

**THE QUICK UPSHOT:** The revolution begins! Or so you’d think. Johan gets to New York to meet up with the Latverian Resistance, who turn out to be—you guessed it—spies for Doc Doom. The “real” resistance, back across the pond, enlists Spider-Man’s help to take down Doctor Doom once and for all. But everything just peters out (pardon the pun) with a pathetic whimper.

### **THE HIGH-END COMMENTS**

- Hitting the gypsy angle pretty hard here. That’s canonical Doc Doom stuff, anyway.
- Is the way that the gypsies are drawn racist?
- Just realizing in this episode how close in time this show is to the original Battlestar Galactica, and how Doom’s pink robots are basically Very Pretty Cylons.
- This was the first Doom ep that didn’t feel very well thought out. The end of the previous one led straight into the opening 5 minutes of this episode, but from there, it stopped making much sense:
  - the “testimony” of one Latverian citizen to bring down a dictator? Unlikely. But still,
  - ... why would the UN need ANY more evidence if they wanted to “go to war” or whatever you want to say with DD? What about all the things he’s done before this?
  - Given that the fake resistance was fake, it seems like a lot of useless travel to send Johan all the way to NYC just to head right back.
- The way I see it, this one was written with just a couple very high-point ideas:
  - Latverians in New York
  - Spider-Man leave New York to help them beat Doom on his own turf
- ... and the methods that they employed to tie those elements together were just not considered very carefully.
- This one would not be as disappointing if the previous installments in the Doom thread weren’t so good.

### **THE TIME-CODED ITEMS**

1:20 – Johan on the run! In the Savage Land? Probably not.  
2:40 – the dungeons for Boris!  
4:18 – One violin, making the sounds of a majestic string quartet.  
5:00 – well, don’t trust these people. Watch out, Johan.  
6:20 – How does JJJ STILL have such a hard on for Doom?  
7:05 – the beep-boop-bop music, for a reel-to-reel tape recorder!  
10:30 – EVERYONE ELSE BUT THE BUGLE IS FAKE NEWS!! FAKE NEWS!  
11:50 – the Latverian code names are just... not subtle at all.  
13:20 – “tesla coil” must be Latverian for “incredible electronic thing that does whatever I want”  
18:00 – this is really feeling like the first half of a two-parter, but I know that’s just not how it’ll shake out. :(  
22:00 – yep, everything is “back to normal.” Like, all the way back, as in, it was pointless to even tell this story. Literally nothing has changed.