanced mind control power. She always was mentally unbalanced and I fear that this sudden burst of power may have pushed her over the edge
Sophie How can we stop her?
Inferno Fox Sadly *you* can't honey
Sophie So you're gonna leave H to be brainwashed and die?!**Inferno Fox** Of course not. Bring me Constant. I need to speak with him. Don't ever question me or threaten me. I like you my dear, but remember what I've given you – I can easily take it all away
Sophie I'm grateful, truly I am and I still respect you so much. I just don't understand why you have to do these terrible things?!**Inferno Fox** You'll find out in time my dear, you are young and innocent. The world is an evil, cruel place and you have to be brutal to survive
Sophie I'll never be as heartless as you
Inferno Fox I hope you never have to be honey, now go, I need Constant

(Sophie Sawden turns and leaves in a hurry)

Scene 4 Horton-Hell Tower

(Captain Constant is all alone and is confronted by both Thomas Horton-Hell and Sam Hammer who walk down the steps stalking him. The Captain shows no fear, he knows he can't compete with the power of Horton-Hell and strength of Sam Hammer, but he won't go down quietly)

Horton-Hell Time to die now Captain, any last words?
Cptn Constant Even if I do die today, I will not go down without a fight
Horton-Hell I wouldn't expect anything less

(Reverend Cross appears in the doorway and hobbles out onto the steps. He smiles victoriously in anticipation of finally getting the revenge he has craved for years)

Rev Cross Hello again Captain, long time no see
Cptn Constant One day Reverend I promise you will pay for all you've done
Rev Cross I doubt that Captain, I look forward to watching you die. All of you who ruined my schemes all those years ago are going to face death. Fox will face the Island and you my fine friend will die here, where you stand
Cptn Constant That's enough talk, let's finish this

(Captain Constant screams and charges at the men standing on top of the steps. Thomas Horton-Hell raises his hands and points at the advancing Captain Constant who is instantly paralysed. Horton-Hell, Reverend Cross and Sam Hammer walk menacingly towards the defenceless, motionless Captain. Just as the men are about to destroy Captain Constant, AJ and Harrier H appear in the sky. H is carrying his little blonde mistress in his arms and she points at the three men standing over the lifeless body of Captain Constant. Suddenly its now Thomas Horton-Hell, Reverend Cross and Sam Hammer who are motionless, they stand in a trance transfixed on this new all powerful goddess)

AJ Stop where you are, Thomas Horton-Hell, Reverend Cross and Sam Hammer. You are now mine

(In the confusion Captain Constant is suddenly freed from Thomas Horton-Hell's hold and he makes a quick escape. He disappears down a dark alley and watches in disbelief at his former lovers transformation. Harrier H gracefully floats down and places AJ on top of the steps)

Rev Cross My all powerful Mistress, I'm afraid Captain Constant has got away

AJ For now Reverend, but I will crush him eventually. He will pay for trying to destroy me
Horton-Hell What now Mistress, what do you demand of us?
AJ Follow me my men. I now have my army and eventually every being in this City will do my bidding. Come with me – we have much to discuss

Scene 5 Royal Palace

(Sophie Sowden rushes into the Presidential Office to find President Sowden and Marcus Deeming looking very relaxed sitting drinking coffee. Both men sit gleefully unaware of the chaos that surrounds them, they assume that everything is going according to plan. This peaceful state aggravates Sophie as she storms over to her father and desperately checks his messages. There is nothing, so she frantically checks his emails as the two men watch on highly amused by her apparent madness)

Sophie Daddy what's happening? Has Captain Constant returned yet?
President Sowden No my dear, he has been sent to apprehend Horton-Hell and his accomplices
Sophie And has he been successful?
M. Deeming We don't know Sophie, we are awaiting his confirmation as we speak
President Sowden Why the interest in the Captain?
Sophie I've just come from seeing Miss Fox, she demands he visits her
President Sowden Why are you visiting that traitor? Has she not caused you enough pain and heart ache? I forbid you to see her again!
Sophie You don't understand her . . .
President Sowden . . . Don't answer back! She is a dangerous criminal who has lied and put all our lives at risk. She is a villain, she is as bad as Horton-Hell and Reverend Cross combined
Sophie You're wrong. She has done terrible things but she is not working against you
President Sowden I will not argue about this
M. Deeming I'm sorry to interrupt Mr President, but why does Fox need to see Constant Sophie?
Sophie It's not only Horton-Hell we need to worry about, AJ has gone mad and gained the power of mind control. She has brainwashed H and has evil intentions
M. Deeming And how did she gain these powers exactly?
Sophie Miss Fox gave her . . .
President Sowden . . . What a surprise! And yet you still defend her? She creates villains and still you think she can do no wrong?
Sophie She didn't know AJ would go crazy
M. Deeming Yes she did. She was counting on it
President Sowden What do you mean Marcus?
M. Deeming She is smart, so cunning. Anything to avoid the Island
Sophie I don't get it
M. Deeming We've got all these villains running about and who is the one person who can stop them and save the City?
President Sowden Inferno Fox
M. Deeming Exactly. She will strike a deal, her freedom for her assistance
Sophie Ingenious
President Sowden Damn it!!! She is literally going to get away with murder
M. Deeming I'm afraid so. You have no choice
President Sowden I will *never* make such a deal
Sophie Daddy you *have* to
President Sowden I will do no such thing. I will not make a deal with that demon and neither will anyone else. That's an order
M. Deeming Are you sure that's the right call?
President Sowden Positive, I will not be held to ransom and she will rot on the Island
Sophie I love you Daddy, but you're wrong. We need Miss Fox and I'm going to get her help. If you punish her you'll have to punish me too
President Sowden Don't you dare Sophie

