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Season One

Pilot

Season 1

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Summary: Flynn Fisher is a brilliant gamer who works a dead-end job to support her brother and ailing mother. When her brother enlists her help in an advanced game, Flynn sees something she shouldn’t, bringing danger to the family’s doorstep.



The episode starts in London, in the year 2099. A man sits on a bench. A young girl walks up to him. He asks her what mess she’s gotten into now.

The girl, Aelita, replies that he got her into that mess. They talk about how she once saved him. Aelita claims she is, even now, saving a world, just not this one. She says goodbye to the man she calls Wolf. She blinks and the young girl’s face grows blank.

A short scene shows us a table holding a white model of a house, its surrounding

area and the people in it.

We shift to Blue Ridge Mountains in the USA in the year 2032. Flynn Fisher does chores around the house. She gives her mother, a woman who has recently lost her eyesight, a cup of coffee and some medicines. When she sees that some pills are missing, she goes to the trailer outside their house and asks her brother, Burton, about them. He is playing a game with a VR headset on. He tells her he has something big coming tonight that will give them enough money for more medicines. He hands her his headset, so she can win the level for him.

Flynn enters the game, taking on her brother's persona. She easily wins the game, finding a map that the others hadn't been able to find all this while. She tells Burton to wire the money to her.

Later, she cycles through town and withdraws cash from an ATM. There, she meets Tommy, the town sheriff. They discuss his upcoming wedding and he tells her he's asked for wedding decorations to be made at the print shop where she works.

At the print shop, Flynn's colleague Billy Anne teases her about still having a crush on Tommy. Two boys at the shop show her the decorations Tommy asked for. When they realise there is an extra figurine of the groom, one of the boys breaks it. Flynn later finds the broken figurine and keeps it.

The boys then give her a box that came for Burton. It has a metal contraption in it and was paid for by a Colombian company called Milagros Coldiron.

At home, Burton reveals that he was asked to beta test this sim since he crossed level 100 on another game. Except, it wasn't him but Flynn who had done that. Since they've been offered a lot of money for the gig, Flynn agrees to test it. Burton puts it on for her and she counts back from ten.

When she opens her eyes she's in the sim, in Burton's body, riding a motorbike. She's in an iridescent city with large statues looming over it. A voice in her head welcomes her to the sim. When she says she can feel everything, the voice tells her she will also be able to feel pain. She has to do whatever the voice says in order to earn her keep.

The voice guides her to an extravagant cocktail party in Buckingham Palace, hosted by an organisation known as the R.I. or Research Institute. It leads her to a woman named Mariel and tells her to convince her to take 'him' home. Flynn, in Burton's body, manages to do so. In the car, the voice tells her to take the glass ampoule from her pocket and open it under Mariel's nose. Flynn does so and is attacked by the driver, a robot, but overpowers it. The voice in her head muses about the power it has in simply planting words in Flynn's head, like seeds. Flynn drives the car to a dead end. When she says the words 'I've arrived' the wall in front of her opens and she drives inside to find a woman standing there. She is the woman whose voice has been in Flynn's head. She tells Flynn they will resume tomorrow.

Flynn gets out of the sim and raves about how real it feels. She feels a bit dizzy on standing up but then decides to go get her mom's medicines. At a bar, she pointedly looks at a group of four men and two of them meet her outside. She gives them the money for one pill but the men claim it isn't enough. They try hassling her for more 'services' when a disabled man, with only one arm, comes out from the bar. Conner attaches his monowheel to a larger automobile and threatens the men into giving Flynn the medicine. He and Flynn head home.

The other men return to the bar to see an old man in a suit waiting for them. He gives them a dressing down for being bullied by Conner.

At home, Flynn sees her brother hunched over in pain in his trailer. He has marks engraved into his skin across his arms and back that are softly glowing and seem to be the cause of the pain.

In the morning, Flynn washes her mother's hair. Her mother reveals that Burton has been giving her his pills, to help her deal with the pain.

Later, in Burton's trailer, Flynn apologises for accusing him of stealing the pills. She then logs onto the sim, excited, but finds herself in a surgery room, unable to move. The woman from earlier is there and she tells her that Flynn can't leave the sim without her permission. The surgeons begin the process of removing Flynn's eyeball and replacing it with the one they took from Mariel. The woman tells Flynn to rein in her heart and control her mind to deal with the pain. Flynn does so and the woman lets her 'sleep'.

The next time she opens her eyes she finds herself in a car, sitting across the woman. The woman takes her to a building and uses her new eye to get access inside. They reach a chamber with an inverted pyramid hanging from the ceiling. The woman talks about giving Flynn a gift and tells her to put her own eye, not Marian's, to the lens. Flynn does so and jerks away from the pain of a laser shooting right into her eye but the woman pushes her head forward.

Suddenly, a man appears and the woman tells her to take care of him since he is there to kill them both. Flynn tries but the man ties her hands behind her back. He uses a gun that shoots sonic punches to attack the woman and make her reveal her intentions. Flynn gets her hand out and in the process sees the skin peel off to reveal a robot arm underneath. She helps the

woman, who runs away, but the man then turns the gun on Flynne. In her own reality, Flynne wakes up and vows to never log onto that sim again.

The next day Billy Anne tries to cheer Flynne up. Flynne admits to having a crush on Tommy. She then talks about the sim and theorizes that it's actually a real place where she inhabits a robot body.

While at the print shop, Flynne gets a phone call from Wolf who tries warning her about some impending danger but she cuts the call.

Elsewhere, a policeman notices two suspicious cars and follows them but they disappear. When he stops his own, a man pulls a gun on him from behind and tells him to stand in the middle of the road. An invisible force knocks the policeman down. It turns out to be one of the cars cloaked in invisibility.

Flynn is closing the print shop when the lights flicker and Wolf's voice is heard through all the machines around her. He claims her life is in danger and there is a bounty of 9 million dollars on her head.

Burton and his other ex-military friends are sitting around a fire when Flynne arrives and tells him what happened. They initially think it's a joke but when they use a drone to check, they see a group of suspicious people coming towards them.

Empathy Bonus

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Summary:	Mercenaries raid the family home. Seeking answers, Flynn returns to the headset and learns it is not a game, but a time machine that goes 70 years into the future. Flynn makes a deal with Wilf and Lev and agrees to help find Aelita.



The episode opens with Cherise Nuland (previously described as the queen bee of the Research Institute) talking with the man who attacked Flynn and the woman with her, Aelita West. Cherise tells him the breach is too dangerous. The man reassures her that a hit is out on Flynn and those connected to her.

Back in 2032, Burton tells Flynn to get her mother into the basement. His friend, Reece, tracks the oncoming assassins' drone to make it look like the boys are still sitting around the fire. They 'get

linked' and the marks on their arms glow as they gain the ability to see the drone's visual feed. Burton and his friends get their guns and begin to take the men down. Meanwhile, Flynn hides in her house. When one of the men enters and tries to get her, Burton takes him down with a shot. Just when they are running low on ammo, Conner arrives and helps them out.

