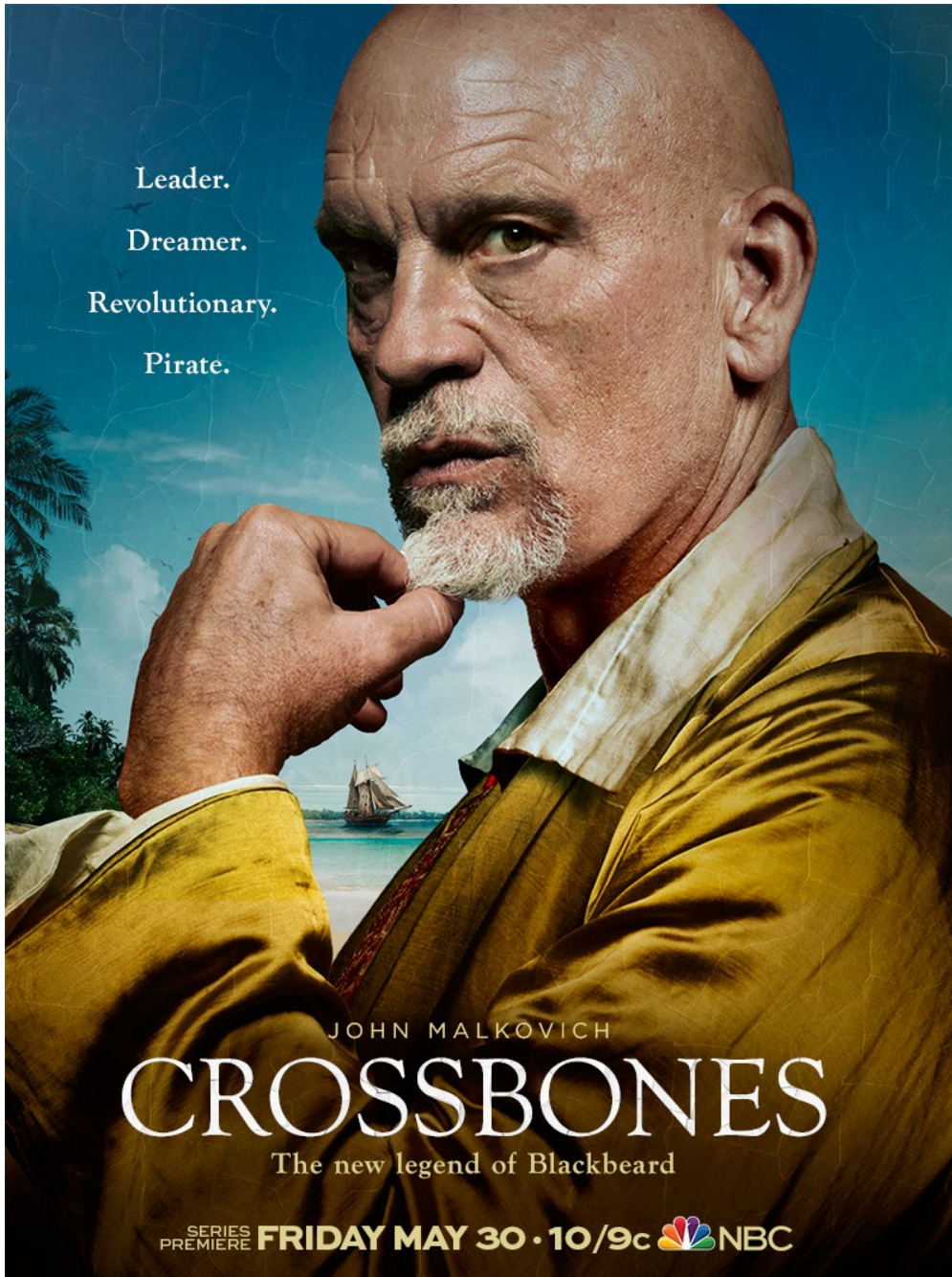


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Season One

The Devil's Dominion

Season 1

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Summary: A revolutionary device called the Longitude Chronometer, a device that can tell a sailor exactly where he is in the world is stolen from the HMS Petrel by pirates lead by the legendary but supposed dead Edward Teach—better known as Blackbeard. Tom Lowe, an English spy aboard the Petrel, has been given orders to protect the device and to kill Blackbeard at all costs.



The HMS Petrel is bound from the Caribbean to England. Captain Dundas receives a report that a pirate ship has been spotted on an intercept course. When he realizes that they can't outrun their pursuer, Dundas orders his crew to turn and fight.

In a cabin belowdecks, Frederick Nightingale is studying his creation, the Longitude Chronometer.

In the sick bay, ship's surgeon Tom Lowe is operating on an injured sailor, Mr. Gadd. Attending is the surgeon's assistant, Tim Fletch. The pirates manage to board the Petrel and Lowe hears the

sounds of battle. He tells Tim to finish up and then goes above decks and fights his way through the pirates. Leading the attackers is Charles rider and Nenna Ajanlekoko. They slaughter any Englishmen they come across and the other crew are soon dead as well.

Tom makes his way to Nightingale's quarters and convinces Nightingale to open the door. Once the man does so, Tom shoots the Chronometer into pieces and then sets Nightingale's logbook on fire. When Nightingale wonders what he's doing, Tom tells him that the pirates will torture him for knowledge of the Chronometer. He then feeds nightingale him a vial filled with poison. Nenna and Rider storm in and Tom immediately surrenders. He identifies himself as the ship's surgeon and says that Nightingale is dying, but offers to save him in return for his life.

Eight Weeks Earlier — Tom returns to Port Royal after finishing his last assignment and meets with his superior, Governor-General William Jagger. Jagger tells him that the Crown has

commissioned the creation of the Longitude Chronometer, a navigational device that allows any ship to calculate its exact position on the oceans. Nightingale is taking the Chronometer to London aboard the Petrel, along with his encrypted logbook. Jagger assigns Tom to travel aboard the Petrel as ship's surgeon, but his job is not to protect the Chronometer.

His real mission is to kill the pirate Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard. When Tom points out that Blackbeard is dead and Jagger killed him, Jagger admits that he may have been mistaken. The governor believes that Blackbeard is now operating from a secret pirate's town somewhere in the Caribbean, but that he will emerge from hiding to take the Chronometer. When he does, Tom is to kill him. Tom agrees to the mission and leaves.

Now — The pirates sail the captured Petrel to New Providence, Blackbeard's pirate republic known as the Devil's Dominion. When they take the captive Tom and Tim to shore, Blackbeard's quartermaster Kate Balfour is inventorying the ship's cargo. She notices Tom, who introduces himself and offers his services to Blackbeard in whatever capacity he can. When Tom says that he has no particular interest in right or wrong. Kate tells him that he's on the right island and goes about her business. Tim is shocked at her forward manner and Tom tells him that Kate is Lady Katherine Balfour, wanted in England for high treason.

Rider and Nenna meet with Blackbeard's assistant, Selima El Sharad. They tell her that the Chronometer is destroyed and Nightingale is on death's door, but give her the remains of the encrypted logbook.

Meanwhile, the pirates bring Tom and Tim to Blackbeard's quarters in his luxurious manor. Blackbeard cuts another prisoner's throat by way of introduction, but Tom grabs a gun from one of the guards, dumps the gunpowder on the throat wound, and sets it afire with a candle. The burning gunpowder cauterizes the wound and Blackbeard, impressed, introduces himself. He explains that he prefers to be known simply as the Commodore to maintain the secret that he is still alive. Blackbeard and Tom discuss the merits of God and the pirate commodore says that the English are the Devil. He assures Tom that he is the duly appointed representative of the citizens of New Providence, until they choose otherwise. He then raises the topic of Nightingale, saying that he needs him alive and that it's Tom's new job to save him. Tom, unimpressed, says that he doesn't fear death, and Blackbeard chokes him and says that if he fails then death will be the least of his problems.

In Port Royal, Jagger hangs one of Blackbeard's crew by the neck and leaves him dangling on his toes. His assistant brings word that Blackbeard's men have captured the Petrel. The governor demands to know where he can find Blackbeard and points out that the pirate has no reason to protect his master. When the prisoner still refuses to speak, Jagger guts him with a knife.

On New Providence, Rider and his men lock Tom and Tim up in a cell with the dying Nightingale. Tom tells his former assistant that he is not what he claimed, and that he has to destroy the remains of the logbook before Blackbeard deciphers it.

That night, Selima informs Blackbeard that she can decipher the logbook, but that doing so could bring the English fleet down on them. Blackbeard explains that once they have a working Chronometer, they can out sail any fleet sent against them. When Selima hints that she might not cooperate, Blackbeard says that he knows enough about her to know that she can't resist a challenge. The pirate commodore returns to his quarters but hears a noise outside on the balcony. When he throws the doors open, he's shocked to see a ghostly woman in white, her eyes bleeding, standing in front of him. Blackbeard backs away in terror, his nose bleeding, and the woman disappears.

The next day, Tom is glancing out the window of his cell and sees Kate swimming nude in the harbor. Kate goes to her quarters at the quartermaster's warehouse and a man in a wheelchair, James Balfour, welcomes her back.

Later, Tom asks Rider for supplies to tend to Nightingale. The pirate lieutenant reluctantly takes Tom into town and he meets with Kate. He asks for supplies to tend to Nightingale but Kate refuses to do so unless he can pay the 80 pounds necessary. Tom admits that the pirates took everything that he owned and Kate says that she doesn't practice charity.

When Tom returns to his cell, he discovers that Nightingale is dead. He shoves Rider out of the door, grabbing his sword, and barricades the door with Tim's help. As Rider and the others break the door, Tom searches Nightingale's body and finds a piece of cloth with the cipher key written on it. The pirates break in and Tom holds a candle near the cloth, threatening to destroy

it.

Blackbeard comes in and ask Tom how he plans to buy his safety once he hands over the cipher key. After a moment, Tom burns the cloth and tells Blackbeard that he memorized the key. However, he's willing to betray his king and country to help Blackbeard decrypt the logbook. Amused and impressed in equal measures, Blackbeard compliments Tom by saying he's somewhat of a pirate, and takes him to his manor to proceed with the work. Selima warns Tom that she'll know if he performs a false translation and then leaves with Blackbeard.

Tom works into the evening and Tim wonders why Blackbeard wants the Chronometer. The spy admits that he has no idea and Tim suggests that they burn the logbook and escape. Tom finally admits that his job is to assassinate Blackbeard and deliver the pirate's head to Jagger, and that doing so could be difficult. Rider barges in with his men and Tim ducks into the shadows while the pirates beat Tom to the ground. Selima comes in and suggests that Tom give her the cipher key. He refuses and she has Rider torture Tom for the key, burning his fingers one at a time.

