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Season One

Countdown

Season 1

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Summary: Unsettling events put a group of brilliant friends on edge as a mystery unravels with origins tracing back to China during the Cultural Revolution.



An unruly crowd gathers at Tsinghua University in Beijing in 1966. Before them, on a makeshift stage, professors are brought out by uniformed Red Guard soldiers and subjected to the crowd's judgment. The Red Guard brings out Ye Zhentai, a professor of physics. His daughter, Ye Wenjie, despondently watches from the crowd.

Ye Zhentai is questioned about whether or not he taught the theory of relativity. He confirms he did. Members of the Red Guard declare relativity is "fake news," citing Einstein's assistance to the Americans with the development of the atomic

bomb. Ye Zhentai's wife, Shao Lin, is brought to the stage. She denounces Ye Zhentai's teachings, stating that she wishes to stand on the side of the people.

Ye Zhentai is told to bow his head. When he hesitates, a Red Guard hits him with a belt. Shao Lin accuses Ye Zhentai of teaching the Big Bang. Ye Zhentain maintains that this is the most plausible origin of the universe. Shao Lin states that the theory leaves space for god and must be illegitimate.

The crowd chants "Down with Ye Zhentai" and "Down with academic authorities." The music grows increasingly ominous. Four of the Red Guards on stage begin to beat Ye Zhentai with belts. Ye Zhentai cries out. Eventually, the beating results in his death. The Red Guards stop their beating. The crowd grows quiet, and the music subsides. In the crowd, Ye Wenjie collapses. After the crowd disperses, Ye Wenjie crouches beside her father's corpse on the stage. She places his pipe in his hand. She is approached by several Red Guards, who address her by name.

London, 2024. A police car joins multiple other emergency vehicles at a crime scene in a suburban neighborhood. Da Shi has arrived on the scene. As he enters the house's living room, an associate informs Da Shi that Scotland Yard has been helpful for a change. Inside, the walls are covered in a series of numbers that form a countdown written in blood. The victim is Doctor Sadiq Mohammed, born in Karachi. He studied cosmology and theoretical physics at M.I.T. The associate states, "A strange suicide note." Da Shi notes, "Another countdown."

Mohammed was a favorite for the Nobel Prize in Physics. The countdown culminates in the legend, "I STILL SEE IT." Mohammed had no history of mental illness nor any previous suicide attempts. Da Shi approaches the corpse, which holds a bloody knife in its hand. The late Mohammed used the knife to gouge out his own eyes.

Meanwhile, at the Oxford University Particle Accelerator, Vera Ye approaches Saul Durand. Saul says he's there so late because he's hopeful he'll experience a revelation. He states that the results of their experiments suggest every physics theory of the last 60 years has been inaccurate.

Vera asks Saul if he believes in god. Saul asks if that's what it's come to but confirms that he does not. He says that while their results defy all known laws of physics, he does not believe it is an argument for god. Vera asks him what's left. She leaves his office and enters a room with a fall into water. She throws herself in.

Elsewhere, Jin Cheng and Auggie Salazar are drinking beers and shots at a karaoke bar. Auggie says their bar may have turned to sh*t. A man, Rufus, approaches and attempts to pick them up. He's intimidated by both Auggie's work (designing "self-assembling, synthetic polymer nanofibers") and Jin's (senior researcher at Imperial College's Theoretical Physics group, studying the results of experiments from particle accelerators around the world). The man flees.

Jin tells Auggie that about a month ago, the world's particle accelerators began generating nonsensical results. Before Jin and Auggie leave, Auggie notices the karaoke lyric screen flickering strangely.

Outside, Jin shows Auggie the same particle accelerator results that baffled Saul in the previous scene. Auggie suggests a few possible explanations, like a defect in the programming or a problem with the hardware. Jin confirms that they've already looked into these possibilities. According to Jin, Saul says these results are impossible. Jin says the experiments reveal how the world works, but now they show Alice in Wonderland. Auggie receives a cell phone call from Saul. She states she attempted to invite him to join them at the bar multiple times, but he wouldn't even text her back.

As Auggie looks at the phone, she sees the same visual disturbance she previously saw on the karaoke screen. Auggie sends the call to voicemail. Jin accuses them of being 14-year-olds.

Next, Saul calls Jin. Auggie instructs her to take the call, and she does. After Jin excuses herself, Auggie stops Rufus as he exits the bar to smoke himself. Auggie asks Rufus if he can see the visual disturbance now appearing in thin air. He clearly cannot. The disturbance begins to resolve itself into a countdown. But that's when Jin returns. She informs Auggie that Saul told her Vera killed herself.

Meanwhile, Da Shi crosses Vera off his "conspiracy board," including Mohammed. He smokes a cigarette and examines another picture on the board: Saul. Also on the board are Jin, Auggie, Will Downing, and Jack Rooney. Rooney is noted to be an "Oxford dropout" and the owner of "Jack's Snacks," valued at £90 million.

Will and Jack stand beside each other as they look in the mirror and prepare to attend Vera's funeral. Jack asks if Will's excited to see Jin. Will says he's distracted by Vera's death.

Outside the funeral, Jin is comforted by her boyfriend, Raj Varma. Saul arrives. After introducing Raj, Jin fixes Saul's tie for him. Meanwhile, Auggie is riding on a train. She is increasingly unsettled by the countdown, which now appears to her more frequently and clearly.

Inside the funeral, Jin tells an older Ye Wenjie she's sorry for her loss and assures her that they all loved her daughter very much.

Auggie arrives and is greeted by Saul, Jin and Raj. Auggie says there's no apparent cause for the countdown. Jin asks if it's still happening, and Auggie confirms it's always happening. As the funeral rituals begin, Auggie continues to see the countdown.

Outside the funeral, Da Shi takes photographs of the exiting attendees from his car across the seat. This includes an older white man in a hat, who gets into an SUV with tinted windows and drives away. Da Shi follows the car to a field, where the man gets into a black helicopter labeled "Evans Energy." The helicopter takes off and flies away as Da Shi watches.

At a restaurant, Saul, Auggie, Will, Jin and Jack — the Oxford Five — and also Raj gather to discuss Vera's suicide. Saul relays the "do you believe in god" question. Saul reveals the accelerator had lost funding. The others agree this isn't an apt motivation for suicide. Then, he says the academics will be coming to him and Auggie for loans in a few years. But Auggie is too distracted to keep up with the conversation.

Auggie excuses herself for a cigarette. Outside, she's approached by Tatiana, who offers her a light. Auggie can still see the countdown. Tatiana tells Auggie it's not easy being a person in "this f**ked world." She asks Auggie how far the countdown has got.

Tatiana now has Auggie's attention. She tells Auggie she can stop the countdown by stopping her work. Once the lab has been shut down, the countdown will stop. She urges Auggie to go outside and look at the stars exactly at midnight.

Before leaving, Tatiana tells Auggie she shouldn't let the countdown get to zero. Then, Tatiana walks away, leaving behind a cigarette package containing a "Toasty-o-Sters" cipher wheel. Her countdown reads, "01:15:35:27."

Inner Mongolia, China, 1967. Heavy deforestation is underway. Young Ye Wenjie is one of many individuals charged with cutting down the trees and preparing them to be hauled away. As she examines a stump, a man approaches and asks how old the tree was. Ye Wenjie tells him it was between 300 and 400 years old. The man says Ye Wenjie must have considered the consequences of this destruction. Ye Wenjie tells him she has nothing to say to the Great Production News.

The man, Bai Mulin, assures her he is not asking on behalf of the paper but only himself. An alarm sounds from the satellite dish atop a nearby mountain. Bai states that he has heard soldiers who work near the dish lose their hair and that the dish's operation affects the weather. He takes out a book and passes it to Ye Wenjie: *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson.

Bai tells her that the book explains how "people are poisoning the world." Bai urges her to keep it if she wants to, but he warns her to keep it from everyone else. At night, Ye Wenjie reads the book.

She and Bai continue to spend time together. As the seasons change, they are shown holding hands. Ye Wenjie sneaks into Bai's tent, and they have sex. Later, Ye Wenjie takes in piles of chopped wood. But then she discovers someone has taken her hidden copy of *Silent Spring* from beneath her bunk.

In the wake of the revelation of the book's disappearance, Ye Wenjie is cornered by soldiers. They confront her about her copy of *Silent Spring*. The guards ask how she obtained an English language book, which they characterize as propaganda. Ye Wenjie lies and states that she does not recall. The soldiers load Ye Wenjie into a truck and take her away.

In prison, Ye Wenjie is approached by Teng Lihua of the Intermediate People's Court. Teng starts off by playing "good cop." She tells the guard to fetch coal for the frozen stove. Teng tells Ye Wenjie that thanks to her parentage, she is irredeemable. However, Teng says she doesn't see it that way, citing Ye Wenjie's accomplishments as a scholar. She offers Ye Wenjie the opportunity to be reinstated in the Construction Corps. All she needs to do is sign a paper and take a political re-education class.

Ye Wenjie asks to read the paper. Teng says Ye Wenjie can trust her. Ye Wenjie takes the paper and begins to read it anyway. She says her father is dead. But Teng says others still work in the field, spreading dangerous ideas, and they lack evidence against them. Ye Wenjie says she never saw any of these people with her father. Teng assures her the information is accurate. Ye Wenjie's mother has already signed.

Ye Wenjie states that she cannot sign and cannot testify. Teng warns her that she will be prosecuted by the Military Control Commission. Nevertheless, Ye Wenjie refuses to sign or testify. Teng gestures for the guard to take the papers away. Then, she dumps the bucket of water over Ye Wenjie's head and leaves her shivering in the cell.

Eventually, Ye Wenjie awakens in a strange place. Soldiers surround her. She's lying down in the back of a military truck. The truck's destination is the large satellite dish: Red Coast Base. She's greeted by Lei Zhicheng, Red Coast Base's Political Commissar, and Yang Weining, the base's Chief Engineer.

Yang asks Ye Wenjie if she's the author of the paper "The Possible Existence of Phase Boundaries within the Solar Radiation Zone and Their Reflective Characteristics." Ye Wenjie affirms that she is. Lei tells her they need her specific talents. However, if she agrees, she will never again be permitted to leave the base. Ye Wenjie agrees to the terms.

In 2024, at "The Black Palace," headquarters of the Strategic Intelligence Agency in London, Da Shi continues working on his conspiracy board. He receives a call from an unidentified voice. It's Thomas Wade, the "charismatic leader of the world's most elite intelligence operation." Wade asks about the Oxford Five and Evans.

Da Shi states that Evans has been out of the public eye since taking over his father's oil company 42 years earlier. Wade asks where he went after the funeral. Da Shi says his helicopter was lost over the Atlantic due to a technical failure with the satellite. Wade states that his satellites don't fail. Next, he asks about "that shiny bicycle helmet" from Tehran. Da Shi states that whatever it is, they can't get their hands on one.

Wade asks if the incident in Tehran is another suicide. Da Shi says Iranian officials haven't been helpful. Wade notes that Scotland Yard, MI5 and OSCT have fired Da Shi. Da Shi says he's got a knack for failing upwards.

Elsewhere, Ye Wenjie and Jin light candles together. Ye Wenjie tells Jin to take Vera's bust of Einstein, sticking his tongue out and telling her that her late daughter would want her to have it. Jin expresses her confusion at Vera's suicide.

However, Ye Wenjie reveals Vera had been spending a lot of time playing a video game. Ye Wenjie picks up the same "shiny bicycle helmet" we saw a photo of in the previous scene. Jin asks if there's more to the game, and Ye Wenjie says that's it. She assents to Jin taking the helmet. Before leaving, Jin sees a picture of young Ye Wenjie when she was at Red Coast Base.

In the past, Ye Wenjie begins her work at Red Coast Base. She takes in the equipment in the control room. Ye Wenjie asks if they're testing missiles. She is led outside. After a countdown, a high-pitched sound indicates the satellite dish has been brought online. This causes flocks of birds to rise from the valley below and fly towards the dish. They fall down dead before the dish.

In 2024, Jin takes the helmet out of the box of Vera's belongings. She puts it on and is immediately transported to a virtual world. She's in a desert. "Level 1" appears in text and is spoken aloud. Jin realizes she is wearing historical clothing. As she watches, a sun rises behind the ziggurat. Sand begins to be blown in the wind, and the weather quickly grows dire. Under her feet, a dehydrated figure appears. The figure opens its eyes. This causes Jin to quickly remove her helmet in fear.

Meanwhile, Da Shi tells his assistant they need one of those helmets. He further tells his assistant that "anything strange happening to scientists is relevant" and to keep him apprised of such things. Da Shi tells his assistant that Wade and, by extension, world governments decide what they research.

Elsewhere in London, Auggie and Saul are walking outside. Auggie recalls Tatiana's words. She shows the decoder to Saul. She tells Saul he's her control group. Then, she thanks Saul for being there. Saul says the decoder isn't Morse Code. Auggie tells him to shut up, as there's two minutes to midnight.

In the past, Ye Wenjie is called into a meeting at Red Coast Base. She learns not everyone there is on board with what's being accomplished by the Red Coast project. Lei says Yang has convinced him that Ye Wenjie should be informed of the project's true nature. In 2024, midnight arrives, and Auggie and Saul continue looking skyward.

Next, Ye Wenjie states the function of the dish does not comport with weaponry — its purpose is communication. In 2024, the stars begin winking like someone is flicking them on and off. Saul realizes the blinking is a code. He turns to the decoder. In the past, Ye Wenjie is told the dish is to communicate with "whomever" is out there.

In 2024, Wade and Da Shi see the flickering stars. Wade tells Da Shi their enemy caused this. Saul decodes the code and finds they are not letters but numbers. These match the countdown before Auggie's eyes.

Red Coast

Season 1

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Guest Stars: Ben Schnetzer (Young Mike Evans), Adrian Edmondson (Denys Porlock), Eve Ridley (Follower), Guming Yu (Yang Weining), Deng Qiaozhi (Lei Zhicheng), Lan Xiya (Tang Hongjing), Benjamin Jia (Lead Operator), Tom Wu (Count of the West), Russell Yuen (Emperor Zhou), John Dagleish (Felix), Lokky Lau (Engineer), Hon Ping Tang (Sentry 1), Ali Noorani (Dr. Cowdhury), Kevin Eldon (Sir Thomas More), Ami Tredrea (Scientist), Shalini Peiris (Colleague), Rhys Bevan-John (Researcher), Carlotta Banat (Olivia), Kerena Jagpal (Eva), Cain Aiden (SWAT), Andy M Milligan (Cult Member), Dave Simon (Airport Security), Chris Wilson (Scientist)
Summary: Auggie's countdown jeopardizes her nanotech work. Jin becomes engrossed in an otherworldly VR game. Ye Wenjie follows through on a radical idea.



