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Season One

Are You Happy in Your Life?

Season 1
Episode Number: 1
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Guest Stars: Amanda Brugel (Blair Caplan), Marquita Brooks (Dawn Lawrence), William Smillie (Matt), Bassam Abdelfattah (Anthony), Tiff Abreu (Mindy), Matthew Amador (Slightly Older Man), Rolando Boyce (Dr. Joseph Hart), Sam Cass (Young Man), Suzy Dias (Chloe), Joe Diotetto (Jason Dessen Acting Double), Missy Fierro (Violet), Snag Flynn (Young Woman), Charlie Holcomb (Male Student #1), Arti Ishak (Mara McHenry), John Lister (Angry Cabbie), Reilly Oh (Male Student #2), Jimmy Styx (Gunter (Nightwatchman)), Elvis Garcia (Cabbie #2), Andre Bellos (Scientist)
Summary: Physics professor and family man Jason Dessen is abducted from everything he loves.



The episode opens with someone walking out of a mysterious box and into an abandoned building before the opening theme and credits roll. After the credits, Jason wakes up to the sound of an alarm and goes downstairs to make coffee. He works with his son Charlie on trigonometry and gives his wife Daniela a cup of coffee to go. Daniela doesn't want Charlie to drive with his dad; after she leaves, Jason agrees to let him, but he runs a red

light on his way to school.

Charlie tells his father about a girl he likes, Brooke, and Jason gets a phone call from his old friend Ryan Holder. Ryan tells Jason that he won the Pavia prize and wants to celebrate. We then transition to Lakemont College, where Jason is a professor teaching his students about quantum superposition and Schrödinger's cat, before moving to Daniela at an art gallery, talking to her friend Blaire about family drama.

The mysterious man from the beginning of the episode enters a storage unit full of cash, cell phones, and other unidentifiable equipment. The camera pans to reveal his face, and it's Jason, stalking and taking notes on his family's daily life. Back at home, the Dessen family is making dinner and drinking wine (not Charlie) as they enjoy family night.

Ryan is texting Jason asking him to come out and have a drink, and Daniela reminds him that there will be other family nights, but no other chances to celebrate with Ryan. She insists he meets him, so he leaves, walks down to the Village Tap, and immediately embraces his old friend. Ryan orders a bottle of the nicest scotch and Jason congratulates him on winning the Pavia prize.

Ryan then introduces Jason to some of his friends and the two sit down in the corner booth to talk about old times. They share a touching moment and Ryan reveals that he has \$100 million in his "war chest" and it's about to triple, and he wants Jason to join his new neurotech company.

Jason is intrigued at the idea — until Ryan tells him the company is in San Francisco. Jason then turns him down, exits the bar, and sees Daniela is calling him.

He declines her call and is almost struck by a cab in the middle of the street due to being distracted. As he's in a dark alley walking home, he's robbed at gunpoint by a man who steals his wallet and phone, demanding he get in a nearby car. The mugger tells Jason that if he doesn't do exactly as he says, he'll kill him. He then points the gun at the back of Jason's head and says, "Drive."

The robber knows the passcode to Jason's phone and unlocks it to see texts from Daniela. Jason tells him that Ryan offered him a job, and the two arrive at the same warehouse the man was in at the beginning of the episode. He orders Jason to take off all his clothes and move further into the warehouse. Jason tries to fight back, but his mugger pushes him down a set of stairs and injects him with an unknown substance.

He tells Jason to open the bag and get dressed because he'll be unconscious soon. He then proceeds to ask Jason if he's happy with his life, or if he's ever wondered about "what could've been?" and then tells him he's going to be scared, but he can "make this new life his own." Fading out of consciousness, Jason asks the man who he is, and he simply responds with, "You wouldn't believe me if I told you" and Jason passes out.

Jason wakes up unsure of where he is but surrounded by bright lights and doctors. He passes out yet again, and shortly after wakes up in a bed and tries to leave, but discovers he's locked in his room. A woman knocks on the door and comes in seconds later, and Jason asks who she is. She asks Jason if he recognizes her, to which he says no, and she tells him her name is Amanda.

Jason asks what's happening to him, and she says they'll figure it out together and that he's been cleared from quarantine. She shows him into a brightly lit room where he meets Leighton Vance, who flips a switch to reveal dozens of people outside the room looking in, cheering on Jason. Leighton says most of the team rushed in from the city to see him and that he's the only one who's returned from the box.

Amanda tells Jason he's been gone for 14 months and 10 days, and Jason says the last thing he remembers is being at a bar with his friend Ryan. Jason then has a panic attack and remarks once again that he doesn't know who anyone is. On his way back to his room, Jason attempts to escape, gets out the front door, hops a tall fence, and runs through the forest and into the city of Chicago.

He gets a cab to take him to his house at 44 Eleanor Street in Logan Square. When Jason gets home, he walks in to find Amanda in his house, and it's not at all as he left it. Meanwhile, the man who kidnapped Jason walks into his house at his real home, and it's revealed to be another version of Jason. This alternate version of Jason kidnapped himself and stole his counterpart's life. He walks into the kitchen to see Daniela standing at the sink.

Daniela is upset with Jason 2 for coming home so late and not answering his phone, and he hugs her from behind. He tells Daniela about Ryan's job offer and asks if she remembers what he said to her all those years ago when they decided to be together. She remembers that he said at the end of his life, he'd rather have memories of her than of a cold, sterile lab, and she forgives him.

Switch back to Jason 1, who asks Amanda how she got into his house, and she tells him they live together. Jason calls out for Daniela and Charlie, but they're nowhere to be found. He enters what he knows to be his son's room to find an office with a Pavia prize plaque with his name engraved on it. Jason tries to call Daniela but gets the wrong number, so he tries again, and they tell him to "f-ck off." Amanda asks who Daniela is, and Jason tells her she's his wife and continues searching the house.

Amanda tells Jason he doesn't have a wife, but he's in denial and runs out the back of the house into the alley. Meanwhile, Jason 2 and Daniela make their way into the bedroom, and she notices a cut bandaged on his arm. When she asks what happened, he says the same thing to her that he did to Jason 1 earlier in the episode, "You wouldn't believe me if I told you."

Trip of a Lifetime

Season 1
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Guest Stars: Marquita Brooks (Dawn Lawrence), William Smillie (Matt), Jenne Kang (Dr. Julianne Springer), Peter Sipla (Dr. Randolph), Kathryn Acosta (Nurse), Monica Patankar (Faculty Woman), Missy Fierro (Violet), Madelyn DePorter (Receptionist), Brenann Stacker (Female Greeter), Beacon Bowman (Door Woman), Tara Mallen (Alesia Cheney), Charlie Holcomb (Male Student #1), Reilly Oh (Male Student #2 (In The Back)), Suzy Dias (Chloe), Andre Bellos (Scientist)
Summary: Jason wakes to a life that makes no sense — he doesn't have a family and he's created something extraordinary.



The episode picks up after the previous installment, with Jason 1 running through the alley behind his and Amanda's house. He gets to the end of the alley and hides behind a dumpster as a truck drives by. He walks into the Village Tap, the same local bar where he celebrated with Ryan, but his friend and bartender Matt doesn't recognize him.

After a short conversation, Matt kicks Jason out of the bar for repeatedly trying to convince him they know each other, and Jason goes to the hospital. He tells the doctor he thinks there is something wrong with his mind, and they give him an MRI. Meanwhile, Jason 2 wakes up beside Daniela and kisses her before getting dressed and checking on Charlie.

He goes downstairs to make coffee but can't find it. In the other world, Jason 1 rests in a hospital bed and a doctor comes to talk to him. She tells him they found a psychoactive compound in his toxicity screen that they'd never seen before. Jason asks them to find his family, but the doctor tells him no one named Daniela or Charlie Dessen lives in Chicago.

The episode continues as the doctor reads Jason details of his life that he isn't familiar with. She hands him an iPad, and he searches for Daniela Vargas (his wife's former name) and finds the address of her art show. At the house, Leighton, Dawn, and Amanda plan how to find him. Amanda recommends calling the police, but Leighton and Dawn don't feel that's a good idea.

Jason 2 goes to Lakemont College to give his first lecture in Jason 1's place. He notices none of his students are paying attention — most are distracted on their phones and laptops, so he asks them if they're comfortable not paying attention and never getting further than a middle management job that they hate. He says he doesn't expect his students to know everything, but he does expect them to pay attention.