(Sophie Sowden looks at her father in defiance, then turns and leaves in a hurry)

Scene 6 Horton-Hell Tower

(AJ sits in Thomas Horton-Hell's office chair surrounded by her possessed followers. Harrier H stands passively behind the deathly pale skinned ghost like woman, whose gaunt face and red eyes are fixed on her three new recruits. They stand obediently in front of their new mistress with their heads bowed in submission. AJ cackles to herself as she stands and walks over to her troops)

AJ Right my slaves, you are all going to do my bidding. Thomas you can control all forms of electricity, so I will need you to help me broadcast my message to the masses

Horton-Hell That will be easy my Lady
AJ Harrier H you will patrol the skies and keep an eye on Captain Constant's movements
Harrier H I will leave straight away my Mistress
AJ Sam Hammer you will never leave my side, I am mentally strong but physically weak. I need your protection
Sam Hammer With my life or death I will protect you forever
AJ And Reverend Cross, you have a way with words and make emotive speeches regularly. You will be the voice of my new campaign of terror
Rev Cross I live to serve you
AJ Now we begin. We shall start our mission at the Royal Palace. Let's go and pay the President a little visit . . .

Scene 7 Captain Constant's Car

(Captain Constant's phone rings as Marcus Deeming is trying to get in contact)

Cptn Constant Deeming, you're never gonna believe what's just happened!
M. Deeming AJ turned up and she has changed?
Cptn Constant I'll say changed, she isn't the same AJ I used to know. How did you know?
M. Deeming Sophie told us
Cptn Constant And how does *she* know?
M. Deeming Fox told her
Cptn Constant Told her what?
M. Deeming That she gave AJ new powers. She can now control people's minds and movements. But the serum has driven her mad and she is now extremely dangerous
Cptn Constant That's dreadful news. Not only have I got Horton-Hell, Sam Hammer and Reverend Cross to deal with, I've got a deranged AJ on my case too
M. Deeming It appears that way
Cptn Constant I can't win this fight. I can't even get close to Horton Hell. Sam Hammer is too strong, and if AJ has them all under her spell what chance have I got?
M. Deeming There is one option
Cptn Constant Yes?
M. Deeming Inferno Fox. She is the only one who can stop this madness. She will know how to combat these powers
Cptn Constant But she is a convicted criminal and she can't be trusted
M. Deeming That is the President's view point – he doesn't want to contemplate a deal, but our hands are tied
Cptn Constant So?
M. Deeming Find Sophie, she will take you to Fox. Just hear what she wants. I've got a bad feeling this is going to get a whole lot worse
Cptn Constant I'm not happy about this, but if you think this is what we need to do, then I'll trust you
M. Deeming Thank you Constant, I know you won't let me down. Listen to Fox's demands and make a judgement call, it could be the only way
Cptn Constant Understood. Stay safe Deeming
M. Deeming Stay alive Captain

Scene 8 Clayton's Café

(Captain Constant walks in to see Sophie Sowden waiting nervously for him at the counter. She is knocking back her fifth espresso and is looking almost as wild eyed as the new AJ. The Captain quickly walks over and takes Sophie into a quiet corner of the café.)

Cptn Constant Here you are Sophie, I've been searching everywhere for you
Sophie I didn't think my Dad would let you come looking for me
Cptn Constant Your Dad doesn't know and nor will he find out. But luckily for you Deeming and I agree that Fox is our best option
Sophie But you'll never get away with going against him – surely that's treason?
Cptn Constant His judgement is clouded by Fox's betrayal. We need her and she always knew we would
Sophie She planned this all along?
Cptn Constant I don't think this was her initial plan, she was desperate and in her desperation to avoid the Island, she has created a situation that only she can resolve
Sophie She is amazing
Cptn Constant She is clever and adaptable and sadly always one step ahead of us. But I wouldn't call her amazing
Sophie Are you going to come with me and help me get Miss Fox out of jail?
Cptn Constant Yes, but you must do exactly as I say. I won't have you put in harms way

Sophie Don't worry about my safety. These mentalists need to be stopped and we need to save H
Cptn Constant I respect your bravery young lady and your loyalty to Fox, but remember you must always have eyes in the back of your head. Now let's go and talk to Fox

Scene 9 Royal Palace

(Outside the Presidential Offices there are gun shots, thuds and screams. All of a sudden a guard comes flying through the office door and lies unconscious on the wooden floor. Marcus Deeming checks the mans pulse as AJ, Thomas Horton-Hell, Reverend Cross and Sam Hammer enter to confront President Sowden. The President bravely stands his ground as Marcus Deeming makes his way away to stand beside his leader. AJ steps forward from the three men as President Sowden and Marcus Deeming look at her in horror. The blue veins are bursting out of her painfully thin white face, she purposefully strides towards the President)

