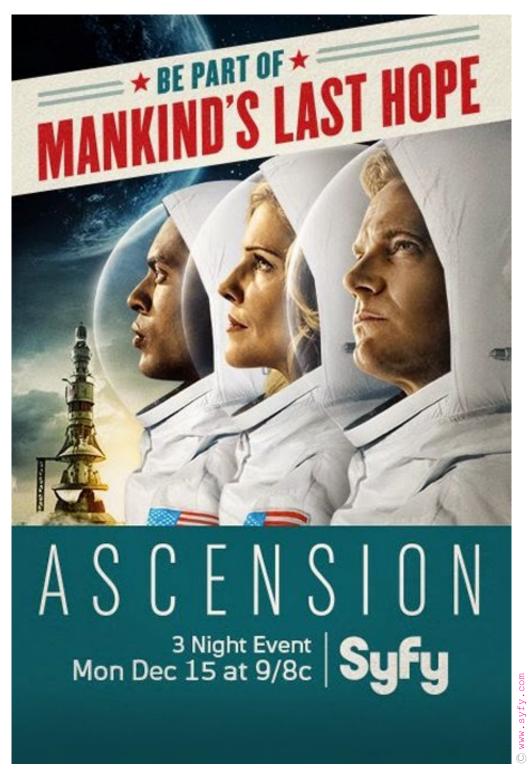
Ascension Episode Guide

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Night One

Season 1 Episode Number: 1 Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Monday December 15, 2014
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Show Stars: Tricia Helfer (Viondra Denniger), Gil Bellows (Harris Enzmann), Brian

Van Holt (William Denninger), Andrea Roth (Juliet Bryce), Brandon Bell (Officer Oren Gault), Jacqueline Byers (Nora Bryce), Tiffany Lons-

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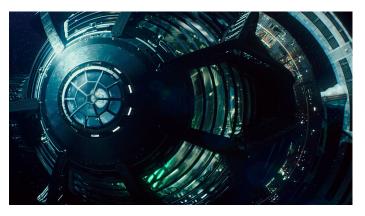
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Crewson (Martha Warren), Al Sapienza (Councilman Rose), Ellie O'Brien (Christa Valis), John Ralston (Guest Star), Amanda Thomson (Lorelei Wright), Jessica Sipos (Jackie), Sebastian Pigott (Guest Star), Robert Naylor (Matthew), Taylor St. Pierre (Dwight Crouch), Rachael

Crawford (Ophelia), Mark Camacho (Martin Carillo)

Summary: As nuclear war threatens the world in 1963, John F. Kennedy au-

thorizes the creation of the colony ship Ascension and sends a select group of individuals on a 102-year trip to Proxima Centauri to ensure humanity's survival. However, a young woman's murder triggers off a potential revolt as the crew debates whether to return to Earth or not.



In 2014, the generation ship Ascension is halfway through its 100 year mission to establish a human colony at Proxima Centauri. The ship is approaching the "point of no return" after which they must continue on to their destination rather than possibly returning to Earth.

On the night of the Launch Day celebrations, Lorelai Ward goes swimming at the artificial beach constructed in the water reclamation center. Some time later she is found dead on the sand. A flashback to eighteen hours earlier shows the

preparations for the celebration, including the Captain's wife, Viondra Denninger inspecting the beautiful young women who work as her "stewardesses". James Toback, Lorelai's secret boyfriend from the lower decks is looking for her. Her friend, Nora Bryce tells him that Lorelai isn't around.

Lorelai visits a bar in the lower decks where she meets stockyard worker Stokes who gives her a package. Later, at the celebration, Lorelai's sister Emily Vanderhaus, talks with Oren Gault, the ship's Executive Officer. Lorelais comments that it's a shame that Emily's husband, the chief of security, was on duty. During the celebration, Emily and Gault sneak off an make love. A young girl, Christa Vallis, goes looking for Lorelai and finds her body on the beach.

