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Season One

Chapter One: The Vanishing of Will Byers

Season 1

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Season Episode: 1

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Summary: Young Will sees something terrifying leaving a friend's house. Nearby, a menacing secret comes to light in a government lab.



It's November 6, 1983 in Hawkins, a small Indiana town.

In the Hawkins National Laboratory, run by the Department of Energy, an alarm sounds and a scientist runs desperately down an ominous hallway with flickering lights while casting glances over his shoulder. He rushes to the elevator, and the doors close just as an unseen force pulls him upward and out of sight.

Meanwhile, a group of four pre-teen friends are playing Dungeons & Dragons. They are Mike Wheeler, Lucas Sinclair,

Dustin Henderson, and Will Byers. During a nerve-wracking encounter with a Demogorgon on the board, Will makes a decisive saving throw, but the dice tumbles out of sight. Mike's mother

Karen cuts the game short, while Dustin, Lucas and Will find the dice. Dustin and Lucas decide to lie about the outcome of the dice for next time, but as they leave, Will confesses to Mike the real outcome of the dice: the Demogorgon got him.

The boys bike home; Lucas splits off from the others while Will and Dustin decide to have a race. Will cycles on ahead, but the sudden appearance of a vaguely humanoid figure sends him veering off-road. He abandons his bike and runs home, which is empty save for his dog. Will tries to phone the police, but is answered only by harsh static. Meanwhile, the figure from the road stalks Will from outside, trying to get into the house. Seeing the lock on the door being undone before his eyes, Will runs to the shed and frantically grabs a rifle. As he nervously watches the shed door with the rifle pointed at it, he suddenly notices something moving behind him and turns around to face it. The lightbulb overhead burns brightly and flickers out briefly before turning back on, revealing that Will has disappeared.

In the morning, Will's permanently frazzled mother Joyce and brooding brother Jonathan realize that Will is missing. After a quick check-in with the usual places, a panicked Joyce goes to report his disappearance to the police. At the middle school, the boys make note of Will's absence but are distracted by the regular set of bullies, Troy and his stooge James. At the high school, Mike's sister Nancy chats with her friend Barb about her blossoming relationship with local heart-throb Steve Harrington. Considering that they're next seen making out in the bathroom, the relationship is presumably going well.

The taciturn and lantern-jawed Chief Jim Hopper awakens in his poorly-kept bachelor pad, fighting a hangover. He self-medicates and goes to work, where his secretary Flo rattles off a list of typical crimes in Hawkins (i.e. wanton thievery of garden gnomes) and tells him that Mike Byers is missing and Joyce really wants to talk to him. Hopper says he will deal with it later, but when he reaches his office, Joyce is already there. Hopper isn't interested in Joyce's frantic report, telling her that Nothing Exciting Ever Happens Here, her ex-husband Lonnie is probably behind it, and Will is in all probability in no real danger. Joyce, however, insists that something worse has happened.

Meanwhile, the pervasively calm and collected Dr. Martin Brenner leads a team of hazmat-suited men into the quarantined area of Hawkins Laboratory. They discover a thick, pulsating mass growing on the wall and wonder aloud about an escaped girl. That very girl is wandering through the woods, coming upon a small diner. With shaved hair, a hospital gown and a wide-eyed uncertainty, she doesn't look overly at ease. She tries stealing food from the diner, but is caught by the owner, Benny Hammond.

At school, the kids speak with their science teacher and mentor Scott Clarke. They all share nerdy excitement over the arrival of a new Ham Radio, but their happiness is dampened when Hopper turns up to question them fruitlessly about Will's disappearance. The Chief also makes sure to expressly tell them to stay home and let the authorities deal with it. Back at the Byers residence, Joyce flashes back to happier times, as she passes by the tree fort Will has built in the forest. But now the fort stands empty as her and Jonathan search the area, calling for Will.