At her home, older Ye Wenjie watches a BBC World News report about the flickering stars. She's interrupted by a knock at the door. She opens it to reveal Saul, who bears takeout bags. Saul pays his respects at the shrine to her late daughter, Vera Ye.

Ye Wenjie asks Saul if he has a theory about the blinking stars. Saul says his theory is the flickering stars are bullsh*t. He cites that none of Earth's satellites observed the phenomenon.

Outside the Nanotechnology Research Centre, Jin tells Auggie that whatever she decides is the right thing to do. Then, Auggie enters the NRC. Inside, many of the employees watch news reports about the flickering stars or gossip about the inexplicable phenomenon among themselves.

Next, she approaches a group of scientists preparing to test her nanofiber. The now-omnipresent countdown in front of her eyes displays less than nine and a half minutes remaining. She puts a synthetic diamond into place and raises it through a nanofiber lattice.

Auggie enters the experiment chamber and taps the synthetic diamond. It separates into pieces, cleanly sliced by the nanofiber lattice. Her coworkers applaud her success. But Auggie's countdown has dropped below seven minutes. She demands the lab be shut down, declaring the project over. As she walks outside, the countdown dips below two minutes. However, the next the countdown vanishes. This comports with what Tatiana told Auggie in the previous episode.

However, a nearby Da Shi advises her to keep moving, as her coworkers will soon follow her out. Da Shi walks beside Auggie, giving her his card. Auggie says she doesn't think he can help her, but then Da Shi asks if she doesn't want to know why the stars flickered for her.

Flashback to 1968: inner Mongolia, China. The antenna at Red Coast Base broadcasts a message into space. The message declares that humans wish to work with these civilizations to build a better world.

A young Ye Wenjie asks Yang Weining, the base's Chief Engineer, how long they have been broadcasting the message. He says a few years, but the Americans and Russians have been broadcasting similar messages for longer than that.

Ye Wenjie cites the Fermi Paradox. She explains the concept's origin and its basic premise to an ignorant Yang: "There are a hundred billion stars in our galaxy. Many of these stars must have planets similar to our own. And many of these planets must have developed intelligent life. So where is everybody?"

She hands Yang a report by Dr. Peterson and asks Yang to connect her with the author. Ye Wenjie advises him to keep it a secret. Later, Ye Wenjie monitors comms for messages from space. She eagerly reads Dr. Peterson's response.

Soon, Ye Wenjie explains that on June 12 of the previous year, Peterson's team in California observed bursts of electromagnetic radiation from Jupiter. The same day, Red Coast Base picked up an intense radio burst.

However, the RCB detection occurred 13 minutes after Peterson's observation of the em radiation from Mt. Wilson. Furthermore, the RCB radio burst did not originate from Jupiter but from the sun.

Ye Wenjie explains that it took 43 minutes to reach the sun from Jupiter. The sun didn't just reflect the energy from Jupiter — it amplified it. Yang realizes what Ye Wenjie is suggesting: by aiming the antenna's signal at the sun, the signal will be both reflected and amplified. While it might take many years to receive a reply, it means China will be leading the world in interstellar communication. Ye Wenjie says she wants to take the idea to Lei Zhicheng, Red Coast Base's Political Commissar.

Once Yang has described the idea to Lei, Lei declares it a radical idea. However, Yang states he has been working on it for a very long time, taking credit for the idea. Lei calls in Ye Wenjie to verify the concept. Ye Wenjie verifies it is conceptually sound. However, Lei states the idea is politically untenable. This is because "in the heart of the People," the "Red Sun" is Chairman Mao, whose portrait is hanging on the wall behind Lei. Furthermore, Lei says Ye Wenjie should have warned him of how politically dangerous this suggestion was.

Later, Ye Wenjie takes advantage of a system test combined with a distraction caused by a housefly. Thus, she clandestinely conducts the signal broadcast without authorization.

In 2024, at "The Black Palace," the headquarters of the Strategic Intelligence Agency in London, Da Shi asks Auggie what she knows about older Mike Evans. Da Shi explains that he owns Evans Energy, Earth's largest privately held oil company. He asks Auggie if it surprises her that Vera had a friend like Evans.

Da Shi tells Auggie there's something that surprises him. He shows Auggie security footage of the alley where she spoke with Tatiana. However, the footage shows Auggie sitting alone, "talking to no one." Auggie insists Tatiana was present. Da Shi believes her. To demonstrate why, he shows her the point in the footage where the invisible person lights her cigarette.

Da Shi concludes that someone scrubbed Tatiana from the footage. They know it was manipulated but can't find any trace proving it was. Da Shi deduces this reveals Auggie is an important person. Da Shi notes that her creation of the nanofiber is pretty important. He says it must be dangerous to someone, possibly a competitor. Auggie is skeptical. Next, Da Shi asks if Auggie was close to Vera. Auggie believes Vera was disappointed when she transferred from theoretical to practical work.

Da Shi wonders if that's why Vera killed herself. He confirms the countdown Auggie saw concluded when she closed the lab. Auggie asks if anyone else has seen it. Da Shi lists several scientists. He says they either like Auggie or Vera.

Elsewhere, Jin leaves Auggie a voicemail, citing that Auggie was supposed to call. Then, Jin puts on Vera's VR helmet. Again, she finds herself on "Level One," wearing historical clothing. However, the location is now a snowscape. Two other figures approach her, also wearing historical clothing. The older one introduces himself as the Count of the West. When she tries to touch him,

he derides her for daring to touch someone of noble blood. Jin tries to clarify whether he's an NPC in the game or another player. The Count introduces Follower.

Jin calls herself Copernicus. The Count welcomes her to Civilization 137. He tells her they are going to the pyramid to meet Emperor Zhou. The Count explains it is a chaotic era. At the arrival of a new era, the emperor "consults great minds" about the sun's movements. They must decide if an era is stable or chaotic. If the emperor is wrong, the entire civilization will be destroyed.

The sunrise interrupts them. The Count says there is only enough shade under the rock for two people, so he sends Follower out into the sun.

As Jin watches, Follower dehydrates into a husk. Jin asks if she's dead. The Count says no. Those who dehydrate fast enough can be preserved to be rehydrated during a stable era. The Count states if one of them survives, they all survive.

At a bar, Saul discusses the possibility that it could have been god who flickered the stars with several women. He ignores a call from Auggie.

Jin shows Jack Rooney the VR helmet. He's perplexed by the lack of a screen, headphone jack and logos. Jack dons the helmet. Like Jin, he's now wearing historical clothes amid a barren landscape. He can taste the sand.

However, the arrival of Sophon interrupts his experience. She tells him he's not invited and decapitates him with a katana. He pulls off the helmet in a panic. Jack postulates the video game is 50 to 150 years ahead of the video game art. Jin wonders if the game had anything to do with Vera's suicide. Jack says that's absurd and puts the helmet back on. Immediately, Sophon slices his neck from behind. He removes the helmet and says he could taste blood that time. He puts the helmet on—another decapitation.

Jin puts the helmet on instead. Jack is bitter that she can play without getting decapitated. Da Shi listens them via surveillance. Elsewhere, Saul, sleeping on Auggie's doorstep, wakes up by her leaving her house.

Da Shi cleans leaves from Jennifer Shi's grave. He sniffs as he takes out and places a red velvet cupcake, wishing her a happy birthday. Tatiana interrupts her, who says she thought she was the only one. She explains she brings her father coconut cake on his birthday.

Tatiana asks what happened to Da Shi's wife. Da Shi says breast cancer. Tatiana says her father was shot in the head. She says this was a good way to go, as it's quick. Da Shi is unsettled as he leaves the cemetery. Tatiana walks away from Edith Marsh's grave. Probably not her father's grave.

At his home, Jack finds a sleek package with his name on it. There's no explanation for how it arrived on his coffee table. Inside is a VR helmet with a card inviting him to play. He dons the helmet and is transported to "Level One."

Jack's wearing historical clothing. Judging by the castle on the horizon, the game now takes place in England. He's approached by Sir Thomas Moore, whose introduction is interrupted by Jack punching him in the jaw. Follower looks on, mortified. Jack attempts to grope Moore's face. Moore is offended. Jack introduces himself, and Moore tells him he needs to choose a better name. Jack punches him again.

Meanwhile, Will Downing lectures a class of students on the "many worlds" theory. This means there could be an infinite number of any individual across the multiverse. As the lecture's audio continues, we see Will get bad news from his doctor. The lecture speaks of an individual's consciousness continuing in other timelines, even if they've died in this one.

Soon, Jack explains the Three Body game to a dejected Will on a park bench. Will tells Jack he has stage 4 pancreatic cancer, which has spread to his liver and lungs. There's an estimated two to six-month survival time window. Jack suggests a second opinion. Will says he's too far gone, and all they can do is make him comfortable. They'll operate on the tumors, but it's just delaying the inevitable. Jack refuses to accept Will's terminal diagnosis.

Jin is playing Three Body. She is at the entrance of an impressive temple and knocks at the door. Inside, the Count speaks to the emperor. The Count declares he has created a code for the universe that can predict the sun's movements. Jin declares the Count's methods constitute prophecy, not prediction: it's the I Ching, not something that follows the laws of physics.

The emperor is confused. Jin clarifies that physics governs the physical world. The Count states that his code is complete. He predicts the current chaotic era will end in eight days, followed by a 63-year-long stable era. A skylight opens.

The Count directly addresses Jin and tells her that putting her hand on the ground will speed up time. The sun flashes past the skylight chaotically. Then, stability arrives. The emperor gives the order to rehydrate the masses.

Lines of soldiers march toward towers where dehydrated husks are kept. These are thrown into water, where they rehydrate into living people. Jin places Follower into the water, and she regenerates as well. Follower emerges and embraces Jin.

However, the stable era immediately ends. The newly rehydrated look fearful. A blizzard engulfs the crowd. Follower calls for help. While Jin attempts to do so, the panicked crowds make reaching her difficult. By the time she reaches Follower, Follower has frozen. She crumbles before Jin's eyes.

The wind subsides. Jin stands among the frozen piles of bodies. Sophon appears. She states, "Civilization #137 was obliterated by extreme cold. You did not save them. But you did establish the superiority of science over mysticism. In level two, you must use science to save the next civilization." Jin looks up to see the three stars aligning in the sky. It is revealed that someone is watching this on a video screen. The screen is one of several screens being monitored.

Elsewhere, Da Shi passes a security clearance eye ID scan to enter an elevator. He enters the office of Thomas Wade. Wade informs Da Shi that he's received a complaint about Da Shi smoking in his office. He further states he fired the security officer who made the complaint because if he's worrying about Da Shi, he's not worrying about their enemies.

Wade asks Da Shi what he's learned about Evans. Da Shi states that Evans likes funding anti-science propaganda and politicians worldwide. Wade thinks Evans may be behind the other events. Da Shi asks if he paid to have the stars blink. Wade says there's someone behind everything if you do the digging.

Da Shi has been doing some digging for himself. The file he's holding is a 72-second sequence detected by Ohio State University in 1977: it's the Wow! signal. The signal remains a mystery. No one else detected it. Da Shi asks Wade to guess where Evans lived in 1977.

Flashback to 1977 China. Ye Wenjie comes across young Mike Evans living in a cabin. Soon, Yang and Ye Wenjie interview Evans, who has a copy of *Silent Spring*. Communicating in English, Ye Wenjie learns that Evans' goal is to save a species of sparrow. He plans to accomplish this by planting trees. Ye Wenjie says the land belongs to the People and will be used to build a new lab. Evans counters the stupidity of the People will destroy an entire ecosystem. Evans tells them to go.

Before she leaves, Ye Wenjie quotes *Silent Spring* to Evans. Yang watches them converse. Ye Wenjie tells Evans she will try to stop them. Later, Ye Wenjie campaigns for an alternate location for Site 2. Yang accuses her of trying to help the American.

Yang offers to help her another way. The Commissar gave him a list of new arrivals at a nearby camp to determine if any could prove useful to RCB's mission. While no scientists are among their number, Yang has identified a former Red Guard, one of the four responsible for Ye Wenjie's father's death.

At the camp, Ye Wenjie confronts Tang Hongjing. In the intervening years, Tang has visibly changed. Among other things, she no longer has most of her right arm below the elbow. Tang says it is a new era, and the past is finished. Ye Wenjie says the past is not finished. Tang asks if Ye Wenjie expects her to repent.

Ye Wenjie asks her if she thinks she should. Tang asks who will atone for what she has lost. She tells Ye Wenjie of where she was sent in the years between the gangrene that led to the amputation of her arm. Tang says she was just a child. Ye Wenjie says she was just a child when she saw Tang kill her father.

Later, Ye Wenjie monitors comms at the station. Signal detected. The signal's coherence rating is AAA. It is almost certainly intelligent communication.

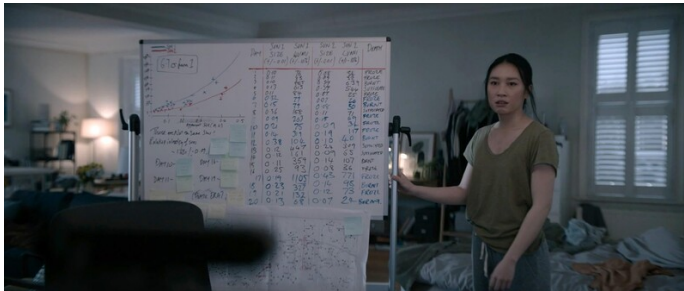
The message: "Do not answer" three times. "I am a pacifist in this world. You are lucky that I am the first to receive your message. I am warning you: do not answer. If you respond, we will come. Your world will be conquered. Do not answer." Ye Wenjie leaves the monitoring station. She walks outside and stares at the horizon.

Ye Wenjie points the antenna at the sun. She painstakingly enters a message into the computer: "Come. We cannot save ourselves. I will help you conquer this world." Ye Wenjie transmits the signal, bouncing it off the sun so it will be reflected and amplified.

Destroyer of Worlds

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Guest Stars: Mark Gatiss (Isaac Newton), Reece Shearsmith (Alan Turing), Conleth Hill (Pope Gregory XIII), Adrian Edmondson (Denys Porlock), Eve Ridley (Follower), Gerard Monaco (Collins), John Dagleish (Felix), Jenson Cheng (Kublai Khan), Phil Wang (Aristotle), Adrian Green-smith (Galileo), Yiet-Ming Fu (Guard), Ulrich Brandhoff (Gisler), Jordan Alexandra (Siobhan), Nitin Ganatra (Ranjit Varma), Shaheen Khan (Priya Varma), Aarushi Ganju (Nisha Varma), Ranika Kaur (Geeta Varma)
Summary: Obsessed with their virtual reality quest, Jin and Jack race to solve a complex riddle but advancing to the next level brings harrowing consequences.