Tim slips out of the room and goes to Blackbeard's quarters. The pirate is entertaining himself with several prostitutes and is surprised that Selima sent a boy to him. When Tim explains why he's there, Blackbeard goes to Tom's quarters and demands to know why Selima is torturing his prisoner. He points out that torture would simply delay the acquisition of the information he wants because Tom would only tell her what she wanted to hear. Chastised, Selima backs down and Blackbeard invites Tom to accompany him. Once they leaves, Rider and his men beat Tim for interfering.

As they stroll along the beach, Tom thanks Blackbeard for his help and the pirate reminds him that Toms' time is limited. They come across Kate walking ashore from her morning swim and she asks Tom if he can swim. He admits that he can if necessary but he doesn't enjoy it. Once she assures Blackbeard that she will soon finish inventorying the Petrel's cargo, Kate goes back to her quarters.

James asks her about Tom and realizes that Tom is just as dangerous as Blackbeard. Kate asks how painful his sleep has been, telling James that he cried out in his sleep.

On the beach, Blackbeard tells Tom that if he doesn't fear death or pain, then he will torture Tim and make the world know that Tom is the one responsibility. Tom goes back to his study and finds Tim on the floor. He thanks Tim for saving his life and admits that with their time running out, he'll have to kill Blackbeard that night.

That night, Tom uses the knife from their dinner tray to pick the lock on the barred window. Tim wonders what he's going to do and Tom explains that the things he needs to kill Blackbeard are at the quartermaster's warehouse. He tells Tim to stay put and then slips out onto the balcony. He passes Blackbeard's window and sees the pirate inside, moaning in pain. The spy climbs down from the balcony but a pirate spots him and approaches. Tom kills him, takes his uniform, and dumps him into the ocean.

In the manor, Blackbeard goes to a private room and consults a chart on Chinese acupuncture. He then inserts needles into his skull.

Tom breaks into the warehouse and finds James in Kate's quarters, passed out from smoking opium. The spy moves past him and finds Kate sleeping peacefully. Tom carefully removes the warehouse key from beneath her pillow and breaks into the warehouse. He finds his chest from the Petrel and searches through it... just as Kate comes in, sword drawn, and says that she has the cameo that he's looking for. She holds it up and opens it to reveal a woman's picture, and asks who she is. Tom claims that it's his deceased wife and that he broke in to recover it because it belongs to him. Kate takes pity on him and gives it back to him, and watches as he leaves.

When he gets back to the study, Tom opens a hidden compartment in the cameo and takes out a small of poison. He then goes to Blackbeard's quarters with the logbook and two wine goblets, and is surprised to see Blackbeard with several needles sticking out of his head. The pirate explains that he suffers from headaches and Tom recognizes the symptoms, including the visions. Blackbeard refuses to divulge what visions he suffers from and removes the needles.

In her quarters, Selima gives Nenna a note to deliver to "the Spaniard" and tells her to make sure that no one knows that she sent it.

Tom sets the wine goblets down and tells Blackbeard that he has decided to tell Blackbeard everything that he has learned about the cipher key. As for his fate, he'll trust in Blackbeard's mercy. When Blackbeard asks for the key, Tom shows him a note with the words "Blackbeard

must die” on it and says that the English fight their fear of the pirate with black humor. The pirate finds the idea amusing and agrees to share a toast with Tom. However, he switches goblets first. Blackbeard then dismisses Tom and says that they’ll speak further of his future once he confirms that the key works. Tom leaves and Blackbeard thumbs through the logbook, licking his fingers to turn the pages. Meanwhile, Tom returns to his study, remembering how he used the poison from the cameo on the pages of the logbook.

Once Tom collects Tim, they head for the ocean where a rowboat is waiting. However, they see Nenna meeting with the Spaniard, and Tom recognizes Alonzo Dalvardo, right-hand man to the Viceroy of New Spain. The spy realizes that someone in New Providence is making a deal with the Spaniards against the British, and they can’t leave without learning what is going on... and that Blackbeard is the only one who can help Tom find the truth.

Selima goes to Blackbeard’s quarters and finds him dying on the floor.

Tom and Tim return to the study and Tom takes the antidote out of the cameo. They break down the locked door and head down the hallway.

The dying Blackbeard mutters Tom’s name, and Selima tells Rider to find the Englishman and kill him. He heads to the study just as Tom and Tim come down the hallway. Tom knocks Rider out and fights his way past the pirates, entering Blackbeard’s quarters and locking the door behind him. Selima draws two guns and Tom claims that Blackbeard has the falling sickness and has the cure.

Unconcerned, Selima shoots Tom in the shoulder, but he manages to yank one of the guns out of her hand. As rider and his men break down the door, Tom holds the gun to Blackbeard’s head and tells them to stand down. They hesitate and Tom gives Blackbeard the cure just in time.

The next day, Tom is walking along the shore. He sees Kate in the ocean and swims out to meet her.

Blackbeard meets with James at the warehouse and shows him the shattered pieces of the Chronometer. James stands up from his wheelchair and says that he can fix it given time, and asks about Tom. Blackbeard admits that he’s not sure about his prisoner, but that he was the only one to fight to save him when the others were content to avenge Blackbeard’s death. As the two men talk, Blackbeard watches Tom and Kate swimming together in the harbor.

The Covenant

Season 1

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Season Episode: 2

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Guest Stars: Stuart Wilson (Sam Valentine), Peter Stebbings (James Balfour), Ezra Buzzington (Oswald Eisengrim), Kevin Ryan (John Finnegan), Aimee Mullins (Woman in White), Emilien De Falco (Alain Mersault), Brian J. Williams (Pyper), Natalie Hoflin (Rose), Isel Rodriguez (Maggie)
Summary: Blackbeard's master plan faces obstacles when a popular pirate captain arrives. Meanwhile, Kate asks Tom to examine her husband, and Tim discovers a corpse in the harbor.



James delivers the reassembled Chronometer to Blackbeard, who is pleased with his success.

Rider, Nenna, and their men are returning to Santa Compana in the Covenant, a pirate ship belonging to Captain Sam Valentine.

Valentine and his men, including his first mate John Finnegan, are all hooded so they don't know the passage to Santa Compana.

Blackbeard and Selima watch the Covenant approach from Blackbeard's manor, and Selima warns Blackbeard that he can't trust Valentine. Blackbeard

notes that Valentine is an old friend and that if he can't trust him then there's no one he can trust.

As the island's new surgeon, Tom receives an empty house. He is sketching a picture of the Spaniard that he saw Nenna meet. Tom then turns to a sketch that he's made of Kate, just as she comes in. The English spy hides the sketchbook and explains that Blackbeard has forced him to work as a surgeon. Kate points out that he'll need supplies and offers them in return for Tom examining her husband James. He agrees and Kate notices the approaching ship in the harbor. Once she leaves, Tom gets a spyglass and examines the Covenant.

On the Covenant Nenna has Valentine and his men remove their hoods, and then welcomes them to Santa Compana.

In town, Rose, the madame of the local brothel, spots the Covenant and realizes that they'll soon have new customers. She goes out to find sponges and comes across Tim, and offers him a job harvesting sponges from the harbor.

Rider and Nenna take Valentine and his men to Blackbeard's manor. Blackbeard embraces his old friend and Valentine comments that it's a pleasure to see Blackbeard's new kingdom. As Tom secretly climbs up on the roof and listens, Valentine asks Blackbeard why he's there and the commodore explains that he has the Longitude Chronometer, stolen from the British.

However, he knows that Governor Jagger won't stop searching for Blackbeard until he recovers the Chronometer. Blackbeard thus wants Valentine to return the Chronometer to Jagger. The Crown will recall Jagger to England with the Chronometer, removing a thorn from Blackbeard's side.

Valentine will profit handsomely from selling the Chronometer to Jagger.

Valentine admits that it's a good plan and wonders what Blackbeard wants from him, and Blackbeard tells his friend that he wants a hell-burner or two. Considering, Valentine refuses, pointing out that if the British have the Chronometer then they can navigate the ocean outside of the shipping lines and hunt down the pirates. He advises Blackbeard to destroy the Chronometer, and the commodore is angry to hear his friend refuse to participate. When Blackbeard hints that Valentine could meet an unfortunate fate, Valentine tells him that he doesn't care about Blackbeard's legend and strolls out with his men.

Tim goes out to the harbor to dive for sponges... and comes across the body of Alain Mersault, the pirate that Tom killed while sneaking out of the manor.

At the manor, Blackbeard admits to Selima that if he kills Valentine for his impertinence then his people will believe the pirate captain is telling the truth. Selima advises Blackbeard to practice humility and forgive Valentine, and Blackbeard asks her again to join him in his bed. She refuses, pointing out that he'd soon tire of her if she gave in.

In Santa Compana, Tom is walking down the street when Eisengrim approaches him and warns that he knows Tom killed his lover, Alain.

Tom denies it, reminding the pirate lieutenant that he was locked up, but Eisengrim doesn't believe it.

On the shore, Tim contemplates the floating body and wonders what to do. He finally wades back out and weights the body with rocks until it sinks.

Valentine and his men go to a tavern and Eisengrim regales them with a song. Nenna asks Valentine about his time with their commodore and the captain is glad to regale everyone with tales of the young Blackbeard.

Tom visits James and notices that there are a few parts of the Chronometer on the engineer's desk. James comes in and explains that he works for Blackbeard assembling timepieces, and says that his legs are a lost cause. Tom realizes that he's speaking with the former Earl of the House of Kinross, who rebelled against the throne to place their king on the throne. He expresses his admiration for James, who refused to give up the names of his conspirators under torture. However, Tom makes it clear that he doesn't share the Crown's beliefs and that in Santa Compana, it wouldn't matter if he did. James scrutinizes Tom carefully and wonders if they've met, but Tom assures him that they haven't. Tom then examines James' legs and confirms that James is taking opium for the pain. He advises against it but James points out that he has nothing to lose.

Afterward, Tom meets Kate and advises her that the best treatment for James would be that she love him rather than pity him. Kate describes how she gave up everything she had to free James from prison, and Tom repeats his advice and says that he's paid her in full.

At the tavern, Valentine talks about how Blackbeard once killed his own lieutenant to enforce his legend as a ruthless pirate.

Noticing that some of the locals are taking the lesson to heart, Rider advises Valentine to stop but Valentine declines and talks about how Blackbeard will kill even those loyal to him. Blackbeard arrives and, overhearing his friend, asks if he set out to insult him. Valentine asks him what he plans to do with his city of Santa Compana, and Blackbeard claims that he is merely the duly-elected ruler of what he hopes will be an Athenian democracy. Unimpressed, Valentine challenges him, noting that Blackbeard could just as easily make himself king or emperor. Disappointed, Blackbeard says that he wished Valentine had had faith in him one more time and then walks off. As he does, Valentine warns him and everyone listening that his ambition will get them all killed.

At the brothel, Rose talks to two of Valentine's men privately.

