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# **Season One**



# Across the Universe

Season 1

Episode Number: 1

Season Episode: 1

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Guest Stars: Tyler Hoechlin (Ian Yerxa), Barbara Williams (General Dubois), Jessica Camacho (Michelle Vargas), Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Chanelle Peloso (Petra Smith), AJ Simmons (Lucie), Helen King (Salvare (voice))  
Summary: After saying goodbye to her family on Earth, Niko wakes in space to find the Salvare off course and divided loyalties among her young crew.



The episode begins with a social media influencer rejoicing at her good fortune when the world is invaded by... a UFO. It floats above the ground before creating a crystalline tower.

Six months later and still on Earth, Niko her family are moving because of her husband's job, but she's been asked to lead the Salvare on a deep space mission to investigate the destination the Artifact has been communicating with. Her husband, Erik is disappointed, but Niko is afraid that the mission will fail without

her. Next we know, she's up in space.

The mission was supposed to take six months — three months to Pi Canis Majoris and three months back. Assuming all went according to plan. When we return to space, it's a month into the journey and Niko is awoken from Soma sleep. She's been awoken because the Salvare hasn't yet reached Pi Canis Majoris.

Apparently, the scientists on Earth got the incorrect coordinates for the system — it will now take around seven more months to get there. William, the holographic computer, informs Niko of all this. It's time to wake the rest of the crew.

Ian Yerxa was the previous captain of the ship, so there's a bit of tension around the leadership now that Niko's been put in charge. Most of the rest of the crew have worked under Ian and are 'feeling a little awkward' with this new situation.

While chatting with Erik long distance, Niko is interrupted by William. The ship is circumventing Sirius A and the star doesn't seem to take kindly to the ship being in proximity. Though Ian insists the ship can handle the star, Niko decides they have to fly away.

The argument about the ship's course upsets some of the crew, especially Michelle Vargas, who feels that Ian should challenge Niko more. The crew can't seem to get along with each other, forget with their new leader.

Niko seems too cautious, deciding to go the long way around to get to their destination instead of risking more damage by Sirius A, and this means their mission will take longer to complete.

Ian and the ship engineer have come up with a plan to create a shield that should protect the ship against the star, but there's an 11% chance the plan will fail. Niko won't budge from her decision.

Ian is sure that the longer they take to make first contact with whatever aliens are on Pi Canis Majoris, the greater the risk that the people of Earth will be attacked by the same aliens. But Niko's fear is that taking unnecessary risks may cost Salvare the mission, which will really put the world in jeopardy. Seems like Ian is looking at it from a personal point of view; Niko, on the other hand, is burdened by the weight of the world on her shoulders.

Unfortunately for Niko, the crew backs Ian's play — they stage a mutiny and put her into Soma sleep. Niko puts up one hell of a fight and it was only Ian's backhanded tactics that got the better of her.

Ian threatens William, the computer, into following his orders. In fact, Ian seems to have considerable sway over most of his crew. Zayn Petrossian, the ship psychologist, isn't given much choice in declaring whether Niko is unfit to command or not. Sasha Harrison, the government representative aboard the ship, is put on the spot to recognise Ian's leadership. It's all hasty and rash, and despite William's attempted rebellion, he must follow Ian's orders now.

William changes course towards Sirius A and Ian commands the engineer, August, to engage the shield. Though the shield works, the flares damage the FTL (faster-than-light) drive and the ship is basically unable to fly away from the star. While Niko is peacefully dreaming of being back home with Erik and her daughter Jana, the Salvare is being torn apart.

In a panic, August wakes Niko up and she immediately takes control of the situation. Banishing Ian from the bridge, Niko takes manual control of steering and slingshots off the star to safety.

Niko may have saved everyone, but the ship has sustained plenty of damage. All comms are down (meaning Niko can't get in touch with her family any more) and the Soma system is offline. There are replacement crew members asleep, and they aren't affected, but no new chambers can be activated.

Since Ian can't be put to sleep, he's back as second-in-command. On William's advice, Ian will be answerable for his actions only after the mission is complete. Niko informs the crew that she's back in charge and they're just going to have to deal with it.

Back on Earth, Erik has been hard at work attempting to communicate with the Artifact. He's tried everything, including using birds as a source for inspiration. He finally makes a breakthrough. Erik discovers that a signal was sent from Earth to Pi Canis Majoris in the 1960s, and relays the same message again. It's a piece of music and the Artifact recognizes it and replays in kind. But what does this mean for the humans?

The episode ends with Niko and Ian attempting to fix the ship together. He insists that his actions were to ensure the safety of the people on Earth, including Jana, but Niko doesn't buy it. Still seething over having to eat humble pie, Ian makes another foolish decision — he tries to stab Niko in the back, but she's got quick reflexes and kicks him straight into a live electric conduit. Now Ian is dead, so what is Niko supposed to do with his body?



# Through the Valley of Shadows

Season 1  
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Guest Stars: Tyler Hoechlin (Ian Yerxa), Barbara Williams (General Dubois), Jessica Camacho (Michelle Vargas), Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Chanelle Peloso (Petra Smith), Helen King (Salvare (voice)), Shahrokh Ferdowsi (Field Scientist)  
Summary: As tempers fray aboard the ship, the crew suits up for an expedition to an uncharted planet; On Earth, Erik tries to decode a clue from the artifact.



Erik and his team have not made much progress since realising that the Artifact responds to music. More bad news comes in the form of Erik's boss, Dubois, informing him that they've lost contact with the Salvare. She insists he go and be with his daughter.

As Erik tries to communicate with Niko, Harper Glass arrives at his table. She's a gossip columnist who apparently wrote about one of Niko's failed missions in the past — a mission that cost the lives of 10 crewmembers. Now she wants the

details about the Salvare and Erik unwittingly gives her the nuggets she needs. Harper is spreading rumours about the destruction of the Salvare, which Niko's daughter Jana sees. Erik has to console her, but he is terrified himself.

When Erik returns to the Artifact, he unlocks another piece of the puzzle — the Artifact is replaying music but the negative patterns (the sounds that Erik and team aren't hearing) could be pieced together to form a message.

The Salvare team meeting is interrupted by one of the oxygen tanks malfunctioning. Thanks a lot, Ian! With only five hours of air left, Michelle suggests they land on the nearest oxygen-rich planet and eke out some oxygen.

William locates a planet with 10% oxygen and Niko recruits four members to investigate and get the oxygen. The only person missing is a pilot — Ian would have come in handy, but Niko has a replacement ready. Cas Isakovic was friends with Ian but she and Niko already seem tight. Though Cas has only just been awoken from Soma sleep, she has to get ready to fly.

While the landing party mine the crystals that will keep the crew alive, Michelle tries to calm Sasha down. He's a Congressman with no astronaut or engineering training and he passed out as soon as the oxygen levels fell. He may not be useful on the ship, but he has some advice to give Michelle — Niko was in the right to get rid of Ian, which means she has the authority and ability to do it again. So, Michelle needs to be careful around her.

Niko gets a booster from Zayn who tells her that she's going to have to confront the incident with Ian sooner rather than later. Seems like Niko can't get rid of Ian, because she finds William replaying some kind of recording or memory of Ian saying Niko is going to kill the entire crew and doom the world. Niko seems to be getting a lot of flack from a dead guy who nearly ruined their mission.

Cas picks up the first lot of crystals and finds that Petra Smith and Oliver Sokolov are in the planet cave with their space suit visors up. The air is breathable. In the meantime, Javier Almanzar discovers his partner, Bernie Martinez, has disappeared to collect samples from the planet.

The planet has been suffering from earthquakes, but now Javier realizes why. There's a moon orbiting it and instead of raising tides of water (like the Earth's moon does), it's raising magma. Cas is able to get back on the Salvare, while Bernie and Javier escape to the shuttle. That leaves Petra and Oliver — Niko believes that since they're in the caves, they're lower than the surface and should be safer. But William counters that if the eruptions on the planet continue, Petra and Oliver could be buried in the caves and die. What will Niko do?

Save the day, of course! Instead of risking the lives of any of her other crew, Niko flies the shuttle herself to rescue Petra and Oliver. It's a rough ride, but Niko gets her crew back.

The episode ends with Cas leading a eulogy for Ian. Apparently, they were a couple and she idolized him. Cas is certain Ian thought that what he was doing was right. Her eulogy is interrupted by Petra violently convulsing and contorting in an unknown fit, while the entire crew stand around helpless.

# Nervous Breakdown

Season 1

Episode Number: 3

Season Episode: 3

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Guest Stars: Barbara Williams (General Dubois), Jessica Camacho (Michelle Vargas), Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Chanelle Peloso (Petra Smith), Edward Ruttle (Julian Page), Michael P. Northey (Vic), Alex Rose (Amos Bennett), Helen King (Salvare (voice)), Paul Cummings (Farmer #1), Brian Myers (Farmer #2), Andy Fosmark (Farmer #3), Cassandra Cavalli (News Anchor)  
Summary: Niko flies blind as she contends with a damaged ship and an onboard contagion; Renowned reporter Harper Glass hounds Erik for information.



After the Salvare landed on an alien planet in the previous episode, crewmember Petra started having uncontrollable fits that no one could stop. Niko and her crew quarantine Petra, but she starts pleading with them to eject her from the ship.

When Harper Glass gets a lead, she's unwilling to let it go. She wants as much information as she can get about the Salvare, and now that she's released dubious claims that the Salvare has been destroyed, she's hoping she has Dubois and

Erik in a vice.

Erik won't give in to Harper's haranguing, but he's making no headway with his recent breakthrough with the Artifact either.