President Sowden AJ this is madness, what do you want from us?
AJ Nothing, you are not important. You are a weak, feeble man who has no right to lead this nation
President Sowden I have every right, I was elected by the people, it was their decision, it was their choice
AJ Well I have a feeling that the minds of your people are likely to change
President Sowden What do you mean?
AJ I can control everyone and everything. You think you have power and control, but you are nothing. I will have every single being in this nation at my beck and call. With just one word, from one broadcast your people will follow me to their death!
President Sowden You will never succeed, no-one has that much power
AJ You have no idea of my power little man. You too will soon be under my spell
President Sowden You'll have to kill me
AJ That won't be necessary
M. Deeming Don't worry Mr President I'll stop her

(Marcus Deeming tries to attack AJ, but Sam Hammer is fast, he steps across his mistress and clubs the old man into the wall. Marcus Deeming lies motionless)

AJ Stay down you silly old man, you cannot compete against our combined strength. No-one can
M. Deeming Captain Constant can – he will stop you
AJ I do so hope he tries. Now Thomas, see that camera?
Horton Hell Yes Mistress
AJ I need to make a broadcast to every household in this nation. The President wants to make a speech, make it happen
Horton Hell Of course Mistress
President Sowden I will not say a word
AJ Like you have a choice honey. It will be your voice, but you'll be speaking my words and be handing all your power to me
President Sowden Damn you AJ, damn you to hell!
AJ Quit your whining and accept the inevitable. Your nation is now mine and I will no longer be ignored or side lined. Now sleep

(AJ serenely waves her hand in front of President Sowden and Marcus Deeming causing both men to collapse into a deep sleep. As both men tumble to the floor AJ turns to supervise Thomas Horton-Hell systematically working on a television camera)

Scene 10 City Prison

(The Prison Guards nervously escort Constant Constant and Sophie Sowden to visit Inferno Fox. They are all on edge as they have entered into a code red warning. This means something huge is taking place and there is an imminent security risk. The armed guards don't leave the visitors side as Inferno Fox eagerly approaches the door to greet her guests. She looks at Sophie Sowden with great pride knowing she still has her loyalty, but she knows that to persuade Captain Constant will be a lot tougher. Sophie Sowden and Captain Constant stand staring at the flaming trickster, they are in no mood for small talk)

Inferno Fox Welcome back my dear, I knew you wouldn't let me down
Sophie Can you stop them?
Inferno Fox Well that depends
Cptn Constant I'm listening, but know this – I will not grant you immunity from any of your previous crimes
Inferno Fox That's fair enough. I have been a very naughty girl, I don't deserve a pardon
Cptn Constant So what do you want?
Inferno Fox If I am successful in helping you defeat your foes then you must promise that I am never sent to the Island. I will be placed under house arrest and . . .

Cptn Constant . . . That's not gonna happen Fox, you'll escape that within seconds and disappear never to be seen again
Inferno Fox I'm not gonna run honey, I have no need to any more. I just want to live out my days in peace and quiet, I'm bored of all this deception. It's tiring, and not really worth the hassle
Cptn Constant The President won't go for it
Inferno Fox I also want a Presidential pardon for my son. He has been dragged into this situation, he is innocent and has done nothing wrong
Cptn Constant I can accept that, H is a good lad and that bargain is acceptable
Inferno Fox OK then Captain. I will go under house arrest and if I escape or vanish you can send H to the Island in my place
Sophie You can't say that, you love your son!
Inferno Fox Of course I do, I'd never make him suffer the Island. So you have your security Constant
Cptn Constant So in exchange for your help, I have to ensure you are only to be placed under house arrest and H is to be pardoned?
Inferno Fox That is correct honey
Cptn Constant And H's life is your guarantee that you won't betray me and disappear?
Inferno Fox That's what I said
Cptn Constant Then we have a deal Fox
Inferno Fox Great! Now get me out of here

(Captain Constant turns quickly and attacks all the guards in the room. Sophie Sowden dives for cover as the Captain kicks and punches all of the surrounding guards to the floor. Sophie carefully removes the key to Inferno Fox's cell from an unconscious guards pocket and opens the door. Inferno Fox glides out, following Captain Constant and Sophie Sowden to freedom and safety before more guards arrive)

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Scene Breakdown & Scripture

Scene 1 Royal Palace

(Cameras are recording in the Presidential Office, a live address to the whole nation is being filmed. President Sowden appears on a screen sitting stony faced behind his Presidential desk. His eyes are glazed and he is staring blankly into the camera. There is no emotion in his delivery, he speaks in a monotone as his speech is beamed to every household in the City of Constantopia)

President Sowden It has come to my attention that our nation is in need of a change in leadership. For too long it has been dominated and controlled by men not worthy to hold such power. Men like former President Marcus Deeming and myself have held this office, but we have no real authority. We have never fought a war or known suffering, we are frauds and should never have been given the right to rule. All this is about to change, because as from today I step down from my privileged Presidential position and give all my backing to your new leader, the Goddess AJ