Da Shi arrives by police car at the European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland. He pauses to examine the statue of Lord Shiva out front. Inside, he's told by an officer that a half-dozen CERN projects have been suspended. Da Shi is informed that Dr. Schmidt took the suspensions badly.

Schmidt is the 32nd scientist suicide in a few months. He drowned himself in a

filled bathtub. This is the same method as Oppenheimer's mistress' death, Da Shi says. He notes some believe she was murdered. The cop suggests Da Shi look at what Schmidt had kept in his safe. Da Shi extracts one of the shiny VR helmets we've seen in the past two episodes. "Oh, hello, darling," he says. "I've heard so much about you."

Elsewhere, the Oxford Five gather: Jin Cheng, Auggie Salazar, Saul Durand, Will Downing and Jack Rooney. They're in Jack's living room discussing Schmidt's suicide. They agree that it's a bad time to be a theoretical physicist, an applied physicist or a cosmologist. Auggie hopes it isn't contagious. Will asks her if the countdown has returned. She says it's "gone, like [her] career."

Will informs Jin that he's quitting teaching. He suggests they all take a trip together. Jin promises, "Someday." She doesn't know about Will's stage 4 cancer diagnosis.

Upstairs, Auggie scoffs at Jack's collection of movie memorabilia and merch. Back to the Future, Star Wars, Marvel, Doctor Who and other popular franchises are represented. But then she spots the VR helmet box that inexplicably appeared in Jack's home in "Red Coast." Auggie picks up the helmet and puts it on. Soon she's wearing period clothing and standing before the historical Tudor castle. However, Sophon appears and decapitates her with a katana, the same

Jack experienced when putting on Jin's helmet in the previous episode. Auggie immediately removes the helmet.

Downstairs, she asks Jack what the helmet's deal is. Jack is surprised she played. However, he advises her not to smell the people. Jin says the smell of rehydrated people in level one is worse. Auggie is surprised Jin is playing the game. Jin explains that she was given the late Vera Ye's helmet by Vera's mother, Ye Wenjie.

Auggie expresses concern that Jin is playing a game Vera played before killing herself. But Jack says the only thing that will make people want to kill themselves about Three Body is "this annoying brat that's constantly whining, 'Oh, save me.'" He's referring to the NPC named Follower. However, Jin scornfully states that the player is supposed to try and save Follower. Jack counters that they're supposed to figure out how the sun moves. Auggie asks what the f*ck is wrong with them.

Auggie states that humans don't have this technology, so where did it come from? She points out that it's clearly hacking into one's brain.

Saul examines the helmet. Auggie advises him not to put it on. Jack confirms that Sophon will just decapitate him. Only invited players are allowed. Auggie asks who invited Jack. Jack doesn't know. He recalls it inexplicably appeared in his living room. Jack says no person appeared on his personal security system feed. Auggie asks if it isn't suspicious that the same phenomena as she experienced with Tatiana in the previous two episodes.

Jack says that all the events can't be linked. But Saul suggests they might be: "They're all virtual realities indistinguishable from actual realities." The others encourage him to guess who might be behind the linked events. Saul recalls that Vera wasn't acting like herself in "Count-down." He wonders if she might have been manipulated by the helmet, given its advanced neural interface. Saul says he wouldn't touch it.

Jin and Jack both agree they won't be killing themselves. However, Auggie extracts a promise from them to stop playing. But one quick jump cut later, and Jin and Jack are discussing game strategy together over video chat. Jin reveals that she's got a whole whiteboard full of data she's recorded while playing. As they discuss the game, they're unaware that they're being surveilled by Da Shi. Jack doesn't see a pattern on the board. Jin suggests there may be no pattern. She says she's going to suggest a radical idea, but says she needs help from Francis Bacon (Jack).

Jack and Jin don their helmets. Soon they're both wearing appropriate period clothing and standing in front of the Tudor castle. The text "Level Two" is briefly displayed.

Jack suggests Jin is in his game. Jin points out she's lived in England for a dozen years. She suggests the game might know they share the common experience. Jack is concerned about how the game could discern such information. But soon Follower appears to greet Bacon and Copernicus (Jin). Jin apologizes to Follower for all the previous games. Follower states that she remembers all of the previous civilizations, and every time she died.

In the castle, Pope Gregory asks if either of them has a proposal to explain the behavior of the sun. However, Gregory states that the proposal put forth by Aristotle and Galileo (other Three Body players) is quite persuasive.

Jin approaches Gregory. She states she has made "dozens of measurements of the sun's apparent size and luminosity." Jin continues that these don't correlate. She continues that she has observed "the sun's position relative to this planet receding on a short time scale." And third, she has "observed more than one celestial body, too bright to be a planet, moving relative to the fixed background of the stars." Jin concludes that the only explanation that fits the data is that the planet is part of a "three-body star system."

Jack agrees that this must be the answer. Aristotle and Galileo look skeptical. Jin explains that when the planet is in a stable orbit around one of the three stars, it is a stable era. But when the planet falls out of orbit and tumbles between the gravity wells of the three stars, that is a chaotic era. Aristotle and Galileo call bullshit, but Gregory calls for silence. Then he orders Jin to be burned as a heretic.

Guards begin to execute Gregory's order. Jack protests. Jin's assessment is accurate. "Suck it, Copernicus," says Galileo. Jack attempts to free Jin. But they're interrupted as the castle burns. The doors burst open and Follower enters, astride a galloping horse engulfed in flames. Follower states that there are three stars in the sky. The world is ending. Follower calls for Jin to save her. But the horse collapses on top of her. The planet burns.

Only Jack and Jin remain alive amid the flames. Jin determines that it's because her assessment was correct. She watches dejectedly as the dehydrated Follower sinks into lava. In the sky above, three stars align with each other. Sophon appears and approaches Jack and Jin. She states that a "tri-solar day" destroyed Civilization #152. However, she states that in this civilization, the basic structure of the star system was successfully unveiled. As such, the game has now entered Level Three.

In his office, Thomas Wade examines the VR helmet brought to him by Da Shi. Da Shi says the game sounds like a lot of work. He cites Jin's data records. Wade listens as Da Shi explains several game elements, including the three suns and Follower's role. Da Shi says Follower is the only part that sounds like a normal game. According to the engineering department, the devices are collecting lots of biometric data.

As Wade and Da Shi discuss, we see the same mysterious figure in front of a bank of computer screens as we saw in the last episode. Now the screens are showing Jack and Jin's game and their biometric data. Wade observes that while you play the game, the game is playing you back. In his office, Wade surmises the game is a recruitment tool, geared towards the best and brightest.

In her room, Jin removes her helmet. She discovers her boyfriend, Raj Varma sits in her room, watching her play. Jin says she thought he was out with friends. Raj states that it's 3:00 am. Jin apologizes and says she was playing the game with Jack. Raj says he's aware. He says Jin loses her tether when she doesn't have work. Raj asks if he should reschedule dinner, which includes Jin meeting his parents. But Jin says she's prepared. Raj advises her to go easy on the science talk.

Jin does not go easy on the science talk. She uses a piece of Naan to explain how a three-dimensional object might look two-dimensional from a distance. Raj's family is polite but a little bewildered. His father shares a story about being in the Indian army during the Kargil War.

Will sits in a hospital room after his tumor extraction surgery. Jack and Saul enter to see him. Will says he had a conversation with the cancer while under. Jack asks if this is metaphorical, and Will says no. Will says that cancer isn't innately evil, but it's just looking for a place to live. Will says he made a deal with the cancer. It can stay in his pancreas and he gets the rest of the body.

Jack says Will should have told Jin. Will says on some level she knows. Then he says that's why they have to save Jin from Raj. He says he's death and chaos. In Will's defense, he's intoxicated by Dilaudid.

At the Nanotechnology Research Centre, Auggie speaks with her former boss. He doesn't understand why Auggie canceled the nanofiber program. Auggie won't share the information about the countdown. The boss says they can restart the program without her assistance. He cites the many people who will benefit from the technology. He further points out that as the sponsor of Auggie's work visa, if she refuses to cooperate, she can be deported.

Reluctantly, Auggie restarts the program. No sooner does she do so than the countdown reappears before her eyes, back at 00:01:19 and counting. Auggie shuts down the program again. The countdown vanishes. Auggie sobs. She calls Saul. She explains the situation to him. He asks why she restarted the program, and Auggie says so that she knew the countdown was real. She says that she thinks she understands why the scientists have been killing themselves.

Auggie asks Saul to come over, but when Auggie realizes Saul is with a lover, she hangs up on him.

In daylight, Jin arrives at Jack's house. Soon both are back inside Three Body. This time they find themselves at Xanadu, where Kublai Khan decreed his stately pleasure-dome. Battalions of soldiers stand at attention, wearing full armor and holding back-and-white cards on posts. One of them is Follower. Jin promises they'll save Follower this time.

Jack and Jin are introduced to Khan. However, Sir Isaac Newton and Alan Turing are both already present. Respectively, they have created calculus and a "great Human Abacus." By training thousands of soldiers and assembling them into "human circuits," Newton and Turing believe the movements of the future movements of the three suns can be calculated with accuracy.

The order to run the "solar computation software" is given. The soldiers begin turning their posters back and forth. From above, undulating waves of black and white pass over the battalions. Jack says it looks like they have a winner. But Jin says wait.

A pair of riders on horseback approach the castle, bringing the results of the computations made by the Human Abacus. It reports that a chaotic era will commence in three days. However,

eight months later, a stable era of 10,000 years will transpire. Khan orders the soldiers to dehydrate for just over eight months. As they do so, the enigmatic figure watches time pass in the game from the bank of computer monitors.

After eight months have passed in Three Body, Newton and Turing celebrate their victory. But Jack and Jin are skeptical. Jin says it's impossible to use this method to calculate unless the starting positions of the three bodies are known. Khan orders Jack and Jin to be boiled to death. Inside the boiling pot, Jin touches the ground, causing time to speed up. But instead of an extended stable era, syzygy occurs. The three stars align.

While this doesn't affect the temperature, it does affect the gravity. The many soldiers (and everyone and everything else in the game) begin floating away from the planet. The gravity has been so greatly reduced that everything is going to float into orbit. This includes Follower. Jack and Jin try to save her, but she drifts helplessly away. Jin states that figuring out the three body problem isn't the goal, the goal is to save the people.

As they watch from inside the Pleasure Dome, Sophon appears in the sky, Superman-style. Gravity returns, allowing Jack and Jin to exit the Dome. Sophon states that Civilization #184 was destroyed by a tri-solar syzygy. However, she states that Jin has correctly determined the purpose of the game. They will advance to level four.

From the computer bank, the figure who watches Three Body, Felix, prints out datasheets. The information is delivered to the office of Mike Evans. Felix suggests Jack and Jin are candidates for "Region Six." Evans is unsurprised Jin is attached to Follower.

Evans reopens communications with his Lord. He's reading "Hansel and Gretel" aloud from a book. Over the intercom, the voice of the Lord explains that they don't understand individual fear. They experience fear as one. Evans says ancient humans were like that and survived by hiding. The Lord asks if contacting another planet was the act of a timid species. Evans attributes this act not to the species, but to an individual. The Lord notes that a lack of fear equals extinction. It states that humans must be warned to fear again. It continues that "we will teach them."

Elsewhere, Jin lies beside Raj. She gets out of bed in response to a knock at the door. She finds outside a white package with her real name on it. She opens it to find an invitation for Copernicus to level four. It says to appear at the Sunset Lounge at 10:00 PM that night. Later, she and Jack (who also received an invite) arrive at the location. Da Shi clandestinely observes them from his car.

Inside, Jack and Jin find the place mostly empty, except for Tatiana. She congratulates them. She says they are the only two people in the UK to have progressed this far and invites them to sit. Tatiana specifically states that determining the people were the important part was integral.

Jack begins questioning the advanced nature of the technology. Tatiana tells them the answers await in level four. They both don their VR helmets.

Inside Three Body level four, Jack and Jin find themselves in a barren wasteland. They're still wearing their contemporary clothes. Follower and Sophon stand nearby. Sophon states they were correct and there is no solution to the Three Body Problem. No matter what, an unpredictable cataclysm will destroy their civilizations. Follower advances time through millennia to illustrate. Jin correctly deduces that the only solution is to flee; to find a more suitable home.

Sophon explains that the Trisolarian Civilization #9478 built a fleet of generation ships to travel to Earth which is currently en route. Only some of the species were able to board the ships, however. Follower asks Jack and Jin if humanity will welcome the Trisolarians.

Jack and Jin remove their helmets. Jin asks if Tatiana is trying to tell them that they're all real. Tatiana says that they're called the San-Ti, which means "Three-Body People" in Chinese. She explains the San-Ti are coming from a planet four light years away and created the game to introduce themselves. But Jack doesn't believe there are real aliens involved. Jin cites the particle accelerators and the blinking stars.

Jack insists it's a scam. He denounces Tatiana and moves to leave. Jin urges him to stay. Jack puts his helmet down and tells her that when she's come to her senses, he'll be in the pub. Now alone, Tatiana offers Jin another invitation. This one asks her to be at 51°48'08.5"N, 1°01'48.9"W on November 8 at 7:00 PM. The other side of the card shows the Three Body logo.

Tatiana asks if Jin finds the San-Ti plight sympathetic because of Jin's own childhood experience as a refugee. Jin asks how Tatiana knows this. She recalls losing her parents. Tatiana states that her parents live on in her, and if Jin's survived, then her parents have survived. Then Tatiana says "Let us be comrades" in Mandarin. Jin nods.

Elsewhere, Da Shi waits in his car outside Jack's house. Radiohead's "Karma Police" is playing. Jack arrives in a taxi and then enters his home. Da Shi takes photographs. He responds to a text from Wade with a status update. Through binoculars, he watches Jack enter his glass-paneled living room. Inside the house, Jack is frustrated by a lack of internet and cell phone signals.

In Jack's bedroom, we can see Tatiana. But from outside, Da Shi just sees Jack in the room. Tatiana asks Jack who he's trying to reach. She slowly approaches him, and he warns her there are cameras in every room. Jack tells her to get out. She picks him up and slams him against the window.

Tatiana tells Jack all he had to do was keep playing. She stabs him in the neck. Outside, everything continues to look normal to Da Shi. Jack slumps to the floor, dead. Tatiana leaves. As she does so, her image vanishes from the security feed.

Our Lord

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Summary: Jin seeks justice after a death rattles the group. Investigators learn of an extremist group devoted to an otherworldly entity ahead of a major summit.



A young Mike Evans at a restaurant in London in 1982. He meets a young Ye Wenjie. Evans is surprised to hear from her. She says she's in town for a conference. Evans says he knows about Ye Wenjie's father (see "Countdown"). Ye Wenjie says she knows about Evans' father, too, and the fact that he's inherited the oil company.

