

Recapitulation:

The Dogtor was called to the Snowy Mountains Scheme by the Government to help solve the mystery of a monster, or sea serpent, that was wandering the lakes and tunnels. Several times the Dogtor caught a glimpse of a monster, but every time it got away before he could see it properly or speak to it. Then he came to a weird-looking lookout on the edge of the lake, and paid his sixpence to climb to the platform for a look through a telescope.

(singing) The Flying Dogtor

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The Dogtor climbed to the top of the strange lookout tower, dodging cobwebs as he went. On the platform at the top he found an old telescope, and he looked into it, swinging it round the view of the lake. All he could see was the smooth blue water, with a fishing boat or two in the distance, and an occasional outboard whizzing past.

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SPEEDBOAT FAINT, UP & FADE

He The Dogtor searched the water for a sign of a serpent. Another speedboat passed.

OUT

REPEAT SPEEDBOAT

The Dogtor kept looking, but something was worrying him. Of course! The driver of that last speedboat! Somehow he seemed familiar that snakey look. The Dogtor swung the telescope after the boat, but all he could see now was the white spray behind it.

But he was certain now that the driver had been none other than Crafty Carson Carpetbag. So the Dogtor resumed watching the water and some time later ~~suddenly~~ <sup>abruptly</sup> he straightened up and stared harder. For he saw a great loop of shiny black skin rising out of the water. Then another loop and another and they seemed to have come out of a black hole in the side of the bank, almost overgrown by bushes.

"Humm," mused the Flying Dogtor. "There's something familiar about those loops. Can it be Crafty in disguise?"

He left the platform, hurried down the ladder and over to the shore. He was able to get a closer look at the end of the serpent's tail before it disappeared under water. Was it real, or was it

Sneaky snake who, with his awful friend Old Man Redback Spider, had been the enemy of the Flying Dogtor in many past adventures.

Crafty? The Dogtor could not be certain. But now he had an idea how he could find out. *He hurried to*

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Next day, after further investigations, the Flying Dogtor was back in the office of Sir Thomas Persian, the Minister of Fishery.

"Sir Thomas," the Dogtor said, "I believe I may have solved the secret of your lake. But I need your help to prove it."

"Anything, my dear Dogtor!" said Sir Thomas.

So the Dogtor asked for a number of things: a team of fishermen, the biggest fishing net they could find, two fast fishing boats, an enormous canvas bag. *And*

*BVT* MUSIC

Later that afternoon all these things were made ready at the side of the lake, waiting for the Flying Dogtor's orders.

The Dogtor described his plan to Sir Thomas Persian by drawing on a map.

Each fishing boat *(he explained)* would take one end of the fishing net and drag it across the lake. The Dogtor would direct them from the air. They would drive the Serpent back into the hole in the side of the bank. *AA*

This hole connected with the opening in the roof of the tunnel which the Dogtor had found, and the enormous canvas bag was now <sup>being</sup> placed over the opening, so that the Serpent would fall into it and be trapped. Then the Dogtor could examine the monster. Sir Thomas was pleased. "Splendid," he said.

"Do call me when it's all over."

*BVT* MUSIC DISSOLVE TO DOGTOR'S PLANE

The Flying Dogtor flew over the lake, back and forth, searching the water, and at last he saw, deep under the rippled surface, the long wavy form of the giant serpent. He radioed to the fishermen, who pulled their net slowly around. "Gently!" the Dogtor almost whispered into the radio. "If we frighten it, it may do anything!"

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VOICE OVER END TITLE:

Will the Dogtor's plan succeed in catching the serpent? And what is the mystery behind this strange monster of the lake? Don't miss the exciting new developments in the next episode of -

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