Wolf is dreaming. He thinks of a memory, a time when he approached Aelita on behalf of his employer. He tells her his employer wants information on the Research Institute, the place she is currently working at. Aelita is sceptical. Wolf asks her if she is truly happy.

Wolf, whose real name is Wilf Netherton, wakes up to a phone call from Lev Zubov, his employer. He tells Wilf to come over immediately. He says he has built a peripheral for Flynnne, as she is their best hope of finding Aelita. After the phone call, Lev's companion Ash tells him that she doesn't think Wilf can be trusted with this assignment. Lev tells Ash that Wilf has a strong motivation and an immense capacity for violence.

Flynnne logs back in and wakes up in a body made for her in 2099. Wilf arrives and introduces himself. He shows Flynnne that this isn't a sim but the future. Quantum tunnelling makes it possible for her to be in this body. He takes her to Trafalgar Square where she takes in the buildings and the giant statues around the city. He proves it is the future by showing her a newspaper with her mother's obituary, four weeks from that day in Flynnne's timeline. He tells her they have already provided a medicinal drug for the mother's glioma to the pharmacy in Flynnne's town and paid for it. So Flynnne can save her mother and in turn, help Wilf find Aelita.

Back home, Flynnne gets the medicine from the pharmacy. Her mother admits to knowing about the glioma and says she wanted to spare Flynnne the sadness. She agrees to take the drug even though Flynnne says it's experimental.

Meanwhile, Tommy sees a cup of coffee seemingly floating in mid-air. He pokes around and eventually realises there is a car with some sort of cloaking device.

While Burton's friends bury the bodies of the attackers, Flynnne fills him in and tells him about the medicine for their mother. He is furious and says they can't trust Wilf. They argue. Burton wants to log in instead of her but Flynnne is against it.

The next time, Flynnne wakes up in a house in Notting Hill. Wilf introduces her to Lev (who hired him and Ash and Ossian (who maintain the connection between the two worlds). She finds out that her 'body' has an eight-hour sleep cycle and is controlled by AI the rest of the time. They explain that when they come in contact with the past, the past branches off to create a parallel timeline which is known as a stub. The contact becomes the point of separation. Aelita worked for the Research Institute and was providing them with a trapdoor into it.

She asks what happened to her and her family in their timeline but they don't tell her. She then finds out that the drug given to her mother only has a 57% rate of success. She tells them that once they help her and her family out, she'll start talking about their missing lady.

Tommy finds a bullet in the car and goes up to meet Burton and asks him about it. Burton identifies the type of bullet but claims to know nothing else. When Tommy questions his friends' trucks around the house, Burton says they had a drone fight.

In London, Lev tells Wilf to have some patience with Flynnne. When Wilf asks Lev why he wants access to Flynnne's world, Lev remains cryptic.

Flynnne tells Burton the people from the future are going to help them out and are starting off by giving them 250,000 dollars. They get in the form of a lottery won by their cousin. At the bar, Flynnne tells Burton he should enlist Conner to help them out too. Burton is hesitant since Conner is usually drunk.

Burton brings up the game Flynnne played for him at the beginning of Episode 1. He says Flynnne let the sheep out of the fight zone and was rewarded with a tractor for her empathy. He calls it an empathy bonus and reminds her that there is no reward of a tractor in real life. Flynnne retorts that even if there was one, he wouldn't have found it.

Burton gives in and goes to meet Conner. Conner tells him one of the attackers had seen Conner but lets him go out of pity. That made Conner want to kill them. They talk about the rush of being in a fight again. Burton then tells him what's going on and asks him to join and help, but he insists that Conner be sober.

Corbell Pickett is trying to enjoy the company of a beautiful woman in a sim when a British man interrupts. He is the same man who attacked Flynnne and Aelita. He offers Corbell ten million dollars to get rid of Flynnne and Burton. Corbell thinks it's a joke and leaves the game.

Flynnne tries to search the internet for references to Miladros Coldiron or Wilf Netherton but comes up empty. While doing so, her hand gets stuck on the computer mouse and she is unable to move it. Ultimately, she uses her other hand to pry it off and get it back to normal.

Corbell is in bed with a woman when he gets a message saying that he has received two and a half million dollars in his bank account.

Flynnne wakes up in the middle of the night after hearing noises from downstairs. She calls Burton for help but finds that it is only her mother. She is in the kitchen looking for food. She

tells Flynne that she was hungry and then reveals that she can see her. Her eyesight is coming back!

Haptic Drift

Season 1
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Summary: Flynne and Wilf work together to find Aelita. Meanwhile, Burton takes steps to eliminate a new threat.



The episode starts with a flashback to Clanton, 2015. A biker gang shows up at Corbell Pickett's garage to buy some cars. When they get in the cars to test drive them, Corbell locks them in from the outside, meaning for them to die in the scorching heat. A number of giant wooden crosses and a bucket of nails are nearby. His son, a young Jasper, watches.

Back in Flynne's present, an older Corbell Pickett considers what to do about the call to assassinate the Fishers. His wife suggests he use Jasper, Billy Ann's husband, to find out more about

what the Fishers have gotten into.

Flynn sees her mother reading a newspaper and smiles. She meets Billy Ann and tells her everything, while Burton and his friends' drones hover around them.

In the print shop, Burton is using printers to make more guns. He reveals to Flynne that he bought the place with the money they received. Flynne is surprised and further annoyed when she realises he rented a car. She tells him they need to be a team and make decisions together. Conner arrives, ready to help them out.

On the way home, the siblings discuss how much information to give the others. Burton is furious when he realises Flynnne told Billy Ann everything. Flynnne says she is her only friend but Burton counteracts that Jasper's uncle is Corbell Pickett.

In future London, Lev and Wilf discuss Wilf's past, referring to an event when Wilf was responsible for taking some lives. Lev says there is no shame in it and he should embrace it. They wake up Flynnne's peripheral, who is kept in a box while not in use.

Flynnne logs into the peripheral and tells them everything that happened with Aelita. They reveal Mariel Raphael was an assistant security manager at the R.I. In return, they tell her about Corbell Pickett being recruited to harm them.

Wilf sits in a car looking at a house. We get a flashback of the time when he and Aelita were adopted by their parents. They wanted Aelita but she refused to go without Wilf, who was then known as Wolfgang. Once he agrees to change his name to Wilfred, the couple decides to adopt him too.

He enters the house and hears Aelita singing but it's only a robot with her face and voice. He meets his adoptive mother who tells him she last saw Aelita a month ago in St.James. In her usual cryptic manner, Aelita said she was staying "where snow last fell in London". As Wilf and his mother talk, it's clear that there is some animosity between them.

Flynnne and Burton argue about the situation with Corbell. Burton wants to kill him but Flynnne insists on finding another way.

She logs in again, this time in a car with Wilf. They drive around Buckingham Palace, trying to retrace Flynnne's steps from that night. They decide to walk around and Wilf links them up so they have access to each other's sensory experience — Flynnne can see and hear everything Wilf can, while also feeling his hangover.