Evans insists he's the same man he was when they first met (see "Red Coast"). He says he could have saved the swallows, or he could use his resources to make a bigger difference. Ye Wenjie critically comments on his expensive watch

and cufflinks. Evans asks why she wrote to him. Ye Wenjie tells Evans that at Red Coast Base, she "did something."

At the hospital, Will Downing has been discharged after his tumor surgery. However, Jack Rooney is an hour late to pick Will up. Furthermore, Jack isn't answering his phone (as we saw last episode, that's because he's been murdered). Saul Durand arrives at the hospital. Will asks why Saul has come.

In the office of Thomas Wade, Jin Cheng and Auggie Salazar are horrified by the security camera footage of Jack being murdered by an apparently invisible assailant. Da Shi stands behind them. Auggie concludes it must be the same woman she met who erased herself from security footage, Tatiana. Da Shi suggests it could also be someone who works with her.

Wade recounts that Vera Le invited five geniuses to Oxford: Jin, Auggie, Saul, Jack and Will. But now, Vera and Jack are dead. He also knows about the invitation Jin received. Jin asks Wade how he knows that. Wade asks Jin if it matters. She hands him the invite for examination. Wade suggests that Jin can either wallow in sorrow for her friend, or do something to make it right.

At home later, Jin guzzles vodka. Auggie refuses to let her take any pills, but does suggest she drink her liquor. Jin tells Auggie that she tried to calm Jack, but he picked a fight with Tatiana.

Jin tells Auggie that she believes the San-Ti are real, and that they're coming. Auggie agrees and points out that humanity lacks the level of technology to explain the phenomenon that has transpired. Jin says she doesn't know how to fight aliens. But Auggie points out that the people who work with the aliens are human, and they've both been fighting with humans their whole lives.

On a London rooftop, Da Shi brings Wade some good news. He's located older Mike Evans. He's aboard the Judgment Day, a modified oil tanker with a big satellite dish and potentially 1000 people living aboard.

The deck of Judgment Day is teeming with life, including a playground filled with children. Also present is the black helicopter from "Countdown." Inside the ship, Evans walks down a hallway. A child approaches and asks him if she'll be alive when the San-Ti arrive. Evans tells her that if the San-Ti want them to be alive when they arrive, then they'll make that possible. He tells her that the San-Ti can perform miracles. But if not, then that's what's best.

Felix arrives and informs Evans that they have the final roster for the summit in London the next day. Evans asked what happened to Jack. Felix informs him that Jack didn't work out. He asks Evans if they should increase security. Evans asks what security could provide that the Lord can't.

In his office, Evans contacts the San-Ti. They inform him that his "enemies" are aware of the impending summit. Furthermore, they are watching him. The San-Ti tells him not to be afraid, as nothing will happen to "any of you," given they are under the aliens' protection. Evans looks relieved.

Elsewhere, Da Shi watches his son playing a fighting game. Da Shi asks when his son is getting a job. His son says he has a job: an entrepreneur. Da Shi tells his son he has terrible taste in men. His son says he takes after his mom. Da Shi's son asks if Da Shi will still think he's a loser after he has gotten rich and bought him a big house.

At Jack's house, Will and Saul prepare for the funeral. It'll be a closed coffin, Saul says, prompting a shot of the puddle of blood where Jack died. Saul asks if there are sex toys or porn to get rid of before Jack's family arrives. He finds a Transformers lunch box beside the bed and believes he's hit paydirt. But it's actually a box of sentimental mementos, including photographs, toys and a shot glass.

Meanwhile, Jin gets coached by Wade and Da Shi. She says she's a scientist, not a spy. But Da Shi tells her she's there for information, not confrontation. Her job is simply to gather intelligence and bring it back. But he suggests she pack a bag, in case she isn't able to go home. Jin asks why she can't go home. Wade points out "they" know where she lives. Jin asks if he really believes in aliens. He counters, "You don't need to believe in Santa Claus to give gifts on Christmas." She asks if he believes in Santa. "Ho ho ho," replies Da Shi.

Later, she drives to the location on the invitation. Her cell phone rings. It's Wade. He tells her not to bring her phone inside the location. Back on the JD, Evans reads "Little Red Riding Hood" to the San-Ti. The San-Ti don't understand subterfuge. They ask why the child would let the wolf inside, not understanding the function of the wolf's grandmother disguise.

Evans explains how the wolf fooled the child, by concealing his intentions. This concept is unknown to the San-Ti. Evans further describes their enemies as "pests," then has to explain that he doesn't literally mean bugs, but rather is using a metaphor.

The San-Ti reveal that they are unable to lie, so much so that the concept is foreign to them. Furthermore, they seem to believe the story of "Little Red Riding Hood" is nonfiction. Evans explains that it's just a story. The San-Ti interpret this as "a lie about a liar." Evans affirms this. The San-Ti state that they need to consider this. After a few moments, they believe they understand. Evans says this is why the San-Ti need their human helpers, in order to better understand humanity as a whole.

But the San-Ti states that a liar is someone who says false things. They say they cannot coexist with liars. They state that they are afraid of "you" (either Evans or humans in general). And then they discontinue communication.

In England, Jin is still driving. From his office, Wade watches her progress on a tablet. Her destination seems to be a road in the middle of nowhere. Then she spots a black SUV nearby. She's watched by someone with night vision goggles as she approaches. Da Shi watches and

listens in from another location. A person in a suit checks Jin for weapons and then confirms her identity by cell phone-based retinal scan. They get in the car and drive away.

As they drive, Jin asks practical questions. She's told that "Our Lord" will take care of them. The SUV reaches an abandoned and remote but reasonably well-illuminated warehouse. Inside, a crowd mills around in an environment decorated with projections on freestanding screens. Tatiana warmly welcomes Jin. She tells Jin she's sorry about Jack (somewhat ironic, as she killed him).

Da Shi recognizes Tatiana's voice from having met her at the graveyard in "Red Coast Base." Jin tells Tatiana she wants to know how the universe works. Tatiana tells Jin that the Lord has the answers.

According to Tatiana, these people have been her family since she was a little girl. She further says their founder is attending the meeting. Wade asks how Evans could have gotten off the JD without them knowing. A man takes the stage at the event and calls for attention. He says the rumors are true and the founder of their movement is present. Then he introduces Ye Wenjie.

This is not what Wade, Da Shi or Jin expected. Ye Wenjie specifically welcomes the bewildered Jin, speaking in Mandarin. Da Shi asks how they could have been fooled. Wade says they're controlling what they see and hear. So Da Shi asks why they're letting them hear this.

Ye Wenjie takes the stage and begins to speak. She says when she was young, she saw her country torn apart and lost her family. Ye Wenjie says she witnessed much human treachery in the name of progress. She asks what's changed on Earth in the intervening years. However, she expresses her belief that the San-Ti will deliver humanity to salvation when they arrive in four centuries. Ye Wenjie states that humanity must prepare future generations to welcome the San-Ti. She says she, co-founder Evans and "our Lord, the San-Ti" all thank those present. Raid

Ye Wenjie concludes that they will give the San-Ti the Earth, so they can do better with it than humanity managed. But that's when the cops blow up the wall and come pouring in. Ye Wenjie tells the crowd not to resist and states that this must be the will of the San-Ti if it is happening. Everyone sits down, including Ye Wenjie. The cops start zip-tying people.

Tatiana sees them begin to extract Jin. She stands and shoots one of the cops escorting Jin out. The warehouse erupts in chaos and gunfire. Ye Wenjie remains seated on the stage. Many of the San-Ti true believers are shot by police. Jin falls to the ground, allowing her to escape unscathed. But Tatiana spots her and advances. Da Shi enters just in the nick of time, incapacitating Tatiana with a shot of his own. Wade listens to the chaos on his tablet.

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Later, bodies are removed from the warehouse on stretchers. Surviving San-Ti believers are loaded into a paddy wagon. Jin is checked by a paramedic. Da Shi arrives and tells her she and Auggie are being put in protective custody. Tatiana has evaded the police.

Will arrives back at his house. He looks at a photo of himself and Jack, then he puts the shot glass and toy he took from Jack's Transformers lunch box and puts it beside the photo. Next he pulls a copy of Fairy Tales from his shelf. He reads the inscription, which is from Jin.

Jin's cell phone rings in the ambulance. It's Will. He says he wanted to check in on her. Will says that after Jack's funeral, he thought they could all use a break. He tells her he's rented a beach cabin and invites her. He also invites Raj, but Jin says, "Maybe it should just be us chickens." Will is fine with this development.

Jin says she has to tell her something true that's happening. She begins that it started a long time ago, before they were born.

The North Atlantic Ocean, 1984. Young Ye Wenjie and Evans arrive at the JD via a silver helicopter. Ye Wenjie compares seeing the dish to seeing an old friend. The helicopter lands and both Ye Wenjie and Evans get out. Evans says this will be their own private research lab, one free of borders and politics. Inside, Ye Wenjie marvels at the equipment. Ye Wenjie says it took eight years to get a response last time. But Evans reveals they have continued to send messages in the intervening years. A computer screen displays line after line of text.

Evans informs Ye Wenjie that the San-Ti are coming. He tells Ye Wenjie she has brought them hope. They begin to make out. In the present day, Ye Wenjie is in an elevator with Wade. He leads her to a room filled with intimidating shadowy figures. Wade begins questioning Ye Wenjie about what's on JD. She says if he keeps acting so clumsy he'll never find out.

Wade points out they got Ye Wenjie. She says this is because "they" allowed it. Wade says the dead people at the warehouse suggest they didn't "let" them do anything. But the "they" to which

Ye Wenjie refers to the San-Ti. She tells Wade he has no idea of what they are capable, in spite of their belief to the contrary.

Ye Wenjie states that they're coming, and there's nothing that can be done to stop them. She further says that when they arrive, "you will be so grateful." The ominous music suggests otherwise.

Judgment Day

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Summary: As threat levels rise, a secret mission to retrieve enemy intel ventures into dangerous territory. An ominous message reaches Earth.



On a military pier in Govan, Thomas Wade approaches Raj Varma. Wade cites some of Varma's credentials. Varma suggests Wade may be headhunting for MI5. Wade says he doesn't work for MI5. He asks Varma his assessment of the military ship.

After some back and forth, Varma tells Wade that his assessment of the ship is that it was designed for 20th-century

conflicts. Varma reckons that it's too expensive for use on non-state actors, it's vulnerable to inexpensive munitions and it burns a lot of diesel. He thinks the money for the ship would have been better invested in drones.

Wade asks Varma why he joined the Navy. Varma wanted to defend his country. Wade tells him that what he needs Varma for is "far more important."

Elsewhere, at "The Black Palace," headquarters of the Strategic Intelligence Agency in London, Da Shi interrogates Ye Wenjie. He asks her, if the San-Ti will take four centuries to get to Earth, how does she know they will be nice when they get here? Da Shi points out that historically when technologically advanced people encounter primitive people, it doesn't work out well for the primitive people.

Da Shi confirms that Ye Wenjie sent another message to the San-Ti even though she was warned not to by the answer to her original message. Ye Wenjie confirms this too. Da Shi asks why. Ye Wenjie states that human civilization is "no longer capable of solving its own problems."

Meanwhile, Jin Cheng and Auggie Salazar are under guard by undercover cops. Jin says that's not enough. Auggie asks if Jin's sure she wants to take so many anxiety pills. Jin argues back. Auggie says she remembers why they quit living together. Then she asks where Varma (Jin's boyfriend) is. Jin says he's on a secret mission, and she only sees him once a week.

The conversation turns to Ye Wenjie. Jin says she thought she knew her. Jin considered her to be like an auntie.

Auggie observes that Ye Wenjie has known them "forever." She further states that they're being used like puppets. Auggie says she's not going to be a puppet anymore.

Da Shi returns to the interrogation room and offers Ye Wenjie tea or coffee. She chooses neither. Da Shi asks why Ye Wenjie has been so accommodating. She says that if the Lord allowed her to be captured, then nothing she can inform him matters. While she admits that she would like to think of herself as important, she says that all that really matters now is the impending arrival of the San-Ti.

Da Shi asks if Mike Evans is Vera's father. Ye Wenjie says only in a biological sense. She hid the truth from Vera, because she wasn't strong enough. Da Shi says that Ye Wenjie hid Vera, to protect her. He asks if Evans might have told her himself. Ye Wenjie says the first time Evans saw Vera was when she was in her coffin ("Countdown").

Next Da Shi asks about telling Jin that the VR headset Ye Wenjie gave her belonged to Vera. Ye Wenjie states that she lied. Da Shi asks why recruit Jin. Ye Wenjie says she could be the most capable physicist of her generation (but not better than Ye Wenjie).

Da Shi asks one more thing. It takes eight years for a round trip radio message to make it from Earth to the San-Ti. So why does Evans spend all of his time on Judgment Day? Is he waiting nearly a decade for a response? Ye Wenjie states that faster-than-light communication is impossible for humans, but intimates it may not be for the San-Ti. She continues that she wishes she could show Da Shi what the future will look like. Da Shi bets that it won't be as glorious as she thinks.

In his office, Wade opens a small crate. Wade reveals to Da Shi his heritage is "European mutt. Boring as fuck." However, Wade's 1% Mongolian. Wade extracts an iron stirrup, nearly a millennium old. He continues that using metal stirrups gave Ghengis Khan's armies an edge in horseback battles. Thus, "they fucked everybody." This is why he is 1% Mongolian.

Da Shi says Ye Wenjie isn't hiding anything. In her mind, the battle's over. But Da Shi is certain that Evans has been keeping a record of all of his communication with the San-Ti. Wade says they need this information.

They have four centuries to come up with a plan, but first they need intelligence. Da Shi summarizes: they need to determine what kind of stirrups the San-Ti have.

Da Shi describes the hard drive as a "hostage" they need to extract. But the ship it's on carries 1000 people, including children. Wade is unsympathetic. He characterizes the adults as traitors.

Da Shi asks how they neutralize everyone on the ship without losing the data. He says Special Forces will be a bloodbath on both sides, and likely afford enough time to destroy the data. A missile strike could destroy the hard drive. Ships have good ventilation, so gas is unlikely to prove effective. Da Shi then says JD just booked passage at the Panama Canal for the next month.

At sea, Evans and Felix walk the deck of JD. Felix says the people are worried, as some of their people have been incarcerated. They thought the Lord was watching over them. Evans says the Lord is watching over them. He further states that the raid would not have happened if San-Ti didn't want it to happen. Evans returns to his office. Once again he attempts to contact the San-Ti, who remain silent. Evans insists that they never lied to their Lord. He begs the Lord to speak to them again.

