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Why isn't Doctor Who a vegan?

Contributors name:

Dr Who

Hello. Are you a Silurian? Unless you Silurians tell us what you want, the humans will destroy you!

Twice, we offered the hand of friendship to these ape-descended primitives. And twice we were treacherously attacked. It will not happen again.

1970, John Pertwee is the dashing new Doctor. The show's broadcast in colour for the first time. And we meet the Silurians. Created by writer Malcolm Hulke, the Silurians were the planet's dominant species until their scientist slipped up big time. They predicted a tiny planet would smash into Earth.

So they buried themselves away and went into hibernation, intending to sleep until the whole thing blew over. But that planet was the moon! It slips into orbit. The smash never happened. But humanity did. When one branch of Silurians was woken up by some nearby industrial work, they weren't happy.

Ahem-- I'm sorry to burst in on you like this.

Did you enter our base?

To be fair, some of their race wanted peace with mankind.

Shall I just destroy him?

No. Take him to the cages.

Others, not so much.

Have you seen the humans yet? Have you spoken to them?

I have destroyed them. And now I shall destroy you.

[CLANG]

The old leader of the pack was killed by the new leader, who promptly released the virus. And this happened. The Doctor created an antidote. Hurrah! Tried to broker a peace-- Hurrah!

Splendid.

But this went off.

[EXPLOSION]

Boom.

The Brigadier, he's blown up the Silurian base.

These guys are the Sea Devils, marine cousins of the Silurians. And in "Warriors of the Deep," the two species joined forces in an attempt to destroy mankind, again.

And these human beings will die as they have lived, in a sea of their own blood.

Fast forward to 2010, and the Silurians returned, bit of a make-over.

You are beautiful.

Steady! But same old Silurians, some wanting peace, others, not so much.

The fire of war is already lit. A massacre is due.

And if Alaya looks familiar, that's because she was played by Neve McIntosh who later returned as an ally of the Doctor's. Madame Vastra, her wife Jenny, and Strax, collectively known as the Paternoster Gang, confirmed favorites, and have appeared many times since their debut in "A Good Man Goes to War."

It's interesting to see how the Silurians have gone from murderous monsters with genocide on their minds to a sympathetic species, and even sticking by the Doctor when he withdrew from his adventures during a stay in Victorian London.

He was different once, a hero even, a savior of worlds.

And when he regenerated into the Twelfth Doctor, it was Vastra who took the whole thing in her stride, uniting Time Lord, humans, Sontaran, and Silurian. Therefore, old friend, as all of them face the new future together.

That's the Doctor.

Well then, here we go again.

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