Blackbeard walks beside the harbor to contemplate his next move, and is shocked to see the Woman in White floating before him above the sand. As night falls, he runs off to a voodoo shrine in the woods.

At the warehouse, James struggles to stand without success. Kate comes in and has him sit down, and assures James that she will always be there for him. James hesitates and then kisses

her.

At the shrine, the two pirates from the brothel approach Blackbeard, drawing their swords. He cordially asks for a sword to defend himself but they refuse and come at him.

At the tavern, Tom watches Eisengrim.

Blackbeard defends himself using a skull to stun one man and then knocks aside the other using a bell on a chain.

At the tavern, Rider hears the bell ringing and realizes that something is wrong. He tells his men to come with him and runs to the shrine.

Although he takes a slash to the scalp, Blackbeard kills one of his attackers and incapacitates the other. He orders the man to tell him who sent him, but the man refuses to talk. Tom arrives with Rider and the others as Blackbeard cuts his prisoner's throat to force him to talk. He tells Tom to do what he can for the man, but Tom says that there's nothing he can do. The man dies without saying anything and Blackbeard kicks Tom away, furious at his failure. He then tells Rider and Nenna to find who sent the men.

When they return to Santa Compana, Rider and his men arrest Valentine.

At the manor, Blackbeard stitches up his scalp wound and insists that Valentine is innocent because he isn't that transparent, and suggests that Finnegan set up his captain. Selima suggests that Tom is responsible but Blackbeard doesn't agree. However, he gives in and tells Selima to do what she wants with Tom. Blackbeard also tells Rider and Nenna to keep Valentine and Finnegan separate until they execute Valentine.

Tom checks the jail and confirms that Valentine is imprisoned.

Rider and Nenna go to Tom's and order Tim to hand Tom over. Tom strolls in and surrenders himself, but insists that he's innocent.

Eisengrim beats him and takes him away to the jail, locking him up with Valentine. Valentine admits that he didn't order his men to attack Blackbeard and accepts Tom's assurances that he wasn't involved. The pirate captain has deduced that Tom is a spy for the English, but figures that they both share a common enemy in Blackbeard and doesn't care. Tom offers him a quick death rather than a slow hanging in return for an explanation, and Valentine accepts his offer. The pirate captain explains that a hell-burner is an empty ship filled with gunpowder and rocks, timed to detonate and cause massive destruction. Valentine doesn't know why Blackbeard wants it but figures that his friend plans to kill dozens of innocents.

Kate visits Blackbeard and tells the commodore that Tom is innocent. When he wonders how she knows, Kate tells him that Tom was with her in bed the entire day. Amused, Blackbeard wonders why she is so concerned and Kate claims that she wants Tom found innocent so that the real culprit can be identified.

The pirates take Tom and Valentine to the gallows, string them up by the neck, and put stools beneath them. Before they can kick the stools out, Blackbeard arrives and insists that Valentine is innocent. He defends his friend, saying that he would have attacked him face-to-face if he wanted him dead. However, Nenna says that a jury found Valentine dead and that justice must be carried out.

Blackbeard accepts the verdict of the community and tells Valentine that there's nothing he can do because he's not a king of emperors. He strolls away, but turns to wink at Valentine. Nenna kicks the stool out from under Valentine and he slowly chokes to death. However, when she turns to Tom, Kate steps forward and insists that Tom is innocent. Nenna considers and then cuts Tom free.

The next morning, Tom sneaks up to the gallows with a stolen rifle. Fulfilling his promise, he kills Valentine with a single shot, giving him a quick death.

At the manor, Blackbeard is meeting with Finnegan. He hears the shot and tells the first mate that one of Valentine's men put his captain out of his misery. Finnegan assures Blackbeard that he had nothing to do with the attack on him, and Blackbeard accepts his claim... if Finnegan will sell the Chronometer to Jagger. Finnegan quickly agrees and leaves with the device. Once they're alone, Selima figures that Blackbeard set the whole thing up. Blackbeard admits that he did so that it wouldn't appear he was involved, and assures her that he was in no danger. Blackbeard then goes to the brothel and pays Rose for her role. He reminds her to keep his secret or that she'll become part of his legend... permanently.

When Tom returns home, he finds Kate waiting for him. She thanks him for talking to James, and admits that it can be exhausting dealing with husband. When Tom sympathizes, Kate kisses

him. After a moment's hesitation, Tom kisses her back.

The Man Who Killed Blackbeard

Season 1

Episode Number: 3

Season Episode: 3

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Guest Stars: Peter Stebbings (James Balfour), Julian Sands (William Jagger), Ezra Buzzington (Oswald Eisengrim), Michael Desante (Callow), Henry Hereford (The Wildman), Lauren Shaw (Woman in White), Natalie Hoflin (Rose), Marise Alvarez (Nelly), Hamilton Clancy (Father Daniel), Jeremy Woodard (Lieutenant Captain Bennet Harwood)
Summary: When Jagger captures Kate on a trading voyage, Blackbeard sets out to find her and kill her rather than risk a pitched battle with the English. James, realizing what the commodore intends, asks Tom to go along and ensure that Kate is safe.



At his manor in Santa Compana, Blackbeard is in his bedchamber when he hears a child calling out.

After making love in Tom's home, Kate and Tom lie in bed for a bit. She then gets up and explains that she has to leave for Adderley Cay to get supplies from the trading post there. Tom worries for her safety but Kate assures her that she'll be fine.

At the town brothel, Nelly comes to see Rose, complaining of stomach pains. She collapses and Rose summons Tom and Tim to examine her. Tom discovers that she's pregnant, even though she isn't

showing, and warns that the baby has turned around. As he prepares to turn the baby around, Tom tells Nelly that he has never delivered a baby but he has read a very good book on the subject.

Blackbeard goes to the window of his room and sees the Woman in White floating outside, screeching.

As Kate leaves in a sloop for Adderley Cay, Tom watches from his home. She waves to him and Tom writes down "Adderley Cay" in his private journal.

Nenna goes out into the jungle and removes a ring from a secret stash of treasure that she has stolen. When she returns to her home, she finds Rider waiting for her. He accuses her of holding back loot from their raids and Nenna denies it. Rider takes the ring from her shirt and Nenna claims that he planted it there using sleight of hand. When she realizes that he won't believe her denials, Nenna shoves Rider onto the bed.

At Adderley Cay, Kate meets with Father Daniel, a former priest who has since started a family. They start haggling about the loot that she's brought, and Kate is careful to avoid saying where she got it.

Blackbeard summons Tom to his manor and the spy is surprised to see the commodore holding Nelly's newborn baby. The pirate talks about how the child is the first one born in Santa Compana and he hopes to shelter it from the evil that men like he and Tom have seen so that it will be better than them. Blackbeard then tells Tom that his headaches are getting worse and that he has seen the specter of a woman. He claims that he doesn't know who she is. He then asks Tom if he will have enough time to complete his grand project.

On Adderley Cay, Kate realizes that Father Daniel is stalling. He admits that they threatened his children, just as Captain Bennet Harwood and a group of British lancers march out of the jungle and capture Kate. Harwood informs Kate that the jewelry she tried to sell Father Daniel was aboard the Petrel and they know it's stolen. Kate grabs a sword from one of the lancers and holds them off long enough for the pirates on the sloop to see what has happened. One of them ties a message to a messenger pigeon and releases it.

In Jamaica, Governor-General Jagger receives word that the jewelry he planted on the Petrel has turned up on Adderley Cay. He tells his assistant Callow to prepare the Eldritch for departure.

Harwood and his men easily restrain Kate and tie her up.

James receives the messenger pigeon and, realizing that his wife is in danger, hobbles out into the street. Tom is passing by and James tells him what has happened.

The Eldritch approaches Adderley Cay.

Once James tells him what happened, Blackbeard prepares to depart. He tells Selima that Jagger will torture Kate for the location of Santa Compana and they must prepare to leave. Selima reminds Blackbeard that she never goes outside, and he seemingly accepts her decision to stay at the manor while the rest of the town evacuates.

Kate tries to convince Harwood to accept a bribe from her in return for her freedom. He punches her in the gut and tells Kate to shut up.

Tom and James watch Blackbeard board the Reaver and James realizes that the pirate isn't taking enough men to launch a rescue. He worries that Blackbeard plans to kill Kate instead to silence her. Meanwhile, Blackbeard orders Rider to stay behind and guard Selima, and then gives him a set of whispered instructions. While they watch, James asks Kim to make sure that Kate doesn't die at the hands of the English... or Blackbeard. As the Reaver prepares for departure, Nenna summons the townspeople out and tells them that they will be evacuating to Hunger Bay until they know Santa Compana is safe.

Later, Nenna goes to the brothel and tells Rose to prepare to evacuate. Rose tells her to leave and then stashes a hidden ruby in her bodice... unaware that Nenna is watching from the window. As she leaves, Nenna catches her when she stumbles and secretly pockets the ruby.

Once the Reaver is at sea, Eisengrim finds Tom below decks and takes him to Blackbeard. Tom claims that he feels a moral obligation to make sure that Kate is rescued, but Blackbeard knows better and asks if he doubts his word that he will bring Kate back to Santa Compana. He insists that he plans to rescue Kate and concedes that he doesn't know if Tom is an idiot or a hero. Impressed, Blackbeard tells his men not to harm Tom.

Tim comes to help Nelly evacuate, and warns her that some of the townspeople are concerned that her baby's cries will lead the English to them. When Nelly wonders what will happen, Tim says that he will take her to safety. They go to help James pack and Tim wonders how they came to Santa Compana. James explains that he was aboard the Compass route to India with Rose and other prostitutes, bound for a soldier's brothel. Blackbeard attacked the Compass and offered them their freedom. Nelly asks Tim where he was born and the ship's assistant admits that he was an orphan. James tells him that having a parent is no great advantage and Tim promises him that Tom will bring Kate home safely. They row out to a secret hiding spot and Tim is surprised to see a bearded Wildman running around on the shores of the island.

At the manor, Selima realizes that Rider is unhappy that he was ordered to stay behind. The pirate talks about the prodigal son and makes it clear that he resents Tom rising in Blackbeard's estimate.

When the Eldritch arrives at Adderley Cay, Jagger has Kate brought to his cabin. He talks about how he is renowned as the man who killed Blackbeard, but knew all along that the pirate had escaped him and left a ringer in his place. Kate denies knowing Blackbeard, but Jagger shows her the jewelry from the Petrel and warns her that he can always sense a lie. After beating

her, Jagger shoves Kate to the floor and demands to know where he can find Blackbeard, gently kissing her on the brow.

Selima tells Rider that she won't leave the manor, and vows to kill herself if the English come. She puts a knife to her throat and Rider, frustrated, tries to drag her out. As they struggle, Selima stabs him in the side.

Jagger and his men take the blindfolded Kate ashore to where the soldiers have dug a grave.

