



THE WHISKEY-WOLFIE THEORY

“THIS IS FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE FROM THE DARK TIMES”

Was the Doctor born or was he loomed? We believe that it's both.

Ten millennia ago, before the Time Lords of Gallifrey detonated the star Qqaba and discovered their source of temporal power, a rebellion – waged by Rassilon and their forebears – sought to push their society into an era of technological reason out of the superstitious magicks of the Pythian seers. Eventually, through force of arms, the Pythia is overcome and the surviving remnants of her order are forced to flee to the planet Karn. However, before she can be captured or killed, she casts herself down into the deepest vale on the planet, cursing the Gallifreyans with total infertility for generations to come.

Out of this great tumult comes the Time of Legend, an Age of Reason and Rationality that will finally give the Gallifreyans the opportunity to rule over their own destiny. The triumvirate that emerges to lead this new society into the future is led by the hero Rassilon, the stellar engineer Omega and a curious being now only known as the Other. Over the centuries, these three establish many of the fundamental sociocultural markers that constitute Gallifreyan modernity. However, as their power increases so does the paranoia and controlling nature of Rassilon. The murder of Omega in the heart of Qqaba's stellar explosion marks perhaps the first overt instance of the founder's narrowing vision. The Other warns him that any action taken against his own people will alienate his fellow compeer. True to his word, when Rassilon orders the systematic extermination of the true-borns, those who were born prior to the creation of the looms, the Other leaves his position in disgust. Tired of his role in this increasingly decadent and autocratic society, he casts himself into the prime distributor of the breeding machines, hoping to introduce a bit of chaos into the tyrannical order of the society he has forsaken. The historical texts that follow his disappearance are revised to reflect a differing fate for Rassilon's oldest friend – one that says his destiny lay in the stars and that he had gone instead to search for it.

Generations pass and eventually so too does the reign of Rassilon. As happened before, there is a rebellion that deposes the autocratic ruler of Gallifrey from power, entombing him alive within the Dark Tower of the Death Zone. He is considered dead by the population at large and mourned, but unbeknownst to even his jailers, he instead enters a state of perpetual stasis. His mind is linked into the Matrix, where he communes with other intelligences as part of a secret intelligentsia that gently guide the ebb and flow of civilisation where they can. Gallifrey undergoes another major upheaval in his

absence with the emergence of figures like Morbius who seek to return their culture to their pioneering days of yore before they began to succumb to dry-rot and stagnate. During this turning point, a small and extraordinary thing occurs. A Gallifreyan explorer from the House of Lungbarrow meets a human time traveller from Earth and they fall in love. Their lives become so intertwined with one another's that they eventually conspire to overcome the curse of Pythia and conceive a child. To that end, they interfere with the engineering of the House's loom by introducing their own biodata into the mix for an upcoming cousin. A figure that would eventually become known as the Doctor.

His mother is forcibly absent during his looming in order to cast off any suspicions regarding genetic abnormalities in the childe. As it happens, he is the only member of the House to have been weaved with a navel and although members of his father's family have their suspicions, they have no means of proving them as of yet. The family kithriarch, Quences, has a special consultation with the Bench of Matricians regarding this newest family member's unusual genetic template and is informed that the Doctor will have a phenomenal impact on the future of their society. He schemes to give the boy everything he requires to get into the highest offices of the planet, but he finds that one of his other cousins and his human paramour have been increasingly focussed on him. Perhaps, he thinks, they intend to draw him into their medieval lifestyle of wandering the stars. The jealousies of favouritism, coupled with an increasing sense of xenophobia developing in Gallifreyan culture, eventually force the Doctor's parents out. The last he sees his mother is at their summer house on another world in Kasterborous and his father leaves him in the care of his fellow Lungbarrowvians to provide the home and security they never could. Like most children, the early memories begin to fade and soon he was left with his life on his father's homeworld in the House, supposedly in perpetuity.

The memories of his broader heritage will disappear due to circumstances in his first incarnation before being rediscovered over half a dozen lifetimes later...

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