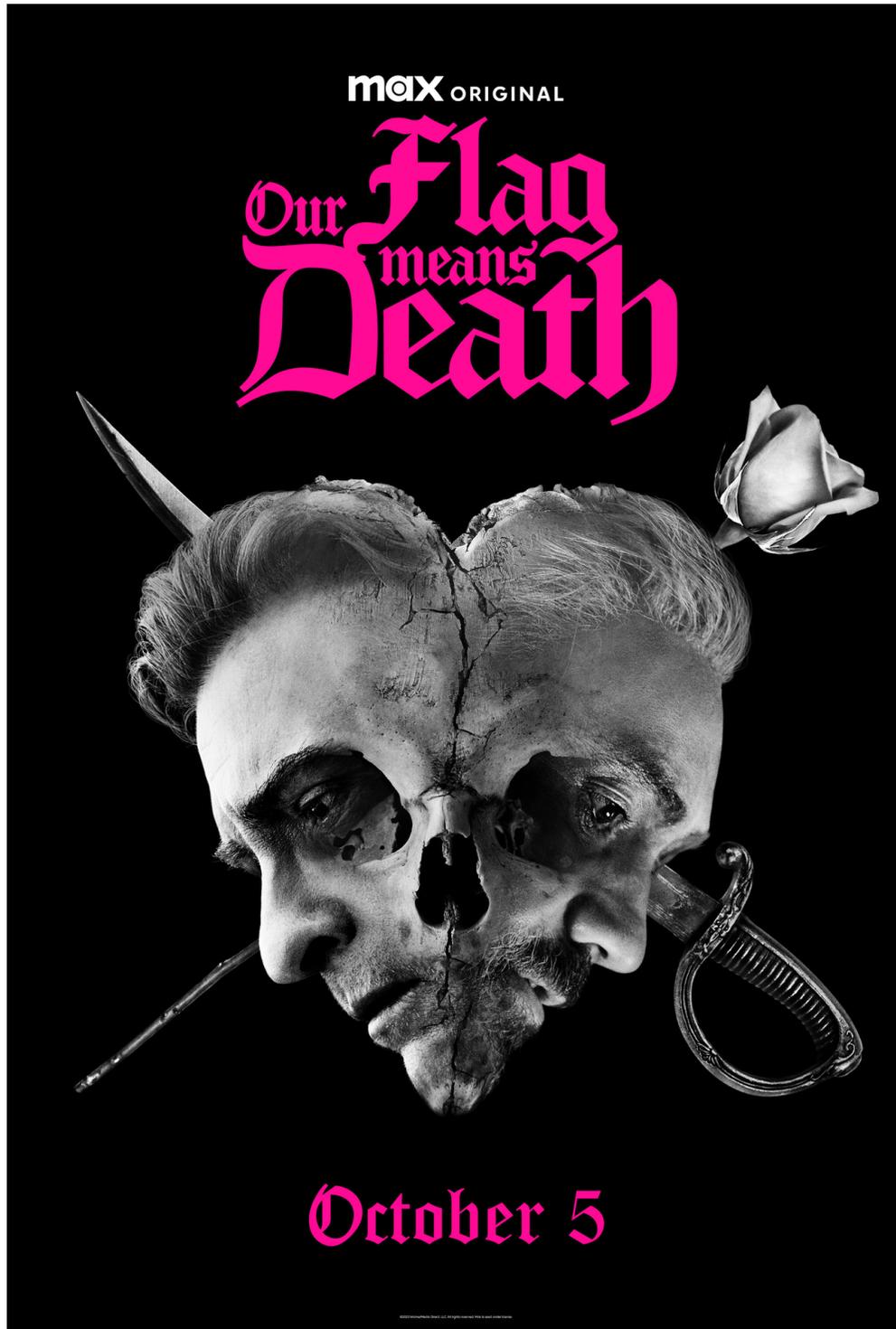


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# **Season One**



# Pilot

Season 1

Episode Number: 1

Season Episode: 1

**Originally aired:** Thursday March 3, 2022  
**Writer:** David Jenkins  
**Director:** Taika Waititi  
**Show Stars:** Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
**Guest Stars:** Connor Barrett (Officer Hornberry), Boris McGiver (Father Bonnet), Claudia O'Doherty (Mary Bonnet), Michael Crane (Officer Wellington), Eden Grace Redfield (Alma Bonnet), William Barber-Holler (Louis Bonnet), Theo Darby (Young Stede), David Jenkins (Officer Shaw), Ted Heyck (Elderly Fisherman), Pedro Lopez (Elderly Fisherman), Iain Morris (English Seaman), Luke Marinkovich (English Seaman), Asher Bishop (Rowboat Bully)  
**Summary:** Aristocrat-turned-pirate-captain Stede Bonnet is put to the test when his crew encounters a British naval vessel.



The episode begins with the deeply unsatisfied crew of the *Revenge* complaining about their captain. It seems that they do everything except for what they are supposed to — piracy. Some crew members bring up that they don't even have a proper pirate flag yet, so the captain instructs them to sew the flag they want for the ship. This further irks Black Pete, a crew member claiming that he previously worked for Blackbeard. He incites a mutiny, and most other members decide to go along with it.

However, before they can put their plans into effect, a ship belonging to the Royal Navy of England arrives. It is revealed that the captain of the other ship is Nigel Badminton, a childhood bully of Stede. Realizing their perilous situation, Stede convinces his crew to change into attires fit for gentlemen when Nigel demands to board the *Revenge*. Almost predictably, things don't go according to the plans, and Stede ends up accidentally killing Nigel.



## **A Damned Man**

Season 1  
Episode Number: 2  
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Thursday March 03, 2022  
Writer: David Jenkins  
Director: Nacho Vigalondo  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Connor Barrett (Officer Hornberry), Boris McGiver (Father Bonnet), Michael Crane (Officer Wellington), Gary Farmer (Chief Mabo), Eden Grace Redfield (Alma Bonnet), William Barber-Holler (Louis Bonnet), Theo Darby (Young Stede), Toneey Acevedo (Tribal Elder), Francesco Toby (Jean Luc), Daniel Olson (French Warship Captain), Jamie Nations (Guard), Arthur Redcloud (Mabo Warrior), Honu Asuncion (Mabo Warrior)  
Summary: Stede battles feelings of guilt while hunting for missing hostages. Lucius makes a surprising discovery.



The Revenge gets beached on a seemingly deserted island. The prisoners that the crew captured during their encounter with the Royal Navy are taken by the locals. Stede, Black Pete, and another crew member, Oluwande, are captured while looking for the two naval officers.

The locals, who can speak fluent English, immediately release Oluwande, but Stede and Black Pete are not so lucky. However, the chieftain realizes that Stede is haunted by Nigel's death and lets them go. Later, the group encounters three

other men trying to take the naval officers. Stede tricks them into compromising with him and his crew. It turns out that those men belong to Blackbeard's crew.



## **A Gentleman Pirate**

Season 1  
Episode Number: 3  
Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Thursday March 03, 2022  
Writer: Adam Stein  
Director: Nacho Vigalondo  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Connor Barrett (Officer Hornberry), Claudia O'Doherty (Mary Bonnet), Fred Armisen (Geraldo), Leslie Jones (Spanish Jackie), Eden Grace Redfield (Alma Bonnet), William Barber-Holler (Louis Bonnet), Dan Considine (Ghoulsh Man), Carlos Arellano (El Otro), Ronnie Clark (Card Player), Christopher Corbin (Creepy Pirate), Marcelo Olivivas (Seedy Drunk), Pancho Cardena (Seedy Drunk), Nacho Vigalondo (El Capitan), Pingi Moli (Card Player)  
Summary: Stede (a.k.a. "The Gentleman Pirate") conducts business in the Republic of Pirates. Oluwande and Jim face their past.



Stede and his crew visit the Republic of Pirates in the hopes of finding a fence for the remaining hostage. They end up in a questionable bar run by Jackie, where they encounter Izzy, one of Blackbeard's men from earlier. The barkeep lures Stede and his crew in with the prospect of a deal and hands them over to the Spanish Navy.