Meanwhile, Burton meets Corbell and reveals he knows about the hit. He offers Corbell 2 choices, one of which is 200,000 dollars every week to leave them alone. When asked about the other, Burton talks about the haptics used in the Marine Corps to connect him and his friends. He describes their group as becoming one big organism and how he once almost killed a guy because of the memories of one of the sergeants in his group. Should Corbell lay a finger on them, he should be afraid of all the men Burton served with. Corbell talks about how he got rid of the filth in this town and made it a safe space. He reiterates that this is his town. Burton points at the glass in Corbell's hand and a bullet immediately shatters it. He makes his first offer again. As the two men shake hands, Tommy watches.

Cherise Nuland tells her hitman Daniel that he's taking too long to get rid of Flynnne. She threatens him to be more efficient. He tells her that Aelita went to school with one of the RI's other employees, Grace Hogart. Cherise says she will handle it.

As Wilf and Flynnne walk, she asks him why Aelita called her a polt. He says it's short for poltergeist which is the term they use for people from a different time who use peripherals. A police robot begins following Flynnne and Wilf realises that the peripheral isn't properly registered. When confronted by the police robot, Wilf makes up a story about the peripheral being used by a woman from Canada. He then makes up an impromptu love confession to avoid the question of the woman's visa. Flynnne asks if she can go home and is logged out of the 'peri'.

Cherise Nuland visits Grace Hogart in a garden with beehives nearby. The two women have tea and Cherise tells Grace that her data research on the stub is important work. She then asks about Aelita. Grace admits she introduced Aelita to the Stub Research Department. As bees begin to converge on the glass enclosure, Cherise reveals there was a chemical in the tea that makes her sweat mimic a pheromone released by hornets. Ignoring Grace's pleas, she opens the door and the bees attack Grace.

Jasper drops Billy Ann at home and tells her he needs to drop off a bag at his uncle's, given by burton Fisher. She opens it to see numerous bundles of cash and tells him to find out what it's all about.

At his father's warehouse, Jasper gives Corbell the bag. Corbell entices him into taking one of the cash bundles and then demands a service in return. He wants Jasper to find out where Burton is getting all this money from.

Flynnne talks to Burton about the feeling of being linked up with someone. He describes that it can often feel like love, but it isn't. This feeling of getting lost in someone else's senses is known as a haptic drift.

When Flynnne next logs in, Wilf tells her about Aelita's clue. She suggests that 'snow' could be a person. Wilf figures out that it was one of Aelita's inspirational heroes and they find the place she was staying.

In Aelita's apartment, everything is a mess as if ransacked by someone. They find a non-working grandfather clock that looks exactly like the broken one at Flynnne's house. Wilf asks what time her clock is stuck on. When they shift the clock's hands to that time, a secret door opens. They find the surgery room where Flynnne had her eye replaced. There are also two broken-down peripherals. Flynnne also finds the white model of her own house and its surrounding area.

They are about to leave when the main door blasts open. Daniel and a robot attack them, Daniel using his sonic gun which seems to have an effect on Flynnne's real body too. They manage to overpower both of them. Daniel reveals that Cherise is after Flynnne because she took something. Before he can say anything more, Cherise remotely controls the robot and kills Daniel.

Jackpot

Season 1
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Summary: Flynn's health takes a turn. Wilf visits Flynn in Clanton, deepening their relationship. Flynn learns the truth about her future.



The episode begins in a destroyed and run-down London in the year 2075. Young Wilf (who's still going by the title of Wolf) and Aelita are homeless kids, living in a bus, scouring for food with some other children.

Wolf gets in trouble with the group's bully when he doesn't bring as much food as the others. When they see a van and some people distributing food outside, he sends Wolf to check it out. Despite Aelita's warnings about kids getting snatched, Wolf goes. He throws a stone

towards the people and the whole set-up vanishes, it was just a visual projection. Instead, there are two people in yellow suits and masks who chase after Wolf and Aelita, ultimately capturing them.

Back in the future, Wilf shows Lev Zubov what they found at Aelita's house — her implant and the chips from two peripherals. Lev muses that this isn't enough. He wonders how long Aelita will last without the immunity boost of her implant.

In Clanton, Flynn notices blood in her eye. Her right hand spasms again and when she looks back up, the blood is gone. Tommy comes by with some beer. He makes it clear to the siblings that he knows something is going on and offers his help, as a friend not as a cop. They tell him everything is fine. Flynn hates lying to him but Burton says she might not be being rational, revealing he knows about her crush. They argue and Flynn bursts out that while Burton was away, Flynn had to hold everything together after their dad died and she had nothing of her own. As she gets more agitated, a bruise grows over her left eye and she suddenly falls into a seizure.

Cherise has her people make a peripheral in the image of Daniel, who died in the previous episode. She then asks him to give her information on Wilf and finds his connection to Lev Zubov.

After arguing about her health, Flynnne and Burton visit the local doctor, Dee dee — also Tommy's fiancé. She tells Flynnne that she had a tonic-clonic seizure but there don't seem to be any aftereffects. She still wants to run some more scans though and advises Flynnne to stay away from the headset.

At home, Flynnne uses a different headset to watch an old home movie of her and Burton with their father as kids. Burton arrives and apologises for the trouble he's put her through. Flynnne tells him not to apologise, saying being in future London is a magical experience.

Burton tells his friends he wants to log into the peripheral and put those people back in line, to ensure they don't hurt Flynnne. Conner seems interested in the idea of being able to control a body.

In Lev's mansion, Wilf comes across a woman who accuses him of constantly slipping away from her. She makes him dance with her. Elsewhere, Lev watches them but is soon interrupted by the arrival of Cherise. She accuses him of stealing something. When he plays ignorant, she talks about the structure of their world and its three major forces — the Klept Oligarchy (that Lev belongs to) and how it used violence to reinstate order after the Jackpot, the Met police for ensuring the Klept don't stray too far, and the Research Institute for its technological assistance. She says each of these shouldn't overstep its bounds. She then refers to one Yuri Samsonov, who overstepped his boundaries and met a tragic fate. She says the R.I. used an assembler swarm designed to look for his DNA, subtly threatening Lev with the same. When she takes her leave, Lev notices his tea cup is gone.

Conner logs into the peripheral and tries to run away but Ash cancels the connection before he can.

Flynnne is watching the memory with her father again when Wilf appears. He informs her of what Conner did. They talk about her father and how she wears his jacket. Wilf admits he has a sister. Flynnne reveals she looked into Lev Zubov and found one in her timeline, a mafia related man whose entire family was brutally killed. Wilf says there is no connection. Before going, he reveals Aelita is his sister.

Wilf meets Lev and tells him what Flynnne found out about his family. Lev doesn't seem surprised. He says he hired Aelita because he wanted a stub of his own. When Wilf questions why, he says it could be used for any number of purposes such as testing a pharmaceutical medicine. Lev says he was troubled by the idea of other versions of himself so he had his family killed in the other stubs.