(President Sowden slowly stands and moves out of shot, as a jubilant AJ walks on screen and takes his place behind the Presidents desk. Her red eyes shine straight into the camera, entrancing her intrigued viewers. As she speaks an entire nation listens and obeys)

AJ My people, you are all now my children, my play things, slaves to my will. Look into my eyes and listen carefully to my voice. There is a change coming. This country is in need of a woman's touch. Too much talk takes place in this office, but I'm a fan of action. Know this: you will do exactly as I say. I have been forgotten all these years, left to rot in the shadows of these supposed great men, but not any more. I'm coming out of the shadows and all of you will join me in the City Centre in precisely two hours time. There will be a celebration and I will cement my position by killing these two useless politicians and your saviour, my former fiancé Captain Constant. So all of you slaves will be in the City Centre at eight pm sharp to worship your new ruler! Now go make yourselves look as pretty as you can – it's gonna be a party like no other . . .

Scene 2 Basement of Whipps Corps

(Inferno Fox, Captain Constant and Sophie Sowden burst into the pitch black basement. Sophie flicks the light switch and the bulbs glow serenely. Inferno Fox is already flying around her make shift office searching frantically for something. Captain Constant is feeling uneasy after breaking a convicted criminal out of jail and stands in the corner watching the fiery manipulator, knowing he has no choice but to trust her. He is still in pain from his earlier fight with Thomas Horton-Hell and Sam Hammer. At this moment Constant becomes painfully aware that with his Police Force gone he needs her help more than ever. Sophie Sowden whispers something in her flaming mentors ear. Inferno Fox nods in agreement and Sophie joins the search)

Cptn Constant So how are you gonna stop them Fox?
Inferno Fox I can't do this on my own Constant, you're going to help me
Cptn Constant But what use will I be? Horton-Hell will control my body
Sophie AJ will control his mind

Cptn Constant Then young Sam will over power me
Inferno Fox Silence my friends. Now I can't do much to counter Sam's brute strength, but I'm sure with Sophie's help we can create a way of combating both Horton-Hell's and AJ's gifts
Sophie But we have no time, that work would take weeks – starting from scratch
Inferno Fox But we're not starting from scratch honey. Do you think I'd let beings of great power loose on this city without having a plan?
Cptn Constant How can we combat these powers? They're far more advanced than yours
Inferno Fox True, but my mind is far more advanced than theirs. I created AJ's power in a lab and I also created an antidote to it. Every power I have ever created I made a serum to make sure I stay immune to its effects
Sophie So AJ has no power over you?
Cptn Constant And clearly you've already worked out how to nullify Horton-Hell's power too . . .
Inferno Fox . . . Precisely. So all I need to do is combine my knowledge of genetics with Sophie's knowledge of electronics and we can create a suit to make you unaffected by their abilities too
Cptn Constant Do you think that can be done? We only have a few hours
Sophie Well we have no other choices Captain, so let's stop talking and start working
Inferno Fox Well said my sweet, now follow me to my secret lab. . .

Scene 3 Royal Palace

(President Sowden and Marcus Deeming stand motionless as AJ paces up and down the office. Thomas Horton-Hell, Reverend Cross, Harrier H and Sam Hammer watch on blankly, void of emotion or independent thought. AJ stops and stands directly in front of her captives looking up at her defenceless prisoners with great pleasure. She strokes their faces with her skeletal fingers, knowing that having control of Marcus Deeming and the President means she now controls the whole of Constantopia)

AJ So old men your end has finally arrived, but for you I'm afraid I will not make it swift or painless. Now sit down next to each other, there's a good couple of lads. Thomas, tie them together
Horton-Hell Yes Mistress

(President Sowden and Marcus Deeming lower themselves, they sit on the floor back to back as Thomas Horton-Hell binds them together with rope. The two men show no resistance having lost their free will. AJ walks and stands over them triumphantly)

AJ I will now lift your trance

(President Sowden and Marcus Deeming shake their heads slowly and open their eyes. It takes them a few minutes to realise where they are. Marcus Deeming has a sudden burst of rage and fights to free himself from his restraints. He is unsuccessful as AJ walks over commandingly and slaps his face to punish his lack of respect. President Sowden looks around to familiarise himself with his surroundings, unfortunately his usually organised office has been turned into a chaotic mess. All his papers, documents and even his favourite novels lay sprawled over his wooden floor as AJ tramples all over them. Harrier H and Sam Hammer watch the two men from the door without blinking or flinching. Reverend Cross is standing at the other side of the office, assisting Thomas Horton-Hell as he expertly takes the video camera apart)

President Sowden What's happening?
M. Deeming Why are we tied up? What are you doing AJ? Did I not give you everything?
AJ Everything? Hell no honey, you *got* everything. Money and power and respect. I got brushed under the carpet and forgotten about. I helped save this pathetic World all those years ago but was never rewarded like Fox and my *darling* Constant was. I was the forgotten soldier and no-one would listen. They're all listening now
M. Deeming I'm so sorry AJ, I didn't realise you felt that way. You should have said
AJ I tried, oh how I tried!
President Sowden What are you going to do?
AJ Well you will watch on TV as I address your people and you will watch as they worship me. I will tell them of the lies you told, how you are not heroes and I will discredit you, robbing you of all your honour and respect
M. Deeming The people won't believe . . .
AJ . . . They'll believe everything I say. I'm in all of their minds and I can alter all their memories in the blink of an eye. You will be a distant memory and your deeds lost forever
President Sowden Captain Constant will stop you
AJ I'm sure he will try, but I'm afraid the love of my life will die protecting the thing he really loves
M. Deeming He loves you
AJ We both know *that's* not true. He loves this City and its pathetic people. I have built an army to stop him! Sam Hammer and Thomas Horton-Hell will kill my lover, you will watch and then on live television young H here will kill you
President Sowden You won't get away with this