As soon as he boards the ship belonging to the Spanish Navy, he discovers that the barkeep has betrayed them. All members of his crew have been captured. The

ship's captain stabs Stede in the belly, but the latter doesn't immediately die. When they try to hang him, Blackbeard arrives and eviscerates the Spanish ship, effectively rescuing Stede and his crew.



## **Discomfort in a Married State**

Season 1  
Episode Number: 4  
Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Thursday March 10, 2022  
Writer: Eliza Jiménez Cossio  
Director: Nacho Vigalondo  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Boris McGiver (Father Bonnet), Claudia O'Doherty (Mary Bonnet), Eden Grace Redfield (Alma Bonnet), William Barber-Holler (Louis Bonnet), Roslyn Gentle (Mother Bonnet), Cerris Morgan-Moyer (Victoria Archer), Benton Jennings (Priest), Nico Galán (Spanish First Mate), Sergio Lanza (Spanish Captain), Carlos Arellano (El Otro)  
Summary: As the threat of attack looms, Blackbeard and Stede finally meet. Jim fields questions from an overly curious crew.



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## **The Best Revenge Is Dressing Well**

Season 1  
Episode Number: 5  
Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Thursday March 10, 2022  
Writer: John Mahone  
Director: Fernando Frías  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Nick Kroll (Gabriel), Kristen Schaal (Antoinette), Brian Gattas (Siegfried), Simone Kessell (Mother Teach), Angus Sampson (King George), Jeff Lorch (French Merchant Ship Captain), Mateo Gallegos (Young Edward Teach), Damien Gerard (Father Teach), Hugo Pierre Martin (Haughty Attendant), Devon Deshaun Stewart (Abshir), Christian Lagadec (Well-Heeled Investor), Cornelius Peter (Well-Heeled Investor), Ted Barton (Well-Heeled Investor), Jenna Carley (Eugenia), Edward Fletcher (Eugenia's Husband), Maarten Simons (Partner), Yvonne Zima (Fleur de Maquis), Jordan Feldman (Heavily Made-Up Man), Nancy Lantis (Wealthy Woman)  
Summary: Blackbeard and Stede attend a fancy party. Oluwande and Frenchie embrace false identities. Izzy and Lucius go head-to-head.



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## **The Art of F\*\*kery**

Season 1  
Episode Number: 6  
Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Thursday March 10, 2022  
Writer: Simone Nathan  
Director: Fernando Frias  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Mather (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Fred Armisen (Geraldo), Simone Kessel (Mother Teach), Pete Gardner (Dutch Captain), Mateo Gallegos (Young Edward Teach), Noah James Butler (Dutch Sailor), Damien Gerard (Father Teach)  
Summary: Stede and crew stage a spectacle. Blackbeard struggles to carry out his plan.



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## **This Is Happening**

Season 1  
Episode Number: 7  
Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Thursday March 17, 2022  
Writer: Zayre Ferrer  
Director: Fernando Frias  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Damien Gerard (Father Teach (Blackbeard's dad)), Leslie Jones (Spanish Jackie), Selenis Leyva (The Nun), Jonathan Medina (Papa Jiménez), Allyson Juliette (Young Bonifacia), Fernando Frias (Alfeo de La Vaca), Enrique Renaldo (Local Peasant)  
Summary: A trip to St. Augustine reveals more about Jim's past. Stede leads Blackbeard on an adventure.



The Swede has scurvy, and the crew of the Revenge is running dangerously low on the supply of oranges, primarily due to the decadent lifestyle that Stede likes to lead. He tries to find oranges at a settlement but fails to do so because of blight. He ends up coming back to the ship with a treasure map that he purchased from a random person for an excessive amount of money.

The crew decides to visit St. Augustine for oranges. As the map supposedly shows that the treasure is in St. August-

tine, Stede decides to make it an adventure for himself and Blackbeard and forces Lucius to tag along. Both Blackbeard and Lucius understand that Stede has been duped with the treasure map but ultimately decide to keep humoring him.

Jim is highly reluctant to visit St. Augustine. The reason is revealed later. Much to her dismay, the crew ends up trying to steal from her family's property. Her grandmother comes out, and it turns out that Jim has learned everything she knows from her grandmother. The latter demands to know whether Jim has killed all the men that attacked their home.

A flashback scene reveals that Jim's father was killed by Alfeo de La Vaca, one of Jackie's husbands. He was indeed killed by Jim. However, realizing that Jim hasn't actively sought out the others in the group, Jim's grandmother expresses disappointment, eventually prompting Jim to stay back and finish her pursuit of vengeance. Meanwhile, Stede's search for treasure leads him and the others to the property of Jim's family.



## **We Gull Way Back**

Season 1  
Episode Number: 8  
Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Thursday March 17, 2022  
Writer: Alex Sherman, Alyssa Lane  
Director: Katie Ellwood, Amber Finlayson  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Leslie Jones (Spanish Jackie), Fred Armisen (Geraldo), Will Arnett (Calico Jack)  
Summary: The arrival of Blackbeard's old buddy leaves Stede feeling like the odd man out. As Oluwande mourns a loss, Jim seeks answers from Spanish Jackie.



Buttons moon-bathes nude when a stranger shows up. He is revealed to be Calico Jack, a close friend of Blackbeard. Their relationship makes Stede jealous. In the Republic of Pirates, Jim visits Jackie for information on other members of de La Vaca's group.

Yes, Calico Jack is dead. He is based on the real-life pirate of the same nickname (actual name John Rackham) during the Golden Age of Piracy. Jack's appearance seems to create a rift between Stede and Blackbeard. The series doesn't

shy away from making same-sex innuendos. Instead, it proudly embraces them, with Jack implying to Stede that he and Blackbeard shared sexual experiences. After Jack ends up killing Button's seagull friend Karl, Stede ejects him off the ship. Blackbeard, believing that he doesn't belong on the *Revenge* and with Stede, decides to go along with Jack.

However, Blackbeard soon learns that Izzy has made a deal with the English and Jackie. He has sent Jack to ensure that Blackbeard gets off the ship safely before the English attack the *Revenge*. Chauncey is after Stede for his brother's death. He doesn't seem to be bothered about who Blackbeard is, at least not this moment. However, Blackbeard decides to go back, having genuinely grown fond of Stede and his crew. Jack is subsequently killed after being hit by a warning cannon fire.

Yes, Geraldo is dead. Geraldo is one of Jackie's husbands. We first meet him when the crew of the *Revenge* visits the Republic of Pirates. Later, Geraldo hands them to the Spanish Navy. Stede and the others would have died there if it weren't for the timely intervention by Blackbeard. In episode 8, Jim takes Geraldo hostage, hoping to compel Jackie to divulge information on Alfeo de La Vaca's group.

However, Jackie simply shoots Geraldo, killing him. The two women eventually come to an understanding, and Jackie tells Jim that Geraldo was the last surviving member of de La Vaca's group. With him dead, Jim can now return to the *Revenge*. She is probably the only lifeline that the *Revenge*'s crew has of survival.

Even during the golden age of piracy, the white flag was widely recognized as a symbol denoting the desire for surrender, parley, or peace. When the English start to fire at the *Revenge*, Stede panics and orders his men to fire back. All crew members seem extremely reluctant as they know that they will not survive a battle with the Royal Navy. Fortunately, Blackbeard returns and instructs the crew to hoist a white flag. This tells Chauncey that the pirates are willing to surrender. The Royal Navy subsequently takes control of the *Revenge* and arrests everyone on board.

## Act of Grace

Season 1

Episode Number: 9

Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Thursday March 24, 2022  
Writer: David Jenkins, Yvonne Zima  
Director: Bert & Bertie  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Claudia O'Doherty (Mary Bonnet), Michael Crane (Office Wellington), Connor Barrett (Officer Hornberry), Angus Sampson (King George), Kristen Johnston (The Widow Evelyn Higgins), Boris McGiver (Father Bonnet), James Barrington (Sailor), David Piggott (Sailor), Ian Alda (Clark Clerkwell), Mark Prendergast (Court Scribe), Ashna Sharan (The Widow Ellen Conroy), Theo Darby (Young Stede), Eden Grace Redfield (Alma Bonnet), William Barber-Holler (Louis Bonnet)  
Summary: Captured and facing trial, Stede and Blackbeard face tough choices and an uncertain future.