Flynnne's hand continues to spasm. She meets Burton and Conner and tells them about Aelita's model of their house and the tiny models of themselves. Burton asks her how she normally deals with sims. She says that she does the opposite of what she's supposed to and ends up learning about it and taking control. Burton advises her to do the same in this situation.

Flynnne logs in again and decides to go exploring. Ash tries to stop her but Burton gets Mac and Edward to hack into it and stop them from cancelling the connection. Flynnne wants bodies for Burton and Conner too. She demands to know why there are such fewer people in the future.

Ash calls Wilf. He meets the two of them at a graveyard. She suddenly sees mysterious objects floating over some of the graves. Wilf describes it as a museum of a sort. The objects show the different phases of what is known as the Jackpot. The first one opens up to show a complete electrical blackout in America that occurs in 2039, just seven years off Flynnne's world. The phenomenon continued to happen worldwide. The second object shows a filovirus pandemic that they called the blood plague. The third shows a total environmental catastrophe in which seven billion people died over four decades. The fourth, Ash refers to as 'the end'. It shows a domestic terror attack in which a nuclear missile silo was blown up. As dust, ash and flames surround Flynnne she yells out at them to make it stop.

Flynnne wakes up in her present. Burton and Conner ask her about the bodies. She says she's working on it.

What About Bob?

Season 1

Episode Number: 5

Season Episode: 5

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Writer: Jamie Chan
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Guest Stars: Ned Dennehy (Bob), David Hoflin (Daniel), Amber Rose Revah (Grace), Poppy Corby-Tuech (Mariel Raphael), Hannah Arterton (Dee Dee), Clive Russell (Frank Derosa), Eddie Arnold (Al Derosa), Lilian Wouters (Rose), Teal Wicks (Bridget), Chuku Modu (Carlos), Cal Watson (Bar-tender Koid), Bonnie Cole (Townperson)
Summary: Flynn returns to London and admits she's starting to trust Wilf. Back in present day, yet another attack is staged against Flynn and Burton resulting in more people being dragged into the plot. Flynn decides to take the fight to Cherise.



The episode begins a year before Aelita's disappearance. At the Research Institute, Aelita meets Grace Hogart. Grace is surprised to see her since she had tried reaching out once, only to receive a nasty letter from Aelita in response.

Grace says she's married to a man now and has two kids. Aelita says she broke her heart. The two of them go out for a drink and talk about what went wrong with their relationship. Grace asks Aelita if she wants an apology but she doesn't. Instead, Aelita wants to know

about her job and the research she does at the R.I.

Grace takes her down to the room with the inverted pyramid, calling it the God font. She tells Aelita about the room's security and then describes how they have access to stubs which they are using for their own research. Eight thousand studies she says, in various fields. She specifically talks about the Behavioral Mod Department's study in which they set up a shell company in the stub that made a deal with the military, giving them haptic implants for their personnel.

The implants were then tweaked to affect the brain's compassion centre. A visual on the wall shows Aelita a group of soldiers on a battleground who have been told that the enemy is going to use injured animals to draw them out. A wounded dog appears. The implant influences them into making a different choice from the obvious one. Instead of shooting the dog, one of the soldiers runs up to it. And gets blown up in the process. Aelita is shocked and protests that these are real people. Grace berates her for being too good a person.

As the two of them walk back out, they are stopped by Mariel. She asks Aelita what she's doing here, since she doesn't have access. Grace handles the situation by saying Aelita is her

guest and they only came down because Grace had forgotten her jacket. Aelita slyly tells Mariel she has beautiful eyes.

Back in Key West, 2032, an old man comes home to find a parcel waiting for him. He finds a phone and a sonic gun inside. He tests it out and is shocked by the damage it does. He gets a phone call from the new peripheral-Daniel. The man's name is Robert O'Connell and he has a history of killings on his hands, though he has been living under a different identity. Daniel offers him ten million dollars to kill the Fishers. When Bob declines, Daniel threatens his daughter.

At a bowling alley, a man named Frank is with his three sons. When he sees Bob sitting at the bar, he approaches. After some small talk, Bob says he knows that it was Frank who revealed information about him to Daniel. Frank tries to defend himself but Bob shoots him and his three sons.

In his car, Frank asks for details about the assassination. Daniel tells him the Fishers are going for a medical procedure and shows him the route they will take back home. One of Frank's sons then tries to kill Frank, but he uses the sonic gun on him and then runs him over with his car.

Billy Ann wakes up and begins doing her chores when she finds a bundle of cash in Jasper's coat. She accuses him of taking money from the bag Burton sent for Corbell. When he says Corbell gave it to him, she asks what Corbell wants in return. Jasper lies and says it was only a token of gratitude.

Dee Dee, the local doctor, tells Flynnne that her tests revealed some bacteria affecting her occipital lobe — the part of the brain related to seeing. She uses a spinal tap to take some fluid from Flynnne's body to study it further.

Meanwhile, Bob calls his daughter. They speak in code with Bob pretending to be a spokesperson from an insurance company. He uses the code to inform his daughter they need to cut ties and that his life may be at an end soon. The tearful daughter tells him she's pregnant.

Billy Ann is crossing a bridge when she sees Bob standing by his car, with the hood open. She offers help with the engine and despite his refusals, gets down from her truck. As she approaches the car, Burton and Flynnne's car comes up the bridge. While conversing, Bob casually picks up the sonic gun and heads towards their car. Flynnne sees it and is able to warn Burton, pushing both of their heads down before Bob shoots. A fight ensues with Bob trying to get at Flynnne. Billy Ann gets a shotgun from her truck and shoots Bob, managing to put him down despite him wearing a vest.

Burton calls Tommy who arrests Bob. He then talks to Flynnne, once again trying to find out what is going on with her. She promises they aren't doing anything wrong. He tells her about his first memory of her, when they were in school and a young Flynnne had taken the earthworms from the science department and dumped them in the woods because she couldn't bear the thought of them being dissected. Tommy says that the young girl is still in Flynnne. He wants to protect her but he needs her help to know how. Flynnne apologises for not being able to say more.

On the way back home, Flynnne and Burton talk but he doesn't want to discuss things in front of Billy Ann. Billy Ann says she knows everything. She promises that Jasper would never do anything to hurt them.

Back home, their mother has found out about the bodies in the backyard. The siblings tell her everything and she cautions them against being too dependent on these outsiders. She asks what will happen once these people from the future stop sending her medicine. Or when Burton stops giving Corbell money. Flynnne decides to log back into the peripheral.

She logs back in and berates Wilf for not warning them about the assassination attempt. She tells him what happened and then asks if Wilf was trying to confuse her when he linked the two of them up, if the shared emotions were meant to manipulate her. She asks if trusting him is a mistake. Wilf says no.