Back in the other world, Amanda calls around trying to find Jason. Leighton calls her and says they know Jason was at the hospital, but he left before they arrived. Jason goes to Daniela's art show, and they won't let him in until he gives them his name. They ask him to select a card, and he chooses door #2 and walks into the exhibit where he sees paintings of himself on the walls.

The episode continues as Jason finally sees Daniela, they lock eyes and embrace, and he asks her, "Where's Charlie?" but she doesn't know who Charlie is. Ryan speaks with Daniela and has an awkward conversation with Jason at the bar before Daniela invites them both to a party at her place after the event. Ryan asks Jason how his compound works, but Jason doesn't know what he's talking about.

Daniela gives a toast about regret and admits to being curious about how her life could have turned out if she made different decisions. Back in the other world, Jason 2 asks Daniela about the exhibit in Los Angeles and says he'd like to see it with her and make a trip out of it. Charlie comes downstairs before dinner and asks if he can go to the skate park with Brooke, Drew, Adam, and Michelle.

Daniela says maybe tonight is the night he should tell Brooke he likes her, but Jason tells him to play it close to the vest. Alternating back, Jason 1 goes to the party at Daniela's apartment; she offers him a joint, and he accepts. Daniela asks where he's been all this time, and Jason asks them a hypothetical. His hypothetical question is his current predicament, and he accidentally reveals to Daniela and Ryan that he's talking about himself.

The episode continues when Jason asks Daniela how he inspired her show, and she tells him about the time he talked to her about choices and alternate worlds and that he told her he'd likely never see her again. Jason explains the details of his world, but Ryan and Daniela don't believe him. Ryan has had enough and decides to leave, and asks Daniela if she wants Jason to leave too, but she says no.

In the other world, Jason 2 brushes his teeth and Daniela comes in and asks why he's using her toothbrush. The other Daniela lays out a bed for Jason 1 and asks what they told him was wrong with him at the hospital. She asks if he's sure being committed isn't the right thing, but he says he doesn't need psychiatric help, just answers. She goes upstairs and tells him to get some sleep, and Jason gets up and makes himself a makeshift wedding ring out of a small piece of twine.

Back in the other world, Daniela is about to go for a run and Jason 2 kisses her. He then gets in his car, calls Ryan, gives him a stern no to the job, and Ryan apologizes for overstepping and calling Daniela. Switching worlds again, Amanda is exercising when she gets a call from Jason who says he's about to walk into a mental hospital, and she leaves to go find him.

As it turns out, Jason is lying and is parked outside the house with Daniela. They go inside together and Jason once again remarks about how he doesn't know or recognize anything. Daniela begins to get frustrated as the two don't agree on anything, and she asks if Jason is f—cking with her. They leave the house and Jason apologizes for scaring her and for what happened all those years ago and says he knows how it sounds, but he has a lifetime of memories with her.

Switching to the other world briefly, Jason 2 goes back to his storage unit and packs away his gun and ampoules. Back at Daniela's house, Jason 1 looks through Jason 2's old notes and realizes what's happened. Jason 2 built a large version of the box and used it to travel the multiverse and steal his life. Jason 1 and 2 have effectively switched worlds. Downstairs, Daniela sits beside Jason in bed and asks him to tell her about their relationship in his world.

He tells Daniela the story of their relationship and how they got to this point. She asks if she's happy, and he says yes, and then she asks about the sex and if it's bad, to which he blushes and says no. She kisses him and apologizes, but he kisses back, and then they hear the doorbell ring. They go upstairs and Dawn breaks down the door and shoots Daniela right between the eyes, tases Jason, and the episode fades to black.

The Box

Season 1

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Season Episode: 3

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Guest Stars: Amanda Brugel (Blair Caplan), Marquita Brooks (Dawn Lawrence), Kate Eastman (Detective Jamie Mason), Tiff Abreu (Mindy), Kyle Connors (Executive Assistant), Meghan Maureen McDonough (Barbara Underell), Jason Huysman (Mike Underell), Brandon Dahlquist (Marcus Sakey), Callie Johnson (GG Sakey), Omar Villagomez (Hazmat Man), Jackie Dallas (Hazmat Woman), Andre Bellos (Scientist)
Summary: Leighton and Amanda show Jason his groundbreaking invention. Daniela and Jason throw a dinner party.



The episode opens with Amanda Lucas asleep in bed when Leighton Vance calls her. Back at Velocity Labs, Jason is lying in bed with his hands tied behind his back and Leighton walks in. Leighton says he takes the blame for what happened with Daniela at the end of Episode 2.

Jason asks if Leighton sent Dawn to Daniela's apartment, but he can't bring himself to answer. Leighton says he's just trying to help Jason remember the brilliant man he is. In the other world, Jason

2 is out having a nice dinner with Daniela, and he's checking the surveillance of the box before she returns to the table.

Daniela tells Jason that it feels like he's trying harder than normal to seduce her and then a woman comes up to the table. Jason clearly doesn't know who she is, but she says she's "excited about tomorrow." Jason was unaware there was a dinner party at his house tomorrow, and Daniela has to remind him after yet another slip-up.

The episode continues at Velocity Labs when Detective Mason of the Chicago PD comes to the office to talk to Leighton. She asks about the company's origins, Jason, Blair, and what exactly they manufacture. Leighton asks her why he's being questioned, and Detective Mason tells him that Jason was seen at a hospital a few days ago.

Leighton feigns surprise and asks if Jason is alright, and Mason says she knows Jason and Amanda were involved before they went missing and asks if she can speak to her. Shortly after, Amanda bursts into the security room furious with Leighton about what happened to Daniela and that she had to lie to the police. Amanda says she warned him against hiring Dawn and Leighton decides he's heard enough.

Leighton says needs to know how Jason found his way back, and Jason comes on the monitor saying he's finally ready for them to help him remember. Amanda and Leighton come in and talk to him, but they bring several security guards with them. Leighton asks why he ran several nights ago when he first came out of the box, and Jason says it's because he was afraid.

The episode moves on when Jason tells Leighton that he didn't tell Daniela or anyone else about what's happening at Velocity. Leighton cuts his restraints and Jason asks what they're protecting here that would justify killing someone. Leighton tells him any person who works for Velocity would happily give their life for Jason's work, including Jason himself.

Just like in the book, Jason is pretending to be the man they think he is. Leighton shows Jason the box, but he says he still can't remember his breakthrough. Leighton tells him the breakthrough was a layer of adaptive shielding that stops anything trying to get through. Jason then opens the door and goes inside the box, and Amanda tells him he's the only person to go in and return.

Jason is awestruck with his counterpart's work on the box, and Leighton shows him a recording of when he first went into the box 14 months ago and Amanda tried to stop him. The footage shows the lab techs opening the box several minutes later to find Jason no longer inside. Back in the other world, Jason 2 takes Charlie to get a new skateboard.

The episode continues with Jason shopping for skateboards with Charlie and looking up information to familiarize himself with the people coming to the party. Back at Velocity Labs, Jason 1 is reading through Jason 2's notes and Amanda comes in to visit. Jason asks Amanda what her role there is, and she says she's a psychiatrist who trains the box pilots. Jason then asks her about the day he disappeared.

Amanda says he went to see Daniela the night before, and Jason once again starts to think he's losing his mind. He asks what if he's not the person everyone thinks he is, and Amanda leaves the room and runs into Dawn in the hallway. In the original world, Jason 2 and Daniela host the dinner party. Jason is talking to several guests when Ryan comes up and hugs him from behind.

Ryan says Daniela invited him and he and Jason catch up in the kitchen. Ryan apologizes again for talking to Daniela about the job, but Jason forgives him and says they're cool. Back at Velocity, Leighton asks if looking through old files is ringing any bells for Jason, but he says no. Leighton is starting to catch on that this isn't his Jason and demands he tell him the truth. Leighton waves a hand and Dawn reveals they brought in Ryan Holder for questioning.

The interrogation ends abruptly when Jason jumps across the table and attacks Leighton, landing one solid strike before Dawn intervenes. At the dinner party, Daniela asks Jason 2 about a trip they took last Thanksgiving, and Jason barely gives her the right answer in time before people get suspicious. The camera then pans back and forth between Dawn striking Jason 1, and Jason 2 giving a toast at the dinner party.

Dawn is ready to slit Jason's throat, but Leighton walks in and calls her off. Leighton is frustrated he doesn't know how to use the box because he wants to solve problems like cancer and world hunger. Jason insists he doesn't know how to work the box, and Leighton leaves the room. In the original world, Daniela turns on music after the dinner party and asks Jason to dance with her.

