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A Thousand Tiny Wings (Doctor Who)





Synopsis

1950s Kenya. The Mau Mau uprising. A disparate group of women lie low in a remote house in the jungle, waiting for a resolution or for rescue. Among these British imperialists is Elizabeth Klein, a refugeee from a timeline that no longer exists - thanks to the Doctor.

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Customer Reviews

An excellent 1st part of three of the 7th Doctor with Klein from Colditz. Recommended.

The Doctor appears in Kenya during the Mau Mau revolution and comes across a farmhouse where four women are holed up hiding from the rebels. One of them is a former Nazi scientist named Dr. Elizabeth Klein who remembers a world where the Nazis won the War and wants to change history back. But right now, she and the Doctor have to deal of a odd creature and a series of alien deaths. The highlight of the story is the interaction between between the Doctor and Klein. It's amazing how they are continually bouncing between their ideological and personal enmity and scientific and strategic cooperation to uncover the mystery of the strange deaths. It's an odd sort of chemistry that works wonderfully. The Doctor's decision to have Klein travel with him is stunning but definitely intriguing. The plot itself is engaging, with a few good twists and concepts along the way. The acting by most of the supporting characters was good, though some of the characters are rather flat which given the number of characters "on stage" poses a small problem. Sylvia O'Donnell is almost too much of a stereotype and while her turn at the end is good, it could have used a little

more build up so it seemed less sudden. While most reviewers think this requires Coldlitz, I heard it without having listened to that play first and had no trouble following it. This is incredibly entertaining and highly recommended.

When it first came out years ago the 7th Doctor adventure Colditz (Doctor Who)Â was best remembered for the first of two appearances of David Tennant in the Big Finish Dr. Who line before he became the 10th doctor. (The second being Medicinal Purposes (Doctor Who)). However the most interesting character in that story was Elizabeth Klein the Nazi from the future who had possession of the Doctor's TARDIS. A thousand Tiny wings brings back the character not as a villain to defeat but as ... a companion!Tracy Childs absolutely shines in her return to the role and Sylvester McCoy's 7th Doctor plays off of her splendidly to make A Thousand Tiny wings the beginning of something special. With the Background of the Mau Mau uprising the Doctor finds himself in Africa finding the woman who is adrift from her own timeline, a timeline where Germany won WW II thanks to the Doctor and Ace's inadvertent actions at Colditz. This time there is no paradox to resolve, simply a disease that threatens to kill a group of English, that is if the Mau Mau don't get to them first. It is a real treat to see how these characters interact, (the supporting cast is strong too) and the idea of the Doctor traveling with someone that he not only can't trust but he knows is actively looking to regain use of the Tardis to subvert (or correct from her point of view) time give the series an awful lot of potential. And if that wasn't enough the Penultimate episode of The Three Companions gives you yet another reason to buy. The quality of the story and the acting makes up for the additional wait for the resolution of Hex's situation The Angel of Scutari (Doctor Who)Â for at least another year. This is the 7th Doctor at his best.

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