The Reaver arrives at the cay and Blackbeard realizes that Jagger has built them there. He is sure that Jagger will torture Santa Compana's location out of Kate and then launch an attack to wipe out the colony.

When Kate still refuses to talk, Jagger has the soldiers seal her into a coffin and lower it into the ground. As he sits down to wait for her to either confess or die, an explosion echoes in the distant and Jagger realizes that Blackbeard has arrived.

At the manor, Rider tends to his wound and apologizes to Selima. She admits that she's agoraphobic and can't go out into crowds, and Blackbeard knows about her condition. Selima realizes that Blackbeard gave Rider orders to kill her if she wouldn't leave, and the pirate says that he couldn't bear to hurt her or see her hurt. Touched by his concern, Selima kisses him and then the two of them have sex.

Jagger goes to the Eldritch and tells his men to close in on the Reaver. The Reaver starts to flee but then turns and opens fire.

However, Jagger realizes that there is no one on the Reaver's quarterdeck and figures that it's a trap. He orders the Eldritch to turn back and they spot a sloop heading away.

A few of Bennet's men are standing watch at Kate's grave when Blackbeard approaches them, wearing a mask and a robe. He fires on them and then closes in on the others. Tom drops out of the brush to attack as well and the two men make short work of the lancers.

Once Rider and Selima are done, Selima shoves him away. Shocked, Rider stares at her for a moment and then walks out.

Tom digs Kate up and frees her, and the couple embrace. Blackbeard uses a telescope to watch Jagger and tells the others that they should leave.

As the Eldritch closes in on the sloop, Jagger tells the soldiers to prepare to board because he wants Blackbeard alive. However, he spots kegs of dynamite aboard the sloop and realizes that it's a trap. The gunpowder blows up, destroying the sloop and the dead man tied to the tiller.

As the Reaver heads back, Kate thanks Blackbeard for his rescue, and he admits that it was Tom that came up with the plan to rescue her. He assures her that he doesn't hold it against her that she would have broken under torture, but the important thing is that she's safe. Kate then goes to Tom at the railing and takes his hand.

Jagger confirms that Kate is gone and the soldiers on guard are dead.

The Reaver returns to Santa Compana to the cheers of the townspeople. Kate goes to the waiting Tom and they embrace, and James glances at Tom. Meanwhile, Blackbeard goes back to his manor and greets Selima. However, she recoils from his touch and he realizes that she knows what he sent Rider to do.

Antoinette

Season 1

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Season Episode: 4

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Guest Stars:	Peter Stebbings (James Balfour), Kevin Ryan (John Finnegan), Michael Desante (Callow), Henry Hereford (The Wildman), Aimee Mullins (Antoinette), Lauren Shaw (Antoinette), Natalie Hoflin (Rose), Nilanjana Bose (Begum Samsar), Francis Rosas (Portacarrero), Thomas DuPont (O'Reilly), Julian Sands (William Jagger)
Summary:	Tom warns Blackbeard that his condition is worsening in a gambit to get the pirate to reveal his plans. However, when Blackbeard accelerates his scheme, Tom is forced to play along. Meanwhile, Jagger turns to an unexpected resource to learn Blackbeard's location when all else fails.



Selima enters Blackbeard's bedchamber and tries to make love to him. She insists that the time is right but Blackbeard pushes her away and says that whatever is wrong with her, she can't fix by lying to him about why she wants sex.

In Jamaica, Jagger meets a slaver trader in the middle of the countryside. The trader shows Jagger a sketch of the Longitude Chronometer and says that for the right price he can provide the real thing. However, Jagger knows the man is actually William Finnegan, the first mate of the Covenant, Valentine's ship. He knows that Finnegan has his men in

hiding, ready to shoot him, but warns that if they do then his men in England will kill Finnegan's entire family. Finnegan signals to his men to stand down and leaves with Jagger.

Blackbeard is trying to sleep when he rolls over and finds the specter of the Woman in White in bed with him, screaming and choking him.

The next morning, Blackbeard has Tom brought to the manor and asks if he believes in ghosts. Tom admits that he doesn't and Blackbeard agrees, but explains about his recent hallucination and says that the Woman in White is becoming more real each day. Tom suggests that Blackbeard has suffered some form of brain trauma and uses a candle to trigger a convulsion. Once Blackbeard passes out, Tom starts searching his room for any clues to his plan.

In Jamaica, Finnegan gives Jagger the location of the Chronometer and the governor-general recovers it. Jagger asks how Finnegan obtained it and the first mate claims that they attacked the Petrel, found Nightingale, and took it from him. The governor-general admits that he can now return to England, his reputation restored... except that the Chronometer is a fake. Jagger

secretly put a mark on one of the cogs and now it isn't there. He figures that Blackbeard provided the fake to trick him into going back to England, and orders Finnegan to tell him what Blackbeard's real plan is.

Tom finds a map of Jamaica with troop placements marked on it and remembers what Valentine told him. He then hides the map when Blackbeard starts to wake up. Blackbeard asks if Tom knows of his symptoms from experience and Tom says that a man named John Simm was shot through the hidden and suffered convulsions and hallucinations until he died. Blackbeard wonders if he will die from his ailment and Tom admits that he doesn't know.

Later, Blackbeard visits Selima and tells her that they need to meet with Begum Samsar and hire an army from her. Rider comes in and overhears his captain speaking. When Selima wonders why Blackbeard has suddenly decided to begin his plan, the commodore says that he feels it is time to act and reminds them that Jagger is closing in.

The next morning, James asks Tom to meet with him and thanks him for rescuing Kate from Jagger. Tom dismisses his efforts, saying that he struck from behind and James would have no doubt led a triumphant army. James doesn't believe that he could anymore and asks if it's possible for Tom to give him at least some of his strength back. Tom tells him that he must stop using opium and that the withdrawal will be extremely painful, and James assures him that he can do it. Once Tom leaves, James goes back to work on a counterfeit of the Chronometer.

Blackbeard and his men travel aboard the Reaver to Archangel Island negotiate with Begum, the leader of a group of mercenaries. She haggles with Blackbeard, who demands a demonstration. Rider fights one of Begum's warriors and the man manages to defeat the pirate.

The mercenary prepares to strike a death blow and Blackbeard looks contemplatively at Rider for a moment before nodding to the mercenary to retreat.

At Santa Campana, Tom immerses James in the harbor to ease the pain in his legs and build up his strength. Tim and Kate watch from the shore and Tim assures Kate that Tom knows what he's doing. As they leave the water, Tom warns James that his craving for opium will never entirely fade, and assures him that he can stand the agony of withdrawal for Kate's sake.

In town, Rose waits until Nenna and Rider leave Nenna's hut and then goes into it to search the place.

Rider goes to the manor and meets with Selima, warning her that Blackbeard knows about the two of them together. Selima doesn't believe it, pointing out that Blackbeard would have already killed them if he knew. Rider agrees but is still sure that Blackbeard somehow knows.

Nenna goes back to her hut and captures Rose. However, the madam tells her that she has left a letter to Blackbeard about her thieving, and it will be delivered in case she somehow. Nenna has no choice but to accept her bluff and will only say that she is stealing for love, not greed. When she wonders how much Rose wants, Rose tells her that she wants everything Nenna has.

At the manor, Blackbeard tells Selima and Rider that he doesn't have enough money to meet begum's price. When Selima wonders what he plans to do, the commodore says that they will gather the funds. Blackbeard notices that Selima looks worried but she insists that it's nothing.

Tom and Kate are walking on the beach and Tom finally says that he can't bear to add to James' pain. He makes it clear that their affair is over and Kate agrees. When Tom returns to his home, he finds Blackbeard waiting for him. He's found Tom's sketches of human anatomy and is studying them with interest, and asks Tom to do a sketch of him. As Tom works, Blackbeard asks him how he can steal something from the Spanish without them knowing it.

Once Blackbeard has outlined his plan, he brings in Rider and Nenna and tells them that he is sending them to Governor Portacarrero's manor in Cuba. They will break in and steal a map, and Blackbeard wants them to get the map without the governor knowing it's been taken. If Portacarrero learns the map is gone then he'll move the treasure that the map indicates. Rider refuses to work with Tom, still suspecting that he's a spy. Blackbeard assures him that Tom will do his part of the job because as an Englishman, Tom hates the Spaniards as much as they do.

Tom returns to his house and tells Tim that he's forced Blackbeard's hand to speed up his plans, now that he's learned the commodore is planning an attack on Jamaica. The spy wants Tim to contact the Wild Man that he saw in the jungle because he thinks that the man is connected to Blackbeard's plans. Tim complains but Tom says that he will be busy on Blackbeard's mission and now he has to play it out.

James is working on the fake Chronometer but he drops one of the diamonds. Blackbeard comes in and comments on it, and notices that James is pale from his withdrawal symptoms. He

assures James that he's accepted that he is of value to him, but warns that if he fails to continue doing so, he'll torture and kill him.

Tim goes to find the Wild Man.

That night, James is struggling with his assigned task. As his hands continue to shake, he turns to his opium pipe just as Kate comes in. He begs her to take the pipe away from her and she quickly does.

Tom, Rider, and Nenna sail to Cuba and Rider stands guard outside while Tom and Nenna slip into the compound. Ducking the guards, they make their way to Portacarrero's office while he's out. The two thieves are forced to hide briefly when the guard comes in, but he doesn't see them. Once he leaves, Tom lights a small lamp, takes out a piece of paper, and starts copying the map.

At the manor in Santa Campana, Blackbeard receives another visitation from the Woman in White. She has a small boy with her, and Blackbeard goes to the boy and hugs him. Struggling to hold onto reality, Blackbeard insists that the boy isn't real and the vision disappears.

Kate holds James as he goes through the agony of withdrawal.

Tom and Nenna successfully escape the governor's compound. However, Rider orders Tom to hand over the map and threatens to kill him if he doesn't. Tom refuses, figuring that he's dead either way, and tells Rider that he's sorry that Rider he isn't Blackbeard's favor anymore but there's nothing he can do about it. Rider prepares to kill him anyway but Nenna draws her sword and threatens to kill Rider if he kills Tom. Blackbeard's lieutenant reminds her that Tom isn't one of them, but Nenna says that Tom served at their side and did what Blackbeard commanded. After a moment, a disgusted Rider lets Tom go and walks away.

The next day, Jagger's assistant Callow tortures and kills Finnegan but the pirate gives up nothing. Jagger contemplates Finnegan's severed eyeball and figures that Blackbeard is up to something and they need to speak with someone beyond Blackbeard's grasp. When Callow says that there isn't anyone, Jagger informs him that there is.

The next day, Tom, Nenna, and Rider return to Santa Campana and hand over the copy to Blackbeard. Tom carefully asks what he needs it for but Blackbeard merely tells him to wait and sees. Feigning satisfaction, the spy walks out.