Da Shi surprises Auggie. However, he comes bearing take-out. Da Shi tells Auggie that if they're going to retrieve the data from JD, then Auggie needs to get back to work on the nanofibers. Auggie is loath to do so, worried about the resumption of the countdown. She asks how her nanofibers will help retrieve the data. Da Shi says she just has to trust him.

Da Shi and Auggie arrive at the Nanotechnology Research Centre. There are armed guards standing watch. Auggie says the cops won't help against the San-Ti. Auggie restarts the program. The lab begins running again. But this time, the countdown doesn't reappear. Auggie is relieved, but then questions why. Da Shi says he thinks the Lord stopped protecting his flock.

In a warehouse, Wade addresses a battalion of soldiers. He says they're the finest engineers in the Royal Navy. Auggie and Da Shi are seated in a car parked inside the warehouse. Wade states that they have less than a week to complete a special project. Wade says it's the most important week of their lives.

Auggie asks if it's weird that Wade selected Jin's boyfriend. Da Shi says everything Wade does is weird. Auggie asks why Da Shi isn't helping. Da Shi says it's not his skill set.

Elsewhere, Will Downing sits beside the Channel and smokes. He's joined by Saul Durand and Selwin Pugh. Pugh is the executor of the late Jack Rooney's estate. Half of Jack's estate has been left to Will, totaling nearly 20 million pounds (after taxes). Pugh leaves. Will asks Saul if he wants it. Saul says Jack would have wanted Will to get oncology treatment. But Will says he got

a second opinion, and the cancer's spread too far. Will says he just wants to enjoy the last few weeks as much as possible.

In Culebra Cut, Panama, military divers are at work on the project under the command of Varma. Auggie is also present and at work. Varma instructs an engineer to disguise a pole to look older than it is. Wade approaches and informs him it's 26 hours until Judgment Day.

Auggie asks how many are on board. They don't know. One person from the Panama Port Authority is also on board, the pilot, as is required. Auggie asks if they can warn the pilot. Wade asks if she knows how many people died building the canal. While no one knows, estimates are between 5,000 and 20,000. Wade asks which is more important to humanity: digging a canal, or defending against a planetary invasion? Wade tells Varma that he doesn't trust Auggie. He instructs Varma to triple-check all her work.

Later, in a bar, Auggie sits across from Varma. She has a beer, he doesn't have a drink. Auggie asks how many people are aboard the ship. Varma says he doesn't know. Auggie says he's a Naval guy, and must have some idea. Varma says it isn't a Naval ship but a converted oil tanker. He says automation tech could mean a small crew.

Auggie contests that they don't know if the plan will work. She cites the length of the fibers, the fibers being untested underwater, and doubts about the supports. Varma insists the supports will hold. She accuses Varma of wanting it to work. Auggie questions killing an unknown number of people. Auggie asks Varma what he thinks is happening. Varma says he thinks they're at war.

The next day, JD makes its way through the Canal. Cameras monitor its progress. Wade watches from the control room. Varma gives the order to begin the plan. The supports rise out of the Canal. Varma asks if Auggie is okay and she nods. The tension increases as JD approaches.

We see many shots of families aboard JD going about their daily lives. They eat together in the cafeteria. There's a lot of children. Felix has a pet cat. Evans is still in his office, staring at the silent radio. JD's bow passes through the two supports. Varma declares that it isn't working. Auggie says it is working. On the deck of the ship, a man is using a hose. The water stops as the hose is cut. The man looks back, confused. Then he's bisected. The invisible fibers continue slicing through things on the deck, including the helicopter. The children on the deck playground begin to panic.

Below decks, screams can be heard. Evans exits his office to ask a schoolteacher what's happening. Confused, she suggests there may be a fire drill. But behind her, a fiber slices the feet off of the construction paper people taped to the wall. The fiber reaches her and she's sliced as well. Evans begins running.

In the control room, Auggie, Varma and Wade watch. Inside the ship, extreme gore and panic ensues. Evans seizes data discs from Felix's office. Felix asks if they're under attack. He's sliced into pieces before Evans answers. Evans continues to flee deeper into the ship. He's bisected, too.

The sliced-up ship begins falling to pieces. It hits the shore and (to borrow a phrase from Cixin Liu's source material) "spread[s] open like a deck of cards." Helicopters approach the flaming wreckage and drop fire retardant. Wade congratulates Auggie. Auggie is silent.

Crews search through the twisted wreckage of the ship. Auggie is already horrified when she comes upon a child's foot. Evans' body is located. Wade finds the drive Evans was protecting. Success.

Two weeks later, the drive is still being analyzed. But just then, the drive opens. Da Shi states that it opened because "they" want them to see what's inside. One file on the drive is unrecognized and considerably larger than anything else. It's labeled "Sophon."

In the Black Palace interrogation room, Wade recounts the destruction of JD to Ye Wenjie. Wade asks why the San-Ti would allow them to capture Ye Wenjie, destroy the ship and kill Evans. She says she knows the San-Ti are coming to save them, and that's all she needs to know. Wade says, 'Be careful with what you know. That's where most peoples' troubles begin.'

He says he knows some things too, and he thinks she'd be interested. Ye Wenjie says that Wade is there to shatter her belief, but it's stronger than he is. Wade says he has faith humans will prevail over the San-Ti. He asks Ye Wenjie why the San-Ti would allow JD to be destroyed, intimating he already knows the answer. Wade presents her with an edited recording of the conversations between Evans and the San-Ti. Then he leaves her alone in the cell with it.

Ye Wenjie presses play on the recording. It's some of the dialogue between Evans and the San-Ti from the previous episode when he was reading "Little Red Riding Hood". She listens to

Evans admit that humans lie, and the San-Ti's cold reception. Realization dawns on Ye Wenjie as she listens to Evans' unanswered call to "my Lord."

In the police safehouse, Jin attempts to contact Auggie and Varma via cell phone but only gets voicemail. She's surprised by Wade's arrival. He says he's the boss, come to pick Jin up for work. He tells her that Varma has stated Jin knows about "extra dimensions, higher dimensions." Further, he reveals Varma works for him.

Jin says no one really understands higher dimensions, as human brains evolved in three dimensions and not ten. However, she concedes that to the extent humans are capable of understanding higher dimensions, she does. Wade says the results of the last mission suggest an understanding of higher dimensions is called for.

Jin says she can't get a hold of Varma lately. She says Wade isn't her boss, and he says the choice is hers. Jin gets into the shotgun seat of Wade's sporty Aston Martin convertible (a DB5 perhaps). Wade asks Jin if the word "Sophon" means anything to her.

At the Black Palace, Wade tells Jin that the San-Ti want to "show us something." Da Shi confirms that no one has seen this yet. Jin asks if it's another level of the game. Wade admits that it could be. They sit down in front of a pair of VR helmets. Jin warns Wade to prepare himself for something "very strange." Wade says he's sure he'll manage. Jin says if he's sure they want to show them something, then the helmets will work for them.

They both put on the helmets. They're standing in the ruins of a devastated cityscape, still wearing the same clothes. Wade asks how they know what they're wearing. New to Three Body, Wade's mind is blown by the verisimilitude of the simulation. Jin begins exploring and comes upon Sophon the AI and her katana.

Wade asks if the San-Ti look like Sophon. Sophon says that they do not, and the appearance is for humanity's benefit. Wade asks what they really look like. "You wouldn't like it," Sophon replies.

Wade asks why they've been brought here. Sophon says, to say that their species is doomed. She explains this is because it will take 400 years for the San-Ti fleet to reach Earth. Sophon cites the exponential progress of human technology and culture. By contrast, it took the San-Ti a lot longer to reach the same point in progress that humans have reached. Jin deduces that this is because Earth's perpetual stable era allows progress to continue unencumbered by the cyclical civilizations experienced by the San-Ti.

Humans will continue to evolve in the 400 years. Because of this, by the time the San-Ti arrive at Earth, humans will have the technology to defeat them. Wade concludes they must have come up with a way to disarm humanity to prevent this. Sophon states that the San-Ti will kill Earth's science. They will accomplish this using their Sophons. She explains that a "sophon" is a proton made into a sentient computer.

Jin protests that it's impossible to make computers that small. Sophon explains that the universe has more than three dimensions. These dimensions are "hidden": "folded up far too small for us to see." However, the San-Ti possess the technology to unfold these dimensions. By focusing unimaginable amounts of energy on a proton, they can unfold its higher dimensions. Thus a "tiny proton" becomes immensely large.

Wade and Jin watch as Sophon demonstrates proton unfolding. It expands to contain the entire planet. Sophon explains that they create a mind the size of a planet inside the unfolded proton. The unfolded proton begins to glow like a sky-wide circuit board. Sophon directly addresses the Sophon, which answers her in her same voice. The Sophon states that it is prepared to re-fold itself, then does so.

The Sophon folds itself back up, retracting the sky circuits. Sophon explains that the San-Ti used all of their resources to make four Sophons: two pairs of two. Each pair is entangled on the quantum level. Two remained with the San-Ti, two were sent to Earth. Everything the Earth-based Sophons observe is instantaneously communicated to the San-Ti-based Sophons.

Because protons have little mass, accelerating the Sophons to near-light speed is achievable. The Sophons arrived on Earth months earlier. Directed to particle accelerators, they affected and falsified the results of experiments in process. Thus, the answers to the questions being asked by scientists "will become chaotic and meaningless." On-screen, we see a flashback to a perplexed Vera Ye and Saul.

Sophon states that the Sophons will give humanity miracles, not truth. We see the flickering stars from "Countdown" and the retinal countdowns. Sophon states that they are everywhere,

always watching, learning all of humanity's secrets. We see the POV of the Sophon as it flies through the Black Palace and reaches the room where Jin and Wade are seated. Sophon concludes that she will teach them how to fear again. Jin and Wade yank off their VR helmets. But they're swiftly distracted by the monitors in the room.

In London, Auggie observes that everyone seems to be distracted. She looks up and sees that the building-sized screens are on the fritz. As he's getting high and watching nature shows, Saul's screen is affected.

The screens all display the same message: "You are bugs." This includes the audio playback device in Ye Wenjie's cell. A Sophon unfolds, encompassing the Earth and reflecting the planet's surface back in place of the sky. An enormous eye appears in the reflection, seemingly visible from everyone on Earth. Elsewhere, Tatiana looks up at the eye.

The Stars Our Destination

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Summary: With the world in a state of panic following a momentous declaration, Wade gathers the world's greatest minds to prepare a defense plan.



New reports show panic around the world in the wake of the San-Ti message to Earth. The reports specify that the arrival will be four centuries hence. We see Saul Durand and Will Downing watch together, while Thomas Wade watches alone. Jin Cheng opens her shutters to take in the destruction outside her window. She's joined by her boyfriend, Raj Varma.

An organization called "The Stars Our Destination" (TSOD) runs advertisements as Auggie Salazar walks the streets of London. Posters advertising TSOD have been vandalized with a graffiti statement:

"We're not bugs." It's reported that religious cults that worship the San-Ti have begun to emerge. Da Shi is shocked to find a line of people who have hanged themselves from the light posts along the Thames.

At "The Black Palace," headquarters of the Strategic Intelligence Agency in London, Da Shi shows Jin into the cell holding Ye Wenjie. Da Shi informs Jin that Ye Wenjie hasn't spoken since her Lord told us all we're bugs. Jin tells Ye Wenjie she's lucky the cell has no windows or screens. She asks what Ye Wenjie thinks it's like out there. Jin continues that many are terrified, committing suicide. This includes people who were part of Ye Wenjie's organization.

Jin asked why Vera had to die. She asks if Ye Wenjie ordered Jack Rooney murdered. She demands Ye Wenjie not just sit there staring at her, but to tell her why.

Ye Wenjie says that on the stage where her father was killed was a poster. "A man with a hammer smashing Jesus, Buddha and a Rock and Roll Record." Its slogan: "Destroy the old world. Forge the new world." Ye Wenjie says it's the only thing she agreed with the Red Guards about.

Jin accuses Ye Wenjie of betraying humanity. Ye Wenjie insists that she called so they can save us. Jin asks if Ye Wenjie still believes this. Ye Wenjie admits that she does not. She says the

San-Ti learned the truth about humanity: "We lie. We deceive. There's a darkness in us that they cannot understand."

Jin asks if Ye Wenjie never questioned the wisdom of inviting a more advanced species to Earth. Ye Wenjie says she was willing to risk everything after she saw the path we were on. Jin asks who gave Ye Wenjie the right to make decisions for all of humanity. She says Ye Wenjie was a great physicist but she'll be remembered as a traitor. Ye Wenjie asks how Jin will be remembered. "As someone who fought back," Jin says.

At Wychwood Manor (IRL, Bramshill House, reportedly "one of the most haunted houses in England"), Wade and Varma set up a base of operations. Wade addresses an assembly of "Nobel laureates and jealous fucks who think they should be," telling them to make themselves comfortable, as this is where they'll be planning how to defeat the San-Ti.

Wade states that in spite of what a "depressingly large number of Neanderthals seem to believe," the San-Ti are real, and are coming. One of the experts asks if the Sophons can't see everything humanity says or does. The expert continues, highlighting the incredible feats of which the San-Ti are capable. But Wade points out that there are things they can't do, such as lie. Furthermore, they only have two Sophons.

Another expert underscores that these are proton-sized sentient computers. But Wade says it took all of their resources to build them, and they can't move fast enough to create more. The first expert underscores that the Sophons are undermining research. Wade says they need to further develop the tech they do have. He also says they need to learn more about how the San-Ti accomplish things.

Wade says the best way to learn about the San-Ti is from the source. The expert asks if Wade plans to aim a telescope at their homeworld. But Wade plans to launch a probe to intercept their fleet. He equates the probe with the Sophons the San-Ti sent to Earth. He says they need to learn things like the size of their ships, their weaknesses.

The expert says it would take 398 years for the probe to reach the fleet. Wade says the fleet is traveling at 1% light speed, so that should be their goal. The second expert says it would take 100 years of development to achieve this. Wade asks why the San-Ti can accomplish it if humans can't. The first expert says, "We are not them." Wade agrees: "No, you're not."

In a plush room, Wade tells Jin that he hears she's planning on fighting back. He says he plans to do the same. Wade states that there are only two Sophons. To keep them as occupied as possible, he's ordered every particle accelerator on the planet to work around the clock. He asks Jin how busy she thinks that will keep the Sophons. Jin says "not very," as a Sophon can circumnavigate the globe in an eighth of a second. Wade points out that there are 2000 accelerators.

Jin says if experiments around the globe are scheduled properly, they might be able to keep one of the Sophon's busy indefinitely. Better still if they can build an accelerator on the moon: it takes three seconds to get there and back. While that will leave the other Sophon free to continue flickering the skies or displaying retinal countdowns, keeping one Sophon busy will still be a huge drain on the San-Ti's resources. Wade says Jin's working for him already.