AJ How ironic it is too that the one person who could possibly stop me, you have sent to the Island where she'll certainly die. It'd be tragic if it wasn't so funny! Now sit there like good little boys, mama's got some work to do. Reverend, my crowd is waiting. Go and amuse them while I stay here and make sure Thomas gets all the cameras set up properly

(Reverend Cross obediently nods, turns and leaves the room as AJ smirks to herself. She moves purposefully over to observe Thomas Horton-Hell as he continues to work on the cameras)

Scene 4 Basement of Whipps Corps

(Inferno Fox and Sophie Sowden storm through the door back into the basement hide away, carrying a blue mask and Lycra suit. As the door swings open it crashes into the wall causing the lights to flicker and Captain Constant to jump out of his skin. The ladies look particularly pleased with their efforts as Captain Constant points at the new garments unhappily shaking his head. Sophie Sowden hands the Captain his new outfit and he looks at it with disdain as he holds it out in front of himself)

Cptn Constant This is it? It doesn't look like much
Sophie It's light-weight and flexible – made from a unique breathable fibre
Inferno Fox She is trying to say we needed something that wasn't going to slow you down
Cptn Constant Why?
Sophie Because although the suit will stop your mind and body from manipulation only your speed and agility will help you battle Sam Hammer
Cptn Constant Are you sure it will work?
Inferno Fox Have I ever provided you with a piece of equipment that hasn't?
Cptn Constant No ...
Inferno Fox Then don't start doubting me now
Cptn Constant So what's the plan? We need to know where they are
Inferno Fox That shouldn't be too hard
Sophie Not at all. I've tapped into the security cameras at the Palace, they have my father and Marcus there
Cptn Constant Well that's where we'll go first. We also need to stop AJ's broadcasts or we'll soon be fighting the whole City
Sophie I'll stay here and find a way of shutting down her cameras. I won't be any use to you in a fight anyway
Inferno Fox Good plan honey I like it, you'll do great things here when this is all done. Just don't listen to any of her ...
Sophie ... I know, don't listen to her broadcasts otherwise I'll be under her spell too. I'm no fool
Inferno Fox I know my love, in fact you're quite the opposite
Cptn Constant Well good luck Sophie, see you very soon and don't worry I'll save your father I promise
Sophie Thank you Captain, I know you will

Scene 5 City Centre

(The people of the city congregate in a huge well organised mass as ordered. They all look like zombies, more dead than alive, as they wait for their new leader. The main square has been filled with people, all standing in symmetrical lines and rows facing a big red stage with a massive video screen behind it. They move as one and chant as one as they are all under AJ's spell, believing her to be their new ruler. There is an immediate hush as Reverend Cross takes to the giant red stage)

Rev Cross People of Constantopia, I stand here before you a man of God, the creator of life, the universe and of all things. I have led my life by His word, but now I have been given a new calling. My Mistress and ruler of this great nation has called you all here to witness the birth of her new World. We are all her children, following her commands and her ideals in the very same way I used to follow the Lords teachings. She is beautiful, wise and all powerful. Under her guidance we will prosper and we will all join as one – one mind, one soul and one objective to worship the Goddess AJ and all that she stands for. Soon we will be blessed with her presence, but until then let me tell you her story. . . The forgotten heroine of Constantopia . . .

Scene 6 Royal Palace

(Constant Constant dressed in his new Lycra suit and face mask, barges into the office where a brain-washed Harrier H and ten Hooded Monks are holding a gagged President Sowden and Marcus Deeming captive at gun point. Inferno Fox quickly follows the Captain in, as they confront her brainwashed son who walks towards the intruders with great intent. Inferno Fox is shocked to see H's transformation into this lifeless soul and is a little choked up. Captain Constant steps forward over the fallen literature as the armed Hooded Monks move around him)

Cptn Constant H, release them and no harm will come to you
Harrier H You think you can contend with my Mistress the Goddess AJ?
Inferno Fox Goddess??? Wow that mind control gift has certainly heightened her sense of arrogance

Harrier H Silence conspirator, you plan to destroy our ruler. For that you will die! Guards!!!