Chauncey interrogates the crew of the *Revenge* about the murder of his twin brother. Blackbeard tries to claim that he was the one who murdered Nigel, but Chauncey doesn't believe it. Stede's journal is found, and the entries in it — though preposterous and exaggerated — do offer some versions of the truth. Eventually, convinced that he has only caused suffering and death in his attempt to escape from his boring life, Stede confesses to murdering Nigel.

Both he and Blackbeard are supposed to be put in front of the firing squad, but Izzy convinces Chauncey to release his captain to his custody. Just when Stede is about to be executed, Blackbeard invokes the Act of Grace, a proclamation issued by King George that declares that he will pardon any pirate who forsakes their life of crime and fights for the British crown in its war against Spain. Realizing that the man he believes has murdered his brother is now out of his clutches, Chauncey has a mental breakdown and is arrested by his own officers.

Stede and Blackbeard are subsequently sent to the Royal Privateering Academy for Wayward Seamen. There, Blackbeard further embraces the "Ed" part of his personality. The two men grow closer, and then, one day, while sitting on the beach, they share a kiss. Blackbeard comes up with a plan that involves running away from the academy and traveling to China. Stede even agrees to it.

However, on the night they are supposed to escape, Chauncey comes to confront Stede and accidentally kills himself. Stede's family has been on his mind for a while now. After Chauncey's death, Stede re-evaluates his life and decides to go back to his family. Meanwhile, a heartbroken Blackbeard returns to the *Revenge* and becomes his old self.



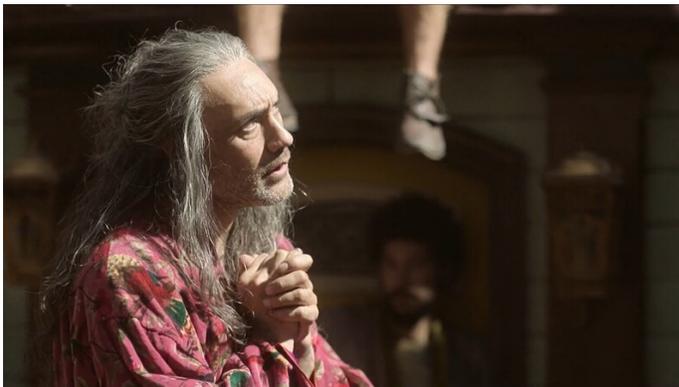
## Wherever You Go, There You Are

Season 1

Episode Number: 10

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Thursday March 24, 2022  
Writer: David Jenkins  
Director: Andrew DeYoung  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Rory Kinnear (Captain Nigel Badminton), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), Guz Khan (Ivan), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Claudia O'Doherty (Mary Bonnet), Kristen Johnston (The Widow Evelyn Higgins), Tim Heidecker (Doug), Dominic Burgess (Jeffrey), Nick Kroll (Gabriel), Kristen Schaal (Antoinette), Ashna Sharan (The Widow Ellen Conroy), Eden Grace Redfield (Alma Bonnet), William Barber-Holler (Louis Bonnet), Adam Stein (Middle-Aged Man), Rawle D. Lewis (Piano Worker), Joberde Metellus (Piano Worker), Christian Lagadec (Well-Heeled Investor), Cornelius Peter (Well-Heeled Investor), Yvonne Zima (Fleur de Maquis), Maarten Simons (Partner), Jordan Feldman (Heavily Made-Up Man), Nancy Lantis (Wealthy Woman), Jeff Lorch (French Merchant Ship Captain)  
Summary: While Stede attempts reenter his old life, Blackbeard tends to a wounded heart.



Blackbeard throws Lucius off the ship, presumably killing him. He cuts off Izzy's pinky toe and makes him eat it as a warning. He then imprisons Jim and makes Frenchie work for him. Blackbeard also leaves the rest of the crew of the Revenge on a tiny island. Elsewhere, Stede's sudden return isn't received well by his family. His children don't recognize him, and Mary seems to have moved on. She has joined a society of widows and found friends there. She has also discovered a love for painting. Mary is even in a rela-

tionship with her art instructor, Doug.

Stede's sudden reappearance sends Mary's life out of control. On the advice of a friend, she even tries to kill him by jamming a skewer into his ear. Fortunately for Stede, he wakes up in time and stops her. At the academy, Stede learns that he has been declared dead. In his absence, Mary has built a life for herself and her two children, and her husband no longer has a place in it.

When Stede left his family behind to become a pirate, it definitely hurt Mary, but she has evolved beyond that pain. She now knows that Stede was ultimately right when he said that they both deserve love in their lives. After his disappearance, she has found it with Doug. That, along with her sense of independence, gets inadvertently taken away by Stede.

After surviving her attempt to kill him, Stede realizes that he needs to vanish from the lives of his family members once more — this time permanently. He ensures Mary and the children will

get all his family's wealth and then fakes his death. With this act, he not only frees his family but also gets to return to the sea. He doesn't know yet about Blackbeard's recent transformation but is bound to find out when he rescues his crew from the island where Blackbeard has left them.

## **Season Two**



## Impossible Birds

Season 2  
Episode Number: 11  
Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Thursday October 05, 2023  
Writer: David Jenkins, Alyssa Lane, Alex Sherman  
Director: David Jenkins  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Leslie Jones (Spanish Jackie), Ruibo Qian (Zheng Yi Sao), Madeleine Sami (Archie), Erroll Shand (Prince Ricky Baner), Anapela Polataivao (Auntie), Geoff Dolan (Priest), Dave Perrett (Scariest Guy)  
Summary: While Stede adjusts to his new normal, a heartbroken Blackbeard fills the void with daily raids — sparking concern amongst Izzy and the crew.



The episode begins with a dream sequence, illustrating just how much Stede is missing Ed. The couple are reunited in this fantasy, but Stede is quickly awoken by his farting crew mates. The crew are all packed into a tiny cellar below a bar, where they now live and work.

Stede has renounced his wealth and moved to the Republic for Pirates with his loyal clan of misfits. They now work for the merciless crime boss, Spanish Jackie, who takes the Swede to be her lover. Stede becomes the bar's host, Wee John

is the bouncer, and Olu is the barman.

Meanwhile, Ed and his crew are committing daily raids out on the open seas. They're killing countless individuals and stealing all of their treasures for themselves in the process. At the latest raid, which happens to be a wedding, Ed's crew reflects on their leader's sudden mental breakdown.

Ed is clearly missing Stede as well and has turned his heartache into violence. This heartache is cleverly visualized in a scene where Ed steals the tiny groom figurine from atop the wedding cake because it looks a little like Stede.

Izzy speaks on the Revenge crew's behalf, airing his concerns. They're worried about their captain's emotional state. But Ed orders Izzy about it instead. He has the crew throw away all of their newly acquired treasure only to make room for more treasure to come. The crew discusses their concerns with Izzy, they think that they're all working in a toxic environment.

Stede finds a wanted poster of Ed. He talks through his break-up with Olu, certain that they are just on a break. Later, Jackie finds the crew's savings jar and orders them to hand over all of their money. When Stede argues back, he is faced with Jackie's army of husbands.

They decide to leave this job behind. Stede is then stalked by a prince called Ricky, who wants to join the gang. Ricky is aware of a great fortune hidden in Jackie's bedroom. They ask the Swede to confirm this tip-off. He says that there is a valuable trunk at the foot of her bed. The crew formulate a plan to rob Jackie of her fortune.

Back on Ed's ship, Izzy tells his boss about the crew's concerns. Ed decides to address the matter himself, pointing his gun at each of his crew mates. Izzy volunteers to be the voice of reasoning, bringing up Ed's feelings for Stede. In response, Ed shoots Izzy in the leg. He then anoints Frenchie as his new first mate. Ed orders the crew to throw all their treasure overboard.