Jason asks if she's drunk, and she says yes, and then she asks why everything has been so different the last few days. Back at Velocity Labs, security throws Jason in a room with Ryan. Jason tells Ryan that they killed Daniela, and Ryan breaks down, blaming himself for her death. Ryan reveals that Jason asked him to build a drug that alters the prefrontal cortex to put certain areas of it to sleep. The goal of the drug is to allow the brain to comprehend going into superposition and seeing other worlds.

The episode continues when Jason tells Daniela the reason he's been acting strange is that he almost got hit by a cab on his way home from Ryan's celebration and his life flashed before his eyes. Back at Velocity, Amanda comes and gets Jason and says they need to leave right now and Ryan is dead. They briefly hide in a closet on their way to the exit to avoid someone walking by, and Jason asks why she's helping him.

Amanda says she can't come back from what she's been a part of at Velocity. They ride the elevator to the top floor, and the door opens as Leighton is walking by, but Jason punches him, and they close the elevator door back again. They can't get into the room with the box because they froze Amanda's clearance, but Jason gets them in just in time.

Jason and Amanda narrowly make it into the box, the closing door cuts off Dawn's fingers, and they have three minutes before the door opens. Jason doesn't want Amanda to come with him, but she says she has no other choice. The two inject themselves with Ryan's drug and the

box takes full effect. In the other world, Jason 2 watches videos of Jason 1 and his family to learn more about their behavior.

While looking through old birth certificates, Jason finds a certificate for Maximilian Dessen. At the end of the episode, inside the box at Velocity Labs, Jason and Amanda wake up to the sound of the three-minute timer going off, and they're standing in an endless corridor and the episode cuts to black.

The Corridor

Season 1

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Season Episode: 4

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Guest Stars: Marquita Brooks (Dawn Lawrence), Lance Baker (Alan), Rolando Boyce (Dr. Joseph Hart), Bassam Abdelfattah (Anthony), Missy Fierro (Female T.A. (Violet)), Reilly Oh (Male Student #2 (In The Back)), Austin Nelson Jr. (Whiny Student), Yuchi Chiu (Naked Man), Suzy Dias (Chloe), Charlie Holcomb (Male Student #1), Jimmy Styx (Gunter (Nightwatchman))
Summary: Jason and Amanda fight to stay alive in the dangerous Corridor. Jason2 makes some life changes and visits an old friend.



The episode begins with everyone at Velocity Labs in a mad scramble after Jason 1 and Amanda charged into the box. As soon as the box opens and the three-minute timer goes off, Leighton grabs a pack and heads into the box. Inside the endless corridor, Jason and Amanda wander aimlessly, wondering how the box works or what exactly they're looking at.

They realize their brains created this corridor because they are attempting to process something the human mind hasn't evolved to comprehend. The pair

finally decide to open a door and find themselves inside a building in an alternate world covered in ash. After stepping outside, they realize it's not just their building, the entire world is a desolate wasteland covered in ash. Amanda asks Jason how they made it to this world, but he's not sure.

As they stare into the barren city, a building collapses, and they narrowly make it back into the building and the box in time, and the credits roll. In the original world, Daniela walks up to the small box that holds Max's (Jason and Daniela's other son who passed away when he was young) ashes. Charlie drives with Jason 2 in the passenger seat, and Jason tells him to run a yellow (almost red) light.

The episode continues when Charlie tells his father he doesn't want a big 16th birthday celebration, but Jason wants to do something special. Inside the box, Jason 1 and Amanda search through their packs and realize the coordinates of the box can't change, but the worlds they enter can. Neither Jason nor Amanda know how to use the box, but they take another dose of the drug and enter the corridor once more.

Leighton is also wandering the corridor and calls out to Jason and Amanda, but they're nowhere to be found. In the other world, Jason 2 returns to Lakemont College to teach physics in Jason 1's place. He can't get his students to pay attention so he throws a bottle into the corner and it shatters. Jason demands his students take a pop quiz on paper, but they all tell him no one carries paper anymore.

Jason then tells his students that everyone who doesn't have paper fails, says good luck, and walks out of the classroom. Someone approaches him in the hall and asks why he broke a bottle

in class and Jason says he quits. Meanwhile, Jason 1 and Amanda exit the box into another world that is covered in trees and extremely foggy. They open another door to find a world where the sun is hundreds of feet off the ground and there is no atmosphere, and Jason quickly shuts the door.

Amanda panics and takes off down the hall, only to discover she's running down an infinite corridor like Jason said. Jason explains why there are so many realities and says they need to find food and water quickly. They then open another door that leads to the basement of Velocity Labs in what appears to be the same world they left earlier. It's here they see alternate versions of themselves running toward the box.

Dawn and Leighton confront the alternate Jason and Amanda, and Dawn shoots Amanda in the head while the original Amanda watches; the pair then escapes into the box. Jason tries to open several more doors, one of which leads to the ocean and the other deep underground. They try another world that opens to werewolves, and several others that are nothing more than nightmarish hellscapes.

Amanda decides she's had enough and opens a door that leads to a snowy world. She charges out into the snow and the two find themselves in the middle of a blizzard, unable to locate the box. Amanda is too cold to stand up, so Jason carries her to an abandoned house nearby. Jason tucks Amanda into bed to warm her up and explores the house to find matches. He builds a fire downstairs and carries Amanda to it to warm her up.

Leighton continues wandering the corridor calling for Jason, and he's beginning to panic. In the original world, Jason 2 visits Leighton Vance, who never took over Velocity from his father or grandfather. They share a drink and Jason apologizes for the passing of Leighton's grandfather. Leighton says his dad is running the company, and he's living off a trust fund.

The episode continues when Jason tells Leighton he quit teaching and wants to get back to what he was working on and spend more time with the family. Leighton says he's already invested in Ryan's company and can't help him, but Jason says he wants to show him something. Meanwhile, in the frozen world, the blizzard has stopped and Jason 1 ventures outside and sees Chicago in the distance in a total ice age.

Jason 2 takes Leighton to the warehouse with the box and gives him some psychoactive drug, of which they both take a dose. Back on the ice world, Jason 1 breaks down furniture inside the house and stokes the fire while Amanda finally warms up. Jason looks at a photograph of the family who used to live here and is reminded of his family. In the original world, Daniela looks at pictures of little Max and also parses some of his belongings.

The drug begins to take effect on Leighton, and he gets into the box with Jason 2. Jason 1 tells Amanda that the box is buried in the snow, and she admits she was panicked and lost control. She apologizes to Jason and tells him a story about her childhood. Amanda reveals she was thinking about being trapped in a snowstorm before she opened the door, and the two realize that their thoughts control which universe the box takes them to.

Leighton and Jason 2 stand in the box, Jason closes the door, and Leighton experiences the corridor for the first time. Jason explains his thoughts control the box and says he's going to open a door and needs him to clear his mind. In the snow world, Jason and Amanda venture out to locate the box. The GPS dies, but they continue searching because it's their only hope of survival. They use a compass and magnetic field to find the box.

In the original world, Daniela asks Charlie if he's ready to go or if he wants to wait for Jason, and he says not to wait. Jason 1 and Amanda make it back into the box, and he realizes it is Charlie's 16th birthday. Daniela and Charlie sit at Max's tree and light a candle for him. Daniela and Jason tell the story of Max's birth to Charlie and Amanda, respectively, and reveal that he was Charlie's twin brother. She says he was a fighter and the first of the two to be born.

The episode continues with Jason 1 telling Amanda the story of how Max died, and Daniela reminds Charlie that he and Max were inseparable. Jason gets emotional thinking about missing the time sitting with Daniela and Charlie at Max's tree. Jason 2 and Leighton return home to their world and Jason tells him who he is, and that Leighton was one of his closest friends and colleagues in his world.

Leighton tells Jason 2 he'd give anything for a chance to start fresh. Amanda and Jason 1 sit inside the box and Jason asks if his counterpart was happy. She says no because all he did was work, but that he was the most driven human being she ever knew. Amanda thinks Jason

2 rationalized the kidnapping by telling himself that he was giving Jason 1 the chance at a new life, the path not taken.

Jason 1 realizes Jason 2 did everything just to have a chance with Daniela and Charlie. At home in the original world, Daniela and Charlie are making spaghetti and meatballs when Jason 2 walks in. Charlie tells him he missed his time at the tree, and Jason apologizes and tells him he got him a present. Charlie opens the small box to find a car key, and Jason says it's parked outside. He runs out in excitement and Daniela is clearly annoyed.