Tommy is heading back to the police station with Bob, when the latter begins talking about how this quiet town won't be quiet for much longer. He reveals he was threatened and paid 2.5 million dollars for trying to kill the Fishers. Since those who hired him will want to cut loose ends, he offers the money to Tommy to let him escape. Just as Tommy is about to respond, an invisible force hits the car, making it roll over. Nearby, a car becomes visible on the roadside. Someone drags Bob out of the wreckage and takes him away. Tommy hears the car but can't see anything.

Wilf and Flynne sit near the R.I. Flynne claims she wants Cherise to know what it feels like to be hunted. Wilf advises her against it, saying that being the assailant comes with a heavier weight. He talks about an incident from when he was twelve and in boarding school. A group of people known as Neoprims weren't happy with the power distribution in the country and attacked the school to send a message to the kids' parents. Wilf was forced to serve them food. He stole a knife and slashed the leader's throat with it, shooting four others afterwards. He tells her not to do anything unless she's at peace with what she might have to do.

Flynnne walks into the R.I. Cherise comes down to meet her. Flynnne wants to know why Cherise keeps trying to kill her. Cherise says she stole something. Flynnne claims to not have it but Cherise says that Flynnne is still expendable. When Flynnne threatens to kill her, Cherise reveals she's in a peripheral of herself. They fight, resulting in Flynnne snapping her peripheral's neck. She walks out, head held high.

Fuck You and Eat Shit

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Summary: Flynn and Wilf discover Aelita's ties to the Neoprims, who want to destroy London as we know it. Inspector Lowbeer makes her appearance in London and demands to meet Flynn, Burton and Conner.



The episode begins in the year 2028, in the Texas Outback, where Burton and his team were positioned while on duty. In front of them, a dog is stuck in a wired fence, howling for help. They discuss whether or not to help it.

Burton wants to shoot it due to the intel they received about the enemy using injured animals. The others aren't convinced. Conner disagrees and runs out to help the dog anyway. As he cuts the wires, he sees that the dog is armed with a bomb. As it blows up, Conner screams

awake in the present.

A woman is walking in the countryside with a dog when another woman, Beatrice, appears. Beatrice tells her that the interruption is regarding the murder of a man named Daniel, whose throat was cut by a koid. The surroundings fade away to show the two women on the roof of a building in central London.

In Clanton, Tommy tries to find out more about what caused his accident but is unable to without permission. As he cleans up in the washroom, Sheriff Jackson arrives and tells Tommy to take paid leave and get some rest. He advises him to control the fire in his belly. After he leaves, Tommy sees a pair of feet in one of the bathroom stalls. The shoes are similar to the ones he saw at the site of the accident.

In London, Wilf and Flynn talk about her confrontation with Cherise. They are on a busy street surrounded by people. When Flynn wonders why the people seem to stay away from

them, Wilf tells her it is an augmentation made by the R.I. Flynne moves her fingers the way Wilf shows her and all the people disappear. He says it is meant to be a mood enhancer. She does the same with the rest of her surroundings and sees several tall buildings vanish away while others lose their sleek appearance to show broken exteriors. If the R.I. can do this, Flynne wonders, what else are they hiding?

Wilf and Flynne head to meet the fabricators who made Aelita's peripherals. Wilf found out about them through the chips he took from the peris. Flynne says Cherise claims she stole something. They wonder if Aelita found a way to download the stolen data in Flynne's stub.

They reach a butcher shop where Wilf asks the man behind the counter for a toad-in-the-hole. He refuses at first. Flynne makes up a story about how she challenged the maker of her peripheral that she could find a better fabricator. The man rises to the challenge. He inspects Flynne's peripheral and says he can do it, offering her retractable titanium nails. She asks if he can replace an eye with a human eye. The question sparks a fight between them. Flynne, impressively, takes down both him and his colleague. They ask him about Aelita. He claims the Neoprims are behind it.

Alone, Flynne asks Wilf if he knew Aelita was a Neoprim. He doesn't answer. Flynne says she's sorry.

In Clanton, Conner's automobile stops working and he has trouble fixing it. Someone calls Macon who comes and helps him, although Conner isn't happy about it. He asks Macon about the technology the Fishers are using. He asks if he can permanently live in the future with his body kept alive by tubes. Macon says his physical body wouldn't take too kindly to that.

In Lev Zubov's house, Ash builds peripherals for Conner and Burton.

Dee Dee runs some tests on Tommy and tells him he's concussed and needs to rest. They argue when Tommy insists on going out and doing something. He tells her he can't run away from this.

Corbell and his wife Mary are setting up dinner, while an unconscious Bob sits across the table. He then wakes up to find a metal collar around his neck. When he tries to attack Corbell, Mary uses a remote to activate the collar and give him an electric shock.

Since Conner has been suffering from nightmares, Leon persuades Conner to let him drain some off. They use the haptic technology to connect to each other and Leon takes on some of Conner's pain. He experiences the flashbacks and doubles up from the pain, but it's over in a few seconds and Conner seems peacefully asleep.

In London, Ash sees that Dee Dee has been researching the bacteria she found in Flynne's body. The police inspector from earlier, Inspector Ainsley Lowbeer, arrives at the Zubov residence. She wants to speak to Lev and Wilf. Lev can't call his solicitors since the phones are down. They are forced to invite her in.

Tommy tells Burton he was targeted and Bob is probably with Corbell Pickett. Burton gets angry and tells him to stay out of the way.

At the police station in Clanton, Sheriff Jackson shows Corbell the video from Tommy's car.

At their house, Mary tries to get Bob to talk since Corbell has promised her a car in return. Bob asks her about the water in a large fish tank nearby, which she says is fresh water. Bob sneaks a heavy paperweight behind his back and makes his way to the tank as they continue talking. He smashes the tank with the paperweight and water floods the room, knocking them down. When Mary tries to shock him, Bob grabs her leg and she gets hit by the electric shock too. A few seconds later, Bob's eyes open.

When Zubov talks about calling his solicitors, Inspector Lowbeer tells him that she will simply arrest Wilf for his presence at Daniel's murder sight. She claims he can be executed in the next seven minutes. Instead, she propositions that they simply answer a few questions. She tells them to summon their peripherals and their operators.

Burton visits Conner and gives him a box with a set of mechanical legs, made by the people from the future. He says Flynne has made him a few as well but he thinks it's more for the comfort of others rather than him. They talk about Conner's thoughts of suicide a few days after his accident, how he wanted Burton to help him but Burton couldn't. Burton says he will think about giving Conner a permanent life in the future.

London calls them. Conner, Burton and Flynne log into the peripherals that are now standing in front of Inspector Lowbeer. They've told her about the connection to the past. She introduces herself to Flynne. The episode comes to a close as they shake hands.

The Doodad

Season 1

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Summary: Flynn, Burton and Conner meet with Lowbeer and are put to the test. Meanwhile, Ella's life is in danger, and Tommy deals with the Sheriff and Corbell Pickett his own way.