That night, Stede's crew steals Jackie's trunk, whilst the Swede distracts his new missus with a back massage. They take the trunk to the docks, but Ricky ruins their master plan early. He makes too much noise and is soon captured by Jackie. For stealing, she chops off his nose.

Jackie and her army of husbands confront Stede down at the docks. He discovers that the trunk is filled with valuable blue dye. Jackie demands that they return her treasured item, but local soup shop owner Susan interrupts this standoff first.

Susan wants to buy the trunk of dye and Stede's crew, offering Jackie a large sum of money in return. Jackie accepts the deal and takes her many husbands back home with her, including the Swede, who she knows has double-crossed her.

The crew is surprised by Susan's wealth and her confidence. They realize that she doesn't just own a soup shop, that it is actually all just a front.

Meanwhile, Ed's crew is still in shock after Izzy's shooting. Fang cries hysterically, and Jim tries to cheer him up with silly voices. Frenchie asks Ed what their orders are. Ed says that they are never going back to dry land. They are going to sail and rob on the open seas forever. Their captain appears to be totally out of control, and no one is brave enough to stand up to him.

The episode ends back with Stede's crew. They row to Susan's boat, discussing her soup business. It is then revealed that Susan is actually Zheng Yi Sao, the infamous pirate queen.

## Red Flags

Season 2  
Episode Number: 12  
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Thursday October 05, 2023  
Writer: Adam Stein  
Director: David Jenkins  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Ma'aola Faasavala (Zheng's Foreperson), Fu Kato (Maggie), Amanda Grace Leo (Tiff), Anapela Polataivao (Auntie), Ruibo Qian (Zhang Yi Sao), Madeleine Sami (Archie)  
Summary: Aboard Zheng's ship, Stede, Olu and Black Pete have surprising revelations while Blackbeard's crew plots their revenge.



The episode starts on Zheng's ship, the Red Flag. Stede's crew is fast asleep, but Stede cannot sleep. He spends the night remembering the good times with Ed. His ex is doing likewise, staring at the tiny figurine that reminds him of Stede. Ed chooses to bury these emotions though and pushes the figures overboard.

Stede's crew wakes the next morning feeling refreshed and re-energized after their best night's sleep in a long time. They are welcomed into Zheng's crew and each given tasks. The crew are overjoyed

to be reunited with their old pal Lucius, who has been missing for some time now.

During the introductions, Stede finds out that Zheng is a pirate queen who even conquered China. She runs a tight ship and introduces the new crew mates to her customs and cultures. Pete and Lucius are reunited and kiss one another, but Lucius is clearly hiding some rather dark secrets from his old crew.

Meanwhile, on Ed's ship, their fearless captain awakens feeling renewed himself. He's decided to forget about Stede and detox his body. Ed asks new first mate Frenchie about Izzy's death. He ordered Frenchie to kill him, but he's actually being kept alive, hidden below deck.

Izzy's foot is rotting after the shooting, and he screams for death. Jim decides to operate and amputates his leg. Of course, it isn't long before Ed figures it all out: Izzy is still alive and living on the ship. Jim and Archie kiss, but their beautiful moment is interrupted by Ed's sudden arrival. He asks to be alone with his old first mate, Izzy.

Ed wakes Izzy and then recounts his dream from the night before. In the dream, he was killed by Izzy. Ed passes Izzy a loaded gun, urging him to shoot the captain. Izzy can't do it, though, and shoots himself instead. Then Frenchie apologizes for lying to Ed, but his life is spared.

Back on the Red Flag, Stede natters with the women about his relationship with Ed. He's interrupted by Lucius, who blames him for all of his troubles. Lucius admits that he was pushed off the Revenge by Ed and had to do some horrible things on his journey to the Red Flag. He thinks that Stede broke Ed, and in turn, Ed broke him; it is all his fault.

Stede advises Lucius to talk with Pete, his lover. Elsewhere, Olu tidies Zheng's office and accidentally causes chaos, ruining her system and maps. Zheng isn't too bothered, though; she

openly likes Olu. While Zheng's second in command, Auntie, believes that Buttons is a sea witch in disguise. She hands him a spell book.

The episode concludes with Ed's crew. The captain has completely lost his mind and is having suicidal thoughts. He steers his ship into the middle of a raging storm. Ed damages the ship's wheel beyond repair and orders Jim and Archie to fight each other to the death.

The lovers fight one another but are unable to finish off the job. They refuse to carry on, but it doesn't matter. They are then overwhelmed by the power of the storm, as the ship is hit by gigantic waves.

Suddenly, Izzy appears out of nowhere. He shoots Ed instantly. A quick flashback reveals that Izzy did, in fact, shoot himself in the head but only grazed his forehead in the process. He is very much still alive.

After Izzy's mutinous act, the rest of the crew attack Ed themselves. Ed welcomes this, though; he's clearly so heartbroken that he wants to die. The episode ends with Jim throwing a cannonball in Ed's direction. Have they killed Blackbeard, or did they purposely miss?

## The Innkeeper

Season 2

Episode Number: 13

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Thursday October 05, 2023  
Writer: Alyssa Lane, Alex Sherman  
Director: Andrew DeYoung  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Amanda Grace Leo (Tiff), Mark Mitchinson (Hornigold), Maaka Pohatu (John Bartholomew), Anapela Polataivao (Auntie), RuiBo Qian (Zhang Yi Sao), Lily Riley (Head Guard), Madeleine Sami (Archie)  
Summary: While the Revenge crew gleefully reunites under Zheng's reign, Stede attempts to bring back Blackbeard, who must face his own difficult truths.



The episode begins with Zheng and Olu walking through the middle of a battle as the joint crews conduct their first official raid together. Zheng then meets with her enemy's leader, who can't believe that he has been defeated by a female pirate. They have dinner together and agree to become business partners.

Stede and Olu are astounded by Zheng's negotiation skills. Then her assistant Auntie enters the room, announc-

ing that they have found the wreckage of a pirate ship called the Revenge. Stede can't believe his luck, so he swims across to the old ship to be with his lover once more.

He desperately searches the entire ship for his former lover. Stede soon finds the crew tucking into a dead seagull, but there is no Ed in sight. When asked about Ed's whereabouts, the crew is suspiciously quiet, suggesting that he has retired.

Meanwhile, Ed washes up on an unfamiliar shoreline. He is dragged to safety by an unknown male with a piggy sidekick. Ed awakens to find himself in the company of his old enemy, Captain Hornigold (Mark Mitchinson), who now goes by the name Ben.

Back on the Red Flag, Auntie grows suspicious of the new crew members. She investigates the Revenge, certain that mutiny has taken place. Frenchie and Fang deny any such thing happening. While on the Red Flag, Jim and Olu are finally reunited. Jim admits that they kissed Archie.

Stede inspects the Revenge for himself. He asks Izzy for the truth. Izzy admits that Ed went mad. He tortured the crew and took his leg, all because of the break-up. He then states that they have left Ed deserted on a beach somewhere.

Ed discusses the mutiny with Ben. He also worries that he's going insane. Ben suggests that he either moves on or kills himself. Ed starts to open up to Ben more. He reveals that he would have loved to have been an innkeeper. They then role-play the job, but this quickly descends into an argument.

The two enemies wrestle each other, and Ed strangles Ben before snapping his neck. But Ben isn't dead, he just jumps back to life moments later. Ed tries to kill Ben again and again, but it is no use. Something rather strange is at play on this island.

Auntie figures it all out way before Ed does. She knew the crew were lying to her about something and investigated the matter further. Auntie discovers that they were covering up the mutiny, and that Ed is in fact dead. We then see his corpse, hidden in a chamber below the deck. Ed's crew are then thrown into a jail cell for this treacherous act.

Ed realizes his situation only moments later; he is stuck in purgatory. Instantly, the captain chooses life, he wants to live. Ben asks him to list the pros and cons of living. Ed admits that he loves many things about his life, but he has no one to share it with. There is no one waiting for him. Of course, that is not necessarily true.

Back in the real world, Olu discusses the execution with Zheng. He tries to persuade her not to kill his old crew mates. Zheng questions Olu's relationship with Jim, being fiercely jealous of their romance. Olu states that they are best friends but not lovers. Then Zheng kisses Olu.