Wade says he's launching a probe to intercept the San-Ti. He continues that he has some of the best engineer's in the world on the project, "but they're all fixated on feasibility." Wade challenges Jin to find a way to get a probe to 1% light speed (or faster) using existing technology.

On the shore of the Channel, Will turns down Saul's offer of marijuana. Will says the pain isn't so bad at the moment. Saul tells him he doesn't need to be stoic. Will admits he's considering the possibility of an afterlife. Will tells Saul he wants his corpse to be put through a wood chipper.

Saul asks if she's okay. She says she is.

Jin addresses the experts at Wychwood, "During the Ming Dynasty, the Chinese Navy built a gunpowder rocket with smaller missiles stored inside." This resulted in "a medieval weapon that caused 20th-century damage." Therefore, there's a historical precedent for achieving advanced results with existing technology.

To achieve 1% light speed, an immense amount of energy will be required. Jin proposes using nuclear weapons to supply this. One of the experts accuses her of watching too many Vin Diesel films. Plus, getting a probe off the ground with nuclear weapons inside will be difficult due to weight. Jin has already considered this. The probe itself will be as light as possible, making it easier to accelerate. Her borrowed idea is "nuclear pulse propulsion."

1000 nuclear devices will be located throughout the path the probe will take to reach the San-Ti fleet. She says these could be placed by existing spacecraft. The probe will have a small mass and be attached to a solar sail. As the probe passes the nuclear devices, it will accelerate. After 1000 bombs, the probe will reach 1.1% light speed. She compares the bombs to steps on a staircase. The experts point out that the idea is novel but untested, may violate nuclear arms treaties and will cost trillions. Jin says treaties can be amended. She states their job is to solve a scientific problem, and the money is someone else's problem.

The experts are skeptical. One of them says the only feasible way to achieve 1% lightspeed is decades of research. Wade states that Jin's proposal is the only one to suggest the speed is reachable within his lifetime. Wade says they're going to find Jin an office.

At a market, inventory is running low. Saul comments on how irrational it is to hoard biscuits when the aliens won't arrive for 400 years. Will is distracted by a news report on TSOD, which has been selling stars in the Milky Way galaxy to rich folks for "donations in the eight-to-nine-figure range." Saul doesn't get this, either. Will characterizes it as a fundraiser for the space program. Saul is skeptical, but Will says at least they're doing something.

The clerk points out that some people are worshipping the aliens, "that's something." Auggie says the money should be put towards helping people who are alive now, not funding a war four centuries hence. Will says it's more exciting to imagine a War of the Worlds in the future than to deal with current problems. Saul asks for any beer, and the clerk says he heard the pub might get some that night.

Will asks if he can preorder five bottles of the next shipment of "really good" whiskey. The clerk informs him it will be unavailable until the new year. Will says that by that time, he'll be unavailable as well.

At Wychwood, Varma and Wade speak. Wade asks him to open a window. Varma says the window is sealed shut and Wade is testing him to see how he will react. Wade walks over and opens the window himself, without trouble. He tells Varma he now has two minutes.

Varma says he thought he comported himself well in Panama. Wade asks if he's looking for commendation and suggests he return to the Navy. Varma says he wants to work for Wade. Furthermore, he says Wade needs to realize that "someone with a background in nuclear engineering and naval strategy should be on your space fleet team," not working on administrative tasks.

Varma has known about the space fleet team for two weeks. Wade says he should have come then. Varma didn't want to overstep. Wade says people who don't want to overstep have no place on his space fleet team. Varma demands to be put on the team. Wade says it's done, and continues that Varma will love it on Mare Imbrium (on the moon). This is where they're building a base to build the ships. The lower gravity should prove helpful.

Jin arrives at the vacation home with a bottle and a goldfish (in a bag, in a bowl). Jin asks if Auggie's done ghosting her, and asks where Auggie was. Auggie is surprised Varma didn't tell her. But Will interrupts. Will quips that the goldfish is food, but Jin presents it to him as a housewarming gift. He says he loves the little fellow already. Will names the fish Pushkin, a poetry reference.

Later, Auggie conveys her surprise that Jin is "working for that fascist fuck again." Jin says she knows how Wade comes across, but he's a fighter. But Auggie insists that Wade is a murderer. Jin insists that the eye in the sky was the San-Ti's declaration of war on humanity. Slamming glassware, Auggie asks if Varma has told Jin anything about Panama. She suggests Jin question him to see if he'll be honest with her.

Nevertheless, Jin says the San-Ti are on their way, and she has to do something. Auggie counters that they're four centuries away. She points out that everyone Jin knows will be dead before the San-Ti arrive, along with several subsequent generations. Jin asks if Auggie is just going to pretend the San-Ti don't exist.

Auggie asks Jin what she's working on for Wade. Jin says she needs a radiation sail with an area of five square kilometers but with a mass less than five kilograms. Auggie refuses to help.

Jin says everything depends on the nanosail, and only Auggie can build it. She continues that they have unprecedented resources to accomplish this. Auggie points out that the last time scientists were given unprecedented resources, they caused Hiroshima. Jin says she's not designing a weapon. Auggie replies, "Not yet."

Early the next day, Jin joins Will on the beach. After a few moments of silence, Jin says Will could have told her. Will says he didn't want to worry her. Jin says she would have been furious

if Will had died without her knowing he was sick. She asks Will if he wants her to stay a few more days. Will says he won't stand for it, telling her to go save the world.

Jin folds a piece of paper into a boat and hands it to Will. Then she folds a second boat. She says to imagine that one boat is Will and the other is Jin. Next Jin brings both boats to the water and the current sweeps them away together. She sits back down beside Will. They smile as they watch the boats vanish.

Twenty minutes after Jin has left, Saul greets Will in the living room and asks how he and Jin left things. "Same as always," Will says. Nevertheless, Saul asks if Will plans to take his feelings for Jin to the grave. He suggests Will go to London and tell Jin how he feels. Auggie joins them. Will points out that Jin has a boyfriend. Auggie says, "Fuck him."

Soon, Will is aboard a train heading to London. He medicates and looks out the window.

Jin and Varma are riding in a car. Jin asks Varma why he didn't tell her what he's been up to, especially when they've had the same security clearance for a week. Varma says they haven't seen each other. She asks how he can be okay with killing a thousand people. Varma says those people murdered scientists. They halted research so the San-Ti can murder the rest of humanity.

Varma asks if Jin realizes her work is part of war. Jin says not to compare what she's doing to his work. Varma says someone has to do the dirty work. He points out that Auggie's nanofiber made it possible. Jin says Auggie is gutted by the action and drinking away her guilt. Varma says they're all fighting the same war.

In the middle of the night at the beach house, Saul escorts a vomiting Auggie to the toilet. Saul tells Auggie it's okay as sobs.

Jin and Varma arrive at their destination. Varma apologizes for not telling her sooner. Jin says maybe he's right and she shouldn't be working for Wade. But Varma says Jin's work is the one thing she can't give up on. They embrace. From across the street, a dejected Will watches them hug. Then he walks away without speaking to Jin.

Da Shi enters Ye Wenjie's cell. She's reading a book. She suggests Da Shi try reading. Da Shi says all he's done the past few weeks is read. He's referring to the transcripts between Evans and their Lord. Da Shi notes that Evans never mentioned Vera to the San-Ti. He takes this as evidence that they are indeed meaningless bugs. So if they don't matter, why can't Ye Wenjie tell them why Vera jumped.

Ye Wenjie admits she got careless in her messages to Evans. Vera's computer acumen allowed her to read the correspondence. But Vera never broached the subject with her. "She didn't even leave a note," she says.

Ye Wenjie says she has yet to be charged with a crime. She says she will submit to no more visits or questioning.

Da Shi smokes a cigarette and watches Ye Wenjie's cell via security feed. He receives a message from Wade: "Granted." Da Shi tells his assistant they've been cleared to release the prisoner in 12 hours. Da Shi wants her tailed, with reports on her movements every four hours.

The next morning over breakfast, Auggie tells Saul that he looks good with more weight. She insists she's honest about liking how he looks. Saul is offended. Auggie ameliorates him by allowing him to say one mean thing to her. He tells her she's beautiful, "but in a boring way." Will says the trek to London wasn't a waste and that Jin doesn't need him, she needs Auggie. Will says that he believes Auggie should help Jin, no matter who she's working for.

At Wychwood, Jin pops a beta blocker. She says Wade won't like what she has to tell him. She informs Wade that with the acceleration caused by the bombs, there's no way to slow down the probe. She says they'd only have a few minutes to gather information on the fleet. Furthermore, they must assume that due to the Sophon, the San-Ti know the probe is coming. However, Wade is confident they won't destroy the probe, they'll pick it up. He says they aren't sending a camera, they're sending a person.

A released Ye Wenjie walks the streets of London. She moves to donate money to a charity who are collecting money "for humanity," but apologizes when she finds her wallet empty. Da Shi's assistant tails her.

At Wychwood, Auggie arrives by taxi. She instructs the gate guard to tell Wade she's arrived.

Ye Wenjie arrives at home. She clears the rotten fruit from the Vera memorial and lights some candles. Da Shi's assistant stands outside and watches the house. Inside, Ye Wenjie addresses the San-Ti, knowing they can hear her if they want. She observes that the San-Ti no longer trust them, as they are liars.

Ye Wenjie acknowledges that the San-Ti are now coming to wipe out humanity all because of her, the first liar they met. "I'm an old woman whose old beliefs have led us down this terrible path." However, Ye Wenjie says she still has some ideas in her. She concludes that in four centuries, there may be either a fair fight... or no fight at all.

Will looks out over the Channel from the beach. Then he wades into the water. He sees the two boats. Now much larger than they were, the boats are still floating in tandem. Will leaves the beach. In the next scene, he arrives at the TSOD building. He watches a full-wall screen showing a montage of inspirational human imagery.

Will tells an employee that he's there for an appointment. The man offers to explain the TSOD mission to him. But Will says that won't be necessary. He says he's there to buy a star.

Only Advance

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Summary: A bold proposition for the Staircase Project puts the group at odds. Will weighs his options. Ye returns to a familiar place.



Will Downing and Saul Durand are outside Will's beach house, looking at the stars. Will points out the star he bought from "The Stars Our Destination" (TSOD) for 19.5 million pounds. Saul points out that the light from the star, which is 400.1 lightyears away, will arrive at the same time as the San-Ti. Will tells him not to ruin it.

Will extracts a promise from Saul that he won't tell Jin Cheng who bought the star for her. Will collapses. Saul can't rouse him.

Later, Saul speaks with Jin, who is at Wychwood Manor, and tells her Will is

"good." It's video chat, and Jin next speaks with an IV'd (and extremely high) Will. Saul implores Jin to come when she can. Jin says she will.

Jin's boyfriend, Raj Varma, enters Jin's room with a package. It's a plaque that confirms ownership of her star from TSOD. Jin says she hasn't known anyone with the money to do something like this since Jack. Varma suggests it could be from Thomas Wade. Jin is skeptical. Varma says it's weird. Jin says it's 28th on the list of weird things she's seen that month.

Jin is in a laboratory where Wade is introducing Dr. Demikov. Wade states that Demikov's specialty is keeping things alive in extreme conditions. A dog's whimper emerges from an opaque box. Demikov adjusts a setting on his tablet and the whining stops. Jin's assistants ask if they should be in the meeting. But Jin points out that even at 1% lightspeed, it will take 200 years for the probe to reach the San-Ti fleet. In other words, the meeting is necessary.

Demikov has made progress. Inside a tube is a cryogenically frozen chimpanzee, Kolya. The chimp's cells have been treated so they won't be destroyed by being frozen, and its heart has been slowed down but not stopped. The defrosting process is successful. Preliminary tests suggest the

chimp's mental capacity, memories and learned behaviors have been successfully preserved. However, he does vomit after eating a reward banana.

Wade exits the lab, Jin follows. Jin asks who will run the organization for hundreds of years. Wade states that he will, suggesting he'll freeze himself and then thaw out for brief periods in order to perform administrative duties, visit his mother and attend Wimbledon.

Jin says he could train someone else to run the project. Wade says Jin could run the project, but he's the only person on Earth who can oversee the plan. He says no one else could handle the plan: "only advance." Wade says the future's not as far off as it used to be, not for them.

Jin works with Auggie Salazar on the probe's solar sail. Rather than the single strand of nanofiber made so far, this would be a nanofiber weave, a new challenge. Heat and stress will need to be considered. Auggie assures Jin she can accomplish her goal. Auggie grows pensive. She says she wanted to design nanofiber to help people like her family. Instead, she ended up on the wrong side (see "Judgment Day").

Elsewhere, Will dreams of sailing in the paper boat from the previous episode. Will is woken by the presence of two people beside his hospital bed. It's his sister and brother-in-law. They say they were contacted by the hospital. Will's sister tells him he never got where he belonged because he didn't "play the game." But Will counters that he got exactly where he belonged.

Will's sister seems jealous of his intelligence and the advantages it gave him, while simultaneously judging him for not being successful enough. It becomes apparent that they've come to ask for money. Will points out that he might have someone in his life, but his sister says even if he does, it hasn't been for very long. She admits that they haven't been "the best family" but says they are his family.

Will says that his life didn't amount to much. He never loved anyone who loved him back. He says she can have all of the money left to him by their mother.

At Wychwood, Wade addresses Jin and the other experts. Instead of 1000 nuclear bombs, they can get 300. Demikov's smallest feasible hibernation rig weighs over a ton. To accelerate the probe to the necessary speed with the available bombs, the heaviest payload the probe can carry is under two kilograms. Wade's solution for the person they want to send: remove the brain from the skull. The San-Ti could rebuild the rest, giving humanity a person on the inside.

Auggie asks if they're talking about killing a person for the probe. Wade asks if they weren't talking about that already. Wade addresses the Sophons. He says that while the San-Ti may know all the exterior knowledge about humanity, they don't know what goes on inside the brain. He says that in order to truly understand humanity, the San-Ti need to get their hands on a human brain. Wade promises he'll send them someone smart, someone who understands how Earth's leaders think. Someone like the experts in the room.

One of Jin's assistants volunteers. Wade rudely rebuffs him. He asks which of the "serious people" want to meet the enemy. Unsurprisingly, no one volunteers. Wade says they need someone who understands science. Furthermore, they probably need someone who's dying already, since the mission is likely to be futile. Wade asks if anyone knows someone who fits that description.

In the garden, Wade addresses Auggie and Jin. He says that Will could provide a justification for the project. Will could meet the San-Ti and learn things about them they have no way of knowing otherwise, before their arrival.

Jin asks how Will could tell anyone about what he learns, even if he makes it. Wade says Will seems like a smart enough person. Auggie says Wade doesn't know him. Wade concedes this, and says neither Jin nor Auggie know him either. He says only Will truly knows Will.