In the jungle, Tim finds the Wild Man's makeshift camp and the cave that he dwells in. The ship's assistant goes inside and stares in shock at its contents.

Later, a disguised Blackbeard travels to Cuba and gives the Chronometer to Portacarrero. The governor gladly pays several crates of doubloons in return for the device, and Blackbeard notes where Portacarrero stores his treasure. He then takes the money to Begum and pays her for her trained army.

Jagger goes to the Jamaica prison and tells a female prisoner that Blackbeard is alive and asks for her help finding Blackbeard. The Woman in White, Antoinette, stares at him in dawning understanding.

The Return

Season 1

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Recurring Role: Peter Stebbings (James Balfour)
Guest Stars: Julian Sands (William Jagger), Ezra Buzzington (Oswald Eisengrim), Henry Hereford (The Wildman), Tom Riis Farrell (Robert Morrissey), Lauren Shaw (Antoinette), Natalie Hoflin (Rose), Francis Rosas (Portacarrero), Marise Alvarez (Nelly)
Summary: Tom tricks Blackbeard into letting him go to Jamaica, but discovers that Jagger plans to spare no one once he learns the location of Santa Campana. Meanwhile, Nenna plans to spend her stolen loot and James begins to regain the use of his body.



At the prison in Jamaica, Jagger holds Antoinette underwater in a tub, demanding that she tell him where he can find Blackbeard.

However, the woman refuses to talk.

Redcoats chase a wounded Tom through a field.

Two Weeks Earlier Tim takes Tom to the Wildman's cave and hesitantly goes in with him. They find a makeshift lab inside, a submersible, and barrels of gunpowder. Tom realizes that Blackbeard plans to send the submersible into the Jamaica harbor and blow up the fleet, and then attack the town. Tim suggests

that they detonate the gunpowder, but Tom has calculated and confirmed that the lab lies directly beneath Santa Campana. If they destroy the gunpowder then they will kill the townspeople.

Later, Tom goes to see Blackbeard and proposes that they drill a hole into the commodore's skull to relieve the pressure of his brain and cure his hallucinations. To perform the operation, Tom needs a trephine and suggests that Rider go to Jamaica to obtain one. Blackbeard refuses to let anyone else know about his condition and when Tom suggests that he use James' drills and chisels, Blackbeard tells him to wait there and walks out.

Selima, secretly listening to part of their conversation, goes to the library to tell Rider that Blackbeard is taking Tom into his confidence on some matter. Rider believes that Blackbeard knows about the two of them together, just as Blackbeard comes in. He orders Rider to leave and Selima asks what he was discussing with Tom. Blackbeard assures her that he still trusts her and that his trust for Tom as well doesn't change that. Selima says that Tom makes her blood run cold and Blackbeard pointedly notes that recently her blood appears to be running hot.

Blackbeard then finds a book on trephination and takes it Tom. Satisfied that Tom is telling the truth, Blackbeard tells him that Nenna will take him to Jamaica to get the trephine, and to

keep the need for it a secret. When Tom wonders why Blackbeard is trusting him, Blackbeard points out that he holds Kate and knows that Tom is involved with her.

The next day, Kate learns that Tom is leaving and comes to his house to confront him. She's realized that he's not who he appears and demands to know what is really going on. Tom insists that he is a ship's doctor but Kate reminds him that she knows he was out of the manor on the night that Alain disappeared. When she demands proof that he won't betray them all, Tom says that he wouldn't betray her and kisses her.

Nenna goes to the jungle and digs up some of her stolen treasure, and loads it into a bag.

Kate visits Rider at a tavern and tells him that she's convinced that Tom is who he claims to be.

Nenna returns to her hut and finds Rose waiting to collect her blackmail payment. As Rose examines the stolen treasure, she flirts with Nenna and then says that she knows she has more and wants it all. Oswald arrives to tell Nenna that Blackbeard wants to see her.

In Cuba, Governor Portacarrero uses the Longitude Chronometer he purchased to calculate a route for the Spanish Treasure Fleet. He's unaware that the disguised Blackbeard sold him a fake.

On Santa Campana, Selima receives word that the Treasure Fleet will leave Cuba in four days and informs Blackbeard.

In the market, Tim wonders why Tom won't let him go as well and Tom assures him that when the English navy take the island, they will grant all of the non-pirates amnesty. The ship's assistant doesn't trust Tom, and Tom tells him to betray him if that's what he truly believe. Nenna arrives to take Tom to Jamaica and Tim remains silent.

When Tom and Nenna arrive in Jamaica, Tom goes to the governor's mansion while Nenna meets with a land buyer, Robert Morrissey.

Morrissey has already received Nenna's instructions and says that he has plantation that will meet her needs. He realizes that she's a pirate and shows her the papers, but then questions whether she can read. Nenna draws her knife and holds it to his throat, says that he has no idea what she did to obtain her freedom, and quotes Shakespeare to prove her education. She then tells Morrissey that the plantation that he's chosen will suffice and dumps her stolen treasure out of the bag.

Kate finishes her swim in the harbor and spots Tim sitting on the dock. She goes to him and says that Tom will return, and Tim says that Tom pretends to be cold-hearted and uncaring, but he knows better. Reassured herself, Kate kisses Tim on the cheek, and goes home. James is there, looking pensively out the window, and says that he's thinking of their former home in Scotland. He then kisses Kate and they end up in bed.

Blackbeard goes out to the cave in the jungle to meet with Nightingale, who has gone insane from his ordeals and believes himself to be an English lord living in a manor. Tim secretly follows Blackbeard and narrowly evades being seen. Meanwhile, Blackbeard tries to convince Nightingale to finish his work.

After sex, James tells Kate that he broke his wedding vows to her by choosing politics over her, and that he was a coward. He tells his wife that he wants to see her happy no matter what he has to do.

In Jamaica, Tom goes to see Jagger and tells him what happened to the Petrel. He finally confirms that he has been with Blackbeard for the last several weeks and shows him the sketches he's made of Blackbeard to confirm his story. Jagger orders the spy to tell him everything that he's learned about the pirate.

Morrissey returns to his office and tells Nenna that she doesn't have enough money to buy the plantation once he fences the treasure. She confirms that she does have enough to secure the process and tells him to begin.

Tom talks at length about how Blackbeard is trying to atone for his past by creating a democratic nation as a legacy. Jagger takes offense when Tom says that Blackbeard is no different than their king, insisting that their ruler was chosen by God. Suspicious, the governor-general wonders if Tom is loyal to the Crown.

Blackbeard meets with Selima and finally tells her that he is dying. Relieved, Selima realizes that Blackbeard sent Tom on a mission as a doctor, and Blackbeard is surprised that she thought he would conspire with Tom against her. He then turns to the subject of Santa Campana's rulership and says that it will need someone as commodore when he dies. Selima insists that no

one would trust her but Blackbeard says that she must face her fears by leaving her sanctuary, just as he has come to terms with his fears.

Tom insists that most of Santa Campana's residents are innocents rather than pirates, but Jagger refuses to countenance it and reminds Tom that his orders were to kill Blackbeard. After pointing out his sketches of Selima and Kate, Tom warns Jagger that he returned to Jamaica because Blackbeard plans to sack the island. He agrees that Jagger should capture Blackbeard and his men, but asks for leniency for the innocents living in Santa Campana. Jagger refuses but finally agrees to spare Kate. When Jagger asks about Kate's husband, Tom says that he can die with the pirate. Tom also asks for leniency for Tim, who has been loyal to him, and Jagger agrees. Finally, the spy asks that he not have to watch as Jagger's fleet destroys Santa Campana. The governor-general impatiently agrees and asks for Blackbeard's location, and Tom points to a small island northeast of Jamaica.

After a long moment, Jagger tells Tom that he is no Englishman and that he has been to the barren atoll that the spy pointed out.

Tom grabs Jagger and slams him down onto his own desk, and says that he'll do his job but he won't let Jagger kill the innocents.

Jagger manages to tear loose of Tom's grip and stabs him in the side, and the two men fight, breaking through the patio doors. Tom knocks out Jagger in the fall, and then conceals his wound as he walks calmly outside past the guards to get the trephine for Blackbeard. Up above, Jagger wakes up and sounds the alarm. The Present Tom runs through the fields to a cliff overlooking the harbor and the sloop far out to sea. As the Redcoats close in, Tom leaps into the waters and swims, still bleeding, to the sloop.

Selima braces herself and then steps out of the manor for the first time in years. Everyone looks at her, surprised, and she goes to Kate's stall. Kate gladly offers her a fruit for free as Tim and Rider look on. Blackbeard proudly watches from his manor and then mutters to himself that she's done enough and should come back.

That night, Blackbeard is in his bedroom and has another hallucination of Antoinette bringing him a crying baby. He snaps out of his delirium but still hears the baby crying in the night.

A Hole in the Head

Season 1

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Recurring Role: Peter Stebbings (James Balfour), Julian Sands (William Jagger), Ezra Buzzington (Oswald Eisengrim), Natalie Hoflin (Rose), Henry Hereford (The Wildman)
Guest Stars: Lauren Shaw (Antoinette), Ricardo Hinoja (Ignatius Locke)
Summary: Tom reveals his true identity to Kate in an attempt to convince her to leave Santa Campana. Meanwhile, Blackbeard's plans with the Wildman unfurl and the commodore insists that Tom operate on him.



Selima listens at the door of Blackbeard's room as he pleases himself with several prostitutes. After a moment she walks away. A short time later, Blackbeard dozes off, he is haunted by visions of a crying baby.

In Jamaica, Jagger goes to the prison and visits with Antoinette. He shows her the sketch that Tom made of Blackbeard and tells her that her husband is still alive. He offers to take her to him but needs her help. Screaming, Antoinette attacks him and Jagger's assistant Locke pulls her away.

Selima and Rider meet at the harbor and she tells him that they can never reveal to Blackbeard that they are lovers. Rider warns that Blackbeard will sense any lie that he tells, but Selima warns the pirate lieutenant that learning the truth would kill their leader. As they talk, they're unaware that Blackbeard is watching them from the brush. He then goes to the Wildman's cave and has the inventor demonstrate the glass grenades that he's created. Tim, having followed Blackbeard there, watches from the shadows.

Nenna returns to Santa Campana with Tom, and Tim greets his friend. Tom hushes the assistant to silence for the moment and greets Kate, saying that they need to talk later. The Englishman then goes to his home and Tim tells him what he's seen in the Wildman's cave. Tom figures that the inventor is creating grenades and asks Tim to steal a boat. When Tim wonders why, Tom says that they'll be leaving together for good once he shows Blackbeard the trephine he purchased in Jamaica.

Nenna returns to her shut and finds Rose waiting for her. The madam demands her blackmail and Nenna reluctantly gives her a golden necklace. Rose is happy to have it but demands more and Nenna says that she has no more. When Nenna balks, Rose offers to make her happy and removes her dress.