While Zheng is distracted, Stede plans a prison break. They drug Zheng's crew mates using chamomile-scented towels in place of the usual chloroform. Next, they create a zip-line between the two ships and speed across to the Revenge.

Auntie breaks in on Olu and Zheng's make-out session to update the captain on this betrayal. Stede's crew have disabled the ship's wheel and have freed the prisoners. Zheng rushes to her team's aid, allowing Olu the chance to escape with Jim.

## Fun and Games

Season 2

Episode Number: 14

Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Thursday October 12, 2023  
Writer: David Jenkins, Eliza Jiménez Cossio  
Director: Andrew DeYoung  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Madeleine Sami (Archie), Minnie Driver (Anne Bonny), Rachel House (Mary Read)  
Summary: After he's banished from the Revenge, Blackbeard unwittingly receives relationship advice from some dysfunctional old friends.



We pick up where the last episode ended, with Stede and Ed holding hands. Stede is overjoyed to have Ed back in his life, but Blackbeard is still enraged with his ex. He headbutts him only moments later. Stede nurses his wound and updates the crew on Ed's surprise recovery.

The two separate crews are back together as one unit and they both agree that Ed needs to leave. They fear that once he's fully recovered he will attack them. Ed is voted off the ship and is banished right away. He returns to the

wilderness to fend for himself once more.

Ed wanders through a jungle, where he is reunited with an old pirate buddy called Mary Read. She takes her old friend back to her home, which is an antique store. At the same time, Buttons and Stede walk through the very same stretch of jungle, discussing Ed's miraculous recovery.

Buttons believes that Ed has been to purgatory and is still half dead. He warns Stede of Ed's odd state. They too venture to the antiques store, where Ed and Stede are quickly reunited once again. This leads to an awkward encounter; Ed is clearly still resentful of Stede's past mistakes.

The antiques store owner Anne Bonny invites both of them to stay for dinner. They ask how Stede and Ed first met. Stede recounts the story, discussing how the couple was happy together for a short period of time.

Anne and Mary go to check on the food, leaving Ed and Stede alone together. Stede asks about purgatory, but Ed insists that he is fine. They overhear Anne and Mary arguing next door. This fight ends with Mary taking a knife to the back. The odd couple then seem to flirt and revel in the violence. Stede and Ed look disturbed by their quirky romance.

Back on the Revenge, the gang of misfits struggles to adjust to their new partnership. Izzy is depressed after his fight with Ed and is drunk all the time, whilst Lucius is clearly out of his depth. Stede's crew is fascinated by Ed's team, who manically clean the deck, trying to wash away Ed's blood.

In an attempt to help the two parties bond better, Stede's gang surprises the new crew mates with a party. This includes a pinata and a cake. Both of these items trigger horrible flashbacks for Ed's crew, who are still recovering from Ed's tyrannic dictatorship.

The surprise party ends in a standoff between the two teams. Olu manages to talk the two gangs out of fighting, but another argument soon follows. This is only stopped by Izzy's sudden arrival. He has chopped off the legs of the unicorn figurehead. He then slips and breaks his own wooden leg, before proceeding to crawl away.

At the dinner party, Stede and Anne chat in the kitchen. Anne clearly likes Stede and kisses him. She then realizes that Mary has poisoned her. This odd couple can't help but torture each other. The dinner follows, with Buttons joining the disaster.

During the meal, Anne lets slip that Stede left Ed for his old wife. Ed wasn't aware of this betrayal. He storms off after causing a scene. Stede and Ed then talk in private. Ed feels hurt, having trusted in Stede. In response, Stede admits that he panicked, but he loves everything about Ed. Blackbeard refuses to forgive Stede though.

As the night comes to an end, Anne reveals that Stede kissed her. Ed realizes that these two psychos are just playing games with them. Mary admits that this is what happens over time in a relationship. The magic dies and all that you are left with is fun and games. Anne and Mary argue again and Anne decides to burn the house down.

This is the guests' cue to leave. Buttons, Ed, and Stede walk away from the burning building. Stede invites Ed to stay the night on the Revenge and Ed accepts. Stede runs on ahead to ask the crew, leaving Ed and Buttons alone together.

Buttons starts his ritual and disappears behind a tree. Ed then finds a bird in his place, believing that Buttons has transformed into a seagull. Stede then returns, worried that he is getting lost. Ed and Stede head back to the ship together.

The episode ends on the Revenge. The crew fashion one of the figurehead legs into a new wooden leg for Izzy. They leave him the present on his doorstep. Izzy is touched by the sentiment and wears the new leg proudly. As he stares out into the distance feeling more hopeful about the future, a seagull flies by.

## **The Curse of the Seafaring Life**

Season 2

Episode Number: 15

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Thursday October 12, 2023  
Writer: John Mahone, Simone Nathan  
Director: Andrew DeYoung  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Madeleine Sami (Archie), Daniel Fernandez (Priest), Brett O'Gorman (Raided Ship Captain), Alessio Vannozzi (Sailor)  
Summary: As Blackbeard remains plagued by the distrust of his crew, Izzy schools Stede on how to be an effective captain.



The episode opens with Ed thanking his crewmates for letting him return to the Revenge. It is supposed to be an apology, but Ed refuses to use those exact words. Instead, he talks about leaving the darker stuff in his past and moving forward. As you'd expect, the crew is not best pleased with his return.

Lucius is the only one airing these concerns though. Later, he bumps into Ed while the former captain is completing odd jobs on the ship. Ed asks if there is anything he can do to make amends.

Lucius suggests pushing him overboard. Ed accepts the punishment, but it doesn't cure Lucius' anger problems.

Elsewhere, Izzy appears to have come to terms with his own anger problems. He is now channeling that rage into his sword-fighting skills. Stede asks for pointers and Izzy agrees to train him. Unfortunately, Stede is without any natural skills. Izzy clearly has his work cut out. Cue a montage of training exercises.

Putting his skills to the test, the crew raids the next passing ship. The crew are surprised to find this particular ship filled with dead passengers though. It appears to be a cursed ship after all, with no survivors onboard. A dying priest warns Stede that every item aboard the ship is cursed before departing this world. This doesn't stop Stede from stealing a beautiful new suit though.

The crew celebrate their latest raid and Stede shows off his shiny new suit. Jim warns everyone that it is cursed, having heard the dying priest's final words. It isn't long before the whole crew believes Jim's warning. They fear Stede and try to tear the suit from their captain's body.

In the other subplots, Lucius draws boyfriend Pete, but he can't stop thinking about Ed. The punishment didn't work, he can't seem to move on. Izzy passes on some words of wisdom and Lucius tries his best to move forward. He eventually draws Pete a lovely portrait and then proposes to his lover beside it.

Meanwhile, Ed and Fang go fishing together. This allows Ed the chance to own up to his past crimes and reflect on his sins. Fang admits that he once hated Ed, but since the mutiny, he has

come to terms with everything. Ed didn't realize the pain he had caused. He learns to be patient whilst fishing and accepts his past mistakes.

Stede accepts that the fears of the curse aren't going away. He meets with the crew to discuss a way forward. The crew all agree that they need to be rid of the suit, that they need to pass it on to its next victim. They make good on these plans at their next raid, handing over the suit to their hostages.

The episode then ends with Ed and Stede reconnecting at the end of a long day. Ed talks about his day spent fishing. He proudly shows Stede the fish that he's caught. Stede mentions the cursed suit debacle. The couple then kisses in the moonlight. Ed asks if they can take things slowly and they agree to just hold hands.

## Calypso's Birthday

Season 2

Episode Number: 16

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Thursday October 19, 2023  
Writer: Zayre Ferrer  
Director: Fernando Frías  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Samba Schutte (Roach), Madeleine Sami (Archie), Ruibo Qian (Zheng Yi Sao), Erroll Shand (Prince Ricky Banes), Anapela Polataivao (Auntie), Bronson Pinchot (Ned Low), Josie Whittlesey (Hellkat Maggie), Adam Brookfield (Lighthouse Keeper), George Maunsell (Valet), Lee Tuson (Rum Vendor), TK Waititi (Girl #1), Matewa Kiritapu Waititi (Girl #2), Tim Dennis (Henchman #2), Tj Snow (Henchman #3)  
Summary: While the crew celebrates Calypso's birthday, Blackbeard faces a violent party-crasher seeking revenge.