(The Hooded Monks attack Captain Constant who manages to repeal their first wave. Suddenly Inferno Fox bursts into action and between her and the Captain they are much too quick for the entranced Monks. They defeat them all with ease and turn to face the gun wielding Harrier H who is kneeling next to the President. The President's eyes fill with tears as he is terrified by his impending doom)

Cptn Constant Give it up H, let the President go
Harrier H Don't come any closer or I will blow the President's brains right out of his head

(Harrier H unemotionally presses his gun against the Presidents forehead, who sweats profusely whilst closing his eyes)

Inferno Fox Son please listen to me, listen to my voice, it's your mother don't do this. This is not you, you are not evil
Harrier H I am not your son, we are all children of AJ, the one true Goddess and rightful ruler of this nation
Inferno Fox I am you mother and I won't give you up H! Forgive me for this! Constant now

(Inferno Fox fires a flame from her finger nail and it strikes Harrier H's hand making him drop the gun. Captain Constant pounces and punches Harrier H square on the jaw knocking him out cold. He stands over H's unconscious body and looks apologetically at Inferno Fox, who puffs out her cheeks whilst looking quite relieved)

Cptn Constant I'm sorry Fox, I didn't hit him that hard
Inferno Fox You did what had to be done, now when he comes round he will be free of that demon and he'll be his old self again

(Captain Constant releases a grateful President Sowden and a strangely relaxed Marcus Deeming)

President Sowden Thank you Captain I owe you my life
Cptn Constant And Fox too
President Sowden Never! Why is she out of prison? She should be on her way to the Island
M. Deeming But she *has* just saved your life
President Sowden She is the reason my life was under threat in the first place
Inferno Fox Does that mean our deal is off?
President Sowden Deal? What deal? I never sanctioned any deals
M. Deeming No Mr President, I did
President Sowden You went behind my back? My most trusted advisor, how could you?!
M. Deeming Because you were making a mistake. Fox has done wrong, we all know it, but she is also the only one who can stop this madness, you have to accept her deal
President Sowden I will do no such thing. What have you promised this devil woman?
Cptn Constant That she can live out her days under house arrest, never to mix with civilisation again
M. Deeming That sounds reasonable
Cptn Constant And that H gets a presidential pardon. When this is all finished he'll work for me
President Sowden She gets a lot . . . what do we get?
Cptn Constant Her help in fighting this new evil alliance that has formed around us
M. Deeming Surely Mr President, if we can stop AJ and create peace again, these demands would be a small price to pay?
President Sowden Well I guess she'll still be imprisoned and have lost her freedom. I accept the deal, but no more betrayals Fox – you must succeed
Inferno Fox I always succeed Mr President
Harrier H What happened? Why am I here? Wow, my jaw hurts!
Cptn Constant Good to have you back young H
Inferno Fox I'll explain later son, but we must go now and get the President to safety
Harrier H Why, is he in danger?
Inferno Fox Just grab your guns and follow me

Scene 7 Basement of Whipps Corps

(Sophie Sowden is sitting all alone in the damp, gloomy basement. She is twitching nervously as she waits for news, hoping and praying for her fathers safe return. It is a great frustration to her, being the ambitious Samuel Sowden's daughter as she has never experienced the freedom of other children her age. It has got worse since he became President, as now she also has a security team following her everywhere. Since all the trouble started however she has had her independence for the first time and really enjoyed the adventure she has been on. She doesn't resent her father, its been hard for him having a career in politics and bringing up a young girl all on his own. Sophie sits and stares at the closed metallic door willing it to open. As if by magic the door swings open as Captain Constant and Harrier H lead President Sowden and Marcus Deeming into the dank make shift office, they are

quickly followed by Inferno Fox who slams and locks the door securely behind her. She heads straight to her computer and studies it. Sophie runs straight up to her father beaming with relief at his safe return. He hugs his little girl tightly and cries with joy at seeing her safely hidden away. Captain Constant and Marcus Deeming help Harrier H reset his jaw, H tries to be brave but he is obviously still in a lot of pain. Sophie steps away from her father and turns to the studious Inferno Fox)

Sophie Thank God you're all OK! I've shut off their broadcast signal
Inferno Fox Fantastic work, at least no more civilians will be put under her spell
Sophie Daddy I was so worried
President Sowden I'm fine my dear, no need to worry but I'm really relieved that *you* are safe
Harrier H But seriously, what happened to me?
Sophie I was there, AJ brain-washed you and made you do her bidding
Cptn Constant You were going to shoot the President
Harrier H She *brain-washed* me? I was going to shoot the President? I'm so sorry sir, I wasn't . . .
President Sowden . . . Think nothing of it young man, I know you were acting against your will
M. Deeming Her powers are strong, I felt them too. There is no way to fight them
Harrier H Screw that! I'm sure as hell gonna try, no-one makes me their play thing!
Sophie You can't go H, you're injured and probably concussed. I don't want . . . I mean *we* don't want to lose you again
Harrier H I'm fine, I've had . . .
Inferno Fox . . . No H Sophie is right, your skills will be no match for AJ or Horton-Hell and I won't put you in harms way again
Harrier H You don't think I'm capable
Inferno Fox You know it's not that
Cptn Constant Someone needs to be here to protect the President. If we fail they will surely return to finish their assassination attempts and you will be this nation's last hope
Harrier H That's a load of bull
Sophie Please stay here H, I know I'd feel a lot safer with you about
President Sowden And I have no guards any more. As a favour to your President protect me and my daughter
Harrier H OK, OK, I'll stay here. The rest will probably do me good
President Sowden Thank you young H, your loyalty will be rewarded. Now Captain, you and Fox must go to the City Centre and end this madness