Despite his hatred for Harper's platform, Erik realizes that her 250 million followers could come in handy for something. He hands her the data he has accumulated and his team's hypotheses for cracking the Artifact's code. Perhaps one of Harper's followers can crack it.

Niko refuses to comply with Petra's demands to kill her, but the entire ship is on edge. They're lost, with no way to contact Earth, and now have no clue what's wrong with their colleague. It doesn't help that Michelle will pick a fight with just about anyone, instead of actually helping fix any of the ship systems.

William suggests the Salvare use Sirius A as an axis point to get back on course — a good plan, except that the ship gets caught in an Oort Cloud and gets bombarded by icy comets. Niko attempts to pilot the ship through the field, but suddenly she loses her sight and tells Cas to take over.

When Zayn examines Niko, they discover that Niko's hormone levels are off the charts, just like Petra's. Since this is out of Zayn's field of expertise, it's time for the crew to wake up the

resident astro-biologist. Julian Page isn't even out of his capsule before he surmises the cause of the problem — boron-based soil samples that Bernie brought aboard the ship. Boron provides 'the basic building block of life', which means those samples could have created something that's affecting the crew.

It's interesting that most of the male crew are seen fully clothed or covered when they wake up from Soma sleep, but almost all the majority of the female crew spent a sizeable amount of their introductions in sports bras. Niko and Cas had full on conversations in them.

While Niko tries to while away the time, she is attacked by Michelle. Michelle is hell-bent on killing Niko, but is bested by Niko's expert athleticism. And no, Michelle isn't just being the colleague from hell, she's also been infected.

Julian has isolated the virus causing the problems by examining the blood of patient zero — Bernie. Despite not showing any symptoms, Bernie's carried this virus on board and infected everyone else. But there's no need to panic, apparently, because the next thing we know the crew are enjoying a meal together and Petra believes she's cured. Niko hasn't got her sight back, but Zayn and Julian think it's only a matter of time.

Of course, they've celebrated too soon. Petra's spine crawls out of her neck, killing her. With no hope in sight, Niko orders decontamination of the ship. The contaminated air will be purged and disinfected and the current crew will be ejected. With only one hour left before their deaths, Bernie and Julian decide to make a last-ditch effort to save the crew.

Since Bernie is immune to the virus, Julian concocts a new formula which he injects Bernie with. Initial scans show the formula is working, so Julian tries it on himself, and of course, it speeds up the virus' effects. Wow, this crew is really dumb sometimes. Fearing the same fate as Petra, Julian orders Bernie to eject him through the airlock — it takes some convincing but Bernie follows through.

Now there are no other options, but Bernie refuses to give up. Thankfully William arrives and Bernie suddenly finds a cure. The crew and the ship need to be blasted by some gamma radiation to purge the virus. It's a painful process but it gets the job done.

Good news comes with bad news, though — since the crew were hit by radiation, they've all been sterilized. Some people are upset, others are grateful to be alive. But finally, the ship is back on course and the crew return to Soma sleep.

If Niko was enjoying some sweet dreams, she wakes up to a nightmare in the closing moments of this episode. Niko gets out of her capsule to find a blood covered crewmember. Someone is hunting them onboard the ship.

# Guilt Trip

Season 1  
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Season Episode: 4

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Guest Stars: Barbara Williams (General Dubois), Jessica Camacho (Michelle Vargas), Louis Ozawa (Hudson), Donald Sales (Danny), Kindall Charters (Billy), Helen King (Salvare / Pilgrim (voice))  
Summary: A ship malfunction leaves Niko trapped in a state of deep sleep, where she dreams again and again about the worst day of her life.



Niko woke up in the closing moments of the previous episode, to find her crew under attack by a mysterious being on the ship. Niko is informed that the Salvare has landed on Canis Majoris, and was attacked.

With William offline, Niko tries to comfort an injured August when Cas appears. She's been separated from the rest of the crew and is desperate to disembark, but Niko won't leave August to die. August's brother's death a decade ago is still on Niko's conscience, so now Niko needs to

save August. Except, on their way to the medical bay, the creature grabs August.

Niko and Cas find the rest of the crew and she is determined to shoot the monster into space and head back to Earth. Her plan doesn't work — Niko loses the entire crew to the creature, leaving her alone on the ship. Even without reading the episode synopsis, we can all guess that this is in fact a Soma-induced nightmare.

The Salvare crew stand around Niko who is still stuck in her pod because of a glitch. The pod will shut down in 30 minutes, and if Niko is still asleep, she'll be braindead. All other options also lead to death, so Zayn has to try their best to get Niko out.

Niko jumps from nightmare to nightmare, while Zayn tries to stabilize her and Cas and William brainstorm ways to get Niko out.

In the first dream, Niko faces Dubois after the tragedy on the Pilgrim — the ship she commanded on a mission that left 10 dead — before she lands up at the memorial for the Pilgrim crew, confronting the lives that were lost. Of course, her worst nightmare should be getting stuck in the 1950s and giving up on the Salvare mission (which is the next nightmare), but somehow Niko wants to hold on to this dream. Niko realises that she's still asleep, but refuses to follow William out.

It's only when the dream reminds her of the dire situation her crew is in does Niko finally snap out of it. The showrunners are desperate to make viewers believe that Niko is afraid that her family will forget her or never accept her, but there's been no preamble to that. She misses them, which is understandable, but there's no need for Niko to be forced on a 'guilt trip'.

Niko's still not out of danger yet. She wakes up aboard the Pilgrim, where she was having a clandestine affair with fellow commander, Hudson. He was one of the crew who perished.

With time running out, William goes back into Niko's REM cycle. Niko's been trying to get out, but she can't. She and William have to work through several permutations to get her out. Niko tries to let herself die on the Pilgrim. That doesn't snap her out of her Soma sleep. Then, she attempts to save the entire crew, but Jana appears on the wrong side of the airlock. Again, the cycle repeats. William asks Niko to get to the root cause of why she can't leave.

It's because Niko's been hanging on to her guilt for too long. She made a decision that cost lives, including of the man she loved at the time, and she has to face that. Niko replays those fatal moments aboard the Pilgrim once again, watching as Hudson pleads for her to unlock the door, before he finally makes peace with his impending demise. With Zayn's help, Niko is back up and running again.

During this episode, Michelle had discovered a moon that could be the source of vital nutrients the crew needs. With the mission taking much longer than expected and now that all the replacement crew are out of Soma sleep as well, the Salvare is running out of food. Docking on dry land and getting food is a high priority.

With Niko out of commission, the crew looked to Cas for guidance. Despite refusing to make the four lightyear detour to the moon initially, Cas finally relented. Now that Niko is awake, she is displeased with this decision. But William tells her that he's picking up the transmission from the Artifact, but it's coming from the moon. The moon has a similar crystalline tower — so did the Salvare just find the source of the communications and succeed in their mission?

## A Mind of its Own

Season 1

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Season Episode: 5

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Guest Stars: Barbara Williams (General Dubois), Jessica Camacho (Michelle Vargas), Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Dion Riley (Marcus Peterson), Helen King (Salvare (voice))  
Summary: On an expedition to a mysterious moon, Sasha attempts to make first contact with a second artifact as Niko and Cas get brutally honest with each other.



A landing party from the Salvare fly to the alien moon to investigate the Artifact they've found. According to their coordinates, they've landed close to the tower but there's no sign of it. The moon has a breathable atmosphere, which is a welcome change from the recycled air aboard the ship. But the crew does not realise that there's something beneath the surface — and it's following them.

Niko, Cas, Sasha, Zayn and Bernie find the Artifact and Sasha immediately starts going through the governmental

processes of first contact. Realising Sasha's speech will take a while, Niko orders Zayn and Bernie to gather food resources while she and Cas have a heart-to-heart.

Cas hasn't been completely open with Niko and Niko confronts her about it. She isn't quite prepared to hear what Cas has to say, though — Cas was in love with Ian, and Niko killed him.

When Niko discovers that parts of this moon Artifact are scattered around, she decides they should take a sample back to examine it. As she and Cas hunt for a piece, Niko apologises to Cas for killing Ian and taking him away from her.

The two of them find a piece and head back to the Artifact. Along the way, Niko tells Cas about breaking the rules and carrying out an affair with Hudson on the Pilgrim, which means Niko is familiar with the situation Cas was in.

Bernie and Zayn's hunt for edible plants goes nowhere — everything they taste is disgusting. Then Bernie freaks out at the sight of a bug (understandable) and impales his leg on something on the surface. The leg immediately gets infected and Zayn has to treat it with some stop-gap measures.

Sasha, alone with the Artifact, temporarily gives up on his governmental procedures. Big mistake. He starts hearing echoes of his speech before being pulled into the Artifact by someone.

Niko and Cas end up in a beautiful forest which seems to send them into a drug addled state. They start being 'honest' with each other, which basically means they're really mean and cutting

about the other's abilities to lead. Not sure where the whole idea of Niko being a controlling-micromanaging-leader who 'abandoned' her daughter came from, but that's what the writers want us to believe she is. Cas, apparently, is insecure and incompetent, according to drug-addled Niko.

The two of them finally make it to the Artifact, in time for Bernie and Zayn to reach them. Sasha appears as well and they rush to the shuttle. Except, they are intercepted by giant CGI bugs. Sasha stands immobile as one stares him down — luckily for him Cas is a crack-shot and kills the bug before it hurts Sasha. The crew take off as another bug tries to reach inside the shuttle.