On Earth, Harris Enzmann visits his father in a nursing home where the older man is incapacitated due to advanced alzheimers. Harris learns that another person had visited his father earlier. He confronts the man and learns that he is Mark Hayes, a PhD student doing research on Harris' father and the early space program. Hayes talks about Project Ascension and the quest to build a generation ship to go to another star. He tells Harris that he believes that the ship was actually launched. Harris scoffs at the idea but Hayes asks that Harris, who works in procurement for the government, at least check out the possibility.

On Ascension, the command staff begins to look into Lorelai's death. The ship's chief doctor, Juliet Bryce, says that Lorelai died of a head wound, most likely from a fall. Duke Vanderhaus, the Chief of Safety for the ship believes that Lorelai, his sister-in-law, had a drunken accident, but Gault wonders if it was murder. Captain Denninger asks Gault to discretely investigate the matter. Denninger then makes a shipwide announcement of Lorelai's death.

Dr Bryce and Nora are also treating Christa, who has been in a state of shock since finding Lorelai's body. Suddenly, the girl begins to panic and starts saying that "They're watching". Bryce gives her a sedative to knock her out. She then informs Gault that Lorelai's psychological evaluation revealed unusual levels of rage which went beyond "the Crisis" which all the residents of Ascension experience as they come of age and realize that their fate on Ascension was chosen by others long before they were born. Gault reviews security footage which shows that no one else appeared to enter the beach after Lorelai. Emily then informs him that Lorelai had been seeing James Toback.

Dr Bryce gives a full autopsy report to Captain Denninger, saying that Lorelai was not drunk, but had had sex within a few hours before her death. There were also several contusions to her body and a broken bone which may suggest that she had been assaulted and gagged. She also found a small wound in Lorelai's mouth from a bullet. Denninger and Gault are surprised since there were not supposed to be any firearms on the ship. Gault consults with Ophelia, the ships librarian, who recommends that he consult detective fiction to gain some idea of how to conduct an investigation. She also shows him the last thing which Lorelai checked out, the video for the 31st Launch Day celebration, when a fire occurred which killed Lorelai's father and wounded both Gault and Ophelia. Gault opens the video's case and finds that the video card is missing.

Viondra has sex with Councilman Rose, after which they discuss a possible attempt to unseat her husband and replace him with Rose.Dr Bryce visits Christa in the ship's observatory deck. Christa tells Bryce and her mother that there's no life at Proxima and points to another star cluster which they must go to, saying that "anything else is death".

Gault interrogates James Toback, who says that he and Lorelai had an argument the night she died and that he was not the one who had sex with her. In their cabin, the Denningers discuss the Captain's future, with Viondra arguing for him not to jeopardize what she has built by using her stewardesses to build alliances with powerful men by granting them sexual favors. Gault talks to Christa about Lorelai's death. Christa tells him that Lorelai was afraid of someone, not James, and that this person "knew the truth." Gault asks her about a mysterious reference she had made earlier to something called "Globus". Christa tells him that she is a weirdo and feels like she sometimes thinks she knows things and "can feel it, behind everything." Later, while exercising, Denninger tells Gault that if he can't prove James Toback's innocence that they might charge him just to get a scapegoat.

Gault tracks James to the beach, where the two of them discover a hatchway hidden beneath the sand. Meanwhile, Christa returns to the observatory, where she shouts at the heavens to "stop it" and informs them that "I'm not afraid of you."

On Earth, Harris meets with a subordinate who he tells about Hayes being onto the reality of Ascension. The subordinate worries about the report of a gun on board Ascension and also about "the Anomaly" and tells Harris that the crew is in danger.

On Ascension, Gault and Duke investigate the tunnel found under beach. They discover the place where Lorelai was murdered and nearby find a book by Rilke which has had its pages bleached blank. Denninger reviews the book and fins plans for the navigation and water filtration systems penciled inside. Both of those systems had experienced recent failures and Gault suspects sabotage. Denninger informs him that they are aware of a possible mutiny by lower deck elements intent on return the ship to Earth.