At the diner, Benny feeds the seemingly mute little girl. He manages to get her to talk but she only answers in stilted, monosyllabic words. When he asks her for her name, she indicates a tattoo on her forearm: 011. Benny decides to call Social Services, believing the girl to be a victim of abuse. While Benny is on the phone, Eleven is annoyed by a squeaking fan; she glares intensely at it for a brief moment and it turns off.

Hopper finds Will's abandoned bike and questions Joyce briefly before deciding to call a search party. During the search, it's revealed that Hopper is divorced and that his daughter died several years earlier. At the Wheeler house, Mike talks to Lucas via a walkie-talkie and they decide to search for Will. Nancy is forbidden from going to Barb's to study, but Steve sneaks into her bedroom for a session. Of studying, that is.

Back at Benny's diner, a woman arrives and introduces herself as Connie from Social Services. The second Benny's back is turned, she shoots him in the head. Witnessing this, Eleven heads for the backdoor, but she is accosted by two of Brenner's men pointing guns at her. Meanwhile, Connie and Brenner, accompanied by more agents, hears noises from the back room and hurries to investigate, but they only find the two men unconscious on the floor with Eleven nowhere in sight.

Joyce and Jonathan are going through photos of Will to use for a missing person's poster when the phone rings. When Joyce answers, she hears breathing that she recognizes as Will's,

followed by static and vague noises that could be a voice, a snarl, or both. She shouts at the caller, demanding to know what they have done to her son. The phone short-circuits and she's knocked to the ground.

Mike, Lucas and Dustin ride their bikes through the area where Will disappeared, which they long-ago nicknamed "Mirkwood". As the rain begins to pour, they stumble right into the path of a soaked and traumatized Eleven.

Chapter Two: The Weirdo on Maple Street

Season 1

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Guest Stars:	Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Rob Morgan (Officer Powell), Ross Partridge (Lonnie Byers), Shannon Purser (Barbara Holland), John Reynolds (Officer Callahan), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Mark Steger (The Monster), Chris Sullivan (Benny Hammond), Stefanie Butler (Cynthia), David Dwyer (Earl), Catherine Dyer (Agent Connie Frazier), Randall P. Havens (Mr. Clarke), Tobias Jelinek (Lead Agent), Charles Lawlor (Mr. Melvald), Bethany Anne Lind (Sandra), Anniston Price (Holly Wheeler), Tinsley Price (Holly Wheeler), Chester Rushing (Tommy H.), Susan Shalhoub Larkin (Florence), Chelsea Talmadge (Carol), Robert Walker Branchaud (Agent Repairman), Stephen Dean (Hawkins Police Officer), Owen Beam (Middle School Student), Isabel Chanel Freeman (Middle School Kid), Shelby Christine Freeman (Middle School Kid), Jim Heard (Townsperson), Hali Jones (Middle School Student)
Summary:	Lucas, Mike and Dustin talk to a girl they found in the woods and Hopper asks Joyce about an unnerving phone call.



Back in Mike's basement, the boys question Eleven about who she is and why she was in the woods, but she remains silent. Mike gives her clean clothes, but Eleven, apparently oblivious about social conventions, is about to change in front of the boys, much to their shock. Mike convinces her that she should step into the nearby bathroom to change. But as Mike moves to close the door to give her some privacy, Eleven grows very uneasy

and asks him to keep the door a bit ajar. While she changes, the boys theorize about what could explain her strange behavior; Dustin and Lucas think Eleven might be an escapee from the nearby psychiatric hospital and suggest telling Mike's mom about her, but Mike points out that if they do that, they'll get in trouble for sneaking out and lose their chance to look for Will. They agree to have Eleven spend the night in Mike's basement and sneak out in the morning. After Lucas and Dustin leave, Mike asks Eleven for her name, and she shows him her "011" tattoo. He nicknames her "El".