While the landing party have been living it up on the surface, Oliver, Javier and August have been acting out the worst kind of romantic subplot ever — the love triangle. Oliver and Javier fight over August before she finally decides to choose both of them. Well, that's one way of subverting that trope.

Meanwhile, Michelle — bored out of her mind on the bridge — has been helping William learn more about being human, all of it through a game of solitaire. William seems to be enjoying himself.

When the landing party returns, Bernie is taken to the medical bay, while Sasha asks Michelle if she has any plans? She doesn't, so they return to her quarters for their clandestine romance. All's going well till Sasha starts seeing visions of himself. That kills the mood.

Unknown to the crew, a small bug stowed away on the shuttle and has now crept into the ship systems. While William delivers his hypothesis about the chunk of Artifact Niko brought back, he goes offline, a fire breaks out and the systems go haywire.

On Earth, Erik leaked his findings about the Artifact to Harper in the hopes of getting the world involved in cracking the code. Dubois is furious about this security breach because now their enemies — the Russians and Koreans, of course — could make contact with the Artifact first. She's willing to see beyond this indiscretion if one of the armchair scientists succeed; if not, Erik will be spending the rest of his life behind bars. Erik and Harper meet one of the respondents — Marcus has figured out that the sound wavelengths the tower has been sending actually form the shape of the Artifact.



# I Think We're Alone Now

Season 1  
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Guest Stars: Jessica Camacho (Michelle Vargas), Mathias Retamal (Burly Thug), Tariq Leslie (Engineer), Helen King (Salvare (voice))  
Summary: While Niko races against the clock to save her ship and crew, she remembers the first time she met Cas; Sasha fears his mental state is deteriorating.



The episode opens with Niko untethered in a space suit, drifting in space, while Cas flies away with the ship. We learn that, after returning from the Pilgrim mission, Niko 'met' Cas for the first time. Actually, Cas and her associates captured Niko for ransom and Cas' boss recognised Niko as the infamous astronaut from the Pilgrim. While babysitting Niko, Cas let slip her interest in going up in space, away from Earth. But, apparently, she wasn't too interested in getting to know her colleagues on a long journey.

Niko was impressed by Cas' knowledge, but Cas wasn't looking for a fairy godmother. Except, Niko decided to give Cas her contact details anyway when her ransom was paid.

While investigating the cause of the fire in the previous episode, August discovers the stow-away bug. Now it's burnt to a crisp, but it damaged a lot of the wiring before its demise. There's plenty of pent-up tension between August, Oliver and Javier, but they need to get the systems back up and running.

Sasha, who constantly gets handed the menial tasks on the ship because he can't contribute any other way, continues to see visions of himself — as the President no less. Zayn can't find anything wrong with him and concludes that he's probably stressed.

Niko is reeling from everything Cas told her on the moon and, it doesn't help that Michelle keeps stoking the hate towards Niko when she's alone with Cas. Apparently, these three have a history. Niko is desperate to get William back online, but it's a hard task. Javier briefly gets William's program up and running, but that plan backfires. William turns on the protocol to return to Earth and that will tear the ship apart. The crew have to combine forces to make sure no one dies.

When some of the systems don't work, Niko takes it upon herself to leave the ship and repair them. She succeeds, but a sudden jerk sends her flying — Niko is saved by her tether, but not for long. Suddenly the Salvare activates its FTL drive and disappears, severing Niko from the ship and leaving her stranded.

With Niko adrift, Cas is desperate to get the ship back to her. But the protocol is locked on Earth and Javier is unable to unlock it. Cas is in a bind, especially since Michelle keeps pleading with her to let them return, irrespective of the fact that they haven't completed their mission. Some of the other crewmembers are with Michelle on this, but others are sure that Niko is alive and waiting.

Cas wins out and returns to Niko, but they can't track her without her locator signal on. Realising that the ship is struggling to find her, Niko punctures her suit and lights up some oxygen to get their attention. I don't really know if there's any scientific basis for that tactic, but it works for Niko.

The crew bring Niko back, and don't notice that Sasha is almost suicidal because of his visions. This other version of himself wants to be 'let in', and that's the only way for Sasha to be cured.

When Niko wakes up, she and Cas apologise to each other for what they said in the previous episode. But that's the least of their worries now. Niko had spotted a breach in the ship when she was outside, but her message hadn't got through to Cas. Now the ship is in dire straits. The only way to fix the system is by entering a tube and physically pulling out the plugs.

Michelle is closest to the area and decides to do it herself. She's been a pain in the neck for everyone, so now her character gets a redemption arc by sacrificing herself. With her dying breath, Michelle tells Cas to let everyone know that she was a hero, and not to take credit for saving the day.

Niko arrives to comfort Cas, but she is inconsolable. Niko knows what it's like to make a command decision that costs lives. Now she needs to make another tough decision — to wake up yet another crewmember.

The episode ends with Sasha deleting the records of his scans by Zayn. The scans show that something was embedded in Sasha's brain — something that he's now allowed to take control of him.

## Living the Dream

Season 1  
Episode Number: 7  
Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Thursday July 25, 2019  
Writer: Lucie Pagé  
Director: Allan Arkush  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Jake Abel (Sasha Harrison), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass)  
Guest Stars: Greg Hovanessian (Beauchamp McCarry), Martin Donovan (Egan Harrison), Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Alex Rose (Amos Bennett), Dion Riley (Marcus Peterson), Kristina Lao (Velazquez), Katerina Katielieva (Mila), Helen King (Salvare (voice))  
Summary: Erik's new approach with the artifact leads to a shocking development and grave consequences; Sasha digs for information on the Salvare's defenses.



With the help of an amateur scientist, Erik and his team were able to make a breakthrough in decoding the cosmic puzzle that is the Artifact. Erik is pressured into putting theory into practice by the Secretary of Defense — Egan Harrison, who also happens to be the father of Sasha, currently onboard the Salvare and going through a personal transformation of his own.

Not to be daunted by bureaucracy, Erik starts communicating with the Artifact using lights and a door opens. Looks

like the Artifact is ready to talk.

Erik sends in a drone to investigate, while an army of military soldiers stand around the Artifact, guns at the ready if something were to emerge. The drone struggles to send any signals to the team, but something — or rather, someone — finally comes into view. It's Sasha! But that's not really him, is it?

Egan is desperate to find out, especially since Harper Glass has everyone on Earth believing that the Salvare was destroyed. He wants to send the soldiers in, but Erik cautions against it for fear of triggering a war. Instead, Erik suggests one of his team goes in. When his initial plan falls through, Erik decides he needs to investigate the Artifact himself.

As soon as Erik enters the Artifact, the door closes and he loses comms. The Sasha apparition appears and Erik follows him into a hallucination of his family. He attempts to solve an equation but it disappears when Jana appears before him. Erik realises that Jana's more important than cracking the equation and he wanders back out of the Artifact.

Annoyed that Erik has returned with more riddles and less answers, Egan goes in armed to the teeth; Harper tags along to cover the story.

Back on the Salvare, Niko is prepping for their imminent arrival on Canis Majoris. She's awoken a new crewmember precisely for the task, after her previous negotiator (Cas) declined

the job. Beauchamp McCarry is peppy and enthusiastic, but to me, it seems like he's basically doing the same job that Sasha's on the ship for.

Beauchamp is worried that the Salvare is headed straight into the unknown. For all they know, the aliens are at war — what would Niko's call be if that were the case? Sasha is very curious to know, but Niko does not oblige with any answers.

Sasha plies the rest of the crew with more questions about what their end goal is when they reach Canis Majoris — no one has any answers, and William refuses to provide one. Realising Sasha is tense, Bernie offers to help him relax with some alien vaping concoction he's created. It becomes obvious that Sasha wants to turn William off and take control of the ship and Bernie inadvertently points him to the only person who can help him succeed — Javier.

Sasha again tries to get answers out of Niko, masking his curiosity as concern for his well-being if diplomatic discussions go south when he talks to the aliens. But Niko is high-strung — concerned about Cas and still struggling with Michelle's death. She couldn't care less about Sasha and what happens to him, because he only got on this ship thanks to his father pulling strings.

Sasha finds Javier and asks him the same question — Javier explains that the Salvare has the option to turn the FTL drive into a planet-destroying laser beam. The only way to stop that from happening is by destroying the Salvare. But William protects the Salvare, so if push comes to shove, the Salvare will survive but threatening aliens will not. Realising William has to be taken down, Sasha tries to force Javier to tell him how to turn the AI off.

The episode ends with Egan attempting to enter the Artifact and being able to see Sasha on the Salvare. Sasha somehow connects with the Artifact on Earth and it sends shockwaves that injure all the people around it — including Erik and Jana.

## How the Light Gets Lost

Season 1  
Episode Number: 8  
Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Thursday July 25, 2019  
Writer: Sean Reycraft  
Director: Sheree Folkson  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Jake Abel (Sasha Harrison), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass)  
Guest Stars: Barbara Williams (General Dubois), Greg Hovanessian (Beauchamp McCarry), Kendall Cross (Dr. Maura Brebs), Helen King (Salvare (voice))  
Summary: Emotions run high during the Salvare's strange trip through a dark matter field; Sasha zeroes in on William's weakness; Erik receives devastating news.



The Salvare has entered a dark matter cloud on their way to Canis Majoris. Beauchamp is given the first shift — he's the pilot and the lookout. The rest of the crew enjoy a final feast before they go on to rations. Without some of the more toxic and unsavory members of the crew around, the other Salvare team members are jovial and amiable. Niko looks content.

