



**GODS
OF
GEEKDOM**

VERITY LAMBERT

If you recognize the name *Verity Lambert*, then congratulations. Verity ranks an astounding 30 on the geek scale, and it looks like you will score very well on the final geekism tally. It is an open question what such an “accomplishment” portends for the likelihood of any future intimate interactions with humans, but hey, you can always adopt stray cats and win their undying respect by telling them that you know the name of the very first producer of *Dr. Who*.

Actually, there’s a bit more to Verity’s story than that. You see, she made it happen. She pushed it past several

setbacks, including a disastrous misfortune of having the first episode get almost zero audience because it premiered on the night that Kennedy was shot. She fought for the series, took charge of it, and played hardball at a time when it was unusual for women to have any role behind the camera. And furthermore, she did all that within the bureaucratic nightmare known as the BBC. *Dr. Who* would become the longest-running science fiction series in television history, and Verity would become a knight or a dame or one of those other British things or something.