At the Byers' house, Joyce frantically makes plans to make missing person posters while Jonathan tries to keep her calm. Hopper arrives and tells them the search party turns up nothing. He speaks with Joyce about the phone call she received and questions if it was really Will, but Joyce says that she knows her own son's breathing—after all, surely Hopper would know his

daughter's. Hopper says that he's going to go investigate Lonnie, but Jonathan asks if he can go instead, explaining to Hopper that Lonnie is very likely to flee if he sees someone from the police, which Hopper refuses.

At the Wheelers', Mike sneaks Eleven an Eggo waffle for breakfast. He tells her his plan to sneak her out of the house so Karen can get her help, but Eleven refuses. Mike asks her if she's in trouble, and she communicates that the people she's in trouble with—the "bad men"—will kill them if anyone knows she's there.

At the high school, Steve, along with his friends Tommy and Carol, invite Nancy to a party that night at his house. The group observes Jonathan putting up a missing persons poster for Will, and although Steve, Tommy, and Carol comment on how creepy he is, Nancy goes over to tell him that everyone's keeping him in mind, and he sheepishly thanks her. When the bell rings, Jonathan leaves the school instead of going to class.

At the middle school, Lucas and Dustin notice that Mike is absent and worry that he got caught sneaking Eleven out. However, Mike is actually skipping school to show Eleven his house. Eleven sees photos of his family and remarks that Nancy is pretty. As they spend time together, Eleven slowly starts to relax.

Jonathan, ignoring Hopper's orders to stay away, drives to Indianapolis to confront Lonnie. On the way, "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" by The Clash begins to play on the radio, and Jonathan has a flashback to playing that song for Will on his stereo, he telling him that it is a part of the mix-tape he has made for him and he believes it will change his life. In the flashback, they are interrupted as they hear Joyce yelling at Lonnie over the phone for failing to show up to take Will to a baseball game. Jonathan asks Will if Lonnie has ever taken him to do things he actually likes, and Will admits that he hasn't.

Joyce drives to the general store where she works, buys a new phone, and asks for two weeks' advance on her pay. While she's gone, men in biohazard suits arrive at the Byers house in an electrical repair van with mysterious apparatuses in their hands. One of the men is Dr. Brenner. Using the apparatus, Brenner follows a signal to the shed in the backyard, he steps inside and finds a mysterious fluid leaking down one wall of the shed.

While Mike is showing Eleven his room, she notices a photo of Will and recognizes him. Before Mike can learn more, Karen arrives home, and Mike quickly hides Eleven in his closet, and despite her obvious misgivings he closes the door. In the dark of the closet, Eleven flashes back to being locked in a small, dark room in Hawkins Lab. In the flashback, she cries and yells for Dr. Brenner, who she calls "Papa", but Brenner only watches coldly as she is dragged away by orderlies. In the present, Karen does not punish Mike for skipping school, telling him that she understands that he is upset about his friend's disappearance and that he can talk to her about anything. Mike goes back upstairs and finds Eleven sitting crying inside the closet in a fetal position, but she promises him that she's okay.

The search party reaches the local quarry. Hopper and Callahan discuss the possibility of surviving a fall from the top of the quarry into the water bellow, which Hopper states would be deadly. Flo radios Hopper and tells him to report to Benny's diner, where Benny has been found dead of an apparent suicide.

Jonathan reaches Lonnie's house and searches for Will, ignoring Lonnie and his girlfriend Cynthia. Lonnie tells him that Will was never there and says that this is all happening because Joyce is an incompetent parent.

Lucas and Dustin come to Mike's house, and he tells them that Eleven knows Will. Lucas asks her if she knows where Will is. When she doesn't answer, he tries to tell Karen about Eleven, even though Mike tells him they'll be in danger if he does. He is stopped by Eleven, who psychically slams and locks the door of Mike's room.

Hopper interviews Earl, one of Benny's customers and friends, about Benny's state prior to his death. Earl tells him about a kid with a shaved head stealing food from Benny's kitchen at lunch the day before, and Hopper asks if it could be Will. Earl says he's not sure, but it's possible. That night, the search party finds a pipe with a torn piece of fabric inside. Hopper discovers that the pipe leads under the fence surrounding Hawkins Lab.