In Clanton, Ella Fisher is doing chores around the house when her eyesight wavers. She asks if anybody is around and finds Reece, one of Burton's friends. She tells him to take her to the doctor, as she seems to have lost her eyesight again. As they drive away, Bob watches and follows them in his own car.

In London, after declaring she wants to stretch her legs, Lowbeer tells Zubov she would like to conduct her interview with the three people in the peripherals outdoors. Flynn wants Wilf to join them.

Lowbeer allows it.

Tommy goes to the police station and asks to see the evidence he logged in after the accident. He asks about the weaponry the old man was carrying but the only evidence was his wrecked car.

Lowbeer takes them to a Met Police training facility called the Zoo. She tells Conner and Burton they need to go on an exercise. With a flick of Lowbeer's hand, the debris in front of them turns into a tall building. The two boys head towards the building along with Lowbeer's subordinate Beatrice. Lowbeer tells Flynn she has another test in store for her.

Beatrice tells the boys the rules. They need to advance from floor to floor while getting rid of all obstacles until they reach the roof where a surprise awaits. Conner asks if she's human. She retorts that she's special. The exercise begins with six armed guards being formed around

them. They easily take them down. Beatrice says the next floor will have twelve and the third floor would have eighteen. Conner and Burton get ready to face the rest.

Tommy finds his car in a junkyard along with Bob's Glock and the sonic gun, which he calls a doodad. Sheriff Jackson calls him to Corbell Pickett's place.

Meanwhile, Bob enters the medical centre. He takes Reece down. Dee Dee tries calling Tommy but can't get through. She and Ella come out of the doctor's room where Bob holds them at gunpoint.

Ossian and Ash talk about how the inspector sampled their DNA. Zubov calls Ash and asks her to access the peripheral's point of view. She refuses since the inspector would know if they were to attempt it. Ossian tells her they should be packing up and leaving. Ash replies that they would lose everything, including access to the stub and what's inside Flynnne. Ossian says it might not be worth dying for but Ash doesn't want to run away.

Inspector Lowbeer tells Flynnne about the Aunties at the Met — data sorting algorithms who found out information about her life in Lowbeer's timeline. That version Conner didn't lose his limbs. This means the R.I. opened the stub at least a decade before what they'd been assuming. She says the Jackpot seems accelerated in Flynnne's timeline and suspects the R.I. She says that Conner and Burton took part in the war as common soldiers without any haptic technology. Burton did not survive.

The Flynnne in Lowbeer's timeline got married to Tommy. The inspector wants to know more about Flynnne, the one sitting in front of her. She asks Flynnne to take part in a test where she will ask questions and Flynnne must answer as quickly as possible.

Conner and Burton continue their upwards fight. They make it to the roof where Beatrice reveals the surprise — they fight until only one of them is standing.

Lowbeer questions Flynnne. Her greatest fear is her mother dying. Her greatest strength is that she doesn't know when to give up, her greatest weakness is the same thing. If she could turn back time and change what happened, she wouldn't. When Lowbeer asks if Flynnne would have her sever the connection between their worlds, she says no. When asked why, Flynnne hesitates.

Lowbeer allows Flynnne to ask her three questions. Her biggest fear is the past. It refers to where Flynnne is from. The third question is whether she actually has the power to cut the connection, but Lowbeer avoids answering and takes her leave.

On the rooftop, Beatrice takes both Burton and Conner down.

All three of them wake up from their peripherals to find a message from Reece about taking their mother to the doctor.

Tommy reaches Corbell Pickett's house. He follows bloody footprints to find Mary Pickett's body and sees Pickett and Sheriff Jackson talking ahead. Jackson tells Tommy that Bob turned up here, killed Mary and stole one of their cars. He wants Tommy to arrest Burton. He makes up a story about how Burton and his friends got into the drug trade and crossed the wrong guy. When Tommy calls him out on his lies, Jackson tells him to step out of his fairy tale world and see reality for what it is, that they both really work for Corbell. When Tommy refuses to arrest Burton, Jackson lays out the consequences where Tommy not only loses his job but also gets arrested.

Beatrice gives Lowbeer her summary of Conner and Burton's exercise. She says while Burton is predictable, she would turn to Conner for help. When asked why, she says she doesn't know as the decision was made well below any level of consciousness. Beatrice declares that Cherise Nuland is here to visit Lowbeer.

Tommy sits in his car, frustrated about the situation he's landed himself in. He looks at Bob's Glock and sonic gun.

Burton realises something is wrong when their haptic technology can't read Reece's vitals. He, Flynnne and Leon rush towards the hospital.

Cherise Nuland meets the Inspector. She marvels at Beatrice, who is revealed to be a peripheral. She then talks about how many koids have been made to resemble a missing personal connection, for example, siblings. She hints that Beatrice was modelled after Inspector Lowbeer's daughter. Lowbeer asks Beatrice to power down and erase the last five minutes. She asks Cherise why she is here. Cherise says something has been stolen from her and she wants the law to help.

Ash and Ossian talk about stealing something. In their encrypted language, they talk about getting access to the bacteria. As Zubov arrives, they continue talking about stealing it from under his nose. Unfortunately for them, Zubov has decrypted their language and knows exactly

what they are up to. He deliberates on destroying them or keeping them alive and then threatens Ossian's life to get Ash to spill their secrets.

Ash reveals that Aelita planned to download the stolen R.I. files into Burton's haptic implants, storing them in the stub where they'd be untraceable. But since Flynnne posed as him, the headset transformed the data into bacteria that began to colonize her brain. Ash says they were planning on giving the data to the neoprims so they can burn this world down and build a new one. Zubov warns them not to betray him again.

Cherise tells Lowbeer that it was human nature, a natural tendency to act against the collective good, that led to the Jackpot. She makes a case against Zubov and the others for stealing the R.I.'s data about a neural adjustment mechanism. In the wrong hands, she says, it can be deadly. She tells Lowbeer that the stub too was created by the R.I. and it would be immensely dangerous once in the control of Klepts like Zubov. She wants Lowbeer to destroy the Zubov and the Fishers.

Ella finds out that Bob is doing everything to protect his own daughter. She tries to make him see the third option — killing himself.

Burton stops the car near the hospital and they all get armed. Leon connects to Reece's body with the haptics, getting it to twitch. Bob gets up to check and Burton uses the opportunity to shoot him down.

Tommy comes back to meet Sheriff Jackson and Corbell Pickett. He points Bob's gun at the Sheriff, drawing up a tale about how Bob could have killed Jackson and Pickett. He shoots Jackson with the Glock and then takes down Pickett with the sonic gun.

The Creation of a Thousand Forests

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Summary: Lev sabotages Flynn’s treatment. Ash finds an unlikely ally. Wilf discovers some unsettling truths about Aelita. Flynn tries to save her world from Cherise.



The episode starts with a flashback to 2028, in Walter Reed Medical Centre. Flynn sits by Conner, who is in a hospital bed. He tells her he wishes he could re-boot like she often does in her sims — go back to the dog and shoot it instead.