Daniela is understandably frustrated that Jason bought a car and quit his job without talking to her. Charlie hugs them both and asks if they can go for a ride, and Jason tells Daniela they don't have to worry about money anymore. Inside the corridor, the Leighton that charged into the box at the beginning of the episode is bruised and bloody. He opens a door to see the snow world that Jason and Amanda were in earlier, closes it, and continues down the endless corridor.

Worldless

Season 1

Episode Number: 5

Season Episode: 5

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Story: Blake Crouch
Teleplay: Megan McDonnell
Director: Celine Held, Logan George
Show Stars: Joel Edgerton (Jason Dessen), Jennifer Connelly (Daniela Vargas Dessen), Alice Braga (Amanda Lucas), Jimmi Simpson (Ryan Holder), Dayo Okeniyi (Leighton Vance), Oakes Fegley (Charlie Dessen)
Guest Stars: Amanda Brugel (Blair Caplan), Jenne Kang (Dr. Julianne Springer), Patricia Mario (Sylvia), Arti Ishak (Mara McHenry), Bamidele Ali (Danny (National Guard Soldier)), Sean James William Parris (Dr. Jay Quayle)
Summary: As they learn more about the Box, Jason and Amanda see alternate versions of their lives. Jason2 begins training a potential investor.



The episode opens with Jason 1 and Amanda wandering the corridor. Jason says he feels safe, happy, and warm before he opens a door and "just wants to go home." The door opens, and the box immediately starts filling up with water until it's full. He gets the door closed, the water drains out, and they find themselves back in the endless corridor.

Jason admits he felt overwhelmed and under pressure before opening the door and that's why the box filled with water. He says they need to keep opening doors

to not waste any ampoules of the drug, but Amanda insists they wait and take time to emotionally rebalance themselves. Jason and Amanda wring out their wet clothes in the box and talk about their childhoods. He says he doesn't like how Amanda knows so much about him, while Amanda says she hates how he knows so little about her.

Jason asks who went in the box before him, and she says Blair, who was the lead engineer on the box. She also mentions two other people, Selam and Alex, clinical trial volunteers who also went into the box. Jason awakens from a slumber and realizes the drug has worn off, and they're back inside the box. They both agree that they needed the sleep and are ready to tackle the multiverse once more.

The episode continues when Jason 1 and Amanda decide to open the box despite no longer being in superposition. They open the door to find themselves in an alternate version of Velocity Labs, one that is abandoned with locked doors. Amanda says they had safeguards in place to protect themselves from certain dangers and anomalies coming through the box.

The two open a dorm room and find a dead body lying in bed before hearing loud machinery and alarms coming from the room with the box. They approach the room and a woman comes down the corridor pointing a gun at them with a flashlight on the end. The woman is quickly revealed to be Blair, the one who first went into the box immediately after Jason 2.

Blair thinks they came looking for her, but the reality is much more complicated than that. They get her up to speed on what happened with Jason 2, and Jason tells her his version of Blair is a lawyer who is good friends with Daniela. Blair then shows them to her room in the observation deck and gives them some food.

The episode continues when Blair tells Jason and Amanda she's been living in this world for three months, and there was no power when she arrived, but she got everything turned back on. She then shows them footage of another Blair who exited the box and was killed by the giant locust wasps who have taken over this world. Blair says she's gone out for supply runs, but the wasps devour everything they can.

In the original world, Jason 2 takes Leighton down to the box and tells him about the different worlds he's seen. Jason warns him about the dangers of the box, but Leighton is still 100% confident he wants to do this. Leighton says his entire life he's been using money, connections, and influence to get what he wants, but he knows none of that will work with the box.

Leighton admits he's a little scared and Jason says it would be weird if he wasn't. Amanda thanks Blair for dinner, and Blair reminds her that she's not only homeless now, but wordless. She says Amanda needs to start thinking about what's best for her, not just Jason. Amanda asks Blair to come with her and Jason back into the box, but she says no.

The episode continues when Jason 2 shows Leighton how to take the ampoule by taking one himself, and they fade into the corridor once more. Jason says they don't have access to the entire multiverse, just worlds that split off and are adjacent to theirs. Meanwhile, Jason 1 and Amanda go back into the box and Blair gives them her notes before they set out.

Blair says for all her training she still never figured out how to completely control the box. Jason and Amanda enter the box once more and talk about how they could have prevented all this pain. Amanda says she doesn't understand how Jason 2 became this person because Jason 1 didn't. They take another dose of the ampoule, and he tells Amanda the story of him and Daniela deciding to be together.

Jason 1 starts to understand because he says if he gave up the love of his life for scientific theory, he would've stopped at nothing to make sure he was right. Leighton and Jason 2 stand and admire a beautiful, serene world. They return to the box and Leighton offers to pay Jason a million dollars for each ampoule he gives him. Inside the box, Jason 1 and Amanda take another dose of the drug and enter the corridor again.

Jason 1 takes a different approach before opening a door this time and tries writing about the world he wants to visit. They open the door to see a world that looks similar to Jason's original world, and Jason starts to get excited. They wander into Chicago to find the streets and city completely abandoned. Jason finds a car in a parking lot, and they drive through the deserted city to his house. Jason knocks on the door and Daniela opens it, but she is sick with black in the pupils of her eye.

He asks where Charlie is, but she says he's dead in his room and that no one has come to get him yet. Amanda calls Jason outside and several CDC workers test him and Amanda then go inside to check on Daniela. The doctor gives Jason some auto-injectors with morphine and says to give them to Daniela all at once and she'll slip away. Amanda doesn't want him to go back inside, but he says he has to because it's his wife.

This other version of Daniela says she missed Jason so much and he says he missed her too. They talk about their trip to Yellowstone; Daniela says that day was perfect, and Jason responds "All of them were." Daniela picks up one of the syringes, and then the camera quickly cuts to Jason and Amanda driving back through the city and then getting back inside the box.

Amanda comforts Jason who is clearly upset at what he just saw. She wakes up inside the box some time later and Jason is reading over Blair's notes. Amanda wants to know why he brought them to that world, and he says all he wrote was "I want my family." Amanda realizes he carried his worst fears with him into the box, which is losing his family to illness, the same way he lost his mom.

They open the door to another world which also looks like Jason's original home, and Jason again thinks he's in the right place. Meanwhile, Daniela brushes her teeth and Jason 2 admits he should have told her about the car, Lakemont, and the investor. Daniela says she wants him to be happy, but she isn't sure if she fits into this new world and life he's living. Jason tells her he's close to reaching a deal with Leighton.

The episode continues when Jason 1 walks into what he thinks is his house, grabs a knife from the kitchen, opens the door to the bathroom, and startles Daniela. He drops the knife, and she picks it up and calls for Charlie, and he runs in and jumps on Jason's back. Daniela then calls the police and tells them her ex-husband Jason is at her house but is supposed to be in prison.

They let Jason leave, and he runs outside and escapes as police sirens close in. They try to decide how to get back to the box and Jason says they need someone they can trust and Amanda has an idea.

Jason and Amanda walk inside a house and a woman is clearly startled to see Amanda. While she tries to calm her down, Jason shows her an obituary with Amanda's face on it. The two leave the house, taking the woman's car in the process. Jason tells Amanda he's not at all curious about what he did in this world to end up in jail.

Jason 2 walks through the box and grabs more ampoules from another Velocity Labs. He grabs several bags and a woman monitoring the room, Mara, asks him what the box is like, and his response is "hell." Leighton approaches Jason and asks what's next for him after Leighton has been trained, and the episode ends when Jason says he has to seal off the box.

Jason sealing off the box from the inside is new to the Dark Matter series, not material found in Crouch's novel. By doing this, Jason 2 will prevent Jason 1 or any multiversal wanderer from entering this world. The ending also proves Jason 2 knows how to control the box to perfection, taking himself to a reality where he can find more ampoules at will.

It's unclear at this time exactly how Jason 2 can control the box and navigate to different worlds, but it's a skill Jason 1 is going to have to adapt if he wants to make it home. The show has established that the box cannot be tricked, it knows all thoughts, feelings, and desires. With this in mind, Jason 2 has likely achieved complete emotional peace and enlightenment, but it's unclear who or what he had to sacrifice to attain it.

Superposition

Season 1
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Director: Roxann Dawson
Show Stars: Joel Edgerton (Jason Dessen), Jennifer Connelly (Daniela Vargas Dessen), Alice Braga (Amanda Lucas), Jimmi Simpson (Ryan Holder), Dayo Okeniyi (Leighton Vance), Oakes Fegley (Charlie Dessen)
Guest Stars: Amanda Brugel (Blaire Caplan), Bassam Abdelfattah (Anthony2)
Summary: Daniela suspects something's not right with her husband. Jason and Amanda grow closer.



