

Suitable cuts from
Episode 16

TELESTRIP: Dogtor
Elvis
contents of bag
as described

Dogtor
Plane

CUT TO Dogtor (still Telestrip)

Elvis

Dogtor

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Dogtor

Hilltop Hospital
Sister

Hospital--patients

CUT TO Dogtor(Telestrip)

Recapitulation

Elvis Eagle, the bodgie bird, found the Flying Dogtor lying unconscious on the bank of a river after his frightening trip down an underground tunnel. Meanwhile, back at the Dogtor's base - the Hilltop Hospital - his nurse, Sister Spaniel, was having a terrible time trying to cope, in the absence, with a strange disease that had attacked the bush creatures. Little did she know what awful adventures had befallen -
(singing) The Flying Dogtor

The Flying Dogtor lay as still as a log. Elvis Eagle sat by him on the bank of the river and swept up all the odds and ends that had spilled from the Dogtor's little black bag when he landed on the river bank: stethoscope and spoon, little bottles of medicine and boxes of pills and tubes of ointment, bandages and sticky tapes, and various other scientific looking things that Elvis could not name.

Still the Dogtor did not move. But then there came again the voice from the plane which was parked nearby ... Faintly ..

(Crackle, static)

"Calling Flying Dogtor. Calling Flying Dogtor..." And all at once the Dogtor sat bolt upright, eyes wide and alert.

"Where am I?" he asked.

Elvis was astounded. "Good on you, Dog!" he cheered. "I knew you'd be sweet. Hot dog, and whacko mate."

"Elvis Eagle," said the Dogtor. "What a surprise. It seems you have saved my life. I am indebted..."

"... Calling Flying Dogtor. Come in, Flying Dogtor."

Cutting short his thanks to Elvis, the Dogtor ran to the plane radio.

"Flying Dogtor replying," he said briskly.

"What is it? Over."

Back at the Hilltop Hospital his faithful nurse, Sister Spaniel, nearly dropped the microphone in her relief. She gasped out the story of her trouble: explaining that she had a whole hospital full of patients and needed him badly.

"Check," said the Dogtor efficiently. "Hold the fort. I'm coming. Roger; over; and out."

Plane in air

And so the Flying Dogtor thanked Elvis Eagle again, waved goodbye, and took to the air once more in his trusty plane - headed for base: his famous Hilltop Hospital.

Engine hum

Sister

While he was flying he kept radio communication with Sister Spaniel and she told him the details of her troubles: how scores of bush people had come to her one after the other, all with the same trouble.

patients

They had spots on their faces, itchy spots, all of which appeared suddenly last night.

Sister

"I was frightened, Dogtor," she added. "It looked like an epi-, epicure - episode - you know..."

CUT TO Dogtor

"Epidemic," said the Dogtor scientifically.

Yes (he thought) it sounds serious.

Plane landed

He put the plane down in his private aerodrome and hurried to the hospital. He made his way through

Hospital

dozens of patients waiting on the verandah and in

Patients

the corridors, and found Sister Spaniel in the

Sister

surgery, squeezing out the last tube of white ointment on to the spots of a worried wallaby.

Wallaby

Now the Flying Dogtor went to work, calling on all

Dogtor

his scientific knowledge and resources of his private laboratory, thumbing through his medical

Laboratory

encyclopaedias and the latest issues of the AMA

journal, testing in test tubes, boiling over bunsens,

licking at litmus paper. He worked on through the afternoon and into the night.

Sister

In the hospital ward Sister Spaniel had almost given up hope.

Even if the Dogtor finds out what is causing the spots, she thought, what can we do? I've used up

Empty cupboards

the last of the bandages, and the last of the ointment, and I've only three inches of sticky-tape

and one orange-flavored aspirin left. And we've no money to buy more. And still there are

hundreds of spots to be cured.

Patients

Sister Spaniel's big eyes filled with tears.

Sister

VOICE OVER END TITLE:

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Will the Flying Dogtor find a scientific cure in time? And even if he does, what will they use for money to cure the bush epidemic? See the answers - and the start of a new adventure - in the next episode of -

(singing) The Flying Dogtor