As Wade excuses himself to make a call, Jin says they can't force Will to do it. Wade says Will wouldn't be of any use if they did. Auggie tells Jin she has to go to Will about it. Further, Auggie says she has to leave. She says she never should have come to work for "that man. For any of these men." Auggie said she fucked up and needs to fix it, and so she's leaving.

Wade makes his call. He tells the person on the line that he needs them to spearhead the project. The voice says they're busy. Playing with his iron stirrup, Wade observes that these are busy times. The voice asks to hear about the projects. Wade asks if they've ever heard the term "Wallfacer."

At his home, Da Shi is playing his son's fighting game. His son tells him he's button-mashing, and needs to learn some combos. His son shows him a website for the company he and his

boyfriend are setting up. It sets up a pension account for people to save money to buy their ticket to space, when they're available. He says they have an investor, Denys Porlock, who's legit.

Da Shi says he's impressed. But he also says it's bollocks. His son says to help him make it real. Da Shi says he doesn't know how. His son asks him what's real, if the house is real. He says if that's what's real, he's not interested. Then he takes back the pad and leaves Da Shi on the couch.

At the Nanotechnology Research Centre, it is revealed Porlock is Auggie's boss. He tells her they can't afford to wait for her to continue the nanofiber project. Auggie gets on her cell phone, and Porlock makes a sarcastic remark. But Auggie says she's just doing what she has to, as he is. She says she's taking her work with her. Porlock says it doesn't belong to her. Auggie says it doesn't, it belongs to the people for whom it could make life better.

As such, she's uploaded all of the project's data, including the machine schematics, to public access websites. Porlock insists they'll sue anyone who takes advantage of it. Auggie cites many real-world examples of big companies that were powerless to stop similar situations. However she encourages him to sue everyone. Porlock suggests he'll sue Auggie. She responds that they'd better arrest her fast, as her flight leaves in three hours.

Jin speaks with Will about the Staircase Project in his hospital room. Will says it sounds like science fiction or fairy tales. He opens his bedside table's drawer and reveals he has the copy of Fairy Tales Jin gave him inside. Jin thinks Will is saying no, but he's in. He tells her he loves her.

In her home, Ye Wenjie pages through Vera's science books. She looks at the framed photographs of her and her daughter together. Ye Wenjie makes a call. She says that while she knows the person on the line doesn't want to hear from her, they need to see each other.

An ant crawls across the grooves of an engraved headstone. It's Vera Ye's stone. Ye Wenjie is meeting with Saul. Saul says that Vera knew Ye Wenjie had called the San-Ti to Earth. He says it never made sense that she'd kill herself over the work. Saul says Vera must have come across a text or email, and started digging. Ye Wenjie says Vera always said Saul was the smartest one.

Ye Wenjie says she tried to protect Vera, but she was smart like Saul. Saul says Ye Wenjie failed Vera. Ye Wenjie says she failed more people than Saul will ever know. But she intimates that she won't have to live with it much longer. She asks Saul why he was working for Vera instead of running his own lab. Saul says he was good at physics but not passionate about it. He says that's why he didn't amount to much. Ye Wenjie says that in the end, we all mostly amount to the same.

Ye Wenjie tells Saul a joke about Einstein's violin. She says humor is a personal thing, but jokes are important and we wouldn't survive without them. Saul looks confused as he watches Ye Wenjie leave.

In Will's hospital room, Wade and Jin are finalizing the paperwork for his post-mortem space brain adventure. Wade asks Will to sign a loyalty oath to humanity. Will refuses. He says he feels no loyalty to humanity.

Wade asks why he's doing it, then. Will says he's dying anyway. And he says the San-Ti might end up being better than humanity anyway. Wade points out that they're invading. Will says, "So they say." He admits that his motivation for participation is that it's what Jin thinks he should do. If she tells him to sign the loyalty oath, he'll do that. Wade takes the oath back and thanks Will for his time. Just before exiting, he tells Will he's perfect for the project, and they'll be in touch.

Jin follows Wade out into the hallway. She asks how he can be perfect for the project when he won't sign the oath. Wade says he's their man because he might not be their man. He concludes that this will motivate the San-Ti to go out of their way to retrieve the probe.

In a trailer in the woods, Tatiana heats up soup. She turns on the TV and begins flips around. But the standard TV shows are interrupted by the appearance of Sophon, who directly addresses Tatiana. Tatiana says she thought the San-Ti were done communicating with humanity. Sophon says they were done speaking to Evans but prepared to continue speaking with Tatiana. Tatiana says she's nothing, a bug. But Sophon says Tatiana's part of something bigger, and they need her.

Elsewhere, Ye Wenjie buys a plane ticket to Beijing. Da Shi's assistant is still tailing her (see: previous episode). Both Ye Wenjie and her tail line up to board Flight CX252. She stands directly

next to Da Shi's assistant. Then she introduces herself. He asks if she knows her. She says she changed her seat to be next to his, and it will be nice to have someone to speak with.

In hospice, Will prepares for assisted suicide. This requires him to consent to the procedure five times. Saul is also present. Will tells Saul he told Jin not to come.

At Wychwood, Wade informs Jin that the first ICBM launches will take place in a few days. The bombs will be in place within a few weeks, and Will can be sent on his journey. Wade reveals to Jin that Will bought her the star. He continues that it's a worthless piece of paper and she should drop her price and sell it. She quickly exits.

In hospice, Saul and Will are reminiscing about happier times. Will maintains that C.S. Lewis was a shitty writer. He turns his attention back to the tablet with the consent on it, and consents the first time. Saul tells Will to think through what he's doing. He points out that Will might drift forever. But Will counters that he'll be unaware the whole time. Saul points out that if the San-Ti find him they will rebuild him, and he might just be made into a computer program against his consent. But Will counters this scenario by saying he's a nobody, so they'd switch him off and he's back to "just dead."

Saul points out that they reconstruct him in order to run endurance tests on him, akin to torture. This could last for any duration of time.

Will is unconvinced. He consents to the procedure a fourth time. Will suggests he might be like a pet to the San-Ti, or their entertainment. Saul asks what he does for entertainment, and asks his favorite movie. Will says *The Shining*. They both laugh. Will's goldfish is in its bowl nearby. He asks Saul how many people get the opportunity to say goodbye to a good friend.

Will says he never had many friends, but thanks to the rest of the Oxford Five, it always felt like enough. Saul says he's going to miss him. "Good," says Will. "If they bring me back, I'll miss you too." Saul takes Will's hand. Then Will moves to consent a fifth time. He looks at the goldfish.

Once again, Will is floating on the ocean in the paper boat. Jin arrives at the hospice and hurries to Will's room. However, she finds the bed empty. Will is still on the boat. It begins to rain. He takes a deep breath. Jin bursts into a room where Saul is watching the completion of the surgical procedure to remove Will's brain. She begins to sob. Will is dead.

A Mercedes Benz carrying Ye Wenjie and Da Shi's assistant drives up the road to the location of Red Coast Base. Ye Wenjie says she can walk from there. She asks Da Shi's assistant for a few moments alone, and he assents. Flashbacks show young Ye Wenjie being brought to the base by Red Guards decades in the past. The satellite dish and RCB as a whole have fallen into disarray.

Ye Wenjie approaches the cliff's edge and looks down. It's clear that she's about to jump. But she's interrupted by the arrival of Tatiana. Ye Wenjie asks about Officer Collins (Da Shi's assistant). Tatiana asks if that had been his name. Ye Wenjie says she thought the Lord was done with them, but Tatiana says not all of them. They embrace. Ye Wenjie tells Tatiana she's sorry she had to come all this way for something Ye Wenjie was going to do herself.

Tatiana tells her the fall would be horrible. Furthermore, death might not be immediate. "Please," Tatiana says. "I can give you something better. Something gentle. Something beautiful." She strokes Ye Wenjie's face. Ye Wenjie nods but asks if they can sit for a moment. She tells Tatiana that when she was Tatiana's age, this was some of the most beautiful country on Earth. Tatiana says when the Lord arrives, it'll get better.

Ye Wenjie asks if Tatiana knows why the Lord sent her. Tatiana suggests it could just be Ye Wenjie's time. Ye Wenjie says she's pleased the Lord hasn't forgotten her. Tatiana agrees.

Ye Wenjie says she wanted to see one last sunset from RCB. She asks Tatiana if they can watch it together. Tatiana says she'd like that very much. She takes Ye Wenjie's hand and tells her she worked so hard for so long, she deserves a rest. The two women sit together and watch the sunset.

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Summary: A high-level operation upends Saul's life. With emotions and expectations high, the probe launches into space as humanity enters a daunting new era.



Saul Durand packs a bowl as talking heads on TV discuss the eventual San-Ti arrival. A woman emerges from the shower wearing a towel. It soon becomes clear that Saul doesn't remember her name. She asks him to call her an Uber.

Outside, Saul talks how far in the future the arrival of the San-Ti really is. He brings up where his ancestors were 400 years ago, and asks the woman what her ancestors were thinking about four centuries ago. A skateboarder knocks Saul off his feet. Then an SUV smashes into a car nearby. Next another car swerves onto the sidewalk to avoid the crash. This

car runs over the woman, and she is immediately killed. Saul remembers her name: "Nora."

Later, Saul is questioned by Da Shi. He says he's sorry about Nora. Saul asks if he's a cop and Da Shi says not exactly. Da Shi says he's an old friend of Auggie's and knows Jin, and he's sorry about the loss of Jack and Will. He asks what Ye Wenjie spoke to Saul about at the graveyard.

Da Shi explains that Ye Wenjie only met one person before leaving for China: Saul. There she was murdered, along with one of Da Shi's men. Saul is surprised. Da Shi points out that now someone tried to kill Saul. All three cars involved in the accident were under autonomous control.

Da Shi tells Saul that they have reason to believe someone (or something) hacked into the cars and caused the accident. Da Shi says he only survived because he was knocked aside by the skateboarder. Saul says he doesn't know what's going on. Da Shi believes him. A guard enters and brings a bulletproof suit. Da Shi instructs Saul to put it on.

Soon Da Shi and Saul arrive via motorcade to a private plane. There are armed guards all over. During the flight, Da Shi laughs at videos on his phone. Saul asks for more information. But all Da Shi can tell him is that his job is to escort Saul to his destination. Da Shi informs Saul that Nora's parents were informed that she died in a horrible accident. He suggests Saul get some sleep. Instead, Saul opens the window shade. Outside, the plane is accompanied by military jets.

At Wychwood Manor, Jin Cheng puts a packet of produce seeds on the desk of Thomas Wade. She says she wants them included in the Stairway Project probe, alongside Will's brain. This is so that he will have something to eat if they choose to clone him. Wade refuses on the grounds of weight. Jin says that she'll make the request to someone with more authority. When Wade says no such person exists, she threatens to quit. As Jin storms out, Wade tells her he'll save a seat for her at the Cape Canaveral launch.

As the plane lands, Saul tells Da Shi that he didn't get any sleep.

Saul and Da Shi are greeted by Sebastian Kent. Kent acknowledges it's been a difficult day but hopes it'll get better. Saul, Da Shi and Kent travel by motorcade through New York City. Their destination is the United Nations. Kent shows Saul to the building's meditation room, built by Dag Hammarskjöld. While there is a suit waiting for Saul, Da Shi says he's wearing what he's wearing.

Saul, Da Shi and Kent arrive in the UN meeting room just as the Wallfacer Project is announced. The omnipresence of the Sophons is once again raised, and the San-Ti are discussed as an enemy. But the secretary-general continues that the Sophons are not omniscient: they don't know what's in the minds of humans.

Enter the Wallfacer Project. Three individuals will be chosen to come up with their own plans to resist the San-Ti. These individuals will keep these plans inside their heads until the time is right to execute, the San-Ti will be unable to reach them. Wallfacers will be given access to huge amounts of resources, and no one will have the right to question any order they give (so long as they violate no international laws).

The secretary-general introduces the three Wallfacers: General Hou Bolin, Professor Leyla Ariç and Saul Durand. The other two Wallfacers have extensive military qualifications. Saul joins the other two onstage. Later, Saul tells the secretary-general they've made a mistake. She replies that they won't know that for a while. The secretary-general reminds him the San-Ti are watching.

The secretary-general says the enemy knows why he was chosen. That's why they tried to kill him. Saul asks what if he refuses? She says that's his right. So he refuses. The secretary-general says she understands. He asks if he's free to leave and she says he's free to do anything. Saul leaves the auditorium.

In the lobby, Da Shi warns him it could be dangerous outside. Da Shi asks if he can get Saul a security team. Saul declines, and says he's not a Wallfacer. Kent states that they can only do as Saul instructs. Da Shi asks to at least walk with him. He declines and leaves the building alone. Before he's out of sight of the UN, he's been shot.

At Wychwood, Jin leaves instructions for her assistant Edgar to keep Will's goldfish alive while she's gone. Edgar wishes her good luck. Later, Jin boards a private plane on a tarmac. Inside are several other experts, Wade, and her boyfriend Raj Varma. Varma moves his bag so she can sit behind him, but she passes the open seat and sits alone.

Wade answers a call from Da Shi. Wade tells Da Shi not to let that happen again. Da Shi is in Saul's hospital room. On TV, a news report about cicadas affecting crops is on. Saul awakens and Da Shi tends to him. Da Shi informs him he has internal bleeding and a broken rib. He continues that if Saul is in the hospital, Da Shi isn't doing his job.

Saul says it isn't Da Shi's fault, as Saul wouldn't let him protect him. Da Shi asks if Saul will let Da Shi protect him now. Saul agrees. Da Shi informs him that the NYPD apprehended the would-be assassin. Saul says he wants to see him. Da Shi asks why. "Know your enemy," replies Saul.

Da Shi says that's not his department. But he agrees to talk to someone. Saul thanks him, but Da Shi says he's a Wallfacer, so his word is Da Shi's command. Saul says he's not a Wallfacer. Da Shi just smiles at him.

On the plane, Varma approaches Jin in private. Varma asks if she's dumped him. Jin says she can't do this right now. Varma says he's given her five hours and she's stuck on a plane with him. Jin admits it's about Will. She says she stole the last minutes of Will's life from him, and it's

unlikely the project will ever work. Varma says Will is dead. But Jin says he's not, he's a living brain. And the San Ti have the tech to rebuild his body. Varma says Jin loved him. Jin says she loves him: "he's still alive." Varma says he hopes it works.

In his hospital room, Saul is watching a news report about himself. There's a knock at the door. Da Shi enters with the would-be assassin. Saul asks if they can be left alone, but Da Shi says the gentleman knows what he's doing. The assassin says he's sorry he didn't succeed.