Blackbeard chats with Rider about the rising sun that morning and then admits that he has a medical condition. He needs Tom to cure him but Selima feels that he should kill the Englishman.

Rider agrees with Selima but Blackbeard points out that killing someone he can't trust will result in his death.

At the prison, Jagger returns to find Antoinette looking at Blackbeard's sketch. He reminds her that she had two years with Blackbeard as his wife and that was longer than any other woman has had him. Jagger shows her Tom's sketch of Selima and says that she's Blackbeard's woman now, and a furious Antoinette starts scratching at her own eyes.

Tom goes to the manor to show Blackbeard the trephine and is surprised to discover that the commodore has told Selima about his condition. She asks Tom what happened to him in Jamaica and he claims that he went to Jagger's office to kill the governor-general and protect Santa Campana. Selima makes it clear that she has people in Jamaica who can find out more and Tom invites her to do so and confirm his story.

In the jungle, Rose secretly follows Nenna to where the pirate keeps her buried treasure. The madam opens the chest only to discover that it's empty... and Nenna slits her throat. The pirate then tosses the dying Rose into the empty chest and closes the lid.

Once Tom leaves, Blackbeard admits to Selima that he will let him operate on him. Selima warns against it and Blackbeard wonders if she truly doesn't trust Tom, or if she wants Blackbeard dead now that he has encouraged her to take over as ruler of Santa Campana.

Shocked at his apparent distrust, Selima walks out.

At the prison, Antoinette studies the sketch and then pushes a bloody finger through Blackbeard's head.

Tom returns to the manor and prepares for the surgery. Selima, clearly informed about the possible treatments, questions him about less intrusive cures. Tom is well-versed on the subject and insists that there's nothing else that can be done for Blackbeard due to his advanced condition. Selima sends him away for the moment and Tom goes to the warehouse to see Kate. After they kiss, Tom admits that he is in fact a spy for the English, sent to kill Blackbeard. As they talk, they're unaware that James is in the next room, listening. After hearing Tom's confession, James leaves. Meanwhile, Tom tells Kate that he spared Blackbeard because he knew he would have to leave once he had, and he couldn't be apart from her. Furious at his betrayal, Kate tells him to go back to England and insists that her debt to him for saving her life has been repaid by her sleeping with him. Tom warns that Blackbeard plans to kill the citizens of Jamaica with explosives but Kate doesn't believe him. He asks Kate to come with him and kisses her, but she refuses and orders him to go.

James goes to the manor and finds Selima practicing with a sword. She pauses when he comes in and James tells her that Tom is a spy.

Kate wonders what Tom will do if she sounds the alarm, and he invites her to try. She then grabs a bottle and smashed it into his head. Despite the injury, Tom manages to subdue her with a sleeper hold.

At the prison, Jagger gives Antoinette Tom's sketch of Santa Campana and reminds her that Blackbeard tried and failed to create a republic of pirates once before. He offers to reunite her with her husband but she refuses.

Selima finds Rider, Nenna, and the others and tells them to bring in Tom and his assistant.

Tim waits for Tom with a boat.

Rider and Nenna find Kate drugged unconscious at the warehouse and James, coming in behind them, asks Rider to kill Tom for what he's done.

When Blackbeard visits the Wildman, he finds Tom waiting for him, gun in hand. Tom invites the pirate to come with him.

A group of pirates find Tim and take him back to the town. When they tell Selima that they haven't found Tom and Blackbeard has also disappeared, Selima says that there's one place that they don't know about.

Tom tells his prisoner that he told Jagger where Santa Campana is, but he's realized that the governor-general plans to kill everyone, innocent and guilty. Rather than let that happen, Tom plans to hand Blackbeard over to the governor of Carolina. That governor has promised to move Jagger to a post on the Barbary Coast in return for being able to take credit for Blackbeard's capture. Blackbeard notes that Jagger will destroy Santa Campana no matter what, and Tom says that he'll kill the man if he tries.

Regardless, he won't let Blackbeard kill innocent to protect his people on the island.

Having heard enough, Blackbeard jumps Tom and the pistol goes off harmlessly. Tom tosses it aside and draws his sword, and Blackbeard parries it with a torch. The two men struggle and end up outside as Selima and the others arrive. Blackbeard orders them back and then smashes Tom to the ground, beating him to the point of unconscious. As the pirates cheer, Blackbeard tells Tom that he had no intention of attacking Jamaica. When Tom wonders what the bombs are for, Blackbeard says that he has another plan and that Tom would have learned of it if he had been patient. When Rider speaks up, saying that they should kill Tom immediately, Blackbeard points out that the spy saved the island and tried to kill Jagger. He looks at Selima and Rider and points out that they lied to him for much less, and wonders if he should kill them as well. They remain wisely silent and Blackbeard pulls Tom up and points out that they share a worldview. Tom concedes the point and the commodore tells him that it's time to conduct the surgery.

The men return to the manor and Tom begins the surgery. He uses the trephine to remove a piece of Blackbeard's skull, places a coin inside to replace the bone once the pressure is released, and then seals it in place.

Nenna returns to her shack and tries to sleep, but remembers Rose saying that she left a letter for Blackbeard in case of her death, warning him of Nenna's actions. The pirate goes to Rose's room at the brothel and searches for the letter. One of Rose's girls comes in, looking for her employer, and Nenna hides until she leaves.

After the surgery Tim and Tom talk privately. Tim congratulates Tom on the surgery but the spy admits that Blackbeard was ever in danger. He lied to get the commodore to send him to Jamaica to get the trephine. Tom admits that he might have relieved Blackbeard's headaches, but has no idea if he'll live or die.

Jagger visits Antoinette again and holds her close, comforting her. She talks about how Blackbeard sang to their dead son before laying him to rest, and Jagger asks her to sing the song. Listening, he realizes that it's a clue to Blackbeard's plans. He returns to his office and studies Tom's sketches, and realizes that the song refers to the Chronometer... and Blackbeard selling a fake one to the Spanish. Blackbeard can use it to track and intercept the Spanish Treasure Fleet and sink it. Jagger summons Locke and tells him that they are leaving to find the armada... and Blackbeard.

In the manor, Blackbeard is haunted by another dream of the Woman in White, carrying his child. Terrified, he wakes up screaming.

At the prison, Antoinette looks up at the moon shining through the window and smiles in satisfaction.

Beggarman

Season 1
Episode Number: 7
Season Episode: 7

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Show Stars: John Malkovich (Blackbeard), Richard Coyle (Tom Lowe), Claire Foy (Kate Balfour), Yasmina Al Massri (Selima El Sharad), David Hoflin (Charles Rider), Chris Perfetti (Tim Fletch), Tracy Ifeachor (Nenna Ajanlekoko)
Guest Stars: Peter Stebbings (James Balfour), Julian Sands (William Jagger), Ezra Buzzington (Oswald Eisengrim), Lauren Shaw (Antoinette), Natalie Hoflin (Rose), Marise Alvarez (Nelly)
Summary: After the revelation that Tom is a spy, Nelly approaches him and asks for his help dealing with Nenna. Tom agrees to do so, but soon finds himself at risk of his life. Meanwhile, James reveals to Kate what kind of man he really is.



After the surgery, Tom checks on an unconscious Blackbeard and assures Selima that his condition is stable and with luck, he should recover.

Eight Years Earlier — Jagger visits Blackbeard in his prison cell and taunts him with an apple, and then throws it aside. Blackbeard refuses to say anything and Jagger talks about how his prisoner's guilty conscience has been keeping him awake since they captured him. The governor-general mocks Blackbeard, saying that they found his wife Antoinette in the Carolinas and that she is furious that Blackbeard abandoned her. Jagger then

promises that he will be the one to end Blackbeard's life once and for all.

The Present — Tom goes to Kate's stall in the market and tries to apologize to her for lying to her. She says that it's not necessary because it's his nature to be a liar, and advises him to leave Santa Campana. Kate warns Tom that if Blackbeard dies then the townspeople will lynch him as a spy. As Tom goes, Nelly runs up and says that she needs his help.

Blackbeard lies unconscious in his bed. As Selima looks on, Blackbeard alternates between muttering apologizes to his wife Antoinette and calling her a bitch.

Eight Years Earlier — Jagger tells Blackbeard that Antoinette cursed her husband's name and called up the devil to avenge her for Blackbeard's wrongs. She then took their baby son and older daughter to the cliff on their estate and threw them both into the sea. Jagger tells Blackbeard how they died and hopes that there is a God so that He will send Blackbeard to Hell for his crimes.

The Present— Tom and Tim take Nelly out into the town square to confront Nenna. She asks for the letter and Tom tells her that it's safe and he has no interest in revealing her secret. Nenna

doesn't believe him and points out that she could kill him and no one would object to a spy's death. Tom calls her bluff goes off in one direction while Tim and Nelly go in two other directions. Nenna follows Tom and sees him bury a small box in the jungle. When she digs it up, she finds a note from him saying that he's looking in the wrong place.

Once she leaves, Tom doubles back and puts the letter in the box and reburies it.

Nenna goes to see James and suggests that Tom was involved in Rose's disappearance. She asks for his help disposing of Tom. Later, Nenna slips into Blackbeard's room past his bedchambers and steals several items from one of his many treasure chests.

Tom meets back up with Tim and Nelly and they go to Rose's bedchamber. He has Nelly give him a necklace that everyone knows belonged to Rose, and then cuts his hand and drips some blood on it. He explains that the blood will make it appear that it was taken in a struggle. Tom then gives his friends guns to defend themselves and warns them not to let Nenna anywhere near them. He then goes to Nenna's shack in the jungle and plants the bloody necklace among her belongings. Nenna comes back and Tom is forced to hide beneath the shack. Meanwhile, Nenna pours out the treasure she stole onto a treasure.

James sends for Rider and asks where Nenna is. The former nobleman tells Rider that Nenna swore him to secrecy about her actions, but admits that he fears for her life. Once he tells Rider Nenna's story, Rider goes to Nenna's shack and is shocked to see splatters of blood and Nenna's severed finger on the table.

When Tom returns to Santa Campana, Rider and his men put the spy under arrest and chain him up. Oswald warns that he won't get away with killing Nenna, and Tim runs to his friend's side. When the pirates prepare to arrest him as well, Kate steps forward and tells Rider that she'll vouch for him as an innocent. She reminds Rider that she has no love for Tom but believes in Tim's innocence.

Once Kate leads Tim away, Rider confronts Tom with the chuckled finger, but the spy just chuckles and says that it's a sign of her commitment. He tells Rider that Nenna set the whole thing up so she could fake her death and escape the island, and explains about how Nenna murdered Rose after Rose blackmailed him. Rider doesn't believe it and yells at Tom to shut up, and Tom warns him that Blackbeard will punish Rider when he wakes up if he kills Tom for no good reason. Rider hesitates for the moment but warns Tom that the longer Blackbeard is dead, the closer Tom is to death.