The episode opens with Daniela painting, and Jason 2 walks over and tells her it's incredible. He asks how it feels to be painting again, and she unsurely responds, "Wobbly." Jason tells Daniela the deal with Leighton is done and Charlie walks in and asks if they can take him to the skate park. Jason says he can, and on the drive to the park, he tells Charlie it's good he's nervous because nerves keep you sharp.

He drops Charlie off at the park and leaves to meet Leighton. He gives

Leighton the ampoules of the drug and Leighton asks if the reason Jason is here is because of Daniela. Jason refuses to answer, sends Leighton on his way, and goes back to the skate park to pick up Charlie. Charlie is clearly upset when he gets in the car, so Jason gives him some ice cream to cheer him up.

Charlie has an allergic reaction because the ice cream has nuts in it and Charlie is allergic to nuts. Jason pulls over on the side of the road and barely finds Charlie's EpiPen in time and Charlie injects himself to stop the reaction. Daniela rushes into the hospital waiting room and Jason admits he gave him ice cream with nuts. She asks how he could forget about Charlie's allergy, then notices the track marks on his arm from where he's been injecting the drug.

The episode continues in the original world where Jason 2 is flossing and Daniela asks him, "Since when did you start flossing?" Jason asks if it's a problem that he finally decided to give a sh—t about his gum health, and she says it's not a problem just a curiosity. After the credits, the episode resumes with Jason 1 and Amanda sitting outside the box in the forest. They re-enter the box and Jason continues writing details about his world as he tries to get home.

He writes down details about his local bar, Village Tap, and keeps visiting different worlds to find it's not the right one. He's getting so close but can't find his exact world, and says he doesn't know if he can go back in the box and keep doing this. They agree to get a real place to sleep tonight and check into a hotel. The pair eats a nice dinner together and Amanda says this world's version of her manages a White Castle.

Jason wonders what core components make a person who they are on the fundamental level. They try to continue the conversation, but the music gets too loud, so Amanda asks Jason to dance with her. She finally convinces him to go out on the dance floor, and they dance to Prince's "Raspberry Beret." They leave the restaurant, walk back to the hotel, and lay in bed together. Jason says it was a great night, but Amanda remarks how she feels like her world is vanishing.

Jason asks Amanda if she could ever forget her world completely, and she says she can see getting to a point where it no longer feels real. Jason asks Amanda to go to the other bed, not because he wants her to, but because he needs her to so he can hang on to his reality. In the original world, Jason 2 visits Amanda, who is also a therapist in this world. She thinks Jason 2 idealized everything he has and has built his life up to be more than it is.

Back at home, Daniela talks to Blair about this new version of Jason, but Blair just hears that he's hotter, cleaner, and richer. Daniela tells Blair about the marks on Jason's arm, and Blair says not to confront him because he'll lie. She recommends that Daniela follow Jason and figure out what's going on. Jason 2 tells Amanda about the peanut allergy incident, and they discuss their different ideas of romance.

On his way out of the office, Amanda asks how Jason heard about her, and he says from an ex-girlfriend. Back at home, Daniela wants to talk to Jason, but he gives her a black dress and says he has a surprise for her. He walks her blindfolded to the charity auction, and they walk through the crowd in black tie attire and Jason shows Amanda her unfinished painting from earlier in the episode hanging on the wall.

Upon seeing her painting, Daniela has a panic attack and asks Jason to take her home. During the car ride home, Jason says he doesn't understand what he did wrong. Daniela says she's humiliated because he took her painting without her permission and took her somewhere everyone knows her in a dress that she hates. He tries to tell her the painting is great, but she says it wasn't his decision.

Daniela says she's still trying to figure out if she wants to paint anymore and Jason says maybe she just isn't who he thought she was. He drops Daniela off at home and drives off, but she gets in her car and follows him. He goes to his old storage unit and leaves shortly after. Daniela tries to get in after him, but it's locked, so she peeks under the door and gets her hands on an unused ampoule to take with her.

She takes the ampoule to Ryan and says she thinks he's injecting it. Ryan says perhaps he's sick and doesn't want to worry her, but she doesn't buy it. She tells him about the storage unit and asks him to figure out what the drug inside the ampoule is. In another world, Jason 1 and Amanda exit the box, and she tells him she needs a day to herself and they can meet back at the box tonight.

Jason 1 goes to a small art gallery and sees Daniela with bleach-blonde hair. They talk about her paintings and Jason talks about his "wife" but is fumbling to put sentences together. He asks Daniela to grab a coffee with him, but she turns him down so he leaves. Amanda watches another version of herself who is married and has a child. They meet back at the box and Jason tells Amanda that this isn't his world.

Amanda reminds him that they'll soon be out of ampoules and options and the camera cuts to them in another world in a hotel room. Jason gives Amanda the notebook he's been writing in, and she says he needs to go deeper to find the right world. Jason leaves to go get food and stands in the rain outside his old house watching another version of himself dance inside with Daniela.

He comes back to the hotel room; Amanda is furious with him and shoves him against the wall. He says he's been following himself and Daniela, and he's starting to understand how Jason 2 did this to him. Jason says they're getting closer, but Amanda tells him the world he's looking for is a grain of sand on an infinite beach. He gets upset and says nothing matters besides getting back to Daniela.

The episode continues when Amanda reminds Jason she isn't asking him to give up hope, she just wants him to try something different. In the other world, Jason 2 visits Amanda in her office again and tells her about the painting incident. Amanda says Daniela has every right to be upset, and Jason says he wants to leave because he worked so hard to get here, and it's all turning to sh—t.

He says when he thinks about leaving he thinks about the infinite corridor of the multiverse. Amanda says she thinks Jason has a fear of commitment, and he says he's been married for 15 years, but she says he doesn't act like it. Jason is about to walk into his house and Ryan stops him on his steps, shows him an ampoule, and accuses him of stealing. He promises he hasn't stolen his research, and the two go to Village Tap to get a drink.

Jason asks if Ryan's compound works, and he says he's so close. Jason tells him his compound works, and when Ryan asks what his application is, Jason agrees to show him. He shows

Ryan the box and gives him a dose of the drug. Ryan asks if it's safe and Jason says he's done it over 100 times. They go inside the box and Ryan gets his first look at the corridor. He then explains that the corridor is a manifestation of the mind trying to visualize something the brain hasn't evolved to comprehend.

Jason 2 and Ryan are in 5D quantum space, otherwise known as superposition. He says the corridor is actually the box repeating itself across all realities, and explains how aspects of consciousness determine which reality they find when they open a door. Jason takes the lead and opens a door to a pure utopian version of Chicago with the Northern Lights overhead. Jason says he thought of the kind of world his friend would like to see and Ryan is in awe.

Ryan takes Jason's phone, takes a picture of him, and slowly inches back towards the box. He finally turns around and sees Jason inside the box, and Ryan realizes this isn't the friend he's had his whole life. Ryan says he won't be a problem for him, and Jason slams the door to the box before Ryan can get back inside. Jason 2 returns to his world, and hires a construction crew to frame and trap the box in a larger container of concrete. The episode ends with Jason examining the box, which is now closed off from all other realities.

In the Fires of Dead Stars

Season 1
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Season Episode: 7

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Director: Roxann Dawson
Show Stars: Joel Edgerton (Jason Dessen), Jennifer Connelly (Daniela Vargas Dessen), Alice Braga (Amanda Lucas), Jimmi Simpson (Ryan Holder), Dayo Okeniyi (Leighton Vance), Oakes Fegley (Charlie Dessen)
Guest Stars: Kate Eastman (Detective Jamie Mason), William Smillie (Matt), Dani Deetté (Annie), Cara Reid (Ms. Bumgarner), Vinny Multhaupt (Toby), Camryn Ray Cavaliero (Adeline), Angie Shriner (Sid (Bartender)), Greg Foster (Chad), Michael A. Dean (Rob), Richard Cotovsky (Jay)
Summary: Jason and Amanda visit a breathtaking world. To hide the truth from Daniela, Jason2 takes desperate action.



The episode opens with Daniela texting Ryan when Jason comes in the door with groceries saying he'll cook tonight. While they're preparing dinner, someone knocks on the door and Charlie answers to find Detective Mason, the same woman who questioned Leighton in Episode 2 at Velocity.