Saul says he's resigned his position as Wallfacer. The assassin doesn't believe him. He continues that the San-Ti are both his and Saul's superiors. Saul asks why he tried to kill a man he's never met on the directive of aliens he's never met. The assassin says he's "gone to be a soldier in the army of the Lord." Then he smiles and turns to leave. Da Shi motions for him to be escorted out.

Saul asks Da Shi who he works for. Da Shi recites his resume, with the current employer being the PDC. Then he says his job now is protecting Saul. Saul says he wants to go home. Da Shi agrees, but says travel runs through Kent. Kent enters the room and Saul asks what his job is. He's the day-to-day liaison with Saul for the Planetary Defense Council. Saul protests that he's not a Wallfacer anymore. Kent says, "Of course not, sir."

Saul asks why Kent is still here. Kent repeats that he's in charge of Saul's day-to-day liaisons. Saul says it's like they're not communicating. When Saul says he's not a Wallfacer, Kent again agrees. Da Shi watches. Saul says he wants to see the secretary-general.

In the UN meditation room, Saul tells the secretary-general he wants to go home. The secretary-general observes that Saul's home may not comport with his new security requirements.

Saul asks why he needs security requirements if he's not a Wallfacer. The secretary-general says she doesn't know if it matters whether or not he's truly a Wallfacer. What matters is what people (or non-people) believe. She continues that a Wallfacer's work is carried out "in the solitude of the mind." No one knows what's inside Saul's mind. The secretary-general doesn't blame him for not wanting the job. Saul says he has no idea how to fight aliens. Furthermore, they'll all be dead by the time the aliens arrive. The secretary-general admits she's had the same thought. However, she says they owe it to their descendants to try.

Saul asks why he was chosen. The secretary-general tells him no one knows the direct reason. She says he'll have to find his own answer. The secretary-general says they're taking a huge gamble on Saul. In the UN lobby, Saul approaches Kent and Da Shi. Saul says he wants to go to Cape Canaveral to see his friend off.

In the woods, Tatiana Haas returns to her trailer carrying a pair of grocery bags. But when she arrives, she finds the door ajar. She pulls out a pistol.

She finds a white box with her name on it, like the one that mysteriously appeared in Jack Rooney's house. Inside is a card reading, "If one of us survives, all of us survive." There's also a VR helmet. Tatiana puts the helmet on. Ominous music plays.

At Cape Canaveral, Will's brain is loaded into the rocket. Wade tells Jin they included the seeds she wanted with Will's brain. The countdown begins.

The rocket launches. Jin is overcome with emotion as she watches. Varma is watching Jin. Saul, Da Shi and Kent arrive in the control room. Jin embraces him and asks if it's safe for him to be here. Saul says he's wearing a bulletproof suit.

Wade tells Da Shi that he was lucky. He continues that they really want Saul dead. Da Shi says that's how they know he's worth it: "my enemy's enemy." Wade says Da Shi will be handcuffed to that kid for the rest of his life and asks if he's okay with that. Da Shi asks if he's got a choice, and Wade says "no." So Da Shi says he's okay with it.

Varma approaches Saul and Jin and asks if everything's all right. Jin gives an update on Will but swiftly walks away from Varma. Saul follows her, and Da Shi follows Saul.

On the beach, Jin asks Saul if Da Shi is always shadowing him. Saul says he wants to go back in time and punch his past self in the face for thinking he had problems back then. Jin lists the other two Wallfacers and wonders why he was chosen. Saul has no idea.

Jin asks if Saul's talked to Auggie Salazar. He hasn't, and asks why. Jin says Auggie hates what they did to Will, as does she. Saul says Will made his choice. He says Will would have done anything for her, as he loved her. Saul hopes someone loves him that much someday. Jin says maybe someone already does. Then she leaves him. Saul takes out his phone and looks at it.

Auggie is in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. She's explaining how nanofiber filters can clear water of everything from pesticides to parasites to bacteria and beyond. The locals say they have good

filters already. But Auggie says if they had good filters, they wouldn't be dealing with a dysentery epidemic. Then she rejects a call from Saul and continues helping the villagers.

In Florida, Jin looks around the NASA faculty. Soon, inside mission control, she joins Wade, Saul and the others in the control room to monitor the probe's progress. The first stage boosters are ejected. The sail is deployed and expands. Auggie's sail works as intended, leading to a smattering of applause. The probe approaches the first nuclear device. A countdown begins for the detonation.

The first nuclear device successfully detonates. The probe begins to accelerate. The second detonation is successful as well, accelerating the probe further. "He's flying now," says Saul. Next, the third detonation is successful.

One of the cords connecting the probe to the sail breaks. Alarms sound. The probe begins to deviate from the predicted trajectory. This means it won't reach the fourth (and subsequent) nuclear devices. The commenter advises that there's been an anomaly. Jin begins to cry. Everyone is somber. Wade says something inaudible to Jin. A final shot of the probe shows it vanishing into space.

On his plane, Wade is on a call. He tells the man on the line to get Wallfacer Bolin whatever he wants. He reads a news article on world leaders' response to the Wallfacer plan. But he's interrupted by the voice of Sophon, who soon appears on a screen. Sophon says they would have liked to have met Will. She continues that they'd like to meet Wade, if his fragile humanity survives cryogenic freezing.

The electricity in the plane is cut. Wade is plunged into darkness, and the engines whine. The lights flicker back on. Wade says if they're watching him, he must be doing something right. Sophon agrees; he's a strong leader. She continues that Wade should know there will be a place for him when they arrive: he is part of their plan. She vanishes from the screen. But then the lights flicker and she seemingly appears with him inside the plane.

Sophon says they will always be with Wade. She says they'll see whatever they want him to see. "Until the day you die," she concludes. As she speaks, Wade sees a retinal countdown that quickly reaches zero. His own corpse appears in the seat beside him, eyes missing, sockets dripping blood. Sophon has vanished. Outside the plane, a military escort jet is still flying.

At the Magic Beach Motel, Saul and Jin sit by the pool. Saul asks how long she thinks Will will float out there. Jin says it'll be 6,000 years before he passes a star. However, she doubts he'll fall into the gravity well. In another 5,000,000 years, he'll leave the Milky Way. Da Shi approaches and says they are "the two saddest-looking bastards" he's ever seen. Saul tells him not to give him a speech: "I can't take any Henry V bullshit."

Da Shi says he played Henry V in a school play. Saul says sometimes being depressed is a reasonable response to the world. Da Shi asks if he's giving up the war after losing a few battles. He continues that they got the probe moving faster than any man-made object ever has gone before. Jin repeats that the mission was a failure.

Da Shi asks if they've ever watched the WWII films of the Allies launching planes off of aircraft carriers. He asks if they know how many pilots they lost before they got it right. Jin says they're still a few million times slower than the San-Ti. Saul says humans are slow, dumb and die easy. "We're bugs," he concludes. Da Shi says they're going for a drive.

Da Shi drives to a secluded area of the Everglades. They get out of the car. Insects buzz and chirp. The air is filled with them.

Da Shi gives his climactic speech. "People hate bugs. Been trying to get rid of them forever. Spray pesticides from planes. We put poison in the ground, we try to sterilize them. We swat 'em, zap 'em, step on 'em. Look around. They're not going anywhere."

Da Shi drinks to the bugs, then pours the rest of the liquor out, "For the bugs." He tells them they need to get back, as they've got work to do. The camera pulls back through the swarming cicadas as the music swells.

Actor Appearances

A

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| Stacy Abalogun..... | 1 |
| 0104 (Thelma) | |
| Cain Aiden..... | 1 |
| 0102 (SWAT) | |
| Jordan Alexandra..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Siobhan) | |
| Sagar Arya..... | 1 |
| 0106 (One Earth Official) | |

B

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| Carlotta Banat..... | 1 |
| 0102 (Olivia) | |
| Jason Barnett..... | 1 |
| 0105 (Eugene) | |
| Florence Bell..... | 1 |
| 0107 (Roxanne) | |
| Rhys Bevan-John..... | 1 |
| 0102 (Researcher) | |
| Jarlan Bogolubov..... | 1 |
| 0105 (Theo) | |
| Lainy Boyle..... | 1 |
| 0105 (Mother of Theo) | |
| Ulrich Brandhoff..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Gisler) | |
| Josh Brener..... | 1 |
| 0108 (Kent) | |
| Guy Burnet..... | 1 |
| 0101 (Rufus) | |

C

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| Aidan Cheng..... | 2 |
| 0104 (Reg); 0107 (Reg) | |
| Jenson Cheng..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Kublai Khan) | |
| Clem Cheung..... | 1 |
| 0108 (General Hou Bolin) | |
| Géraldine Chevalley..... | 1 |
| 0101 (Swiss Hotel Tourist) | |
| James Chu..... | 1 |
| 0101 (Professor) | |

D

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| John Dagleish..... | 4 |
| 0102 (Felix); 0103 (Felix); 0104 (Felix); 0105 (Felix) | |
| Dustin Demri-Burns..... | 1 |
| 0106 (Ted) | |
| Tao Deng..... | 1 |
| 0101 (Computer Scientist 1) | |
| Daniel Charles Doherty..... | 1 |
| 0101 (Computer Operator) | |

E

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| Adrian Edmondson..... | 3 |
| 0102 (Denys Porlock); 0103 (Denys Porlock); 0107 (Denys Porlock) | |
| Liam Edwards..... | 1 |
| 0101 (Military) | |
| Kevin Eldon..... | 1 |
| 0102 (Sir Thomas More) | |
| Stella Englisch..... | 1 |
| 0104 (Gabrielle) | |

F

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| Bobak Ferdowsi..... | 1 |
| 0108 (Mission Director) | |
| Jason Forbes..... | 1 |
| 0104 (Omar Khayyam) | |
| Yiet-Ming Fu..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Guard) | |

G

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| Nitin Ganatra..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Ranjit Varma) | |
| Aarushi Ganju..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Nisha Varma) | |
| Mark Gatiss..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Isaac Newton) | |
| Adrian Greensmith..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Galileo) | |
| Tao Guo..... | 1 |
| 0101 (Computer Scientist 2) | |

H

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| Salem Hadeed..... | 1 |
| 0108 (Leyla Arıç) | |
| Bilal Hasna..... | 3 |
| 0106 (Edgar); 0107 (Edgar); 0108 (Edgar) | |
| Yang Hewen..... | 1 |
| 0101 (Bai Mulin) | |
| Conleth Hill..... | 1 |
| 0103 (Pope Gregory XIII) | |
| Jim Howick..... | 1 |
| 0107 (Harry) | |
| Stephen Rahman Hughes..... | 3 |
| 0106 (Anwar Suleiman); 0107 (Anwar Suleiman); 0108 (Anwar Suleiman) | |

J

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| Kerena Jagpal..... | 1 |
| 0102 (Eva) | |
| Richard James-Neale..... | 1 |
| 0108 (Soldier) | |

Minaree Jayasena 1
 0106 (One Earth Volunteer)
 Benjamin Jia 2
 0101 (Lead Operator); 0102 (Lead Operator)

K

Ranika Kaur 1
 0103 (Geeta Varma)
 James Ketteridge 2
 0105 (Zack); 0107 (Zack)
 Shaheen Khan 1
 0103 (Priya Varma)
 Emily Kimball 1
 0101 (Poppy)
 Edmund Kingsley 1
 0104 (Jeremiah)

L

Lokky Lau 1
 0102 (Engineer)
 Fengxu Li 1
 0101 (Shao Lin)
 Steven H. Li 1
 0101 (Political Instructor Wei)
 Vedette Lim 2
 0101 (Vera Ye); 0105 (Vera Ye)
 Avital Lvova 1
 0104 (Ramanujan)

M

Sarah Malin 1
 0107 (Doctor)
 Obie Matthew 1
 0101 (Attendant)
 Andy M Milligan 1
 0102 (Cult Member)
 Gerard Monaco 5
 0101 (Collins); 0103 (Collins); 0104 (Collins); 0106 (Collins); 0107 (Collins)
 Hywel Morgan 1
 0105 (Selwyn Pugh)
 Naoko Mori 1
 0104 (Marie Curie)
 Maryam Moshiri 1
 0106 (BBC Anchorwoman)

N

Lily Newmark 1
 0108 (Nora)
 Ali Noorani 1
 0102 (Dr. Cowdhury)

P

Jose Palma 1
 0108 (Roberto)
 Shalini Peiris 1
 0102 (Colleague)
 Abby Phillip 1
 0108 (Abby Phillip)
 CCH Pounder 2
 0106 (Secretary General Lilian Joseph); 0108 (Secretary General Lilian Joseph)
 Amore Psiche 1
 0101 (Panamian Canal Employee)

Q

Deng Qiaozhi 2
 0101 (Lei Zhicheng); 0102 (Lei Zhicheng)

R

Mark Rainsbury 1
 0101 (Black Palace Guard)
 Eve Ridley 2
 0102 (Follower); 0103 (Follower)
 Lucy Russell 1
 0105 (Sally)

S

Stephen Samson 1
 0104 (Black Guard Officer 3)
 Mitya Savelau 1
 0107 (Dr. Peter Demikhov)
 Ben Schnetzer 2
 0102 (Young Mike Evans); 0104 (Young Mike Evans)
 Reece Shearsmith 1
 0103 (Alan Turing)
 Adam Silver 1
 0108 (Charles)
 Dave Simon 1
 0102 (Airport Security)
 Bea Svistunenکو 3
 0106 (Laeticia); 0107 (Laeticia); 0108 (Laeticia)

T

Hassan Taj 1
 0107 (Chimp Performer)
 Hon Ping Tang 1
 0102 (Sentry 1)
 Jake Tapper 1
 0108 (Jake Tapper)
 Stephanie Tarling 1
 0101 (Karaoke Singer)
 Em Thane 1
 0105 (Tech 1)
 Ami Tredrea 1
 0102 (Scientist)
 Djamel Turner 1
 0101 (Bartender)

V

Hélène Viviès 3
 0106 (Lecompte); 0107 (Lecompte); 0108 (Lecompte)

W

Phil Wang 1
 0103 (Aristotle)
 Xuedong Wang 1
 0101 (Male Red Guard)
 Yin Wang 1
 0101 (Red Guard Student)
 Trevor Watts 1
 0101 (Agent)
 Chris Wilson 2
 0101 (Scientist); 0102 (Scientist)
 Tom Wu 1
 0102 (Count of the West)

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Lan Xiya 2
0101 (Tang Hongjing); 0102 (Tang Hongjing)

————— Y —————

Sun Yan 1
0101 (Commander Song)
Guming Yu 2
0101 (Yang Weining); 0102 (Yang Weining)
Jeanne Yuan 1
0101 (Teng Lihua)
Russell Yuen 1
0102 (Emperor Zhou)
Perry Yung 1
0101 (Ye Zhetai)

————— Z —————

Simonas Zmuidzinas 1
0108 (United Nations Slovakian Ambassador)