In his coma, Blackbeard remembers his past.

Eight Years Earlier — Rider and his men break into the prison and free Blackbeard from his cell. As they leave, Antoinette screams at her husband from her cell, calling him the devil. Blackbeard tries to choke her but is unable to reach her through the bars, and Rider pulls him away before reinforcements arrive.

The Present — When Kate takes Tim to her home, he tells her and James that Tom didn't kill Nenna. He points out that Tom spared Kate's life rather than kill her. James finally tells them that he knows Tom is a traitor because Tom was the one who destroyed the Jacobite shadow council in Scotland. He explains that a spymaster known only as Beggarman infiltrated the council and then betrayed it to the English. James escaped and managed to determine that Beggarman was a Scottish surgeon using the name of Richard Hannay. Hannay disappeared and later came back to get his revenge on James by turning him over to the English. James never saw or heard Beggarman, and when he was tortured he ever gave up the names of his fellow council members. However, the description he has of Beggarman matches Tom.

Tim continues to insist that Tom is innocent and says that Rose left a letter. James points out that Tim never read the letter and only has Tom's word that it said what he claimed. Tim sets out to find the letter and show it to them. Once he leaves, Kate angrily accuses James of lying to her all along and letting her affair with Tom continue when he knew Tom was a spy. James says that it was important to him that she was happy, and warns her that he's not the noble man she believes.

Rider in walking through jungle when he notices something off to one side and goes to investigate.

Tim returns to the warehouse with the letter and gives it to James. As James starts to open it, the town bell tolls, summoning everyone. Tim goes to the town square with Kate and they

see Tom brought out. Rider and his men bring Rose's corpse out and reveal that she is holding Tom's locket in her hand. Tom says that Nenna put it there and left Rose to be discovered, but Rider declares him guilty of murder and orders his execution, and Oswald takes Tom to the executioner's block.

James, staying behind, reads the letter, smiles, and burns it. He then goes to the town square. When Tim asks him to testify to the letter, James claims that it was a forgery. Kate realizes that he's lying and demands the truth from her husband, and James says that Tom may be innocent of killing Rose and Nenna, but not of the crimes he committed against the Jacobites. Tim and Kate both plead with James to tell the truth. After a moment's hesitation, James finally gives in and yells at Oswald to stop... just as the pirate brings his sword down to one side. James tells them that Nenna set the whole thing up and came to him for help.

Furious, Rider tells James that they have laws against lying and orders his arrest. He reminds everyone that the penalty for lying is 40 lashes, and Kate begs him to stop because her husband won't survive. She grabs a knife and threatens Oswald, but James tell his wife to let them continue with his punishment. She finally drops the knife and the couple kiss. However, Tom steps forward and says that he will take James' place as a scapegoat. He hopes that will wipe the slate clean of the crimes he committed against James. James looks to Kate, who nods in agreements, and then agrees.

In his bedchambers, Blackbeard wakes up and Selima thanks God for his recovery.

Rider prepares to flog Tom, who tells Tim to prepare the first aid that he'll need afterward. He makes Tim recite what will be necessary and confirms that his assistant is up to the task. Tim and Nelly go back to the house to prepare the tools, and wince as they hear Tom scream as the flogging begins.

In the town square, the townspeople slowly grow nauseated as Rider mercilessly whips Tom's back. Oswald finally says that Tom has had enough and tells Rider to stop. The pirate lieutenant does so and they cut Tom and drag him back to his house. Blackbeard is waiting and Tom realizes that he had Oswald ask Rider to stop. When the Englishman wonders why, Blackbeard tells Tom that he's forgiven and to let it be... and that he didn't.

Crossbones

Season 1

Episode Number: 8

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Saturday August 2, 2014
Writer: Neil Cross
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Recurring Role: Peter Stebbings (James Balfour), Julian Sands (William Jagger), Ezra Buzzington (Oswald Eisengrim), Marise Alvarez (Nelly)
Guest Stars: Aimee Mullins (Woman in White), Francis Rosas (Portacarrero), Michael Berresse (Captain Harris)
Summary: Blackbeard sets his plan to sink the Spanish Treasure fleet and recover the treasure. He has Tom stay behind, and Kate gives the Englishman startling news.



Tom has Tim treat his back wounds from his flogging. As the young assistant finishes his treatment, Oswald arrives and tells Tom that Blackbeard wants to see him.

At the manor, Blackbeard considers the hole in his skull, sealed up with a coin. Tom arrives and Blackbeard gives him a new jacket as a gift to replace the one he lost during his flogging. He then tells Tom that he needs him to accompany him on his mission to sink the Spanish Treasure Fleet.

Aboard the Fleet, Governor Portacarrero unwittingly uses the fake Longitude

Chronometer to plot the ships' course.

Tom wonders how Blackbeard plans to engage the Fleet and Blackbeard explains that he is going to use the map that Tom copied to intercept the Treasure Fleet as it passes through a bottleneck. The Fleet will travel through the bottleneck because of the course supplies by the fake Chronometer that Blackbeard sold to Portacarrero. Blackbeard's crew will then mine the waters with the caskets of gunpowder using the glass triggers that Nightingale created, sending the ships to the bottom. When Tom wonders how Blackbeard will salvage the treasure, the commodore reminds him of the submersible that Nightingale built and Tom realizes that the pirates will use it to recover the treasure from the ocean's bottom. Blackbeard insists that Tom accompany him as ship's surgeon and Tom willingly agrees.

After his meeting with Tom, Blackbeard dons his finest uniform and visits Selima in her room. He tells her that she serve as Santa Campana's commodore until his return, and asks her to marry him. After making Blackbeard ask a few more times, Selima finally accepts his proposal.

Tom visits James and they discuss how James knew that he was the Beggarman, the spy who infiltrated the Jacobite shadow council.

James admits that he wasn't sure until he realized that Tom knew him. Tom admits that he wanted to make amends to Tom to spare himself nightmares of the men he betrayed, and

wonders what they should do now. James figures that they're even now and Tom says that James is the man that Kate believes him to be. The Scotsman says that he can only strive to be that man for Kate's sake.

Selima asks Blackbeard to take Rider instead of Tom, and refuses to marry him unless he does. Once he confirms that it's what she wants, Blackbeard agrees. Selima then goes to see Tom and tells him that he won't be going on the trip after all. She tells Tim to accompany her husband-to-be instead. Tim is hesitant to do so but Selima assures him that he's ready and Tom agrees.

Blackbeard meets with Rider and assures him that he respects him because he is the most confident man that he's ever meet. He then gives his lieutenant a red captain's coat and says that they're leaving... together.

As Tim and Tom wonder why Blackbeard changed his mind, Tom examines his new coat, suspecting some trick. However, he assures Tim that Blackbeard doesn't want either of them dead. Rider arrives wearing his new coat and Tom tells Tim to take care. He then asks Rider to give his word that he look after Tim and the pirate agrees, sealing his promise with a handshake. Everyone boards the Reaver and Blackbeard tells Rider to set sail to intercept the Treasure Fleet.

James returns to Kate and shows her the logbook containing the schematics for the Longitude Chronometer. He says that with it they can obtain a pardon from the King and return to their home in Scotland.

Tim examines the cask of explosives with Nightingale's glass triggers. Oswald comes over and tells him to be ready to cut fast and well when the time comes.

Jagger's ship, the Eldritch, approaches the Treasure Fleet. The Reaver approaches and Blackbeard spot the Fleet as well. Rider worries that they can't take them, but Blackbeard assures him that the Fleet is only as fast as their slowest ship, and that they are alone without reinforcements. Blackbeard turns over command to Rider and lets him rally the crew with a moving speech.

In Santa Campana, Kate visits Tom and tries to sound him out about his feelings on love, and how he can serve as both an assassin and a doctor. Tom tells her that it depends on the circumstances.

Jagger spots the Reaver and orders his crew to intercept.

Kate wonders if Tom has ever married and he says that he came close once. She warns him that what they shared has physical consequences, and Tom realizes that she's pregnant. Kate refuses to carry the child to term, saying that it would be a public humiliation to James when people realize that she cuckolded her husband. When Tom wonders what she wants of him, Kate asks him to be both a doctor and a killer.

As they approach the Fleet, Rider spots the Eldritch and Blackbeard tells him to retreat. Rider reluctantly gives the order to the crew and they turn the Reaver back around.

Tom tells Kate that there is no safe way to perform an abortion given the resources available on the island, and insists that James will deceive himself into believing the child is his. Kate, disgusted, says that Tom is a liar to the core.

Oswald assures Tim that they'll come through the upcoming battle unharmed, as the Eldritch closes in on them.

After Tom's refusal, Kate visits Nelly and the prostitute provides a drug that will induce a miscarriage. She warns that it's dangerous and says that she's never used it herself. Nelly looks down on her baby and says that she doesn't regret having it, and suggests that Kate reconsider her decision. Kate refuses and returns to her home. She tells James that she's been thinking about their past in Scotland and says that Santa Campana is now their home, and James agrees to stay there with her if that's what she wants. After they kiss, Kate asks James to return the logbook to Selima so that they won't be tempted by it. Once she leaves, Kate takes out the vial holding the drug.

Rider confronts Blackbeard privately in the captain's cabin and insists on sticking with their original plan. Blackbeard refuses, saying that there will be another day, and wonders if Rider is questioning his judgment. He warns Rider that he's considering mutiny, and Rider says that the captain democratically elected and that they can depose Blackbeard if they wish. Blackbeard asks his lieutenant what he plans to take from him after he takes his ship and Selima. Rider wonders if his captain's rage is clouding his judgment, and Blackbeard explains that he knew Jagger would track him down, but he didn't anticipate him doing so before they attacked the

Treasure Fleet. He admits that he wanted to remind Jagger that he's Blackbeard... and stabs Rider in the chest with a hidden dagger.

The crew look on as a wounded Rider staggers out onto the deck and collapses. Tim tries to help him, grabbing a gun to hold off Blackbeard, but Oswald easily disarms him. Blackbeard helps Rider over to the side of the ship and says that he loves him, but only gave him the coat because it was red. He then throws Rider over the side and tells the crew to throw the barrels of gunpowder over the side into their wake. Jagger spots the barrels too late and the Eldritch is unable to turn away before it hits one of them, blowing a hole in its side.

James returns home to find Kate unconscious on the floor. He summons Tom and realizes that Kate is pregnant. Tom tells him to get salt and water to act as a purgative and they administer it to her, but admits to James that he doesn't know if he can save the child. As Kate vomits up the poison, Tom remembers a French physician developing a trick involving transfusion of the blood from one person to another. However, he warns James that doing so eventually killed the patient on the second attempt. James offers his blood, but Tom refuses to risk the father of Kate's child and provides the blood himself. They begin the transfusion and Kate recovers.