Tommy sits in his car, looking at the guns in his hand. He puts them back in the evidence bag and radios in for help. When the police and ambulance arrive, the ENT finds a pulse on Corbell Pickett. The police officers are then told about the shots heard near the medical centre and Tommy rushes there with them. He finds Dee Dee and the pair embrace.

Inspector Lowbeer proposes an alliance to Flynn, Burton and Conner. She offers her resources to help them navigate the coming Jackpot in exchange for their services as Peripherals. Flynn says she wants Lowbeer to help heal her mother. Lowbeer consults with the Aunties and comes back with the news that nothing can be done to help Ella anymore. Everything that could be tried, has been. She says Ella has 23 days left to live. Flynn leaves the Peripheral and wakes up in her own world, distraught. Burton comforts her.

Later that night, Flynne and Ella talk. Ella tells her that when she was first diagnosed, she felt that finally, Flynne will be able to live her own life. Flynne insists that she already has been and she wouldn't choose differently. But Ella wants Flynne to have the chance to become whatever she wants. She says her father used to call Flynne their little acorn because of all her potential to grow into a giant oak tree. Ella tells Flynne to promise her that she will let that power grow.

Ash reaches out to Cherise Nuland and reveals to her that the R.I.'s data is in Flynne's head. She asks Nuland if she can stop Zubov from getting his hands on it. Nuland says she can but at an unspeakable price — she'll accelerate the Jackpot in the stub to get rid of Flynne, in turn destroying decades of research. In return, Ash wants Nuland to kill Zubov.

Flynn logs into the peripheral and wakes up on a bench next to Wilf. He apologises for making it seem like her mother's recovery was a certainty. When Flynne asks about Aelita, Wilf says she must be dead. He talks about how he doesn't have a lot of memories of home or even of the transit camp where he lived with his family. It was during a raid on the camps that his father got taken and Aelita took charge of Wilf. They were on the streets for three years after which they got caught and were adopted. They ran away again and lived on their own for eight months in their own little 'kingdom'. They even had a flag — a hand with no thumb because Aelita believed the opposable thumb was the origin of all human sin. When Wilf fell sick, Aelita gave up everything to bring him back.

Wilf tells Flynne he wants to tell her something but can't because Lowbeer could be listening to everything. She suggests that they link up, so she can gauge his thoughts from his feelings. They do so. Out loud, Flynne says the names of Lowbeer, Zubov, Aelita and then herself. His memories trigger feelings that Flynne is able to understand. Wilf says his own name out loud and gauges Flynne's reaction. Now aware of their feelings for each other, Flynne and Wilf smile at one another. She asks him about the place he and Aelita had run away to.

Ash and Ossian see Wilf and Flynne rushing off to look for Aelita. When Ossian asks if they should tell Zubov, Ash says they have another master now.

Flynn and Wilf go to the place which is now a public park. They find a peripheral of a younger Aelita waiting for them. She insists that Flynne go away since her peripheral's eyes and ears can be used by others. Flynne leaves. Aelita reveals to Wilf that the implant they have in their head is used to suppress memories. Memories that she began to remember when she removed hers. She tells Wilf that the Klept killed their families. Five million people were killed in under a fortnight because of the fear of spreading contagion. Other people surround them and Aelita reveals she's been gathering people who are like them. Now, all they need is the data in Flynne's head.

Jasper and three men from Pickett's crew sit in a bar. One of them, Atticus, claims that he will take over the business after Corbell dies. They dismiss Jasper and insult him for not being capable of more than keeping cars clean. Jasper simmers as they drive home. He stops the car in the middle of a railway track and gets out. He calls his wife, Billy Ann. He reminisces about a monopoly game that he had lost. At the time, Billy Ann had told him not to mistake weakness for kindness. But Billy Ann tells him that she married him because of how kind he was. That makes Jasper change his mind but it's too late, a train arrives and crashes into the car before he can stop it.

In Clanton, Tommy tells Flynne about a warning from Homeland Security about an attack on a nearby missile silo. Flynne logs into her peripheral and finds herself with Ash. She realises Ash already knew. Ash confesses to everything.

Flynn gets Conner to log into his peripheral. She tells him what's going on and that she needs to open a new stub. He asks her if she's going to reboot.

Flynn meets Lowbeer to discuss their alliance. Lowbeer can't open a new stub for Flynne but she can show her how to do it. Flynne insists that Burton can't know about this plan. This way, Cherise would think that Lowbeer helped her while Flynne's world gets saved from destruction. Lowbeer sends Flynne to one of the R.I.'s ancillary sites known as a stub portal. Flynne fights off the guard peripherals there. Cherise realises and watches her do it. Inside, Flynne finds a pocket watch that she uses to activate the stub portal. She tells Cherise that she will never be able to find her while Flynne knows exactly where Cherise is. Flynne crushes the watch.

A flashback to Conner and Flynne's conversation shows that Flynne plans on getting herself killed in her own world, so Cherise doesn't blow it up. She needs Conner to make it look as if Lowbeer hired someone to do so. She promises they'll come back to London because she wants to see Cherise dead.

In Clanton, Flynne walks by a creek while Conner is nearby with a sniper rifle. As Flynne counts back from ten, she remembers all her memories with her loved ones. A gunshot reverberates through the air.

Flynnе wakes up in a peripheral in London. Lowbeer asks if they should get to work.

A post-credit scene shows Lev Zubov and his wife arriving at a sophisticated establishment. His wife sees three old men waiting for Zubov and asks him what he's done. After she leaves, Zubov heads to their table. The men tell him Zubov's father wasn't feeling well and they've come to talk instead. They talk to him about his recent actions putting the Klept at risk. They encourage his probing into the R.I. but tell him to make sure no assets are linked back to him — or they'd have to cut off the whole proverbial tree. After subtly threatening his wife and kids, the men tell Zubov to 'cauterize the wound'.

Actor Appearances

A

Joey Akubeze	2
0103 (Adoption Director); 0108 (Adoption Director)	
Sophia Ally	4
0101 (Young Aelita); 0103 (Young Aelita); 0104 (Young Aelita); 0108 (Young Aelita)	
Eddie Arnold	1
0105 (Al Derosa)	
Hannah Arterton	5
0104 (Dee Dee); 0105 (Dee Dee); 0106 (Dee Dee); 0107 (Dee Dee); 0108 (Dee Dee)	

B

Jamie Bacon	1
0101 (Blond-Haired Man)	
Jared Bankens	4
0101 (Buddy); 0102 (Buddy); 0103 (Buddy); 0108 (Buddy)	
Moe Bar-El	4
0101 (Reece); 0102 (Reece); 0103 (Reece); 0107 (Reece)	
Miles Barrow	6
0101 (Macon); 0103 (Macon); 0104 (Macon); 0106 (Macon); 0107 (Macon); 0108 (Macon)	
Danny Bayne	2
0104 (Security Koid); 0107 (Security Koid)	
Dillon Belisle	2
0101 (Townsperson); 0108 (Onlooker)	
Louis Bernard	1
0101 (Red-Haired Man)	
Alexandra Billings	3
0106 (Ainsley Lowbeer); 0107 (Ainsley Lowbeer); 0108 (Ainsley Lowbeer)	
Raphael Blackwood	1
0104 (Young Sid)	
Callum Blue	1
0106 (Reggie)	
Kyle Bolton	2
0101 (Carter); 0102 (Carter)	
Roisin Browne	4
0101 (Female Surgeon); 0102 (Female Surgeon); 0103 (Female Surgeon); 0106 (Female Surgeon)	