As the Wheelers and Mike's friends sit down for dinner, Karen notices that Dustin and Lucas aren't eating much; they both claim they had a large lunch so they are not very hungry. Nancy, meanwhile, makes up a cover story for going to Steve's party, claiming she is intending to go to an assembly later that evening at the school regarding Will's disappearance, and that Barbara will

there too. Karen agrees to let her go, as long as she is back before ten, Nancy promises that she will.

Barb and Nancy head to Steve's party in Barb's car. Barb is reluctant to go and says that Steve is just trying to get in Nancy's pants, but agrees to attend in order to look after Nancy.

In the Wheelers' basement, the boys bring Eleven their leftovers from dinner and continue to ask her what she knows about Will, expressing amazement at her abilities as they do. Eleven goes to the boys' Dungeons and Dragons board and identifies the wizard figurine as Will's. Mike asks if she knows where Will is; in response, she turns the game board over and places Will's figurine on the flipped board. She says that Will is hiding, but not from the "bad men" who are after her; instead, she indicates the Demogorgon figurine.

Jonathan, back in Hawkins, drives to the woods with his camera to take some pictures. Hearing screaming, he runs to find the source, but it's only Carol at Steve's party. Steve and Nancy shotgun beers, but when Nancy convinces Barb to try as well, Barb accidentally slices her hand open. Tommy, Carol, Nancy, and Steve jump in the pool with their clothes on, while Jonathan secretly photographs them.

Joyce receives another mysterious phone call, this time hearing Will call out for her before the phone short circuits once again. She notices the house lights blinking in a pattern leading to Will's room, where his stereo begins playing "Should I Stay or Should I Go?". The lights and music abruptly cut out, and Joyce sees a monster coming out of the wall. She runs out to her car, but the song and lights come back on in the house, and she realizes she needs to go back inside to help Will.

At Steve's house, the teens pair off to have sex. Barb catches Nancy on her way up the stairs and tells her that this isn't like her, but Nancy says that she's fine and tells her to go home. Jonathan continues photographing them; he can see Nancy take her shirt off through the window of Steve's room, as well as Barb sitting dejected on the diving board of the pool. Barb's blood drips into the water, the lights flicker, and she notices something looming behind her. Jonathan's camera jams, and when he fixes it and looks up again, Barb has vanished.

Chapter Three: Holly, Jolly

Season 1

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Guest Stars: Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Rob Morgan (Officer Powell), Shannon Purser (Barbara Holland), John Reynolds (Officer Callahan), Mark Steger (The Monster), Glennellen Anderson (Nicole), Cynthia Barrett (Mrs. Holland), Pete Burris (Hawkins Head of Security), Hugh B. Holub (Scientist), Cade Jones (James), Charles Lawlor (Mr. Melvald), Aimee Mullins (Terry Ives), Miles Mussenden (M.P. Officer Patrick), Anniston Price (Holly Wheeler), Tinsley Price (Holly Wheeler), Ron Roggé (State Trooper O'Bannon), Chester Rushing (Tommy H.), Chelsea Talmadge (Carol), Sierra Vemeyer (Ally), Christi Waldon (Marissa), Peyton Wich (Troy), Jim Heard (Townsperson), Hali Jones (Middle School Student), Anthony Porrey (High School Student), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Julaine Tackett (High School Student)
Summary: Nancy searches for Barb and discovers what Jonathan has been up to. Elsewhere: Joyce believes Will is trying to speak to her.



Barb wakes up in a dark, empty, and filthy version of Steve's pool. She quickly realizes that she is not alone in the pool, spotting a mysterious monster lurking at the far end. Trying to escape, Barb makes a run for the ladder, but is grabbed by the creature before she can climb out. As the monster drags her down, she screams for Nancy. Meanwhile, Nancy and Steve have sex for the first time, unaware of Barb's plight. Afterwards, Nancy sneaks back home and is confronted by Karen for getting home late, but lies about her

whereabouts claiming that she just hung out with some friends after the assembly. Karen, however, senses that something is off and tells Nancy that she can talk to her about anything, but Nancy insists that nothing happened that night.