Scene 8 City Centre

(The crowd still stands in highly organised rows, saluting the Reverend Cross who stands looking vacantly into the mass of humanity moving as if one entity. He is joined on stage by AJ who smiles and waves at the entranced crowd as a blank looking Thomas Horton Hell, Sam Hammer and a vast number of Hooded Monks follow closely behind her. The Reverend slowly approaches the microphone as AJ watches her slaves with great satisfaction)

Rev Cross Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, praise be the almighty Goddess AJ

(The crowd salutes and chants her name as AJ takes the microphone and moves to the front of the stage)

AJ Be silent my children! Today is the day that I right some wrongs and expose the great injustice that has plagued this City for many years. For too long now you have heaped praise and glory on fraudulent heroes, men like Captain Constant, former President Marcus Deeming and that devious Inferno Fox. They have all lied to you, they were not your saviours, I am! To prove my power we will watch a live feed and witness the execution of your former leaders. Thomas if you don't mind

(As if being switched on Thomas Horton-Hell comes to life stepping forward and pressing a remote, but nothing happens. They all stare at the gigantic blank screen, AJ looks angrily at Thomas Horton-Hell. She is about to speak when Captain Constant, carrying a shield, and Inferno Fox appear in the crowd)

Cptn Constant There will be no executions today, the President and Marcus Deeming are safe
Inferno Fox But you honey, are certainly *not*
AJ Don't you dare threaten me, I will control you two like I do the rest of my slaves
Inferno Fox No you won't you idiot, you think I'd give you a power I couldn't control? Your mind tricks will have no affect on me
Cptn Constant And this suit I wear will stop you and your beloved Horton-Hell manipulating me too
AJ So be it, Sam Hammer!!! Destroy them

(Sam Hammer strides forward and attacks them with great force, but Inferno Fox and Captain Constant are too quick, they avoid his strikes. As Sam Hammer swings a clubbing right hand Inferno Fox evades the blow and jumps on his back burning his face with her claws. Captain Constant takes his opportunity and attacks the youngsters legs knocking him on his front, holding him still)

Cptn Constant We have him now AJ, surrender
AJ Never! Horton-Hell!!!

(Thomas Horton-Hell stands forward and raises his hands into the air absorbing electricity from the surrounding power cables. Sparks fly everywhere and his hands glow as he points his finger, shooting a bolt of electricity towards Inferno Fox who leaps out of the way. Sam Hammer is now free and throws Captain Constant powerfully into a wall)

Cptn Constant Fox attack Sam, I'll take out Hell
Inferno Fox No worries

(Inferno Fox again attacks the giant Sam Hammer with great speed and aggression, but her strikes have little impact. Thomas Horton-Hell stands on the stage and keeps firing bolts at Captain Constant, who manages to avoid them whilst edging forward through the motionless crowd)

Cptn Constant AJ stop this madness! This is not you, you're better than this
AJ You'd like me to stop, but this is me, it's the real me, the way I was before you robbed me of my independence
Cptn Constant I never stole anything from you
AJ Destroy him

(Thomas Horton-Hell raises his hands again to absorb more electricity, but as he does Captain Constant picks up a rock and throws it at him. The small missile hits Horton-Hell in the eye temporarily blinding him. Captain Constant seizes the opportunity and knocks him to the ground, smashing his shield into the young billionaire's perfect face. The Captain turns and punches Reverend Cross, who falls unconscious to the floor. He looks straight into AJ's remorseless red eyes)

Cptn Constant It doesn't have to be this way, please come with me, I can cure you, we can be together again
AJ You should never take your eyes off your enemy, Captain

(Sam Hammer appears from out of nowhere and grabs Captain Constant in a bear hug, squeezing the life out of him. The Captain struggles for air and looks desperately around for his fiery comrade)

Cptn Constant Fox help me . . .

(Inferno Fox leaps to her feet and flies towards the stage, but is struck in the arm by a bolt of electricity. She tumbles uncontrollably to the floor as Thomas Horton-Hell and the Hooded Monks surrounding her, they are pointing their weapons in her face waiting for orders to execute her. Captain Constant's body goes limp. Inferno Fox fearlessly snarls at the army that surrounds her whilst tending the painful wound in her arm)

AJ The heroes are down, now finish them!

(Suddenly a flash of red comes from the sky above, laser blasts rain down shooting all the Hooded Monks, killing them instantly. Thomas Horton-Hell dives for cover as the now free Inferno Fox speedily follows him into a nearby alley way. The familiar green winged figure of J-Wing appears in the sky and looks straight at AJ)

J-Wing Release the good Captain or you will die
AJ J-Wing!!! What are you *doing* here?
J-Wing Nothing to do with you or your newly acquired mind powers girl. . . Your young friend's strength is truly impressive though, I will be killing him now
AJ Just try space man

(J-Wing flies at great speed straight into Sam Hammer, smashing into his face knocking him back and freeing Captain Constant's lifeless body. J-Wing battles Sam Hammer in the City Centre, they exchange clubbing blows. Inferno Fox appears in the distance still battling with Thomas Horton-Hell, who is desperately firing bolts of electricity at her. She is angry and her skin is burning red as she speedily attacks and retreats. Horton-Hell struggles to compete with her speed and agility. Captain Constant regains consciousness, he clutches his ribs in pain whilst gingerly getting to his feet and is once again face to face with an irate AJ)

Cptn Constant It's over
AJ No its not! Your friends will *still* be defeated, then I'll watch you BURN!!
Cptn Constant What has happened to you? Where did all this anger come from?
AJ YDU! You made me this way! I was made to feel insignificant and weak, but look at me now!