The episode begins with the introduction of a new bad guy, Ned Low. This twisted pirate is angered by Blackbeard, who has beaten his all-time raiding record. Ned had 88 consecutive raids at sea, and Ed has gone and ruined his entire legacy. Now Ned is out for revenge.

He isn't the only one desperate for revenge though. Prince Ricky Banes wants his vengeance too, after losing his nose to Spanish Jackie. The wannabe pirate was working with Stede's crew at the time of the incident, but they left him for dead,

so he blames them wholeheartedly. During a rousing speech, Ricky tells his colleagues that he wants to bring an end to piracy.

And of course, there is the Queen pirate Zheng Yi Sao, who was also betrayed by Stede and his gang. Zheng wants to work with Ricky to bring an end to piracy too. She has built herself a pirate navy, but she wants her crew to be paid a living wage, to not be treated like pirates at all. Zheng and Ricky negotiate a deal, hoping to end piracy altogether.

Meanwhile, the crew of the Revenge discuss parties. Morale is quite low, so Frenchie makes up a fake celebration to motivate the team. He says that today is Calypso's birthday and they decide to throw the sea goddess a party.

Elsewhere on the ship, Ed apologizes to Izzy and then meets up with Stede. His partner has collected all of his stolen treasure and stored it in one room. Ed still feels guilty for all of the death and destruction that he's caused, which is reignited once he's faced with all the spoils of war in one place. Stede suggests that Ed gives away his money, to do some good with it to make amends.

Stede and Ed are then updated on the party. Ed decides to use his treasure to pay for the whole shebang. They head to dry land to spend their fortune. Ed gives away some of his wealth and two of his favorite knives to two random kids that he passes on the street.

Their celebration follows. The crew gets very drunk and dances together, with Izzy singing a rather emotive song. It's a lovely moment, which is then totally ruined by a sudden attack on the ship. Ned has arrived with his own ruthless crew. He is here to exact his revenge.

Stede's crew are quickly tied up and Ned's soldiers begin the torture. Meanwhile, Lucius and Pete awaken below deck. They have just completed 24 hours of uninterrupted lovemaking and are ready to return to their crew for some fresh air. They overhear the screams from above, realizing that the ship is under attack.

The two lovers gather as many weapons as they can carry, but are too nervous to attack. Back on deck, Stede starts to turn Ned's crew against their own leader. Stede then escapes from his shackles and holds one of Ned's employees hostage. The employees argue with Ned, and then Lucius and Pete spring into action. They announce that they've just gotten engaged during all of the chaos. The crew are audibly happy for them.

The torture is practically over before it has really begun. Ned's gang leaves without their leader, taking his ship for themselves. Stede even offers the enemy crew mates some treasure as a peace offering. Ed and Stede are then left with their rival, unsure of how to proceed. Stede orders Ned to walk the plank, but Ed doesn't want his partner to become a cold-blooded killer.

Ed pleads with him to stop. Stede doesn't listen to Ed's warning though. He throws Ned's violin at the foe, which causes Ned to fall into the ocean. It would appear Stede has committed his first killing.

He returns to his cabin to be alone with his thoughts. Ed follows, hoping to comfort him. Stede and Ed then begin to make passionate love to one another. The episode ends with the rest of the crew mates continuing their party, setting off fireworks and celebrating in true style.

## Man on Fire

Season 2

Episode Number: 17

Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Thursday October 19, 2023  
Writer: Jes Tom, Natalie Torres  
Director: Fernando Frías  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Leslie Jones (Spanish Jackie), Ruibo Qian (Zheng Yi Sao), Madeleine Sami (Archie), Anapela Polataivao (Auntie), Jennifer Onyeiwu (Roughneck #1), Shayne Martin (Roughneck #2), David Perrett (Scariest Pirate), Grant Lobban (Bloodbucket Bill), Jonny McBride (Scary Man), Amanda Grace Leo (Tiff), Aaron Richardson (Tattooed Pirate), Colm Woulfe (Steak Knife), Lee Tuson (Rum Vendor)  
Summary: As Blackbeard reevaluates his life, Stede revels in his newfound infamy. With some help from Jim, Oluwande reunites with a hesitant Zheng.



Continuing on with Ed's redemption storyline, the infamous pirate decides to shed his Blackbeard persona for good, throwing all of his leathers overboard. This is a therapeutic act for Ed, who wants a fresh start, to move away from his old life of crime and violence. He tells Stede a similar story as they enjoy breakfast in bed together. And Ed finally thanks Stede for saving his life.

The crew of the Revenge then dock at the Republic for Pirates and head out onto dry land. Zheng is spotted at the

market straightaway. She has been recruiting many of the pirates in the region, as she continues to build her pirate empire. Olu spies Zheng from across the street, but she is less than pleased with his sudden arrival. There is still friction between these two.

Zheng has just negotiated a deal with Prince Ricky and is building herself a large army in the meantime. Ricky sends each of her ships a grandfather clock as a gift to seal the deal. He sends a message with these gifts, talking about this being a time for peace.

Stede and Ed grab a spot of lunch together. Stede opens up about the love letters that he had sent Ed. Then Stede is approached by a group of excited fans. Word has spread of Stede's first killing and people want to meet with the man who murdered Ned Low in Episode 6. The local pirates are all awestruck by Stede, offering to buy him drinks that night.

They all head to Spanish Jackie's place. Ed gives Stede some tips on becoming infamous, stating that people will try to kill him now. The rest of the crew are nervous to be back at Jackie's, but she welcomes them in, they are now famous as well. Frenchie decides to take advantage of this new fame and starts grifting the locals.

Stede parties with his new fans and gets rather drunk, whilst Ed and Jackie catch up. Jackie and the Swede are shocked to see Ed without his leathers. But Ed promises that this isn't just a phase, this is his new self. Elsewhere, Olu ponders his next move with Zheng.

While Stede bonds with his new followers, the pirate is accosted by an angry enemy. Stede responds by setting the man on fire, hence the episode title. Stede has committed his second killing now. Ironically, it looks like Stede and Ed are swapping roles, with Ed desperate for peace and Stede now stepping into Blackbeard's killing boots.

The couple reunites later. Stede tells Ed about the killing. Ed says that he wanted to take their relationship slowly, but thinks that last night's hook-up may have been a mistake. The couple then gets into an argument. Ed announces that he is leaving, he has accepted a job on a fishing boat. Stede is heartbroken. Their romance has once again been derailed.

Izzy tries to console a heartbroken Stede, realizing that he is in fact good for Ed. Jim manages to reunite Olu and Zheng. They discuss their own relationship. Zheng has trust issues but has missed Olu. The couple then hold hands. Olu decides to join Zheng's army, ditching the Revenge entirely.

Stede overhears this conversation and confronts Zheng. He accuses her of poaching his crew mates. This argument of course ends in a sword fight between Zheng and Stede. As they are fighting, other guests are caught up in the fray, leading to an all-out bar brawl. Spanish Jackie eventually interrupts this ruckus, ordering them all to take it outside.

Zheng appears to have the upper hand, besting Stede at every turn. He crawls away from her, yet he seems to have already lost the battle. As the clock strikes midnight, all of Zheng's ships suddenly explode in unison. Ricky's gifts were actually a trick. He had planted bombs in all of the grandfather clocks. Zheng watches in shock as her entire fleet is destroyed.

Then the harbor is attacked. Cannonballs come hurtling at them, destroying the surrounding buildings. The pirates all flee. Zheng falls to the ground, unable to turn away.