As Jagger's crew make repairs, they fish Rider out of the water. Jagger imprisons him and warns that he will tell him the location of Santa Campana sooner or later.

Blackbeard

Season 1

Episode Number: 9

Season Episode: 9

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Writer: Neil Cross
Director: Ciarán Donnelly
Show Stars: John Malkovich (Blackbeard), Richard Coyle (Tom Lowe), Claire Foy (Kate Balfour), Yasmina Al Massri (Selima El Sharad), David Hoflin (Charles Rider), Chris Perfetti (Tim Fletch)
Recurring Role: Peter Stebbings (James Balfour), Julian Sands (William Jagger), Ezra Buzzington (Oswald Eisengrim), Lauren Shaw (Antoinette), Marise Alvarez (Nelly)
Guest Stars: Michael Desante (Callow), Daniel Piotrowski (Harlow), Timothy Britten Parker (General Cornish)
Summary: Jagger launches his final assault against Santa Campana and brings along a secret weapon to destroy his hated enemy. Meanwhile, Blackbeard and Tom rally the townspeople to make their final stand against the English.



On Santa Campana, Tom checks Kate to make sure that the blood transfusion worked. She assures him that he feels fine and says that she hopes that her unborn child will live. Tom admits that it's too early to know yet and wonders what it will mean for them, but she says that they will have to face that decision until the time comes. Tom says that he's willing to give himself to hear, and Kate warns him that he doesn't and that a willingness to give all for a soul mate can only be learned from experience.

The Reaver returns to the island and Tom and Kate go to greet them. Black-

beard ignores them and goes to his manor, and they greet Tim as he comes off the ship. Kate says that she will have to divide up the spoils and Tim warns her that they didn't take any spoils.

Jagger sets course for Santa Campana.

Blackbeard tells Selima that Rider is dead, just as Oswald and the other pirates come in. Acting as spokesman, Oswald tells the commodore that they believe Blackbeard killing Rider amounts to murder and they are there to punish him under their law. Blackbeard warns them that he will kill them if they try and place him under house arrest, despite the fact that he is outnumbered. However, as the pirates draw their swords, the Eldritch opens fire on the town and the pirates run to take cover.

Tom and the others return to town as the bombardment commences, and spot the Eldritch anchored in the harbor. Meanwhile, Jagger checks on Rider, who screams at him to stop the bombardment. Jagger says that he's merely softening the townspeople up and if they hand Blackbeard over to him then he will spare them. The governor-general then tells his men to go ashore.

As Blackbeard and Selima watch the Eldritch, Selima is surprised to hear Blackbeard admit that he has no idea how Jagger found the island. She figures that Rider somehow survived

Blackbeard's murder attempt and gave their location to Jagger for revenge, and wonders why he spared Rider. Blackbeard insists that he didn't, but Selima doesn't believe him and realizes that he's up to something.

The Eldritch stops the bombardment and Blackbeard emerges from his manor to tell his people to prepare to repel the attackers. He hears Nelly's baby crying and says for someone to shut it up, and Tim goes to the brothel. He assures Nelly that she and her baby child are safe. Meanwhile, Tom and the others get guns to fight back. James asks Tom to take Kate into the mountains for her own safety, but Tom says that neither he nor Kate will abandon their fellow townspeople. When James asks about the child, Tom says that it belongs to all of them.

When Jagger and his men come aboard, they send one man, Harlow, forward under a white flag to parlay. Blackbeard takes command of the defenders, reminding Oswald that under their laws he can't be deposed in the middle of a battle. He has Harlow enter the gate and the young soldier tells them that Jagger will give a king's pardon to everyone if they hand over Blackbeard. Blackbeard compliments Harlow on his bravery coming alone and invites the soldier to stand with them. When Harlow turns down his offer, Blackbeard cuts his throat and then tells his man to prepare the defenses. Oswald suggests that they consider Jagger's offer but Tom warns him that Jagger will break his word as soon as he has Blackbeard. Blackbeard rallies his people, saying that he would gladly stand with any one of them rather than a hundred of their enemy, and that they are merely a means to an end of the people in power.

He urges them to fight as brothers and sisters and the townspeople cheer him on.

As Jagger prepares his men to attack, Tim takes Nelly, her child, and the other women in town to the Wildman's cave.

On the Eldritch, Rider kills his guard and escapes.

The townspeople dump Harlow's corpse out of the gate and Jagger orders his men to attack. The Redcoats soon overwhelm the town's defenses at the gate, while Jagger takes a squad of men into the jungle. They bring Antoinette along and place her in a large cage.

Jagger then tells Blackbeard's wife to scream for her husband, sure that he will come for her, and leaves with his men. Antoinette considers and then starts yelling for Blackbeard.

The Eldritch begins another bombardment, blasting apart many of the town's defenders. Tom, James, and Kate take shelter in a tower and open fire on the soldiers as they breach the gate. Blackbeard cuts and hews his way through a half-dozen men, including one preparing to kill Oswald. Oswald nods his thanks... and then Callow, Jagger's assistant, cuts him down. Meanwhile, Blackbeard continues fighting until he hears Antoinette calling his name.

As the smaller squad head for town, one of the men sees the entrance to the cave and comes to investigate. Tim and the others hide and the soldier starts to leave... and then Nelly's baby cries. The Redcoat comes back and Tim begs him to go. When the soldier charges at him, Tim has no choice but to kill him with a knife and then apologizes.

Callow leads soldiers up toward the tower and Tom, Kate, and James realize that the only way out is boarded over. The Redcoats burst in and James engages Callow with his sword, killing the man. A soldier shoots James in the shoulder and Kate kills him. Meanwhile, Jagger shows Antoinette Tom's sketch of Selima and says that she's Blackbeard's new wife, and hands Antoinette a sickle. He then points her toward the manor and releases her.

Blackbeard finds Jagger in the jungle a few minutes later and the two men shoot at the same time. They each wound the other and both race to reload their pistols first. When they have done so, they advance on each other and Jagger says that Blackbeard must get past him to find Antoinette. He tells the pirate that he has no one to blame but himself for the death of his son and daughter, and shoots. The bullet hits the coin in Blackbeard's skull, ricocheting off. Blackbeard aims his gun at his nemesis and says that he is nothing without him, a shadow to his light. He then fires and kills Jagger, and proceeds onward to find Antoinette.

At the manor, Selima grabs a gun and confronts Antoinette. She fires, wounding Antoinette in the shoulder, but the white-dressed woman ignores the wound and comes at Selima. Selima runs and takes cover in Blackbeard's throne room. A weary Antoinette staggers in and sits down for a moment... and then gets up and finds Selima, screaming at her in fury.

As Tom treats Rider's wound, Rider admits that he led Jagger to the island. The former spy assures him that it wasn't his fault and that they were all doomed in the struggle between Blackbeard and Jagger. He then tells Tim to gather the townspeople and show them how to treat

the wounded, and tells James that they will take no prisoners. Tom then takes up a sword and says that he has a job to do, and Rider tells him to do it well.

Blackbeard finds Antoinette in his throne room, covered in blood. She goes to him, smiling, and he holds up his sword to fend her off. Undeterred, Antoinette grabs the blade and impales herself on it. As Blackbeard goes to Selima's body, Tom arrives and tells him that they've won but at a terrible cost. Blackbeard admits that he planned it all so that his new nation would be forged in a crucible in a great battle against impossible odds. Tom, shocked, tells him that Blackbeard is shackled to his own legend and that Santa Campana can never be free as long as he lives. The Englishman tells Blackbeard that he will inevitably destroy the nation he has created as the pirate has destroyed everything that he's ever touched.

Realizing that Tom is there to kill him, Blackbeard draws his sword. Tom refuses to draw his and says that he's already won because Blackbeard knows that he's right. They fight and Tom soon defeats his opponent after a savage battle. Wounded and exhausted, Blackbeard congratulates Tom on his victory and gestures to him to finish it, and Blackbeard delivers one final blow. Tom then goes back to the town square to tell the townspeople that they have prevailed together. However, he warns that there is still work to be done.

Six weeks later, Tom goes to General Cornish's office in Jamaica, disguised as a Redcoat. He puts a bag on the table and tells Cornish to take it back to England and become the most famous man in the empire. In return he's to leave Santa Campana alone to prosper as a new nation. Cornish asks what happens if he tells his soldiers to kill Tom, and Tom says that if he does then he'll find out what happened to his predecessor, Jagger. The former spy tells Cornish to choose fame or death and walks out. Once he's gone, Cornish opens the bag and finds Blackbeard's severed head inside.

On a beach in Santa Campana, Blackbeard looks out to sea and then walks away.

Actor Appearances

A

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 0101 (Able-Seaman Gadd)
 Marise Alvarez 5
 0103 (Nelly); 0105 (Nelly); 0107 (Nelly); 0108 (Nelly);
 0109 (Nelly)

B

Michael Berresse 1
 0108 (Captain Harris)
 Nilanjana Bose 1
 0104 (Begum Samsar)
 David Buchen 1
 0101 (Helmsman)

C

Fernando Castro 1
 0101 (Young Sailor)
 Gustavo Catrodad 1
 0101 (Other Sailor)
 Hamilton Clancy 1
 0103 (Father Daniel)

D

Michael Desante 3
 0103 (Callow); 0104 (Callow); 0109 (Callow)
 Thomas DuPont 1
 0104 (O'Reilly)

F

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 0101 (Alain Mersault); 0102 (Alain Mersault)
 Tom Riis Farrell 1
 0105 (Robert Morrissey)

H

Henry Hereford 5
 0101 (Frederick Nightingale); 0103 (The Wildman);
 0104 (The Wildman); 0105 (The Wildman); 0106
 (The Wildman)
 Ricardo Hinoja 2
 0101 (Ignatius Locke); 0106 (Ignatius Locke)
 Natalie Hoflin 6
 0102 (Rose); 0103 (Rose); 0104 (Rose); 0105 (Rose);
 0106 (Rose); 0107 (Rose)

J

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0101 (Captain Dundas)

M

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 0101 (Richard Lester)
 Aimee Mullins 4
 0101 (Woman in White); 0102 (Woman in White);
 0104 (Antoinette); 0108 (Woman in White)

N

Jimmy Navarro 1
 0101 (The Spaniard)

P

Timothy Britten Parker 1
 0109 (General Cornish)
 Daniel Piotrowski 1
 0109 (Harlow)

R

Isel Rodriguez 1
 0102 (Maggie)
 Francis Rosas 3
 0104 (Portacarrero); 0105 (Portacarrero); 0108 (Por-
 tacarrero)
 Kevin Ryan 2
 0102 (John Finnegan); 0104 (John Finnegan)

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Lauren Shaw 6
 0103 (Woman in White); 0104 (Antoinette); 0105
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 0102 (Pyper)
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 0102 (Sam Valentine)
 Jeremy Woodard 1
 0103 (Lieutenant Captain Bennet Harwood)