Duke and his men go to search the farm levelm where they come into conflict with Stokes. But before they can search the area, a radiation alarm goes off, indicating that they are approaching a large and powerful radiation storm. As the crew readies to enter their radiation proof shelters, James Toback and Nora Bryce take the opportunity to go to the beach unobserved and search for clues. In the bottom of the pool they discover the missing memory card which Lorelai took. Meanwhile, Gault and Nixon, an associate of Stokes' rush to repair part of the ship's shielding. Afterwards, Nixon informs Gault that he saw Stokes give Lorelai a gun sometime before her death. Dr Bryce puts Christa in a radiation proof bed in her quarters, and leaves a seahorse necklace which Christa had admired before to guard the girl. The crew settles in to ride out the

storm, but Christa remains awake and sees a person in a hazmat suit enter and search Bryce's quarters.

After the storm passes, Stokes inspects his animals and discovers a bootprint in some grain which had not been there prior to the storm. Duke's men arrive and search the farm, discovering the gun. Stokes insists that he has been set up. Christa tells Bryce that the man she saw took her necklace, but Bryce believes that Christa imagines it.

Denninger and Gault question Stokes who still insists that he was set up. They threaten to eject Stokes from an airlock if he is convicted and Stokes tells them that they shouldn't be looking for who Lorelai was afraid of, but rather who was afraid of her. Before Lorelai's funeral, the Denninger's discuss things and Viondra tells the Captain that she needs to do more digging in order to discover Councilman Rose's mole. Christa approaches Gault and gives him a charm which she says Lorelai had been given by "her boyriend". During the funeral, the door to Stokes' cell mysteriously opens. Wandering outside, Stokes breaks into an evidence locker and takes the gun.

On Earth, Harris meets with his boss Director Warren, who has become aware of the problems on Ascension, including the possible murder. She informs him that his position is in jeopardy if things get out of control. On Ascension, Stokes takes Nora hostage. Meanwhile. Gault confronts Captain Denninger about the charm from Lorelai's boyfriend, which had belonged to the first Captain and now belongs to Denninger. The Captain admits to the affair but denies killing Lorelai. Stokes appears with Nora in tow and demands a meeting with the council, saying that someone came in during the radiation storm and planted the gun and also informing them about the boot print.

Gault attacks Stokes, allowing Nora and Denninger to escape. The two fight as the exterior airlock door opens. Stokes gets sucked outside. He falls through space tumbling over and over and then lands on a set of giant airbags. A group of men rush up and inject Stokes with a sedative before leading him away. Nearby, Harris watches on a tablet computer and informs Warren that he still has complete control over everything to do with Ascension, from the movement of the stars to the functions of the ship. He describes Ascension as a lifeboat for humanity. The camera then pans up to reveal Ascension, still on Earth, encased in an artificial globe to simulate the stars.

Night Two

Season 1 Episode Number: 2 Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Tuesday December 16, 2014

Writer: Philip Levens, Adrian Cruz

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Show Stars: Tricia Helfer (Viondra Denniger), Gil Bellows (Harris Enzmann), Brian

Van Holt (William Denninger), Andrea Roth (Juliet Bryce), Brandon Bell (Officer Oren Gault), Jacqueline Byers (Nora Bryce), Tiffany Lons-

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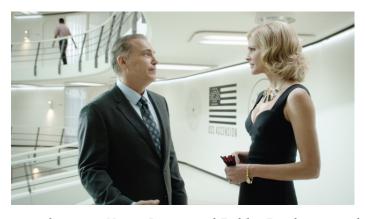
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Camacho (Martin Carillo), Sandi Ross (Guest Star)

Summary: Aaron investigates an explosion on Ascension, while Captain Den-

ninger covers up its true cause. Elsewhere, Viondra suspects there is a traitor within her ranks of stewardesses after Councilman Rose becomes privy to inside information; something mysterious seems to be happening to young Christa Valis; and James Toback attempts to impress Nora by making a deal to get into Officers Training School.