The next morning, Jonathan wakes up to find Joyce speaking to the lights in Will's room. Jonathan tells her that Will is just lost and asks her to keep it together for him.

In the Wheelers' basement, Eleven plays with the supercom radio while the boys make plans to search for Will with her after school. Lucas brings tools and weapons, including his "wrist rocket" slingshot. Dustin says that they don't need weapons because of Eleven's powers. Mike gives Eleven his watch and tells her to meet them behind his house at 3:15, then leaves for school with Lucas and Dustin.

At the high school, Nancy worries that everyone knows about the party and her sleeping with Steve, but Steve assures her that they didn't tell anyone and had a good time. In class, Nancy notices that Barb is absent.

Eleven explores the Wheelers' house by herself. When she plays with the television, she comes across a Coca-Cola commercial and flashes back to an experiment she underwent in Hawkins Lab where she crushed a Coke can with her mind. Alarmed, she shuts the TV off.

At the Byers' house, Joyce strings up a set of Christmas lights, but realizes the cord isn't long enough. She goes to the general store and buys dozens of boxes of Christmas lights, as well as another new phone.

Hopper, Powell, and Callahan visit Hawkins Lab and are shown a security tape supposedly of the yard on the night of November 6th and 7th, which reveals nothing out of the ordinary; however, Hopper notices that there was no rain on the security tape and realizes the lab is hiding something.

Eleven explores Nancy's room and sadly realizes how different Nancy's normal life and childhood are from her own.

At lunch, Nancy asks Tommy and Carol if they saw Barbara last night, but they say she was gone when they left. Steve says she's probably just skipping school, but Nancy is still concerned.

At their own school, Mike, Lucas, and Dustin search for rocks for Lucas' wrist rocket and discuss Eleven's powers. Lucas teases Mike and accuses him of having a crush on Eleven, which Mike denies. Bullies Troy and James pick on the group again, saying that Will is probably dead and pushing Mike to the ground so he scrapes his chin on a rock.

Jonathan develops his photos of the party, but is seen by Nicole, another student using the darkroom.

Joyce strings as many Christmas lights as she can around her house. She is visited by Karen and baby Holly, who have brought her a casserole. While Joyce and Karen chat, Holly notices the lights blinking in a pattern towards Will's room and goes inside to find all the lights rapidly flashing out of sync with each other. She sees a hand coming of the the same wall that Joyce saw move, but when Joyce and Karen find her, the hand disappears. Joyce asks her if she saw something, then asks Karen to leave.

Hopper and Powell visit the library, and after an awkward encounter with the librarian Marissa, who had a one-night stand with Hopper, they research Hawkins Lab on the library's microfiche. They come across articles detailing the history of the facility's head scientist, Dr. Martin Brenner, and his involvement with an abusive chapter of the CIA's MKUltra experiments. One of the test subjects, Terry Ives, sued Brenner for allegedly taking her daughter from her.

Nancy calls Barb's mother after school and finds out that Barb hasn't come home since last night. Preparing to head home, Nancy witnesses Steve, Tommy, Carol, and Nicole confront Jonathan on the school parking lot about the photos he took of the party. Nancy joins the group, but is sympathetic to Jonathan when Steve destroys his camera and photos. Unsure of what to do, she looks hesitantly at Jonathan as he tries to collect the pieces, before she suddenly notices something amongst the torn photos: the picture of Barb sitting on the diving board. She quickly picks up the pieces of the photo before leaving. Afterwards, she bails on plans with the rest of the group.

Eleven waits for the boys near Mike's house and sees a cat, causing her to flash back to another experiment, one where she was forced to psychically inflict pain on a cat. In the flashback, her empathy wins out and she refuses to hurt the cat any further, causing her to be punished by once again being dragged to the small, dark room at the end of the hall. This time, however, she psychically kills the two orderlies as they try to shut the door on her, slamming one into the wall and breaking the other's neck, before she collapses exhausted and crying onto the floor. Dr. Brenner, having witnessed the incident, expresses pride and amazement towards her as he gently picks her up into his arms in an almost fatherly fashion.