Detective Mason tells Jason and Daniela that Ryan is missing. Daniela says she saw him five days ago, and he seemed normal, and Jason retorts he saw him three days ago at Village Tap. Jason

states that he left the bar and came straight home (a lie). After Detective Mason leaves, Daniela asks Jason to come upstairs, and she confronts him about the ampoule. Jason questions where she found it, and she admits she followed him.

Jason explains the compound is for observing objects in superposition and says Ryan built it for him. Daniela says she feels like they've become strangers and Jason admits to using the compound. She asks him to stop, and he agrees, so she presses him about the storage unit, and he says it's full of stuff from his special project. He claims the reason he hid it from her is that he felt guilt about wanting more from his life (another lie).

The episode switches to Jason 1 and Amanda walking in the corridor, and she says they need a break from living in a constant state of fight or flight. Amanda opens the door and it's a beautiful, utopian, futuristic version of Chicago. They walk through the city and learn it runs on cold fusion reactors. Amanda reveals she got them to this world by thinking about a place where people agree on basic facts, technology doesn't destroy everything, and everyone has empathy.

They get a couple of hot chocolates, enjoy their walk through the city, and stop at the Green Mill Cocktail Lounge to get a drink. The bartender recommends a restaurant called The Spire which is located at the top of the Obama building. Amanda says she's leaving and will meet Jason at the restaurant in two hours. Jason has another drink and a couple approaches him and asks him to take their picture.

Jason agrees, and then they show him a picture they took of him and Amanda and say they're very happy. They ask how long he and Amanda have been together, and he smiles before admitting, "Not too long." Jason rides the elevator to the top of the building and sees Amanda

sitting by the window in a green dress. He says he feels underdressed and Amanda points to a suit in the chair for him to change into.

Jason returns to the table and Amanda says he looks hot. Jason gives her some of her favorite candy; she says she looked up this world's Jason, and he sells insurance. She also reveals she looked up this world's Amanda, but she went missing two years ago. Amanda then tells Jason she got a new passport and has decided to stay in this world. She reminds him he has a home he's looking for, but she doesn't.

She tells Jason she wants him to stay in this world with her, but he can't. Jason offers to leave her several ampoules in case something happens to this world, but she refuses and says she's willing to take that chance. She tells Jason she's going to move back to Seattle for a fresh start, and that she thinks she's what's holding him back from finding his family. They get up from the table and embrace, and Jason slips two ampoules into her bag when she isn't looking.

Jason leaves and goes back to the box, taking one last look at this world before he closes the door. He opens the pack to see he has three ampoules remaining, meaning very few chances to find his world. The camera cuts to Jason in another world standing in front of a burned down version of his house. In another world, Jason sits outside another version of his house and talks to Daniela from a pre-pay phone.

The episode continues when Jason tells Daniela he loves her, and he's calling from a stranger's phone because you never know when you won't make it home. She says she'll cancel their plans for tonight, and they can stay home, and she'll wear her sexiest sweatpants. He leaves and walks past a costume store where he sees the same mask Jason 2 wore when he kidnapped him. Jason then enters this other version of his house and walks upstairs to the bedroom.

He sees himself and Daniela lying in bed and stands over them for several minutes. Jason goes back downstairs, sits in the kitchen, and has a panic attack on the floor. He hears footsteps coming down the steps, and it's Max, his son who died in his world. They make small talk and Jason tells Max he loves him, but Max discloses he knows how much of a disappointment he is to him.

Jason tries to comfort his son but fails; Max rushes upstairs and Jason runs into the alley. Meanwhile, in the other world, Jason 2 goes to visit Amanda again and tells her that Daniela went behind his back to Ryan instead of talking to him. Jason says he's thinking about packing up and leaving and Amanda tells him he's running from himself more than the situation. Jason responds that he wants to know more about Amanda, but she says no.

When Amanda declines to tell Jason something about herself, he says he'll do it. He tells her she has a sweet tooth and that she had a parent who needed to be cared for, which is why she gives so much of herself helping others instead of herself. Amanda says she'd like him to leave and Jason walks out. When he arrives home, he sees Detective Mason sitting on his front porch.

She tells Jason they got a ping on Ryan's phone in an industrial area of Chicago (where the box is) after he left the bar and asks if Jason went there with him, but he lies and says no. Jason answers all her questions with no, and she says if she finds anything interesting she'll be in touch. Jason returns to the box and hits it with a sledgehammer to tear down the concrete. The camera quickly cuts to Jason sitting in Village Tap having a drink with an alternate version of Ryan.

Ryan says he runs Loyalty Motors Garage in Logan Square, and that he got a full scholarship to UChicago but got a DUI after his senior year of high school and has always wondered about what could have been. The camera then cuts back to the original world and Jason brings this other version of Ryan out of the box. He takes him home, showers him, and cuts his hair. Jason then returns home and hears Daniela inside laughing.

Instead of going inside, he stands outside, and the camera switches back to Jason 1 who is inside the box writing about his first memory of Daniela. He takes his last ampoule, wanders the corridor, and finally picks a door and says he just wants to be home back on the journey with this version of Daniela. The door opens, he sees concrete surrounding the box and an ampoule on the ground, and he realizes he's back in his world.

He takes the train to the Village Tap, walks inside, and asks Matt if he knows him. Matt says yes, so Jason hugs him with excitement and runs outside. Jason runs home and stands outside his house peaking in the window at Daniela and Charlie, but he knows he can't go in. He sees Jason 2 walk in the front door, and Jason 2 says he finally found Ryan at a bar in Gary after he went on a three-day bender.

Daniela offers that maybe Ryan shouldn't be alone but Jason insists he called Ryan's girlfriend Mindy, who is on her way to see him. He says he needs to call Detective Mason and let her know Ryan is okay. Meanwhile, Jason 1 walks down to a sporting store and asks to buy a handgun for home defense. The woman behind the counter shows him a Glock and asks if he has his F.O.I.D. (firearm owner's ID) card, but he doesn't.

Instead of a gun, Jason purchases pepper spray and a knife and leaves the store. Seconds after he walks out, another Jason walks in and tries to buy a handgun. The woman asks if he changed his mind about the knife, but Jason says he's never been in the store. In that moment, Jason realizes that there are other versions of himself back in this world thinking the same thing he is. He then runs outside and panics in the snow in the parking lot.

Jason arrived back home, but didn't think about the fact that there were other Jasons who split off after he was kidnapped in Dark Matter Episode 1 and are in the same boat he is. Now, instead of having to contend only with the Jason who kidnapped him, Jason 2, the original Jason also has to worry about the many other versions who also think they were kidnapped and are trying to get back to Daniela.

Jupiter

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Season Episode: 8

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Director: Alik Sakharov
Show Stars: Joel Edgerton (Jason Dessen), Jennifer Connelly (Daniela Vargas Dessen), Alice Braga (Amanda Lucas), Jimmi Simpson (Ryan Holder), Dayo Okeniyi (Leighton Vance), Oakes Fegley (Charlie Dessen)
Guest Stars: Marquita Brooks (Dawn Lawrence), William Smillie (Matt), Tiff Abreu (Mindy), Maeve Mollaghan (Server), Jennifer Joan Taylor (Cat Hair Jacket Woman), Paul Tavianini (Manager), Gabrielle Anne Garza (Angie), Sammy A. Publes (Security Guard), Peter DeFaria (Campus Police Officer)
Summary: Jason panics, cornered, and urges Daniela and Charlie to leave town immediately.



The episode opens with Charlie sitting at the counter drawing. Jason comes downstairs and asks where Daniela is, and he says she went to Ryan's. Charlie asks for a late night deep-dish and Jason says he's speaking his language. Jason then takes the garbage out behind the house and gets jumped by another Jason in the alley.

He narrowly fights him off and bashes his head into the concrete, killing him as blood pours out of the back of his skull. At Ryan's house, Daniela walks in and

Ryan is sitting by the toilet puking. Ryan says he only knows Daniela because of her Honda Civic which she burns through brake pads quickly. She asks Ryan if he really thinks he's a mechanic, and he says he is. Now on the couch, she asks Ryan the last thing he remembers, and he says being at his bar, Shakers, in Logan Square.

He says this guy kept buying him shots but when Daniela shows him his picture, he doesn't know who he is. Daniela gives Mindy the number of a mental health care center and leaves. Jason 1 checks into a hotel and lays his knife on the bed before walking into the hotel hallway and running into another Jason. They lock eyes and each go in opposite directions as Jason 1 walks back out to the street and notices another Jason is following him.