So, Stokes. He's been ejected from the ship and is now in holding. But as far as everyone on Ascension knows, he's dead. And that's not the only thing going wrong on Earth. Harris has been told he has to employ the use of a consultant named Samantha and he's not happy about it. Back on Ascension, Ophelia talks with Aaron about the murder. The crisis, you see, probably makes people freak out. Because they've met everyone they'll ever meet. And things aren't going great on the ship. Because just as a love triangle blos-

soms between Nora, James and Bobby Rawls, an explosion takes place. It's the saboteurs!

As the medical team works on treating everyone for smoke inhalation and minor burns, Dr. Burns worries that her daughter might have feelings for James and breaks up their conversation. Viondra runs afoul of the councilman, who reminds her that while her husband's power seems to be going okay for now, soon it will be taken again.

Meanwhile, back on earth, Samantha and Harris talk about the kinds of people on the ship (no gays allowed, apparently) and Samantha begins her investigation. It gets off to a rocky start when Stokes attacks her.

On Ascension, Viondra suggests that it's time for a party, something to boost morale. Meanwhile, Gault goes looking for one of the missing cobalt generators and gets hit in the face with a wrench while the stewardesses plan for the party of the century. Back on earth, Samantha meets with the Director of the program and the two discuss the fact that there's more going on than meets the eye. When Samantha confronts Harris, he shows her the video feeds and asks her if she were born on Ascension, would she really want to know the truth?

Back on the ship, Dr. Burns and Nora discuss Lorelei, and how she made clothes. Nora is pretty upset about the fact that eventually a computer will match her with someone, so she's decided to have fun while she can. When Gault realizes that the Cobalt generators started the fire 20 years ago, he goes to the Captain, who tells him to focus on the task at hand. James catches up to Gault and asks him to help him get into a program that would lift him out of the lower decks, and then offers to help him find Dwight —who's a suspect in Lorelei's murder—by telling him to check Deck 23.

See, Deck 23 was damaged in a fire 20 years ago. We see that in a flashback, including the part where Ophelia the Librarian saves Gault's life. That's the big fire everyone keeps talking about, and that part of the ship is so damaged that anyone on that deck could probably hear the technicians talking, so Harris orders everyone to be quiet. Of course that doesn't go great, and Gault doesn't necessarily know that they're out there, but he knows something is up. And then he gets hit in the face, again, but this time by Dwight. They fight, Gault escapes, and Dwight dies.

The whole thing infuriates Samantha, of course. And then Harris goes to the warehouse to get the seahorse necklace, which is there under some pretty mysterious circumstances, no? He gives the necklace to his wife. Because he's sort of creepy.

When Christa goes to get her shot on the ship, Ophelia goes with her and has to prove that nothing is wrong with the shots. When Ophelia takes the shot herself, she has a seizure and falls down. Dr. Harris is worried and in secret, reveals that he has to get Christa the shot as soon as possible or her system will really start breaking down. Meanwhile, Samantha meets with Eve Marceau who tells her that 70 scientists were abducted in the 60s.

There are also some problems between The Captain and Viondra. One of the stewardesses, Jackie, has begun sleeping with The Captain, and Viondra is mad about it. She relieves Jackie of her duties after a good massage. When Harris tries to get Christa to take her inoculations through a glass of milk, she looks up at the camera and dumps it on the floor. When Harris tells them to use their "man inside" to make her take the inoculation, Christa freaks out, and screams, and shatters the lights, but the "man inside" also cuts himself on the arm. And bleeds on Christa's dress.

Viondra learns that someone (her husband probably) squelched her order to have Jackie transferred. No matter, the business at hand is to debut Presley to the world as the latest sexy stewardess type. Meanwhile, Gault talks with Christa about her inoculations and gets her to take them, but when the creepy man shows up to give her the shot, she refuses and he holds her down and injects her.

When the DNA evidence on Christa's dress turns up to match the intern (Ike) — they rush to his room to find that he's already dead. By hanging. It looks like a suicide, but the way things are going lately on this ship, is anyone sure? Finally, Nora and James meet down by the beach to talk about... well, it's unclear. Nora likes James. James seems to like Nora but also resents her for making him feel poor.