She and William chat on the way back to her quarters, they've cottoned on to the fact that half the crew is now involved

with each other. Zayn and Bernie can't hide their flirtations, and the sexual tension between August, Oliver, and Javier is palpable. As Niko bids goodbye, she accidentally calls William Erik. Is she just tired, or does that Freudian slip imply something more about her feelings toward the AI?

Cas interrupts Niko's daydreams about Erik because she's distraught that Niko woke up Beauchamp. Cas now feels like her job is on the line, but Niko assures her Beauchamp's addition is only to help Cas. They can't get their conversation going because Javier is fretting about Oliver and August's whereabouts. Looks like he didn't get the memo that he's the third wheel in that relationship.

Cas and Javier are on edge, while Niko, Oliver and August are distracted, it's because all their hormones are out of whack. Zayn's discovered this and believes it's the dark matter. It isn't. Sasha put some of the toxic plants from the moon into his salad, and now the crew is high.

Since Beauchamp is the only one who didn't eat Sasha's salad, he's temporarily in charge and has a plan for the crew to wait out the effects of the drug — dance party! The crew is having the time of their lives, especially Niko. When she asks William to join her on the dance floor, he brings out some killer moves.

As we know from the previous episode, Sasha is out to turn off William, so he's watching him with hawk eyes. Sasha enlists Javier's help to figure out what's up with William — apparently,

the AI is in love with Niko. All this while, it seemed like Niko was falling for William, but the writers want us to believe it's the other way around.

While Bernie finally makes a move on Zayn, Sasha uses his new knowledge of William to his advantage. He insists that Niko reciprocates William's feelings, especially in her current state, and that William should take extra care of her. William does exactly that, including giving in to Niko's request to change into Erik. This is probably not going to end well, but at least William and Niko are both too distracted to realize Sasha is up to no good.

Niko wakes up from her escapades feeling guilty for taking advantage of William's programming. She needn't bother, since William confesses his love for her. Niko doesn't back down — for the good of the mission, she requests William to wipe their nocturnal sojourn from his systems. He claims to follow her orders, but we all know he didn't.

Meanwhile, in a different series of unfortunate romantic entanglements, Javier realises that August and Oliver are way more into each other than they are in him. He leaves to get some work done, only to find that Sasha has stolen his access codes to try and shut William down. Since Sasha hasn't succeeded, he attempts to suck all the information out of Javier's brain. Javier is now lying unconscious, but Sasha is none the wiser about shutting down William.

Sasha doesn't have to worry for long, though. William starts malfunctioning, ostensibly because he's heart-broken about Niko, but possibly also because dark matter is leaking into the ship. Sasha finds the AI and asks him to shut himself down while he fixes William. Looks like Sasha has succeeded in his plan.

The crew discover Javier and realise that Sasha is behind all this. Zayn finds Sasha's brain scans which show the parasitic alien; this proves it, Sasha isn't who he's supposed to be. As Sasha deactivates William for good, Niko orders Zayn to revive Javier and then she finds Sasha attempting to suck Beauchamp's brain.

On Earth, Erik brings Jana to the medical staff. They are inundated by injured people, but Jana's injuries are worse because of an undiagnosed medical condition. Turns out, the Artifact gave off radiation which triggered leukemia in Jana. Erik is furious and lambasts the inert Artifact. Instead of getting an answer, Harper Glass appears. She was dragged into the Artifact in the previous episode, but she's still alive now. Does she bring any answers with her?

## Heart and Soul

Season 1  
Episode Number: 9  
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Thursday July 25, 2019  
Writer: Jackie May  
Director: Sheree Folkson  
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Guest Stars: Barbara Williams (General Dubois), Greg Hovanessian (Beauchamp McCarry), Leifennie (Azami Ouchi), Helen King (Salvare (voice))  
Summary: The battle for control of the ship reaches critical mass as Sasha's endgame becomes clear; Erik interrogates Harper after her close encounter.



The Salvare is in critical danger. Sasha has deactivated William, incapacitated Javier and is about to suck Beauchamp's brains out when Cas attacks him. Cas and Niko are able to rescue Beauchamp, but it's clear now that Sasha has been possessed — this is his way of exacting revenge on the crew, especially Niko, for mistreating him throughout their journey.

Sasha is using his control over the ship systems to split the crew up and disable communications so that he can blow

up the Salvare by overheating the particle accelerator. But Niko's smarter than he is and keeps trying to find ways to make sure her crew is alive.

Niko orders Bernie to reactivate the accelerator's cooling systems — but every time he does this, Sasha switches them back off, so Bernie finally has to sever the command systems by electrocuting himself. Thankfully, he's not dead and Zayn is able to revive him.

Locked in the bridge, Sasha doesn't have much control anymore, so he resorts to playing mind games with Niko. Niko wakes up Javier's replacement but enters a battle of wits with Sasha over whether or not she would use the Salvare to attack the aliens.

The real Sasha briefly tries to re-emerge, but the aliens don't seem that interested in negotiating. Sasha orders the computer to cut the oxygen in the soma tube that Niko opened. Javier's replacement is killed.

Seems like Sasha's endgame is to send the Salvare into a black hole — that's one way to get rid of the threat to the aliens. Niko decides the best way forward is to abandon ship. They're going to take a shuttle to Pi Canis Majoris, a task made easier because Sasha's trajectory has brought them closer to their original intended destination.

Cas gets the crew and shuttle ready, but Niko isn't coming. She wants to fix William because she still feels guilty for causing his meltdown. Niko also wants to save the rest of the sleeping crew. The best way for Niko to communicate with William is through Soma sleep. Niko apologizes to William and explains that his emotions make him more human.

She seems to be getting through to him when Sasha breaks into the Soma room and tries to attack her. Niko valiantly fights back, but Sasha's got her pinned down. She keeps calling for William and just when all hope seems lost, William reappears and knocks Sasha unconscious.

William and Niko are able to use the alien inside Sasha as a power source to get out of the black hole eddies and rendezvous with Cas' shuttle. This mission is back on track. Niko flies the ship to Pi Canis Majoris, because it's time to say hello.

On Earth, Harper has an alien parasite lodged in her brain as well, and she insists on talking only to Erik. She explains that the Artifact is from the Achaia and they sent the shockwave as self-defense, but they had no intention of hurting Jana, especially since she has a genetic anomaly that makes her susceptible to the radiation. Harper says the aliens have a way of curing Jana, and when Erik wants to know about it, Dubois (reinstated after Egan Harrison's death during the shockwave) has him removed. Desperate to save his daughter, Erik sneaks a communicator to Harper — she tells him to get her out of there and the Achaia will save Jana.



# Hello

Season 1

Episode Number: 10

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Thursday July 25, 2019  
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Director: Allan Arkush  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Jake Abel (Sasha Harrison), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass)  
Guest Stars: Barbara Williams (General Dubois), Greg Hovanessian (Beauchamp McCarry), Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Jessica Sipos (New A.I.), Kendall Cross (Dr. Maura Brebs), Clint Deakin (Adam Levesque), Alexandra Voicu (Female Doctor), Julia Bose (Zekir Woman), Stephanie Lavigne (Zekir Woman), Helen King (Salvare (voice)), Ian Hawes (Soldier)  
Summary: When the Salvare finally reaches its destination, Niko and her crew are staggered by what awaits them on the surface.



Niko flies a shuttle with Oliver and Cas down to Achaia — the planet they used to refer to as Pi Canis Majoris. They land close to the Artifact. While Niko and Cas reckon the alien city, Oliver stays with the shuttle.

Niko insists on investigating the ruins near the city, despite Cas' better judgment. They go inside a cave and are met by... an alien!

The alien speaks its own language and looks threatening, but Niko is not daunted by the creature. She tries to introduce herself and Cas, but when Niko reaches out to the alien, the creature runs away. Suddenly, an AI starts speaking to them, in English.

The AI informs Niko and Cas that they are not on Achaia; this planet is Zakir. Achaia is hundreds of lightyears away. What the humans have been following is the Artifact that the Achaians left on Zakir. This AI on Zakir has been tracking all the signals that Earth has been broadcasting, hence its ability to speak English. The AI warns them against pursuing the Achaians — because those aliens only want one thing, destruction. The AI believes it's already too late to save Earth.

Cas and Niko leave the cave and come across a sea of bones; the Achaians are a disease and they infect the indigenous population till they're dead. That's what happened on Zakir, and now these creatures are on Earth. This is bad news.

Cas and Beauchamp want to head back to Earth and fight the invasion, but Niko won't leave till she's saved the last of the Zakir. Through the alien AI, she asks if the Zakir want her help; they do. Beauchamp and William use the particle accelerator to destroy the Artifact on Zakir. Mission successful.

The plan is to return to Earth and destroy the Artifact there, but first Niko intends to destroy the other 300 that have appeared on systems across the galaxy.

William is having a hard time dealing with what happened between him and Niko, but without confronting her directly with the aftermath, he can't move past the incident. He tries to talk to a simulation of Niko, but it's not the same thing.

Sasha is alive but the alien parasite continues to torment him, making him plead with his colleagues to kill him. Of course, they refuse to comply, so Sasha tries a different tactic. He fakes a seizure in the quarantine room and when Zayn rushes in to check on him, Sasha threatens to kill them unless Bernie kills Sasha first. With no other option, Bernie shoots Sasha.

With Sasha dead, Zayn, William and Beauchamp can examine the parasite in his head. They decide to use it to revive Javier. William grabs the parasite, which briefly connects with his. It's a tussle to get it into Javier, but it works and Javier is back up and running. Just in time for Oliver to arrive from the planet and for August to drop a bomb on them — she's pregnant and one of them is the father. William was wrong about the effects of the radiation, and now August is unsure what to do.