Back at home, the episode continues with Jason 2 in the garage covering the body of the Jason he just killed. Charlie walks in, tells him the pizza is here, and asks if he wants any help, but Jason says no and to go back inside. In the city, Jason 1 continues walking with the other Jason tailing him. Jason 1 walks into Village Tap, gets a drink from Matt, and looks in the corner to see another Jason sitting in a booth drinking.

Jason 1 walks over to the booth and sits across from him, and they cheers their glasses. They realize they were the exact same person until recently, but they both made the right choices to make it home. The other Jason says he lost his Amanda in a "very dark world," and Jason 1 says his Amanda found a world where she wanted to stay. Neither Jason has any ampoules left, and the other Jason says they should kill Jason 2.

Jason 1 says "We don't have a gun," and the other Jason corrects him by saying "You don't have a gun." The other Jason says one of them tried to kill him last night, and he doesn't want to

hurt any Jason like them, but he won't let anyone get in the way of him being with Daniela and Charlie. The other Jason pays for the beers and they both leave, but not together. Back at home, both Jason 2 and Daniela lie in bed restless.

The camera cuts to Jason 1 sleeping outside on a bench, and he wakes up. He then goes to a small diner and finishes his breakfast before pulling out a cigar from his pocket. He lights up the cigar and begins smoking it and a woman behind him asks him to put it out. The waitress also asks him to put it out, but he refuses so she goes and gets the manager. The manager tells Jason he can't smoke inside, so he asks the entire restaurant if his cigar is disturbing people.

They all say yes, but he continues smoking anyway. This world's version of Dawn, who is a police officer, walks in and arrests Jason for disturbing the peace. At home, Jason 2 is brushing his teeth and Daniela asks him to take Charlie to school. She offers to take the Civic, but he insists on taking it (because the other Jason's body is in the trunk). Jason asks how was Ryan when she went to visit, and she says not good.

Charlie reminds Jason he promised he'd take him for a tour of the University of Chicago, so he lets him skip school and takes him to campus. They walk around and make awkward small talk until Jason sees another version of himself across the courtyard coming towards them. Meanwhile, Daniela goes back to the storage unit, uses bolt cutters to get in, and finds another phone with pictures of their family, bags of strange-looking cash, and more ampoules.

The episode continues when Daniela, still in the storage garage, sees a mechanic uniform with Ryan's name on it. Her phone rings and it's from a no-caller ID number. On campus, Jason 2 walks Charlie through the library, and he turns to see the other Jason (who has a scarred face) is still chasing them. Jason tells Charlie to take the car and meet him at the South Gate on the corner of South University and 57th Street.

Charlie goes to the car and Jason runs upstairs through a less crowded library area. Jason 2 slams his pursuer through the door into a campus bathroom and attacks him, and the scarred Jason pulls out a knife and attacks back. Jason 2 chokes the other Jason to death and drags his body into a stall. Meanwhile, Charlie parks the car and a police officer pulls up behind him with his lights on.

The officer asks Charlie for his license and registration, and Jason comes running out just in time and convinces the officer not to give him a ticket. The camera cuts to the police station, where Jason walks out and sees his actual wife Daniela for the first time since Episode 1. She tells Jason she's done with the lies, and he says the last time he saw her was the night of Ryan's celebration at the Village Tap.

Jason explains the box, multiverse, and alternate versions of himself, but Daniela doesn't believe him. He convinces Daniela to call Jason 2, so she does, and is shocked when he answers. Jason 1 asks her to call him back and say she wants to go back to the Keys this Christmas, but Daniela says they didn't go to the Keys. Jason knows this, but he wants to catch Jason 2 in a lie because he wasn't here so he doesn't know.

She calls him back and mentions it, and Jason is right; he says he'd love to go back this year. Jason 2 asks Daniela to come home and says he'll explain why when she gets there. Daniela doesn't understand how this is possible, but Jason says there are even more versions of him here in this world as well. Daniela says to meet at The Bean and to use the safe word "Jupiter." She gets home and tries to call/text Charlie, but he isn't answering his phone.

Daniela goes inside to get Charlie, and Jason is packing a bag to leave. He tells Daniela they're in a bit of trouble, but he'll explain later. He apologizes if he scared her and says she needs to pack a suitcase now. She texts Charlie to meet her outside and asks Jason to help her get a suitcase from the basement. She pushes him down the steps when he walks in front of her and runs out of the house, locking the door behind her and getting in the car with Charlie.

Daniela and Charlie get to the end of the alley and another car cuts them off and Jason gets out. They get in Jason's car, and she realizes this isn't the Jason she met at the police station because he starts explaining the situation again. They drive into an intersection, get T-boned by another Jason, and get out of the car. The pair run down the street and meet Jason at The Bean, where he delivers the safe word "Jupiter" and they're reunited.

The episode ends with Jason reunited with his family, but on the run due to other Jasons pursuing them. All these other Jasons think they have a right to Daniela, as they all experience the kidnapping and just become different versions inside the box. Although Jason is back with

his family, his problems are far from over, and he has to figure out how to keep Daniela and Charlie safe while getting rid of all the other versions of him.

Entanglement

Season 1
Episode Number: 9
Season Episode: 9

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Show Stars: Joel Edgerton (Jason Dessen), Jennifer Connelly (Daniela Vargas Dessen), Alice Braga (Amanda Lucas), Jimmi Simpson (Ryan Holder), Dayo Okeniyi (Leighton Vance), Oakes Fegley (Charlie Dessen)
Guest Stars: Amanda Brugel (Blaire Caplan), Marquita Brooks (Dawn Lawrence), Elena Victoria Feliz (Aliyah)
Summary: The Dessens' world comes crashing down.



The episode opens with another Jason interrogating Jason 2 after he got pushed down the steps. Jason 2 lies and says he's here looking for his family, but Jason recognizes the scar he left on his arm in Episode 1. The other Jason asks where Charlie and Daniela are, but he doesn't know so he hits Jason 2 with a pipe. He says he doesn't know anything, so the other Jason says he's useless and beats him mercilessly.

After the credits, Jason 1 rides in the car with Daniela and Charlie. Her phone

rings, and it's countless other Jasons texting her they love her. Charlie also gets texts from other Jasons saying the same thing, so they turn off their phones. Jason says he thought he would only have Jason 2 to deal with, but he should've known there would be more. He doesn't know where they can go because they can be tracked everywhere.

Charlie says he has an idea and takes them to his friend James' family house in the middle of the woods. The alarm goes off on their way inside but Charlie knows the security codes to shut it off. Charlie then sits in his bedroom looking at photos of his friends when Jason comes in. Charlie admits he's upset he didn't protect Daniela, but Jason says it's his fault. He asks if the other Jasons are actually his dad, and he responds "Yes and no."

Jason says they need to get some sleep and goes to the bedroom with Daniela. He asks if she wants to be alone, and she shakes her head no. She says she can't imagine the things he had to do to get back to them. Daniela says she wants to go back to the way things were before, but she knows the other Jasons won't allow that. She says she doesn't know how to start and Jason says just like they did after Max died.

Jason tucks Daniela in and goes to the computer room. He checks his email and sees a folder labeled "Entanglement." There's a link to a chat room with 44 active participants, all Jasons, and at least 71 members in total. They're all talking about Daniela and sending clips saying they deserve her. One of the Jasons suggest joint custody, another suggests a lottery system, then several others message Jason 1 and offer to team up and take out the others.

He walks back into the other room and thinks he heard something so he grabs a fire poker. He falls asleep in the chair downstairs and wakes up to a note from Daniela saying she made coffee and is down at the beach. Jason walks down with his cup of coffee and sits beside her. She admits to liking the other Jason at first, but she could tell he wasn't her husband. He apologizes and says he loved their life, but he did occasionally wonder, "What if?"

He tells her the other Jason also had what if's and those are what led him to this world, but Daniela reminds him it isn't his fault. He says he met a version of Daniela who never married him and tells her about her. Daniela asks if this other version of her was happy, and he says she wondered the same about her. Back inside the Dessen house, the other Jason who beat Jason 2 is tracking the family bank info, but can't get a lock on their location.

He gets Jason 2 to tell him where his phone is, and he opens it to see that Blair has been texting him. Back at James' house, Jason and Daniela say they should go check on Charlie and walk up to the house. He tells her about the message board and the lottery system idea, and she jokes "Whoever had that idea just lost the lottery." He also tells her about the shared custody idea and she scoffs "Holidays would be a nightmare."