But the real kicker comes when Christa sits down with Ophelia, who is still in a coma and Christa can READ HER MIND!

Night Three

Season 1 Episode Number: 3 Season Episode: 3

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Writer: Melody Fox, Philip Levens
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Show Stars: Tricia Helfer (Viondra Denniger), Gil Bellows (Harris Enzmann), Brian

Van Holt (William Denninger), Andrea Roth (Juliet Bryce), Brandon Bell (Officer Oren Gault), Jacqueline Byers (Nora Bryce), Tiffany Lons-

dale (Emily Vanderhaus), P.J. Boudousque (James Toback)

Guest Stars: Brad Carter (John Stokes), Ryan Robbins (Duke Vanderhaus), Al

Sapienza (Councilman Rose), Iris Lapid (Samantha Munoz), Dominick Menard (Timothy Fermi), Carlo Mestroni (Councilman Davis), Robert Montcalm (Security Guard), Olga Montes (Christa's Mom), Michelle Mylett (Presley Delon), Stephanie Ng Wan (Susan Carr), Aliyah O'Brien (Eva Marceau), Ellie O'Brien (Christa Valis), Jeremy Michael Segal (Paul Carr), Jessica Sipos (Jackie), Lauren Lee Smith (Samantha Krueger), Amanda Thomson (Lorelei Wright), Simon Anthony (Watts),

Maverick Fortin (Boy in Coma)

Summary: The Ascension passengers are in for many surprises when the se-

lection of families eligible for birthing rights is announced; the Denningers work together to secure their power and upset Councilman Rose; and Viondra seizes an opportunity to assert her dominance when

a mysterious power surge knocks out systems on the ship.



So this is the night called Ostara, a completely unique birth ritual aimed at keeping the ship's population at a certain number (600 by the way.) Basically, this is the night when everyone finds out if they're allowed to have a baby. Christa, meanwhile, hears someone laughing in the hall. Is it Lorelei? As she follows the ghost down the hall to the party, Viondra announces who will be allowed to give birth this year: two couples who aren't really that important, and Duke and Emily Vanderhouse! Which is a bummer be-

cause Emily is totally in love with Aaron Gault.

Anyway, the ghost of Lorelei tells Christa to look away and then a video plays of Lorelei sleeping with the captain. And then Lorelei's face gets terrifying.

Later, Christa is asked to take an MRI by Dr. Burns (Let's remember that they invented it on the ship!) while Viondra and William have a fight about the video of him sleeping with Lorelei. Nora and James meet on the beach to talk about how their love can never be — not until someone finds the courage to destroy the birth computer. Councilman Rose tells the Captain that he needs to step down, and insults Viondra in the process. Then they fight.

Samantha stops in and sees Enzmann's henchman Carrillo, steals his keycard and then it turns out that Director Warren has come to town. She's not happy with the report she got from Samantha and she's here to ask some hard questions. Meanwhile, Samantha goes down to see Stokes, and he's halfway through staging an escape. Wrong place, Wrong time. He punches her right in the face.

Back on the ship, Viondra tells the girls to go back to the dorms and prepare for an inspection, and Jackie goes immediately to the Captain. He asks if she can do him a favor, which turns out to be delivering extra rations to a woman and an "unclaimed" (that's code for a child born out of wedlock, guys). At the beach, Viondra takes a naked swim, and then makes out with James as revenge for Lorelei.

Stokes takes Samantha hostage and leads her through the compound. And as he comes into the room where the Ascension is held, he looks up and sees it for the first time, and has a breakdown. He doesn't know how it's possible that they've landed and Samantha tells him that they never left.

Meanwhile, Gault continues to investigate the murder and finds out that the video appears to have been uploaded by the Captain. Duke confronts Emily about her affair with Gault and it's confirmed. He freaks out and leaves.