On Earth, Harper — who is also possessed by an alien — attacks the medical staff who attempt to examine her. Realising she's his only hope for saving Jana from imminent organ failure, Erik decides to help Harper. She tells him to take Jana to the Artifact; the Achaia will save Jana because they consider Erik to be a friend.

Erik takes Jana to the Artifact and waits for the door to open. As he enters it, Harper Glass announces to the world that the Achaians have come to Earth as friends. We've heard that before!

Niko and Cas return to the Salvare. Elsewhere on the ship, the Sasha parasite gives William new abilities. William reactivates his Niko simulation and re-programs her to feel — in other words, this program now reacts the same way a human does. This Niko consoles William the way the real one would, and it seems to make him feel better.

Unfortunately, when William tries to delete the Niko program it changes into something else. Seems like the program has a mind of its own, and on top of that, there are five alien ships headed straight for the Salvare.

Niko realises too late that the five Achaian ships are headed for Zakir — she watches as the ships destroy the entire planet. Her plan to save Earth and all the other planets infected by the Achaians will only lead to more destruction.

# **Season Two**



## Live to Fight Another Day

Season 2

Episode Number: 11

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Aaron Martin  
Director: Kevin Dowling  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Shannon Chan-Kent (Iara), Greg Hovanessian (Beauchamp McCarry), Jessica Sipos (New A.I.)  
Summary: Shock waves hit a Salvare struggling in the aftermath of an epic act of destruction. Niko questions William's judgment as Erik looks to the Achaia.



The episode begins with Niko and the others watching in shock as Zakir is destroyed. With the debris heading straight for them, Niko puts up the shields but the hull is compromised. A meteor smashes through and hits Beauchamp, killing him instantly.

With the gang joining in the mess hall, it's a race against time as Niko and the others worry that their shields could well fail before the allotted 9 hour period they've been given for it to hold out for.

Back on Earth, Eric heads inside the

Artifact with Jana but after placing her down on a bed, she disappears completely. When Eric follows a light outside, a man from Homeland Security called Seth shows up; he's working with them now.

Aboard The Salvare, William shows off his new female avatar, admitting that he's augmented her with Achaian code. This avatar also won't be swayed too, with William and the others confining her to a small space (called a sandbox) to limit her presence around the ship.

Niko is still not impressed though, and brings Richard in to speak to this female avatar. She chooses her own name, Iara, and boasts that Asimov's laws of robotics don't apply to her. She can't be controlled. However, using her code it does seem like the Achaians are scared of Niko and her crew. As Richard himself mentions — understanding who they're fighting and why is crucial.

Anyway, in the midst of this, Niko and the crew manage to make it out the debris field. For some reason this explosion is no longer projecting the debris outward and seems to be sucking it back inward again because... reasons?

With the threat thwarted, August and Oliver head out to fix up the holes on the exterior of The Salvare. Only, an Achaian ship suddenly shows and begins blasting them, causing plasma to vent out into space. Oliver's umbilical cord is damaged in the process, prompting Oliver to try and help by cutting it... just as the outer ring spins and fries them in the plasma field. They're both killed instantly.

Back inside, the crew realize they need to communicate with the Achaians. Apparently they want to talk peace with Niko, if Iara's translation is anything to go by. In order to figure out what they really want though, Niko decides she needs to leave the ship and negotiate with the aliens.

## Smoke and Mirrors

Season 2

Episode Number: 12

Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Lauren Gosnell  
Director: Kevin Dowling  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Shannon Chan-Kent (Iara), Kate Vernon (Ava Breckinridge)  
Summary: Venturing into the ring to negotiate with the Achaia, Niko sees the unimaginable. Cas risks everything by sending Iara on a mission. Jana stuns Erik.



The episode begins with Niko heading aboard the Achaian ship. With communications severed with The Salvare, the crew contemplate whether this is an aggressive stance and decide to fortify their shields while they wait.

With Cas taking charge, she decides to finish what August and Oliver started, heading outside the ship to patch up the damage. In her absence, Richard speaks to Bernie, expressing his concerns given how closely tied Cas and Niko are. As he so eloquently puts it "they've fought in the

trenches together." If this mission goes sideways, Cas is going to have to make some difficult choices and Richard's not sure she'll have the stomach for it.

Anyway, Cas soon heads back in and loses her patience, deciding to send Iara aboard the ship to retrieve Niko and bring her back. Once aboard though, Iara decides to hack the ship and retrieve intel from the computers. Bearing in mind this is a peace negotiation and she's essentially conducting intergalactic espionage.

Unbeknownst to Niko though, she follows the light and finds strange firefly like creatures swirling around her. This light eventually strips off her suit, unveiling a vision of Jana. Only this isn't a vision, she's really there. She seems to have been inexplicably transported from the Artifact back on Earth. Niko hands over her ring and promises they'll see each other again in the future.

After hugging goodbye, Jana comes charging out the Artifact and back into Eric's arms. Niko hears Eric and tries to follow... but instead ends up in a lush garden with her mother. Now, the Achaian have taken her mother's (Ava) form to talk about peace.

According to the Achaians, they actually healed Jana and stopped her from being sick. After transporting her back to Earth, they suggest Niko and her crew can also be sent back home with their families too. In return though they need Niko and the crew to spread a message — the Achaians come in peace. Pretty simple right?

As they continue on, Ava reveals that the Achaians weren't the aggressors before. The Zakir were the ones who struck first and actually the graveyard and devastation they found was as a

result of a civil war the Achaia had no part of. After Niko and her crew blew up the Artifact and killed thousands of Achaians in the process, these aliens decided to retaliate — hence the attack.

Only, Iara suddenly shows up as the Achaia realize that she's been gathering intel against them. Ava grabs her by the throat, throwing her back aboard *The Salvare*. Iara feeds back what happened to Cas, who decides to jump over to the ship herself, emotionally driven by her actions (despite claiming not to be.)

In a move that can only be described as absolutely hilarious and completely ridiculous, Cas dons her spacesuit and uses her thrust propulsion to fly toward the Achaian ship.

In Iara's absence, Niko tries to talk down the Achaia's anger. Apparently all these aliens want are peace but as Niko pries further, the mood — and setting — changes as Niko is transported across to a graveyard. It's too much for Niko, who's approached by Eric (or the Achaian taking his form anyway) resulting in the pair duking it out.

When Niko finally awakens, Cas is there after having somehow managed to make it onto the ship. After Niko kills one of the Achaian spiders, four vessels hone in on the ship. With Niko and Cas stranded aboard this Achaian ship, the rest of the crew fly toward them... and then make the jump to hyperspace.



## My Own Worst Enemy

Season 2

Episode Number: 13

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Alexander Levine  
Director: Kellie Cyrus  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Kurt Yaeger (Dillon Conner), Kate Vernon (Ava Breckinridge), Nathan Witte (Daeva), Jarod Joseph (Anthony Isakovic), Isla Sunar (Girl)  
Summary: Left behind but holding on, Niko and Cas each tangle with the Achaia in their own way. At the Salvare, the crew uncovers a key alien vulnerability.



The episode begins with the Achaian swarm swirling around Cas and transporting her into a vision of her own. Niko makes it aboard her shuttle though, just as Ava appears again and claims that Cas is about to get everything she wants. With Niko stuck on her ship, they're going after the Salvare while she's indisposed.

The Achaian continue to have their way with Cas in the meantime though, conjuring forth images to convince her to stay in this hallucination. Niko takes drastic measures, deciding to blow up the

vessel and cause an explosion. The Achaian are having none of it though and decide to step up their plans to take out Niko.

On the Salvare, Javier begins experiencing nasty pins and needles up and down his leg. Removing his neural inhibitor, Javier encourages Iara to connect with him in order to remove the implant. In doing so, it sends ripples out across the galaxy, straight to the Achaian ship which completely disintegrates Ava before she kills Niko. Well, that was lucky!

The Salvare pick up readings of this anomaly and how a magnetar has conjured nearby. Now, according to some research online, it's a star with a massively powerful magnetic field, about a trillion times stronger than Earth's. It's also one of the most magnetic stars in the universe.

Current predictions also claim that if you get within 600 miles of one, it would completely upset your bioelectricity and molecular structure, causing you to just dissolve on the spot.

So naturally when the Salvare shows up, it has absolutely no effect on them.

Back on Earth, Eric is captured by a bunch of masked figures who claim to be resistance fighters, accusing him of working with the Achaia. Eric is warned not to engage or communicate with the Achaia, giving humanity a choice to either accept and die or resist and endure.

Returning to The Salvare, Richard makes a bold decision to leave Niko and Cas behind. Wait, didn't they literally just head back to save — or at least try to find — them? Just before the ship leaves once more, Cas manages to use the radio from inside the destroyed shuttle and communicate with The Salvare.

Just before Cas and Niko leave, the Achaian ask for protection and peace. They promise not to cause any trouble, as the gang make it aboard the ship. They set up a tether to move the Achaians and with the magnetar blasting out pulses, manage to jump just in time. Only, the tether suddenly breaks, severing the bond and allowing the magnetar rip everything apart — including the Achaians.

With The Salvare safe for now, Niko and the others contemplate who could have been responsible... and settle on Iara being the most likely.