Cptn Constant *Please – stop this*

(J-Wing and Inferno Fox are bringing their individual battles closer to the stage)

J-Wing Captain, you must take her out, she is the key. Disable her brain and her followers will fall
Cptn Constant Disable her brain?
Inferno Fox Knock her blond little ass out . . . hit her Constant, HIT HER!
AJ Yes hit me Constant, hit me. Do as they say, that's the only way to stop me. Hit the woman you love, hit me hard

(Captain Constant aggressively raises his fist, but lowers it again in defeat and closes his eyes dejected)

Cptn Constant I can't strike you whatever you've done, however bad. I can't hurt you
Inferno Fox Screw you Constant and screw her too. Maybe you can't, but I sure as hell can! I'm bringing the fight to you Constant, put your shield up, two o'clock

(Captain Constant quickly reaches for his shield raising it above his head and just in time as it is struck by a powerful bolt of electricity. There is a flash of orange as AJ screams and hits the floor with a crash. She lies unconscious, as Captain Constant turns to see Sam Hammer and Thomas Horton-Hell both lying motionless on the floor too. Inferno Fox casually approaches and gives the remorseful Captain Constant a metallic helmet)

Cptn Constant I'm sorry Fox, I just couldn't do it. Look at her now, so peaceful, there's good in her still I'm sure

(Captain Constant bends down and affectionately strokes her snow white face. The rage and anger has gone. For now she looks like the good, peaceful AJ once more. He carefully touches three burning claw marks that have scarred her cheek)

Inferno Fox I'm sorry Constant, I truly am. I never dreamt things would turn out this badly. You have nothing to be sorry about, sometimes we can't help who we fall in love with
Cptn Constant What's this helmet for?
Inferno Fox Put it on her head quickly before she wakes. It will suppress her mind control and make her powerless
Cptn Constant What then?
Inferno Fox Then you arrest me and stay true to our deal

(Captain Constant gently puts the helmet on an unconscious AJ then cuffs Inferno Fox and leads her away)

Scene 9 By an Armoured Police Van in the City Centre

(Inferno Fox is sitting peacefully in the van, as a group of soldiers lead a shackled AJ, Thomas Horton-Hell and Sam Hammer towards the security vehicle. AJ angrily steps in to the van staring at Inferno Fox with pure hatred. Fox just winks back and chuckles at the blondes new extremely unflattering silver helmet. This makes AJ fume, but she is now powerless and extremely frustrated. Meanwhile a completely baffled Thomas Horton-Hell and Sam Hammer are pushed onto the vehicle behind the two ladies. Captain Constant uncomfortably holds his rib cage, as he stands with an uneasy J-Wing supervising the arrest)

Cptn Constant Thank you old friend – your timing was impeccable
J-Wing It was indeed . . . fortunate, I believe we are now even Captain
Cptn Constant I suppose we are
J-Wing Did I not see that damn Reverend Cross here when I flew in?
Cptn Constant Yes, but yet again he has managed to escape, he is very wily for an old man
J-Wing I'm afraid Captain, the Reverend is the least of your worries. I'm not here on a social visit
Cptn Constant I was afraid you'd say that. What's happened? Is it to do with Dr Dark?
J-Wing I'm afraid it's worse than that. I must speak with your leader. . .

Scene 10 Royal Palace

(President Sowden, Marcus Deeming, Harrier H and Sophie Sowden sit at the round table in the old Throne Room. They all look at each other triumphantly and are in the midst of celebration when Captain Constant and J-Wing enter the office silently. The President watches his heroes approach and stands to applaud their success. The others stand and join in the applause as an embarrassed Captain Constant walks over to the table. J-Wing stands unimpressed and unmoved in the doorway)

President Sowden Congratulations Captain Constant on an amazing victory, you have saved us all once again

Cptn Constant I had a little help
M. Deeming Yes I see. Hello again J-Wing nice to see you
J-Wing And you too Mr Deeming, but I'm afraid your World faces grave danger
President Sowden I don't see how? We have just defeated an allegiance of great power and evil. AJ, Horton-Hell and Sam Hammer will live the rest of their lives on the Island and Inferno Fox is imprisoned in her own little home. We are now at peace once more
J-Wing I'm afraid you do not know what great power is. These villains you fought today are nothing in comparison to what is coming
M. Deeming What *is* coming J-Wing?
J-Wing An army. An invasion from space. I'm afraid it's a war that humanity may not survive
Sophie What do we do?
President Sowden We prepare our troops and I guess we pray
M. Deeming What else do you know?
Cptn Constant Will you fight with us?
J-Wing I am here for you and for the survival of all mankind. Let me tell you what I know . . .

To Be Continued . . . in part 7

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