

Recapitulation:

The Dogtor was called to Canberra by Sir Thomas Persian, the Minister of Fishery, to help with a serious problem at the Snowy Mountains. The mighty electric scheme there was being invaded by a monster. This the Minister explained to -

(singing) The Flying Dogtor

He rose

~~He~~ slowly ~~rose~~ from his chair, stretched, and took

~~Sir Thomas~~ showed the Flying Dogtor <sup>over to</sup> a model of the whole Snowy Mountains scheme, pointing out the rivers and the new artificial lakes and the underground tunnels where scientific machinery made electricity out of the rushing water. Then he pointed to the big lake in the middle.

"Here," he said, "Is where the trouble started."

A few weeks ago, (he explained), someone driving past one moonlit night saw something strange moving across the centre of the lake.

It looked <sup>to him</sup> like a sea serpent. He made a drawing of what he saw, but it was of course, too dark to take a photograph. So no-one

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~~but~~ ~~no one~~ believed him when he told them afterwards.

But later, <sup>however,</sup> <sup>also</sup> early one morning, an engineer going to work at the Snowy <sup>also</sup> saw what looked like a large sea serpent. He tried to take a picture, but by the time he had his camera out, all that was left to photograph was the serpent's tail as it dived under. When he

"Then the newspapers got hold of the story," said Sir Thomas. Look at these headlines. Reports came in from many different people.

Then the scariest thing of all happened. Someone saw the serpent for a moment in a branch of one of the tunnels, near the big machinery.

"We've called for your help, Dogtor," said Sir Thomas, because this serpent could destroy the whole Snowy Scheme, and we rely on your <sup>great</sup> vast scientific knowledge of animal life to tell us what to do."

MUSIC

Sir Thomas called his secretary and his chauffeur and asked for the ministerial car to be brought to the door. He packed a thermos of warm milk into a picnic basket,

picture was developed all it showed above the water was a little black thing that might have been a stick.

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and then they all <sup>went</sup> drove off in the big black car to look at the lake.

*cut* (CAR MOTOR, THEN UNDER)

*on a winding road through thick gum-trees*

They drove <sup>^</sup> through the country while Sir Thomas poured out milk for everyone, and presently they came to the edge of the lake, and stopped.

*cut* (CAR MOTOR STOP - MUSIC)

The Flying Dogtor looked, but all he could see was smooth, blue, calm water.

"You sometimes have to wait a long time before the serpent shows himself," said Sir Thomas, and he pulled out a travelling rug and curled up comfortably for a nice little nap in the back seat.

*cut* (MUSIC)

*kept looking*  
The Dogtor <sup>^</sup> looked for a long time, his eyes searching the wide expanse of water. He could see nothing but a pleasure boat or two.

And then ...

The Flying Dogtor could not believe his eyes. For he thought he saw something moving under the surface of the water, far away near the other side, with loops breaking the surface of the water at intervals - loops that seemed to have fins on the back ... but it was so far away, he could not be sure, and from the beginning to the end whatever it was must have been at least as long as a house.

"I must be dreaming," said the Dogtor to himself "There's never been an animal as big as that in Australia.

But as he looked it disappeared below the surface.

The Minister opened his eyes. "You've seen it?" he said. "Then no doubt you'd like to see it closer?" And he told his chauffeur to drive down to the lakeside.

They stopped by a shiny new blue submarine.

"There!" he said to the Dogtor. "Er - you wont mind if I don't come with you, will you? Water gives me the creeps."

*B* And so the Flying Dogtor boarded the submarine alone, to investigate the secret of the lake.

*↓* (singing) The Flying Dogtor

VOICE OVER END TITLE

What will the Dogtor find below the surface, in the depths of the mysterious lake. Be with him on his secret submarine ride in the next episode of -

(singing) The Flying Dogtor