# The Great Wheel

Season 2

Episode Number: 14

Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Lucie Page  
Director: Kellie Cyrus  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Kurt Yaeger (Dillon Conner), Shannon Chan-Kent (Iara), Rekha Sharma (Ursula Monroe), Kate Vernon (Ava Breckinridge), Carlena Britch (Paula Carbone), Allan Hawco (Gabriel), Reese Alexander (General Roland Frost)  
Summary: Under suspicion for severing a lifeline, Iara now finds her life on the line. William discovers a surprise within. A habitable planet calls to Cas.



The episode begins with alarms wailing aboard the *Salvare*. As we soon come to find out, this is all a big simulation. A cool-headed AI called Gabriel is here, and he was actually scheduled to fly out with the ship before William took over.

Back in the present, Niko confronts Iara and claims she's responsible for getting rid of the tether. She vows on her life she's not responsible but Niko is not so sure. In order to properly incriminate her though, Niko needs evidence. She puts Richard and Dillon on this task, deter-

mined to figure out the truth.

The duo begin checking through the console logs and start meticulously poring over her processing data. It causes Iara immense pain, even for an AI, and she writhes in pain in the air. During a momentary respite, she admits to breaking the tether and disappears from view.

When Niko finds out about this, she doesn't believe Iara's confession is genuine given it was made under duress. Instead, the attention turns to the other AI — William.

While the gang search through William's history, Niko speaks to Iara, who tries to gain the Captain's trust. After all, Iara highlights a good point — she could have left at any time but decided not to.

When Niko returns to see Richard, she finds out there's a deep-rooted bit of programming stuck in William's coding. And as they take a look, William transforms into Gabriel.

Now, it turns out William is an inferior version and an earlier failed attempt at integrating emotion into an AI. According to Gabriel, William is the one who's unstable and responsible for what's happened with the severed tether. Gabriel doesn't stop there though. After teleporting around the ship, he riles up Iara, hacking her memories and tapping into the Achaian side of her personality and preying on her vulnerabilities.

At the same time, Cas finds a habitable planet nearby and decides to head down to take a look. With half the gang out of commission, Gabriel hacks into the oxygen supply and locks onto

a new trajectory directly for the Achaia home world. As they jump, Cas and the others are left on the planet alone.

Now, further flashbacks confirm that actually Gabriel is the one who's emotionally unstable and William was the one who took over. Iara comes to the rescue, saving William and making sure Gabriel is forever tortured and kept at bay. However, the two AIs continue to wrestle for control. There's only one solution — a hard reset.

## A Better Earth

Season 2

Episode Number: 15

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Alejandro Alcoba  
Director: Shannon Kohli  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Kurt Yaeger (Dillon Conner), Shannon Chan-Kent (Iara), Alex Rose (Amos Bennett), Carlena Britch (Paula Carbone), Kamran Fulleylove (Nestor)  
Summary: The new planet holds promise — and unexpected threats in the brush. The tables turn as Richard reaches out to Iara. The Achaia open up to Erik.



The episode starts with Javier's life hanging in the balance. Niko is convinced that they'll get through this together, doing her best to make the crew feel better.

Meanwhile, the gang down on the habitable planet decide to take off their spacesuits. Lucky the place has breathable oxygen, I guess! Apparently the planet is completely pathogen-free too. However, this is obviously not Earth and the gang don't bother to search their perimeters properly — which is not great given there are creatures out in the wood-

land watching.

William is brought online with a factory reset but Niko isn't exactly happy. She orders him to fix the FTL, intending to head back and pick up those she's left behind on that strange planet. It doesn't take long before they're there, whisking the others back aboard in the blink of an eye. So much for the drama that caused during the cliffhanger then!

According to Cas, this planet is the future and could be humanity's new home. After analyzing the claw left in the shuttle, they're convinced that the hostile creature that attacked them is no bigger than a bear and the only apex predator on the planet (despite only seeing the equivalent of Rhode Island on a planet the size of Earth) and decide they could be the new apex predators instead. Brilliant.

According to William though, the planet is as good as it gets for colonists, if the soil and water samples are anything to go by. However, there's still no word on poisons, animals or other creatures.

Predictably, when the humans head back down again, they walk right into a whole colony full of creatures.

With guns drawn, Cas orders them all to hold and not fire... but Paula decides to do just that. As the creature appears to be communicating, Paula pulls the trigger and shoots it. Yet, as they head back aboard the *Salvare* again, Paula has the audacity to tell Niko that the humans are "no threat" to these creatures and that they're primitive at best.

Anyway, the gang agree to leave the planet for now, given it belongs to these creatures.

Back on Earth, Eric heads into the Artifact and tries to communicate with the Achaian again, desperate to find Niko and the others. Now, the Achaia want Eric to cease all exploration and never explore beyond their means again. In order to seal the deal, they hand over an orb that can allegedly heal an area that's been ravaged by fire, famine or other incident.

As Eric heads back to see homeland security, they contemplate whether the Achaia are telling the truth and whether they can be trusted.

Back aboard the Salvare, Paula decides to sabotage the mission completely and chooses to launch the colony pods, intending to head back down to this strange planet again. However, given they need to leave right now to use a conjured wormhole — a shortcut back to Earth — Paula's mutiny looks set to destroy everything.

Niko soon shows up to police the situation, swinging things in their favour. With little other choice, they allow Paula to head down to the planet with the colonists and fend for themselves.

Meanwhile, Iara sabotages the mission and locks Richard behind a hatch, claiming she was unable to forgive him for what happened in the past. With the wormhole not able to take all of the ship back, Niko makes a bold decision to sacrifice herself, splitting the ship in half and allowing the others to make it back home again.

## Gift From the Gods

Season 2

Episode Number: 16

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Romeo Candido  
Director: Shannon Kohli  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Parveen Dosanjh (Dr. Nani Singh), Kurt Yaeger (Dillon Conner), Shannon Chan-Kent (Iara), Catherine Lough Haggquist (Annette Mackenzie), Alex Rose (Amos Bennett), Nathan Witte (Daeva), Suleka Mathew (Callie), Matt Yanagiya (Special Ops Soldier), Marlene Ginader (Barracks Guard), Cassandra Naud (Soldier), Mark Kandborg (Aram Petrossian), Christina Meredith Lewall (Denise Conner), Luz Elena Rubio (Elena Martinez)  
Summary: Alone at last, or not? Salvare's team faces a rough ride home — and a cautious reentry. Elsewhere, Erik tests Achaian tech, then asks for a favor.



The episode begins with Richard catching up with Niko and confirming that he's been left behind too. However, Niko has a plan.

Speaking of plans, Eric organizes an experiment to test the Achaia orb and see if the aliens are actually telling the truth. Placing it in an abandoned area, the explosion ripples out and turns the run-down dystopia into a lush utopian forest.

Further readings confirm there are zero pathogens in the atmosphere too, with the gang convinced that Achaian gift

is just that — a gift. However, alarms soon start wailing as they catch wind of a massive energy field just past Jupiter — a wormhole. It collapses just after the Salvare makes it through but it seems our crew are heading back to Earth after all!

Cas decides against communicating with Earth just yet, given they don't know what's going on. Instead, they intercept broadcasts and find out about Eric's experiments. Upon hearing this, Cas is curious over whether those on earth will invite the crew back as heroes or villains.

In the midst of this, the gang learn that Iara has trapped Richard back on the old ship. This is the Achaian side of her code kicking in, with her essentially at war with herself over this revelation. The rest of the crew team up with William and trick Iara into believing she's being allowed to travel across space. The reality is that she's being kept in this sandbox to prevent her becoming a threat.

Speaking of opening portals, Seth wanders into the Artifact alone, much to Eric's dismay. He soon heads back though with a brand, spanking new implant, allowing the Achaians to take control.

With few other options, Eric decides to meet that weird mask-wearing group again. He's there to speak about Harper Glass, believing her to be connected to everything that's going on. So what's with the masks? Who knows. Anyway, it turns out Harper and Seth both have those implants in their head, which are being studied right now.

As Eric leaves, the gang decide to enact Plan B. And that plan appears to involve Eric's second-in-command, Singh, taken off the case.

Back aboard the *Salvare*, Cas decides to keep all the information they have on the Achaians to themselves for now. They soon make it down to Earth though where reunions are made between the family members. Eric meets Cas for a brief second, desperate to use the wormhole to get back through to save Niko. With Iara offline, that's obviously not possible.

However, Cas does learn that Seth now has an Achaian implant in his head. Hurriedly, Cas mentions that William has intelligence stored in him before leaving.

Only, leaving comes from the gang being kept in specially crafted cells to keep them in containment for the time being. While they get accustomed to their new surroundings, Eric is invited into Seth's office, where they speak privately. There, Eric opens up and reveals the truth about the resistance fighters and how they're trying to recruit him.

Now, it turns out Seth has actually put a tracker on him and the UCIS team, so he knows exactly where this base is. He encourages Eric to join him too, as we cut across to gunfire breaking out and a massacre being left in their wake.

Seth invites Eric in, where he witnesses Seth use this strange implant to extract information from their leader, courtesy of a weird metallic prod from his eyeballs. When he finishes, Seth turns around and nods, confirming that Eric is telling the truth, and at least for now he's in the clear.



# Never Gonna Give You Up

Season 2  
Episode Number: 17  
Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Aaron Martin  
Director: Avi Youabian  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Kurt Yaeger (Dillon Conner), Shannon Chan-Kent (Iara), Catherine Lough Haggquist (Annette Mackenzie), Melice Bell (Usic Supervisor)  
Summary: Giving up isn't an option: Niko hatches a plan and spars with Richard. The chase is on when the crew tries to stand strong, and noises rattle nerves.



The episode begins with William losing control as USIC officers begin stripping the Salvare apart. However, he continues to see visions of Niko too, who encourages him to keep searching as she's still out there.