Back at home, Jason 2 asks the other Jason what happened and he says his Daniela, Amanda, and Ryan are all dead because of him. He tells her that Amanda died in another world after she was impaled by a large tree branch. The other Jason then shows Jason 2 the chat room and he says he thought he was doing Jason 1 a favor and that he'd love his life. Jason checks the phone and sees a message from Blair saying she'll be there in 10 minutes.

The episode continues at James' house with Charlie making breakfast and catching his dad up on all that happened while he was gone, including the allergy mishap. After breakfast, Charlie asks what the plan is, and they say they need to leave tomorrow. At the Dessen house, Blair walks in and calls for Daniela and Charlie but no one answers. She then sees blood on the steps and goes upstairs.

She hears grunting coming from the bedroom and sees Jason 2 tied up in the closet. As she opens the closet door, the other Jason walks in and asks if she can track her car's location. Jason tries to take her phone from her so she hits him and runs out the door, but he fires the gun straight up, and she stops in her tracks. She turns around to give the other Jason her phone and sprays him in the face with pepper spray and takes the gun from him.

Blair then loosens Jason 2's gag and asks him what is going on. Back at James' house, Daniela asks where the other realities are and Jason 1 likens it to a fish swimming in a lake that's been pulled out of the water. He says if their consciousness were more fluid, they could literally reach out and touch these other worlds. Daniela asks if there were any worlds where he was tempted to stay, and he says he almost lost hope of making it home.

The episode continues when Jason tells Daniela there was one world where he thought he could be happy, but he doesn't regret coming home. Daniela puts on some music and they dance together. She then goes to the computer and checks into the chat room while Jason is talking to Charlie in his room. She comes into Charlie's room and Jason says he's proud of him for being so brave, and they tell him goodnight.

Jason and Daniela kiss as the camera fades to black and fades back in with them lying in bed together. She asks if he remembered the night they met and says it could've been any other Jason who made it back to her, but it was him. She tells him she went on the message board and told the other Jasons she chose him. Meanwhile, Jason goes to the sink to get some water and sees someone running outside.

He goes outside to see the tires on the car have been slashed, and he hears another Jason scream in the distance. He goes out into the woods to find a different Jason almost dead, who reveals a separate Jason did this to him. Jason looks up and sees another Jason who is running towards them get shot. He goes back inside and is confronted by the other Jason who was at the Dessen house earlier in the episode with Blair and Jason 2 (also the same Jason he had the beer with last episode).

The other Jason points a shotgun at Jason 1 and asks him to take off his clothes. He asks if they have a safe word, and Jason 1 asks how many people he's killed, but he just keeps pointing the gun at him. Jason 1 attacks, and they get into a fight until Jason 2 shoots and kills the other Jason. He gives his gun to Daniela and they both point their guns at Jason 2. He admits he's the one responsible and apologizes to both of them.

Charlie hits him in the face; Jason 2 gives Jason 1 wedding ring back and the key to his Honda, and tells him to leave. On their way out the driveway, another Jason walks in front of them and shoots at the car but Jason runs them over. Charlie notices a box full of ampoules in the back seat and also Max's ashes. Charlie hands Daniela a phone with a recording of Jason 2 explaining his choice. He says he stole their family because he was burning with envy.

Jason 1, Daniela, and Charlie drive through the city and Jason 2 sits on the beach bloody

and beaten. Jason 1 and his family arrive at the warehouse with the box. They walk down and see hundreds of other Jasons standing around the box. One Jason steps up and says they aren't here to stop them, they just need to say goodbye. Daniela apologizes and the other Jason says he just wants them to be safe.

The Jasons begin to part ways and another Jason steps up and asks why Jason 1 should get them. Another Jason says it's not about him, it's about what Daniela and Charlie want. The other Jason demands they let them through, and they clear a path towards the box. The three of them enter the box, close the door, and each takes an ampoule.

The camera then cuts to Ryan, Blair, and Leighton in the other worlds, before finally cutting to Amanda who is happy in her utopian Chicago. Ryan approaches Amanda in the other world and says he's been looking for her. Jason, Daniela, and Charlie then wander the corridor before choosing a door that opens to a bright world. They step through and close the door behind them.

Actor Appearances

A

Bassam Abdelfattah	3
0101 (Anthony); 0104 (Anthony); 0106 (Anthony2)	
Tiff Abreu	3
0101 (Mindy); 0103 (Mindy); 0108 (Mindy)	
Kathryn Acosta	1
0102 (Nurse)	
Bamidele Ali	1
0105 (Danny (National Guard Soldier))	
Matthew Amador	1
0101 (Slightly Older Man)	

B

Lance Baker	1
0104 (Alan)	
Andre Bellos	3
0101 (Scientist); 0102 (Scientist); 0103 (Scientist)	
Beacon Bowman	1
0102 (Door Woman)	
Rolando Boyce	2
0101 (Dr. Joseph Hart); 0104 (Dr. Joseph Hart)	
Marquita Brooks	6
0101 (Dawn Lawrence); 0102 (Dawn Lawrence); 0103 (Dawn Lawrence); 0104 (Dawn Lawrence); 0108 (Dawn Lawrence); 0109 (Dawn Lawrence)	
Amanda Brugel	5
0101 (Blair Caplan); 0103 (Blair Caplan); 0105 (Blair Caplan); 0106 (Blaire Caplan); 0109 (Blaire Caplan)	

C

Sam Cass	1
0101 (Young Man)	
Camryn Ray Cavaliero	1
0107 (Adeline)	
Yuchi Chiu	1
0104 (Naked Man)	
Kyle Connors	1
0103 (Executive Assistant)	
Richard Cotovsky	1
0107 (Jay)	

D

Brandon Dahlquist	1
0103 (Marcus Sakey)	
Jackie Dallas	1
0103 (Hazmat Woman)	
Peter DeFaria	1
0108 (Campus Police Officer)	
Madelyn DePorter	1
0102 (Receptionist)	
Michael A. Dean	1

0107 (Rob)

Dani Deetté	1
0107 (Annie)	
Suzy Dias	3
0101 (Chloe); 0102 (Chloe); 0104 (Chloe)	
Joe Dioletto	1
0101 (Jason Dessen Acting Double)	

E

Kate Eastman	2
0103 (Detective Jamie Mason); 0107 (Detective Jamie Mason)	

F

Elena Victoria Feliz	1
0109 (Aliyah)	
Missy Fierro	3
0101 (Violet); 0102 (Violet); 0104 (Female T.A. (Violet))	
Snag Flynn	1
0101 (Young Woman)	
Greg Foster	1
0107 (Chad)	

G

Elvis Garcia	1
0101 (Cabbie #2)	
Gabrielle Anne Garza	1
0108 (Angie)	

H

Charlie Holcomb	3
0101 (Male Student #1); 0102 (Male Student #1); 0104 (Male Student #1)	
Jason Huysman	1
0103 (Mike Underell)	

I

Arti Ishak	2
0101 (Mara McHenry); 0105 (Mara McHenry)	

J

Callie Johnson	1
0103 (GG Sakey)	

K

Jenne Kang	2
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0102 (Dr. Julianne Springer); 0105 (Dr. Julianne Springer)

L

John Lister 1
0101 (Angry Cabbie)

M

Tara Mallen 1
0102 (Alesia Cheney)
Patricia Mario 1
0105 (Sylvia)
Meghan Maureen McDonough 1
0103 (Barbara Underell)
Maeve Mollaghan 1
0108 (Server)
Vinny Multhaupt 1
0107 (Toby)

N

Austin Nelson Jr. 1
0104 (Whiny Student)

O

Reilly Oh 3
0101 (Male Student #2); 0102 (Male Student #2 (In The Back)); 0104 (Male Student #2 (In The Back))

P

Sean James William Parris 1
0105 (Dr. Jay Quayle)
Monica Patankar 1
0102 (Faculty Woman)
Sammy A. Publes 1
0108 (Security Guard)

R

Cara Reid 1
0107 (Ms. Bumgarner)

S

Angie Shriner 1
0107 (Sid (Bartender))
Peter Sipla 1
0102 (Dr. Randolph)
William Smillie 4
0101 (Matt); 0102 (Matt); 0107 (Matt); 0108 (Matt)
Brenann Stacker 1
0102 (Female Greeter)
Jimmy Styx 2
0101 (Gunter (Nightwatchman)); 0104 (Gunter (Night-watchman))

T

Paul Tavianini 1
0108 (Manager)
Jennifer Joan Taylor 1
0108 (Cat Hair Jacket Woman)

V

Omar Villagomez 1
0103 (Hazmat Man)