While searching for Will in the woods, Eleven asks Mike about the scrape on his chin. After some prodding, he admits that he was tripped by a bully at school. He is concerned by how this will affect Eleven's perception of him, but she tells him that she understands.

Nancy finds Barb's car still where she parked it before the party. While searching for her in the woods behind Steve's house, she sees some kind of strange, large creature running past in the distance. Frightened, she flees.

At the Byers', a single string of lights is blinking, leading Joyce to a secluded cabinet in the living room. Sitting in the cabinet with a tangle of extra lights, Joyce asks Will to answer her questions by blinking the lights once for yes and twice for no. She learns that he is alive, but not safe. Realizing that she needs a better way of communicating, she paints letters on the wall above the sofa, each letter corresponding to one bulb.

Nancy goes to Karen and confesses that she thinks something bad has happened to Barb.

In the library, Powell doubts his and Hopper's findings, pointing out that Terry Ives' claim was thrown out of court and that nothing they found suggests a connection to Will. Hopper argues that the scrap of fabric they found in the pipe resembles a hospital gown like the ones Brenner's MKUltra subjects wore. Callahan radios them, and the two rush out of the library, though we don't hear why.

Eleven leads the boys to Will's house and repeats that he's hiding. The boys are frustrated, not understanding why she brought them there, then see police cars and ambulances race down the road nearby.

Joyce uses her alphabet-and-lights setup to talk to Will. She asks where he is, and the lights spell out "right here". She tries to ask more questions, but Will tells her to run, and all the lights start blinking at once as the monster once again emerges from the wall.

The kids follow the vehicles to the quarry, where they see Will's body being dragged out of the water. Mike shouts at Eleven and accuses her of lying to them about Will being alive. Eleven is unable to respond, and Mike leaves her, Lucas, and Dustin behind as he races home, crying into Karen's arms.

Jonathan finds Joyce as she runs out of the house, and holds her.

Chapter Four: The Body

Season 1

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Guest Stars:	Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Rob Morgan (Officer Powell), Ross Partridge (Lonnie Byers), John Reynolds (Officer Callahan), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Danny Boushebel (English Teacher), Jason Davis (Test Subject), Arthur Lee Dozier (Greg McCorkle), Ron Fallica (State Trooper), Marianne Fraulo (Patty), Adam Gagan (Ground Controller), Salem Murphy (High School Principal), Randall P. Havens (Mr. Clarke), Cade Jones (James), Jon Kohler (Funeral Director), Shawn Levy (Morgue Worker), Christopher Cody Robinson (Test Pilot Shepard), Ron Roggé (State Trooper O'Bannon), Paul Ryden (Field Reporter), Tony Vaughn (Principal Coleman), Peyton Wich (Troy), Mark Withers (Gary), Camden Brown (Middle School Student), Mikey Evgen (Teen in Lunchroom), Mikayla Fields (Middle School Student), Jim Heard (Townsperson), Hali Jones (Middle School Student), Shannon Purser (Barbara Holland), Julaine Tackett (High School Student), Terry Thomas (Person in Town)
Summary:	Joyce refuses to believe Will has died and tries to connect with him. Also: the boys give Eleven a makeover and Nancy and Jonathan form a surprising alliance.



The episode opens with Sheriff Hopper explaining to Joyce the police's discovery of Will's body in the quarry and their working theory as to his cause of death, saying how Will may have crashed his bike and then fallen into the quarry before drowning. Joyce remains in denial and tries to explain how she had managed to communicate with Will through the lights before, but neither Hopper nor Jonathan believe her.

Hopper tries to comfort Joyce by explaining his own experiences following

his daughter Sarah's death, saying how he had seen her and heard her even after her death, but that they were hallucinations. Joyce doesn't listen and proceeds to retrieve an axe, waiting in case the monster from the wall came again.

