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I'll have to go back and watch the episode again. I recall that the Master refused to regenerate (implying that he could in fact do so) but he preferred "ultimate death" rather than be a prisoner again. The female hand that grabbed the ring did in fact have red fingernail polish but I can't come up with a reason that's important.

As to it being the Rani, I know that there was mention of it, per the Wiki excerpt below:

"Russell T. Davies jokingly refers to it as "the hand of the Rani", and also states that they will not be picking up on that scene next year ? he just put it in there to give any future production teams something to use if they want to bring back the Master. In Doctor Who Magazine, Davies explains that he "didn't know the Rani was that well known" and that the hand was not actually intended to represent the Rani."

Getting back to the issue of only a couple more regenerations for the Doctor, I end up recapping how the Master got around this... there's still some explaining to do, in my opinion:

**Master Timeline**

The first master was the Roger Delgado version. We never saw if there were any regenerations of this version, but we saw him in two Tom Baker episodes as a shriveled up rotting skeleton kind of thing. This was said to be his final body... but he managed to hijack Tremas's body on Traken (played by Anthony Ainley). We never really saw how long this version of the Master lasted, because in the 1996 movie (which has now been established as canon) it was said that the Master had reached the end of his incarnations (yeah, right) and his final body had been "exterminated" on Skaro. But then he survived as a green blob that possessed Eric Roberts. The last we saw of him, he fell into the Eye of Harmony (that somehow became part of the TARDIS and not at the center of Gallifrey, which is another story...).

So I would like to know how we went from the human body of Eric Roberts to Professor Yana, who then regenerates into "Mister Saxon" which cleverly is an anagram of "Master No. Six".

And if we can get a new set of bodies for the Master, can we do it for the Doctor when the time comes?

It's all so **damn complicated...**