## **Mermen**

Season 2

Episode Number: 18

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Thursday October 26, 2023  
Writer: David Jenkins, John Mahone  
Director: Fernando Friás  
Show Stars: Rhys Darby (Stede Bonnet), Kristian Nairn (Wee John Feeney), Nathan Foad (Lucius), Samson Kayo (Oluwande Boodhari), Con O'Neill (Izzy Hands), Vico Ortiz (Jim / Bonifacia), Ewen Bremner (Mr. Buttons), Joel Fry (Frenchie), Matthew Maher (Black Pete), David Fane (Fang), Taika Waititi (Blackbeard), Nat Faxon (The Swede), Samba Schutte (Roach)  
Guest Stars: Ben Ellington (English Jail Guard), Louis Flavell-Birch (Bluecoat #2), Cohen Holloway (Fisherman Father), Leslie Jones (Spanish Jackie), Jaden McLeod (Soldier #1), Stephen Papps (English Lieutenant), Anapela Polataivao (Auntie), Ruibo Qian (Zheng Yi Sao), Madeleine Sami (Archie), Erroll Shand (Prince Ricky Banes), Joe Valentine (Fisherman Son)  
Summary: Stede, Zheng, Spanish Jackie and the rest of the Revenge crew team up to take down a nefarious common enemy threatening the world of piracy.



The episode opens with Edward "Blackbeard" Teach peacefully fishing on a tranquil lake. Since ditching the pirate life, he has found his true self and become one with nature. This happiness is short-lived though, as Ed argues and fights with his co-workers, who quickly banish the lazy worker.

Ed returns to his homeland a failure, only to find the Republic of Pirates in ruins, it has been utterly decimated. Prince Ricky Banes' despicable plan has worked perfectly, eliminating Zheng's entire fleet

and destroying the Republic of Pirates in one fell swoop.

As he rows through the wreckage of Zheng's ships, Ed is attacked by a couple of British soldiers. He kills these attackers with ease and then reclaims his leathers. Blackbeard is back baby, ready to save his lover Stede from whatever enemies he may face.

Meanwhile, the Brits have taken over Jackie's bar. Spanish Jackie is forced to serve Ricky, whom she so violently maimed not too long ago. Ricky even asks for Jackie to hand him back his severed nose. Pete is forced to serve drinks and the Swede is made to taste test all of the Brits' drinks in case of poisoning. The rest of Stede's crew are locked away underground.

Stede and Zheng are the only survivors who have managed to avoid capture. They regroup to plan a counterattack. Zheng is feeling suicidal though after losing her entire army. Stede tries to comfort her and motivates the pirate Queen to instigate a comeback mission.

Ed makes it to dry land. He soon comes across more Brits, who happen to be reading one of Stede's love letters that he sent to Ed as a message in a bottle. Ed kills the Brits and reads the love letter for himself. He is touched by Stede's romantic words and motivated to find his lover.

As he travels across the empty beaches, Ed and Stede are quickly reunited. Stede and Zheng battle a group of British soldiers adjacent to Ed, who is doing likewise. In an epic moment

from the series, the two lovers spot one another through the fray and run toward each other, embracing and kissing one another, having been cinematically reunited.

At the same time, Ricky speaks with Izzy in private, whilst Stede's crew attempt to escape their prison cell downstairs. Ricky and Izzy talk about Blackbeard's legacy and the true purpose of pirating. Izzy talks fondly of the tradition, speaking from the heart about his crew's undying camaraderie.

Zheng, Ed, and Stede fend off the remaining soldiers and head to Jackie's bar together. The trio enter the bar to fight their rivals but quickly discover just how outnumbered they are. It doesn't matter though; Jackie has poisoned all of the soldiers anyway. The enemies all collapse in front of Stede as Jackie laughs hysterically.

Gaining the upper hand, Stede formulates a plan to end this battle once and for all. He suggests that they dress as the Brits, going undercover and returning to Ricky's army, to call the whole thing off. The crew all agree that this is a suicide mission but follow their naive leader anyway.

The crew changes into the British soldiers' gear and takes Ricky hostage. Ricky then tells his soldiers that the operation is over, and they will be returning to Britain right away. Of course, the cowardly Ricky fights back though, shooting at Izzy as he escapes, before running away.

The two armies then fight one another. Stede's crew have the element of surprise on their side and ambush the Brits, easily defeating most of them straight away. The gang then heads to Ricky's ship, dragging an injured Izzy towards the shoreline.

The gang manages to escape, but Izzy is bleeding out after Ricky had shot him. Stede and Ed endeavor to fix him, but it is too late, Izzy is a goner. Izzy says his goodbyes to Ed, telling the captain that he is ready now. It's an emotional goodbye, as Ed cries by Izzy's side. Izzy is then buried on dry land. Zheng and Auntie speak with Stede and Ed after the funeral. They offer to join forces, to team up to defeat Ricky, their common enemy, together.

As the episode comes to an end, Pete and Lucius are wedded. The new crew, featuring the additional members, then set sail for new adventures. Stede and Ed decide to stay behind though.

Ed always wanted to be an innkeeper, and now he has the chance to make his dreams come true. With Stede's help, the couple plans on opening their own inn, although their new home is in need of a hell of a lot of fixing up.

The episode concludes with one final shot, as a seagull lands on Izzy's grave. It's implied that this is the very same seagull that Buttons magically transformed into earlier in the season.

# Actor Appearances

## A

Toney Acevedo .....	1
<b>0102</b> (Tribal Elder)	
Ian Alda .....	1
<b>0109</b> (Clark Clerkwell)	
Carlos Arellano .....	2
<b>0103</b> (El Otro); <b>0104</b> (El Otro)	
Fred Armisen .....	3
<b>0103</b> (Geraldo); <b>0106</b> (Geraldo); <b>0108</b> (Geraldo)	
Will Arnett .....	1
<b>0108</b> (Calico Jack)	
Honu Asuncion .....	1
<b>0102</b> (Mabo Warrior)	

## B

William Barber-Holler .....	6
<b>0101</b> (Louis Bonnet); <b>0102</b> (Louis Bonnet); <b>0103</b> (Louis Bonnet); <b>0104</b> (Louis Bonnet); <b>0109</b> (Louis Bonnet); <b>0110</b> (Louis Bonnet)	
Connor Barrett .....	4
<b>0101</b> (Officer Hornberry); <b>0102</b> (Officer Hornberry); <b>0103</b> (Officer Hornberry); <b>0109</b> (Officer Horn- berry)	
James Barrington .....	1
<b>0109</b> (Sailor)	
Ted Barton .....	1
<b>0105</b> (Well-Heeled Investor)	
Asher Bishop .....	1
<b>0101</b> (Rowboat Bully)	
Adam Brookfield .....	1
<b>0206</b> (Lighthouse Keeper)	
Dominic Burgess .....	1
<b>0110</b> (Jeffrey)	
Noah James Butler .....	1
<b>0106</b> (Dutch Sailor)	

## C

Pancho Cardena .....	1
<b>0103</b> (Seedy Drunk)	
Jenna Carley .....	1
<b>0105</b> (Eugenia)	
Ronnie Clark .....	1
<b>0103</b> (Card Player)	
Dan Considine .....	1
<b>0103</b> (Ghoulsh Man)	
Christopher Corbin .....	1
<b>0103</b> (Creepy Pirate)	
Michael Crane .....	3
<b>0101</b> (Officer Wellington); <b>0102</b> (Officer Wellington); <b>0109</b> (Office Wellington)	

## D

Theo Darby .....	3
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**0101** (Young Stede); **0102** (Young Stede); **0109** (Young Stede)

Tim Dennis .....	1
<b>0206</b> (Henchman #2)	
Geoff Dolan .....	1
<b>0201</b> (Priest)	
Minnie Driver .....	1
<b>0204</b> (Anne Bonny)	

## E

Ben Ellington .....	1
<b>0208</b> (English Jail Guard)	

## F

Ma'aola Faasavala .....	1
<b>0202</b> (Zheng's Foreperson)	
Gary Farmer .....	1
<b>0102</b> (Chief Mabo)	
Jordan Feldman .....	2
<b>0105</b> (Heavily Made-Up Man); <b>0110</b> (Heavily Made- Up Man)	
Daniel Fernandez .....	1
<b>0205</b> (Priest)	
Louis Flavell-Birch .....	1
<b>0208</b> (Bluecoat #2)	
Edward Fletcher .....	1
<b>0105</b> (Eugenia's Husband)	
Fernando Frias .....	1
<b>0107</b> (Alfeo de La Vaca)	