Elsewhere, an undeterred Niko begins making a sail for their end of the ship. It's been a week and Niko is not giving up hope that they'll get out of this alive. She intends to use lasers to propel themselves forward.

By her calculations, it's going to take 10 days but Niko has plans to recalculate their trajectory and head back to the colony planet Paula and the others touched down on. Now, there's no answer as to exactly how she managed to set up the sail outside but I guess she just did it effortlessly.

With the sail set up and their course set, Niko and Richard get to work bowling and getting drunk.

Back on Earth, the crew of the Salvare find themselves subjected to a series of interviews. Zayn though is struggling to keep it together. As each of the crew members discuss Javier's implant and how they needed to remove it because he was deteriorating, Seth hones in on Zayn as the weak-link.

Seth points out that her hands give her away, grilling the young woman over her lies. In order to persuade her, he uses her mother's illness as a bargaining chip to learn the truth about what's really going on.

That's not all though. It would appear as if Seth has got to Cas, as she struggles to remember crucial details of the mission. When Eric questions her in secret, it would appear as if Seth has wiped her memory.

Back with Niko and Richard, they realize something has happened to their ship as they're thrown off-course and it's going to take a lot longer than they initially thought. A whole 16 days to be precise. Well, in order to save some room — and oxygen — they decide to get rid of any extra trinkets on the ship, throwing it all out the airlock.

This action does save them a few days but it appears as if something else is aboard with them. When Richard heads back to his room, he hears skittering and weird noises coming from the vents. Importantly, a bottle of fentanyl happens to be on his counter.

Niko too is convinced there's something out there so the duo work together to try and track it down. Creeping through the airducts, they eventually come across... nothing. After searching through every part of the ship, both Richard and Niko begin to fall out, with the latter calling out his reliance on pills. However, Niko is still convinced there's something out there and dons her spacesuit, seeing the Achaian in the landing bay. Only, all of this appears to be a hallucination, given Richard can't actually see anything.

Speaking of hallucinations, William too continues to see both Iara and Niko. Apparently both of them are a part of his coding and he decides to embrace this, rekindling all of his past memories and reintegrating back to his form before the hard reset. How? Who knows.

Back on Niko's ship, it turns out the duo have been suffering from nitrogen narcosis. This explains their hallucinations and paranoia. With everything now back to normal and atmosphere levels returning to how they were before, the pair decide to get back to drinking again.

The duo toast to the salvation of Earth... and contemplate whether to end it all and OD right there. Just before they do though, alarms wail as a ship suddenly shows up. It's not the Achaia... so who could it be?

## Just a Rat in a Cage

Season 2  
Episode Number: 18  
Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: JP Larocque, Maggie Gilmour  
Director: Avi Youabian  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Kurt Yaeger (Dillon Conner), Rekha Sharma (Ursula Monroe), Carlena Britch (Paula Carbone), Derek Anderson (Usic Guard)  
Summary: In a flash, Niko and Richard's world takes a terrifying turn as they wake up in a cold, cruel trap. On Earth, the team grapples with memory gaps.



The episode begins with Niko and Richard waking up aboard an alien ship, succumbing to painful experiments. Their insides are ripped open, screams are muffled and as Niko gasps for air, Richard finds his chest ripped wide open as Niko leans over and asks if he's okay. Does he look okay?!

Anyway, we then skip forward to both Richard and Niko waking up absolutely fine. They're both naked and hurriedly scramble to put their clothes back on. There's no trace of what happened to ei-

ther of them, save for a wristband attached to them, and no visible scars either. A camera in the corner though watches them, a glowing red eye unblinking as the pair move about the room.

It appears as if these aliens are testing the duo, seeing what their limits are both biologically and psychologically. The pair decide against niceties and decide they should just head in and attack them full force.

Hey, remember when Richard mentioned they should "understand who they're fighting and why" before striking? Yeah, me too. Funny that.

Anyway, Richard and Niko are led toward a strange room with a contraption that appears to hold a power core to the ship. When Niko touches it, she experiences strange flashes. Richard however, does not.

Well, when a door opens Niko just willingly exposes herself as she's dropped into a strange snowy area below. It's freezing outside but she seeks refuge in an abandoned ship nearby — which also happens to hold a weapon and extra clothes.

It turns out Paula is actually on this ship. The creatures happen to be called the Decuma and they landed a week after the Salvare left them, slaughtering most of the colonists. It seems Paula is the last one left alive. I hate to say I told you so comes to mind here.

Anyway, it turns out severed limbs of these creatures help to unlock their bio-scan systems on the ship. With bits of these creatures just lying about, Niko grabs a severed hand and manages to turn the ship's power back on. She also finds a power core too, which she hurriedly grabs, realizing this will come in handy later on down the line.

When Niko speaks to Paula again, she confirms that when their wristbands turn red, they begin to turn into one of the Decuma. With black goo over Paula's face, she pleads for mercy, which Niko obliges too by killing her.

Niko manages to switch the power back on and finds a contraption able to remove her and Richard's wristbands too. When she makes it back on the ship with Richard, the pair remove their wristbands and keep the power core to hand — along with a gun- as they remain determined to confront and kill the Decuma.

When Niko threatens to destroy the power core, it brings this strange creature out of hiding. It charges up to Niko and grabs her round the throat, pinning her against the wall. Richard quickly uses the console to freeze the creature, watching as it shatters into pieces.

However, Richard has already begun to turn into one of the Decuma, with his arm blackened and hardening. Niko decides to cut his arm clean off (off-screen with a laser or something I'm guessing) before dropping him in the strange tank of orange goo to help him heal up.

When Richard comes back out again, his arm is re-attached too and he's in good spirits.

Back on Earth, Eric gathers the crew together and find out they've all been brainwiped. The gang deduce that they need to bring William back in to this again, given he's the only one who can help fill in the blanks. However, William is busy checking through the logs on the ship and dealing with Seth. Together though, they decide to enlist Eric's help to pass clearance and break into the base.

Back aboard the Decuma ship — which is basically just a plot device to move Niko and Richard around — they figure out that these aliens have been monitoring the Achaia all this time. In fact, their map shows a whole bunch of Artifacts all over the galaxy. Looks like this is their ticket home!

## What's Brought / What's Left Behind

Season 2  
Episode Number: 19  
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Sean Reycraft  
Director: Metin Hüseyin  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Kurt Yaeger (Dillon Conner), Rekha Sharma (Ursula Monroe), Catherine Lough Haggquist (Annette Mackenzie), Matt Yanagiya (Special Ops Soldier)  
Summary: Eager to go home by any means necessary, Niko and Richard head to a planet with an artifact. Erik and Cas go undercover, and William brokers a deal.



The episode starts with Niko and Richard blasting off at hyper-speed, using the power core obtained to fuel their trip back home. When the ship does eventually slow down, the pair zero in on the location of this latest Artifact, with Niko convinced that this must be held on a planet with breathable oxygen because the other planets they've visited have done too.

Meanwhile, Zayn, Dillon and Bernie are all captured after broadcasting a video about them at the government base. It's caused quite the ruckus and

while they're interrogated, Cas and Eric manage to find their way aboard the *Salvare*. Or at least the half that's made it back to Earth at least. As they hunt for William, our AI companion happens to be off with Seth.

Niko and Richard make it onto another planet and Niko's theory about the oxygen holds true. That's lucky! As they continue on together, weapons in hand, they begin to examine some strange ruins. Symbols up on the wall show spider-like people and below, hidden under glass, are the corpses of the fallen. It appears as if this is a graveyard of some description.

Before they can dwell too much on this, a door opens in front of them and a blinding light beckons the pair to drop their weapons and head through to the other side. This has an adverse effect on Seth, who clutches his head in agony.

In order to quell this though, William decides to double-cross Eric and encourages him and Cas to join Seth in the lab. Eventually armed guards show up, not taking no for an answer.

With Jana's life on the line, Eric agrees to let Seth add an implant into his head. One of the spiders comes crawling out across the table, while Seth incapacitates his body while he projects into the ship with Niko and Richard. He shows a doorway straight across to Earth, opening the bridge to let the pair through.

This all happens to be William's plan though, who hacks into the Achaian spider in order to buy Niko and Richard some time.

While the pair fight inside the implant, Niko and Richard make it through the doorway back to Earth in one piece. As they make their way through and rejoin the others, William makes it back safe and sound too. In the process, he manages to thwart Seth's threat completely.

However, the Achaia are on their way to Earth, having somehow found their way through courtesy of a wormhole. In order to stop them, Eric and William trade ideas about using a neutrino weapon. However, it's far from complete.

As they work together to try and fix this aboard the *Salvare*, an Achaian ring heads straight for Eric and William, eventually blowing the ship up completely as those on Earth can only watch in horror.

## D Day

Season 2

Episode Number: 20

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Thursday October 14, 2021  
Writer: Aaron Martin  
Director: Metin Hüseyin  
Show Stars: Katee Sackhoff (Niko Breckinridge), Justin Chatwin (Erik Wallace), Samuel Anderson (William), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Cas Isakovic), Blu Hunt (August Catawnee), A.J. Rivera (Bernie Martinez), Alex Ozerov (Oliver Sokolov), Alexander Eling (Javier Almanzar), JayR Tinaco (Zayn Petrossian), Lina Renna (Jana Breckinridge-Wallace), Selma Blair (Harper Glass), Tongayi Chirisa (Richard Ncube),  
Guest Stars: Kurt Yaeger (Dillon Conner), Rekha Sharma (Ursula Monroe), Kate Vernon (Ava Breckinridge), Catherine Lough Haggquist (Annette Mackenzie), Neetu Garcha (News Reporter), Anousha Alamian (President Ryland Bhogal)  
Summary: As the Achaia close in, the crew moves quickly to create a new weapon and save Earth. The time has come for the heroic to make the ultimate sacrifice.