As Samantha tries to help Stokes escape, Katherine Warren takes over the Ascension project by having him escorted out. He's worried that the project will fail and everyone will be gassed within six months. She relieves him of his duty, has Carrillo stay on as her second-in-command, and he's roughed up by some of her goons. Meanwhile, Samantha is having trouble keeping Stokes in line. He wants to see everything outside, but what he finds is the memorial for fallen members of the Ascension. A security guard opens fire and Samantha is hit!

Back on the ship, the Captain is brought up on charges for having an unclaimed but he turns the tables when he reveals that the unclaimed child is that of another of the council members. But bigger fish are being fried. Lorelei comes back and leads Christa off where she sees the fight between Gault and Duke. IT freaks her out and she electrocutes Duke while creating a surge of energy that radiates out from the ship and takes everyone down.

As everyone recovers from whatever Christa has done to the ship, Director Warren accuses Harris of creating the blue energy surge, but he counters by telling her that it's likely Christa. She decides to listen to him and gives him his job back.

Back on the ship, things are complete pandemonium. People are panicking, the computers are all down, and it's the first time that the outside doesn't have eyes on the inside of the ship. As Viondra decides to take supplies from the bar to the medical deck, a guy from the lower deck attacks her. She fights him off. As everyone on the ship tries to fix things, a broadcast has turned up on one of the monitors of the present day. And their man on the inside (Dr. Burn's husband) pulls the plug.

All this while Director Warren buddies up to Carrillo, and assures him that he'll still be rewarded for taking down Harris, as long as he stays close.

On the ship, the chaos continues as Jackie tries to get the protection of Councilman Rose. He turns her down and tells her there's a price for failure. As Viondra helps Dr. Burns with the supplies, people are starting to faint around the ship. First one of the stewardesses, and then Emily. Then a third guy. It turns out that the air scrubbers are no longer working and that CO2 levels are climbing in the ship — to near fatal levels.

Samantha, meanwhile, takes Stokes to a motel where he helps her heal from her bullet wound. They strangely become friends while he watches TV and Samantha decides it's time for them to leave. Samantha takes Eva to her "bug-out" car, and prepares them to leave and says she's going "Full Snowden" and telling everyone about Ascension.

Harris works hard to get the carbon dioxide scrubbers online and to get some oxygen back into the ship while James tells Viondra that with the Captain a few decks below, she's in charge.

Meanwhile, on earth, nobody's sure what to do to save the ship. But it looks like the thing they can't do is vent the ship because it would cause too much confusion. Director Warren sends a guy named Medici into the ship to kidnap Christa, so at least she'll be safe.

On the ship, Councilman Rose tries to assume command of the ship, but Viondra has frozen the chain of command and he has no power. She orders him off the bridge. Atta girl, Viondra. Meanwhile in the scrubber room, Gault is blown away by a Carbon Dioxide explosion and he and the Captain realize that they don't need to fix the scrubbers; they just need to dump the lithium dioxide into the system, so that the CO2 will convert to oxygen and water.

Back on Earth, Samantha and Eve have plans to leave town with Stokes. He is looking up at the moon, super impressed by it. When he confronts Eva and Samantha, they calm him down and Samantha realizes that Eva knows more than she ever let on, and thus is working for

someone else! Eva can't have Samantha foiling her plans, and thus she shoots Samantha in the head, killing her.

Back on the ship, Burns tries to protect Christa but is taken down by Medici. Elsewhere, Captain Denninger and Gault find the carbon dioxide scrubbers, and dump the lithium dioxide into the ventilation system. Gault is interrupted halfway through his effort to save the ship by a strange feeling about Christa, whom he runs off to protect. The carbon dioxide plan works and water and oxygen rain throughout as Gault and Medici fight and fight. The fight scares Christa, who conjures another one of her power surges. The result? Medici and Gault disappear, but to where?

Stokes is on the run and Director Warren is furious. As she tries to get a hold of Medici inside, Harris pushes her off the platform and kills her. Which is nuts. But not as nuts as the next part, when Harris claims that everyone on board is "going to space." What? How? When?

And then, scariest of all is where Gault ends up — on a distant planet, alone, face down in a puddle.

Actor Appearances

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