## G

Nico Galán .....	1
<b>0104</b> (Spanish First Mate)	
Mateo Gallegos .....	2
<b>0105</b> (Young Edward Teach); <b>0106</b> (Young Edward Teach)	
Pete Gardner .....	1
<b>0106</b> (Dutch Captain)	
Brian Gattas .....	1
<b>0105</b> (Siegfried)	
Roslyn Gentle .....	1
<b>0104</b> (Mother Bonnet)	
Damien Gerard .....	3
<b>0105</b> (Father Teach); <b>0106</b> (Father Teach); <b>0107</b> (Father Teach (Blackbeard's dad))	

## H

Tim Heidecker .....	1
<b>0110</b> (Doug)	
Ted Heyck .....	1
<b>0101</b> (Elderly Fisherman)	
Cohen Holloway .....	1

0208 (Fisherman Father)  
 Rachel House ..... 1  
 0204 (Mary Read)

————— J —————

David Jenkins ..... 1  
 0101 (Officer Shaw)  
 Benton Jennings ..... 1  
 0104 (Priest)  
 Kristen Johnston ..... 2  
 0109 (The Widow Evelyn Higgins); 0110 (The Widow Evelyn Higgins)  
 Leslie Jones ..... 6  
 0103 (Spanish Jackie); 0107 (Spanish Jackie); 0108 (Spanish Jackie); 0201 (Spanish Jackie); 0207 (Spanish Jackie); 0208 (Spanish Jackie)  
 Allyson Juliette ..... 1  
 0107 (Young Bonifacia)

————— K —————

Fu Kato ..... 1  
 0202 (Maggie)  
 Simone Kessel ..... 2  
 0105 (Mother Teach); 0106 (Mother Teach)  
 Nick Kroll ..... 2  
 0105 (Gabriel); 0110 (Gabriel)

————— L —————

Christian Lagadec ..... 2  
 0105 (Well-Heeled Investor); 0110 (Well-Heeled Investor)  
 Nancy Lantis ..... 2  
 0105 (Wealthy Woman); 0110 (Wealthy Woman)  
 Sergio Lanza ..... 1  
 0104 (Spanish Captain)  
 Amanda Grace Leo ..... 3  
 0202 (Tiff); 0203 (Tiff); 0207 (Tiff)  
 Rawle D. Lewis ..... 1  
 0110 (Piano Worker)  
 Selenis Leyva ..... 1  
 0107 (The Nun)  
 Grant Lobban ..... 1  
 0207 (Bloodbucket Bill)  
 Pedro Lopez ..... 1  
 0101 (Elderly Fisherman)  
 Jeff Lorch ..... 2  
 0105 (French Merchant Ship Captain); 0110 (French Merchant Ship Captain)

————— M —————

Luke Marinkovich ..... 1  
 0101 (English Seaman)  
 Hugo Pierre Martin ..... 1  
 0105 (Haughty Attendant)  
 Shayne Martin ..... 1  
 0207 (Roughneck #2)  
 George Maunsell ..... 1  
 0206 (Valet)  
 Jonny McBride ..... 1  
 0207 (Scary Man)  
 Boris McGiver ..... 4  
 0101 (Father Bonnet); 0102 (Father Bonnet); 0104 (Father Bonnet); 0109 (Father Bonnet)  
 Jaden McLeod ..... 1  
 0208 (Soldier #1)

Jonathan Medina ..... 1  
 0107 (Papa Jiménez)  
 Joberde Metellus ..... 1  
 0110 (Piano Worker)  
 Mark Mitchinson ..... 1  
 0203 (Hornigold)  
 Pingi Moli ..... 1  
 0103 (Card Player)  
 Cerris Morgan-Moyer ..... 1  
 0104 (Victoria Archer)  
 Iain Morris ..... 1  
 0101 (English Seaman)

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Jamie Nations ..... 1  
 0102 (Guard)

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Claudia O'Doherty ..... 5  
 0101 (Mary Bonnet); 0103 (Mary Bonnet); 0104 (Mary Bonnet); 0109 (Mary Bonnet); 0110 (Mary Bonnet)  
 Brett O'Gorman ..... 1  
 0205 (Raided Ship Captain)  
 Marcelo Olivas ..... 1  
 0103 (Seedy Drunk)  
 Daniel Olson ..... 1  
 0102 (French Warship Captain)  
 Jennifer Onyeiwu ..... 1  
 0207 (Rougeck #1)

————— P —————

Stephen Papps ..... 1  
 0208 (English Lieutenant)  
 Dave Perrett ..... 1  
 0201 (Scariest Guy)  
 David Perrett ..... 1  
 0207 (Scariest Pirate)  
 Cornelius Peter ..... 2  
 0105 (Well-Heeled Investor); 0110 (Well-Heeled Investor)  
 David Piggott ..... 1  
 0109 (Sailor)  
 Bronson Pinchot ..... 1  
 0206 (Ned Low)  
 Maaka Pohatu ..... 1  
 0203 (John Bartholomew)  
 Anapela Polataivao ..... 6  
 0201 (Auntie); 0202 (Auntie); 0203 (Auntie); 0206 (Auntie); 0207 (Auntie); 0208 (Auntie)  
 Mark Prendergast ..... 1  
 0109 (Court Scribe)

————— Q —————

Ruibao Qian ..... 6  
 0201 (Zheng Yi Sao); 0202 (Zhang Yi Sao); 0203 (Zhang Yi Sao); 0206 (Zheng Yi Sao); 0207 (Zheng Yi Sao); 0208 (Zheng Yi Sao)

————— R —————

Arthur Redcloud ..... 1  
 0102 (Mabo Warrior)  
 Eden Grace Redfield ..... 6

0101 (Alma Bonnet); 0102 (Alma Bonnet); 0103 (Alma Bonnet); 0104 (Alma Bonnet); 0109 (Alma Bonnet); 0110 (Alma Bonnet)

Enrique Renaldo ..... 1  
0107 (Local Peasant)

Aaron Richardson ..... 1  
0207 (Tattooed Pirate)

Lily Riley ..... 1  
0203 (Head Guard)

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Madeleine Sami ..... 8  
0201 (Archie); 0202 (Archie); 0203 (Archie); 0204 (Archie); 0205 (Archie); 0206 (Archie); 0207 (Archie); 0208 (Archie)

Angus Sampson ..... 2  
0105 (King George); 0109 (King George)

Kristen Schaal ..... 2  
0105 (Antoinette); 0110 (Antoinette)

Samba Schutte ..... 1  
0206 (Roach)

Erroll Shand ..... 3  
0201 (Prince Ricky Baner); 0206 (Prince Ricky Baner); 0208 (Prince Ricky Baner)

Ashna Sharan ..... 2  
0109 (The Widow Ellen Conroy); 0110 (The Widow Ellen Conroy)

Maarten Simons ..... 2  
0105 (Partner); 0110 (Partner)

Tj Snow ..... 1  
0206 (Henchman #3)

Adam Stein ..... 1  
0110 (Middle-Aged Man)

Devon Deshaun Stewart ..... 1  
0105 (Abshir)

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Francesco Toby ..... 1  
0102 (Jean Luc)

Lee Tuson ..... 2  
0206 (Rum Vendor); 0207 (Rum Vendor)

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V

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Joe Valentine ..... 1  
0208 (Fisherman Son)

Alessio Vannozzi ..... 1  
0205 (Sailor)

Nacho Vigalondo ..... 1  
0103 (El Capitan)

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W

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Matewa Kiritapu Waititi ..... 1  
0206 (Girl #2)

TK Waititi ..... 1  
0206 (Girl #1)

Josie Whittlesey ..... 1  
0206 (Hellkat Maggie)

Colm Woulfe ..... 1  
0207 (Steak Knife)

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Z

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Yvonne Zima ..... 2  
0105 (Fleur de Maquis); 0110 (Fleur de Maquis)