The episode begins with William and Eric absolutely fine. Because of course they are. The Achaia have been destroyed though and that prompts Niko and the others to confront Seth and try to negotiate terms once more.

Through Seth, we learn that the Achaia are not actually peaceful creatures after all. With 59 Achaian Rings zeroing in on Earth, the Achaia have some steep terms to avoid all-out war. They not only want multiple Artifacts on Earth, they also want humans to accept their

"gifts." Those being the spidery implants.

Finally, they also want the Salvare destroyed, along with the Neutrino weapon they've created. Just to prove how serious they are, the Achaian implant inside Seth explodes, leaving the remains of this official splattered across the room. Oh, and they have 24 hours to decide.

The President of the United States decides they should agree to the alien terms, not bothering to ask the United Nations for their thoughts. However, Niko and the other crew members decide to ignore this and essentially undermine the governmental rule, determined to fight back.

With the neutrino weapon able to fire off a shot every few minutes, the gang realize that there's not enough time to kill the aliens before Earth meets a nasty demise. William though, comes up with an alternate idea and decides to check out the debris from the destroyed Achaian ring. There, they stumble across a stray Achaian, which William brings aboard... somehow?

William manages to isolate the alien to prevent it from attacking. Checking through the coding, the gang learn that this is actually an artificial creature and could well be man-made. There are teases that these light particles aren't who the Achaia actually are but there's not much elaboration on this so we're none the wiser over what this really means.

The group take inspiration from Independence Day and decide to infect the docile Achaian aboard with a computer virus. They're going to use this as a Trojan horse, allowing the Achaian

to intentionally infect one of the crewmates and then bring that infected member aboard the Artifact to stop the Achaians in their tracks.

As the plan gets underway, Cas decides to volunteer as tribute. Well, not on Niko's watch she's not. Niko steps up at the sacrificial lamb instead, deciding to let the Achaia infect her, given she knows more about the species than anyone else. Niko stands in the loading bay as the Achaia light particles absorb inside her. Eric shows up too, poetically the one to press the button and activate the virus in Niko's SOMA implant.

As Niko's face droops and her speech slurs, Cas drags her Commander across to the Artifact where they head inside, subsequently extracting the Achaian into the atmosphere.

With the virus planted, the Achaian Ava shows up again to taunt Niko, throwing Cas around like a ragdoll. According to her, peace has always been on the cards — but on their terms. Interestingly, Ava goes on to mention how the Achaian have a maker and have been carrying out their wishes all this time, making sure humanity don't spread. In essence, they're like the Reapers from Mass Effect, destroying everything in their wake.

The virus works perfectly though, destroying the Artifact on Earth and the Achaian inside. With the threat thwarted, the other 59 ships leave and head back through the wormhole.

The Salvare also manages to make it back to Earth as well, with William using an "old Achaian trick" to do so. He has big news, feeding back that there are hundreds of different voices calling out; greetings from alien worlds saying thank you for stopping the Achaian threat.

Niko decides against staying with Jana and Eric after all, itching to go exploring out into the galaxy instead.



# Actor Appearances

## A

Anousha Alamian .....	1
<b>0210</b> (President Ryland Bhogal)	
Reese Alexander .....	1
<b>0204</b> (General Roland Frost)	
Derek Anderson .....	1
<b>0208</b> (Usic Guard)	

## B

Melice Bell .....	1
<b>0207</b> (Usic Supervisor)	
Julia Bose .....	1
<b>0110</b> (Zekir Woman)	
Carlena Britch .....	3
<b>0204</b> (Paula Carbone); <b>0205</b> (Paula Carbone); <b>0208</b> (Paula Carbone)	

## C

Jessica Camacho .....	6
<b>0101</b> (Michelle Vargas); <b>0102</b> (Michelle Vargas); <b>0103</b> (Michelle Vargas); <b>0104</b> (Michelle Vargas); <b>0105</b> (Michelle Vargas); <b>0106</b> (Michelle Vargas)	
Cassandra Cavalli .....	1
<b>0103</b> (News Anchor)	
Shannon Chan-Kent .....	6
<b>0201</b> (Iara); <b>0202</b> (Iara); <b>0204</b> (Iara); <b>0205</b> (Iara); <b>0206</b> (Iara); <b>0207</b> (Iara)	
Kindall Charters .....	1
<b>0104</b> (Billy)	
Kendall Cross .....	2
<b>0108</b> (Dr. Maura Brebs); <b>0110</b> (Dr. Maura Brebs)	
Paul Cummings .....	1
<b>0103</b> (Farmer #1)	

## D

Clint Deakin .....	1
<b>0110</b> (Adam Levesque)	
Martin Donovan .....	1
<b>0107</b> (Egan Harrison)	
Parveen Dosanjh .....	9
<b>0101</b> (Dr. Nani Singh); <b>0102</b> (Dr. Nani Singh); <b>0103</b> (Dr. Nani Singh); <b>0105</b> (Dr. Nani Singh); <b>0107</b> (Dr. Nani Singh); <b>0110</b> (Dr. Nani Singh); <b>0203</b> (Dr. Nani Singh); <b>0205</b> (Dr. Nani Singh); <b>0206</b> (Dr. Nani Singh)	

## F

Shahrokh Ferdowsi .....	1
<b>0102</b> (Field Scientist)	
Andy Fosmark .....	1
<b>0103</b> (Farmer #3)	

Kamran Fulleylove .....	1
<b>0205</b> (Nestor)	

## G

Neetu Garcha .....	1
<b>0210</b> (News Reporter)	
Marlene Ginader .....	1
<b>0206</b> (Barracks Guard)	

## H

Catherine Lough Haggquist .....	4
<b>0206</b> (Annette Mackenzie); <b>0207</b> (Annette Mackenzie); <b>0209</b> (Annette Mackenzie); <b>0210</b> (Annette Mackenzie)	
Allan Hawco .....	1
<b>0204</b> (Gabriel)	
Ian Hawes .....	1
<b>0110</b> (Soldier)	
Tyler Hoechlin .....	2
<b>0101</b> (Ian Yerxa); <b>0102</b> (Ian Yerxa)	
Greg Hovanessian .....	5
<b>0107</b> (Beauchamp McCarry); <b>0108</b> (Beauchamp McCarry); <b>0109</b> (Beauchamp McCarry); <b>0110</b> (Beauchamp McCarry); <b>0201</b> (Beauchamp McCarry)	

## J

Jarod Joseph .....	1
<b>0203</b> (Anthony Isakovic)	

## K

Mark Kandborg .....	1
<b>0206</b> (Aram Petrossian)	
Katerina Katelieva .....	1
<b>0107</b> (Mila)	

## L

Kristina Lao .....	1
<b>0107</b> (Velazquez)	
Stephanie Lavigne .....	1
<b>0110</b> (Zekir Woman)	
Leifennie .....	1
<b>0109</b> (Azami Ouchi)	
Tariq Leslie .....	1
<b>0106</b> (Engineer)	
Christina Meredith Lewall .....	1
<b>0206</b> (Denise Conner)	

## M

Suleka Mathew .....	1
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0206 (Callie)  
 Brian Myers ..... 1  
 0103 (Farmer #2)

N

Cassandra Naud ..... 1  
 0206 (Soldier)  
 Michael P. Northey ..... 1  
 0103 (Vic)

O

Louis Ozawa ..... 1  
 0104 (Hudson)

P

Chanelle Peloso ..... 3  
 0101 (Petra Smith); 0102 (Petra Smith); 0103 (Petra Smith)

R

Mathias Retamal ..... 1  
 0106 (Burly Thug)  
 Dion Riley ..... 2  
 0105 (Marcus Peterson); 0107 (Marcus Peterson)  
 Alex Rose ..... 4  
 0103 (Amos Bennett); 0107 (Amos Bennett); 0205 (Amos Bennett); 0206 (Amos Bennett)  
 Luz Elena Rubio ..... 1  
 0206 (Elena Martinez)  
 Edward Ruttle ..... 1  
 0103 (Julian Page)

S

Donald Sales ..... 1  
 0104 (Danny)  
 Rekha Sharma ..... 4  
 0204 (Ursula Monroe); 0208 (Ursula Monroe); 0209 (Ursula Monroe); 0210 (Ursula Monroe)  
 AJ Simmons ..... 1  
 0101 (Lucie)  
 Jessica Sipos ..... 2  
 0110 (New A.I.); 0201 (New A.I.)  
 Isla Sunar ..... 1  
 0203 (Girl)

V

Kate Vernon ..... 4  
 0202 (Ava Breckinridge); 0203 (Ava Breckinridge); 0204 (Ava Breckinridge); 0210 (Ava Breckinridge)  
 Alexandra Voicu ..... 1  
 0110 (Female Doctor)

W

Nathan Witte ..... 2  
 0203 (Daeva); 0206 (Daeva)

Y

Kurt Yaeger ..... 8

0203 (Dillon Conner); 0204 (Dillon Conner); 0205 (Dillon Conner); 0206 (Dillon Conner); 0207 (Dillon Conner); 0208 (Dillon Conner); 0209 (Dillon Conner); 0210 (Dillon Conner)  
 Matt Yanagiya ..... 2  
 0206 (Special Ops Soldier); 0209 (Special Ops Soldier)