C

Daniel Cahill	1
0101 (Bearded Man)	
Max Calder	1
0107 (Leon Stunt Double)	
Brooke Carter	2
0103 (Irina Zubov); 0104 (Irina Zubov)	
Simon Chandler	1
0108 (Nikolai)	
Bonnie Cole	1
0105 (Townsperson)	

Claire Cooper	3
0103 (Dominika Zubov); 0104 (Dominika Zubov); 0108 (Dominika Zubov)	
Poppy Corby-Tuech	3
0101 (Mariel Raphael); 0103 (Mariel Raphael); 0105 (Mariel Raphael)	
Cary Crankson	1
0108 (Angus)	

D

Ned Dennehy	3
0105 (Bob); 0106 (Bob); 0107 (Bob)	
Dean Denton	1
0101 (State Trooper)	
Ben Dickey	3
0106 (Sheriff Jackman); 0107 (Sheriff Jackman); 0108 (Sheriff Jackman)	
Curtis Baffoe Djadja	3
0103 (Young Wolf); 0104 (Young Wolf); 0108 (Young Wolf)	
Amanda Drew	1
0103 (Mrs. West)	
Felicity Duncan	2
0106 (Gladys); 0107 (Gladys)	
Gavin Dunn	4
0101 (Edward); 0103 (Edward); 0104 (Edward); 0108 (Edward)	
Adam Dunnells	1
0103 (Tut)	
Kevin Dyer	1
0106 (Conner Stunt Double)	

E

Dahlia Elkateb	1
0102 (Tropicana Dancer #1)	
Christina Ellinas	1
0102 (Carmen)	

F

Ray Fawley	2
0101 (Bar Patron); 0102 (Paramedic)	
Willie Tyrone Ferguson	1
0101 (Townsperson)	
Grace Franzl	1
0106 (Mary Stunt Double)	

G

Aaron Gassor	1
0107 (Burton Stunt Double)	
Harrison Gilbertson	4
0101 (Atticus); 0102 (Atticus); 0103 (Atticus); 0108 (Atticus)	

Maxim Grigorovich.....3
 0103 (Anton Zubov); 0104 (Anton Zubov); 0107 (Anton Zubov)

H

Zoltán Hódi.....1
 0106 (Reggie Stunt Double)
 Nigel Hastings.....1
 0103 (Mr. West)
 Courtney Hawkins.....2
 0101 (Jimmy's Bartender); 0102 (Jimmy's Bartender)
 Dale Allen Hoffman.....1
 0108 (Jimmy's Bar Patron)
 David Hoflin.....6
 0101 (Daniel); 0102 (Daniel); 0103 (Daniel); 0104 (Daniel); 0105 (Daniel); 0107 (Daniel)

J

Steve Jehu.....1
 0107 (Corbell Stunt Double)
 Vincent Jerome.....1
 0108 (Sid)

K

Anton Kamillus.....3
 0101 (Male Surgeon); 0103 (Male Surgeon); 0108 (Samuel)
 Mark Kavuma.....1
 0102 (Tropicana Musician #2)
 Ethan Keaton.....1
 0101 (Futuristic man from London)
 Julianna Kurokawa.....1
 0104 (Barstow)

M

Andy Mackenzie.....1
 0103 (CJ)
 Grant Masters.....1
 0108 (Artyom)
 Elliott Mcmillan.....1
 0101 (Future Londoner)
 Chuku Modu.....5
 0101 (Carlos); 0102 (Carlos); 0103 (Carlos); 0105 (Carlos); 0106 (Carlos)
 Anjali Mohindra.....3
 0106 (Beatrice); 0107 (Beatrice); 0108 (Beatrice)
 Scotty 'JJ' Moss.....1
 0101 (Junkie)
 India Mullen.....4
 0102 (Mary Pickett); 0103 (Mary Pickett); 0106 (Mary Pickett); 0107 (Mary Pickett)
 Stephen Murphy.....2
 0101 (Murph); 0102 (Murph)

O

Miles Kwaku Ofosu-Dan.....1
 0102 (Tropicana Musician #3)
 Gary Oliver.....1
 0108 (Kyrill)
 Denis Ooi.....1
 0108 (Caretaker)

P

Laurent Plancel.....2
 0106 (Conner Stunt Double); 0107 (Conner Stunt Double)
 B.J. Potter.....1
 0108 (State Police Officer)
 Zeh Prado.....1
 0102 (Manuel)

R

Luke Rattenbury.....1
 0102 (Tropicana Musician #1)
 Amber Rose Revah.....2
 0103 (Grace); 0105 (Grace)
 Duke Davis Roberts.....4
 0101 (Cash); 0102 (Cash); 0103 (Cash); 0108 (Cash)
 Yanilda Rosado.....1
 0102 (Tropicana Dancer #3)
 Alice Rosano.....1
 0107 (Beatrice Stunt Double)
 Clive Russell.....1
 0105 (Frank Derosa)

S

Kelly Rian Sanson.....1
 0101 (Party Guest)
 Mason Schneiderman.....1
 0103 (Young Jasper)
 Hannah D. Scott.....1
 0106 (Abigail)
 Dave Simon.....1
 0102 (Paramedic)
 Satin Singh.....1
 0102 (Tropicana Musician #4)
 Elliott Stuart.....2
 0104 (Young Burton); 0108 (Young Burton)
 Riley Stuart.....2
 0104 (Young Flynne); 0108 (Young Flynne)

T

Alfredo Tavares.....1
 0102 (Klept)
 Larry Thompson Jr.....1
 0107 (Paramedic Perry)
 Eric Tiede.....2
 0102 (Koid Policeman (voice)); 0103 (Koid Policeman (voice))

V

Jack Veal.....1
 0104 (Young Angus)
 Rene Vrabel.....2
 0101 (Duval); 0102 (Duval)

W

Chris Waite.....1
 0106 (Bob Stunt Double)
 Elmo Walker.....1
 0106 (Bob Stunt Double)
 Cal Watson.....5
 0101 (Speaking Koids); 0103 (Constable Koid / Nanny Koid); 0104 (Service Koids); 0105 (Bartender Koid); 0108 (Service Koid)
 Maxine Whittaker.....1
 0107 (Beatrice Stunt Double)

Teal Wicks 1
 0105 (Bridget)

Lilian Wouters 1
 0105 (Rose)

Corina Wuersch 1
 0102 (Tropicana Dancer #2)