The scene changes to the Wheeler family watching a report on the discovery of the body while Michael sadly looks through Will's old drawings. Frustrated by Eleven playing around with the radio, Mike berates her for allowing him and his friends to think that Will was still alive until she manages to tap into Will singing *Should I Stay or Should I Go* via the supercom.

While waiting in the morgue, Hopper learns that the local pathologist, Gary, was sent home and that the state conducted the autopsy, while the Byers go to see Will's dead body. Jonathan is unable to watch, but Joyce asks to see Will's birth mark to confirm if it really is him. In the waiting room, Hopper and Jonathan discuss the future after the funeral and Joyce's mental state, but they're interrupted by Joyce and the coroner storming into the room, arguing. Joyce states that the body is not Will's and storms out of the building.

Meanwhile, Nancy and Steve discuss her sighting of a monster outside of his house and its possible relation with Barb's disappearance, but Steve begins talking about how bad this would be for him for having a party with alcohol while his parents were out and tells Nancy to not mention it when they're inevitably questioned by the cops. She leaves in disgust.

Joyce is chased down by Jonathan, who tries to convince her to start preparing for the funeral, but Joyce refuses. A crowd is drawn as the two begin arguing over Joyce's refusal to believe Will is dead. Jonathan tells her that they're having a funeral for Will whether she likes it or not.

Mike, Lucas, Dustin, and Eleven try to find Will's voice again through the supercom, but Eleven is unable to find a clear signal and the three can only hear faint whimpering and static. They decide to bring Eleven to Mr. Clarke's Heathkit ham shack, but realize that they'd need to bring Eleven to school, a difficult feat considering her ragged appearance and near-baldness. They disguise her with Nancy's old clothes, makeup, and costume wig. After the makeover, Mike comments that Eleven looks pretty—er, good. Pretty good.

At the Department of Energy complex, the government prepares to explore the land beyond the rift, sending a man named Shepard through to explore.

Nancy is questioned by the police over her involvement with Steve's party and tries to explain her experience with the monster, but the police explains how both Barb's car and the monster were nowhere to be found. The police hypothesize that Barb ran away, against Nancy's protests.

Mike, Lucas, Dustin, and Eleven make it to school, but they're found by Mr. Clarke as they try to enter the Heathkit room. They're forced to quickly cover for Eleven's communication issues, describing her as Mike's second cousin Eleanor from Sweden, to Mr. Clarke's confusion, and the group proceeds to the assembly. They walk in in the middle of a speech, attracting the attention of all, and take a seat.

At the Wheeler's house, Mrs. Wheeler is furious at Nancy for lying to the police about having sex with Steve, but Nancy retaliates by saying it has nothing to do with Barb's disappearance and that something terrible has likely happened to her. Mrs. Wheeler immediately realizes her mistake, but Nancy storms off to her room anyway. She takes out the pieces of Jonathan's photo she had picked up before and puts it back together, seeing visual confirmation of the monster's presence.

In the government complex, Dr. Brenner and his team tries to communicate with Shepard, who manages to make contact and begins describing the other world. He encounters the monster and Dr. Brenner gives the order to reel him back in. Sounds of a struggle ensue as contact is lost. The line is pulled back in to reveal only a blood-covered piece of the harness.

At the assembly, a local pastor delivers a speech while Troy and James mock the proceedings, laughing about the event. Mike confronts them after the assembly, and when Troy continues to make rude and homophobic jokes about Will's death, Mike shoves him to the ground. Troy tries to attack Mike, but Eleven uses her powers to make Troy freeze in place and wet his pants in front of the entire class, humiliating him.

Elsewhere, Jonathan is picking out a coffin for Will when Nancy comes, asking him about the monster in the photo, which he confirms was not the result of image distortion. Jonathan realizes that the monster Nancy described was the same as the one his mother saw and begins to realize his mother's telling the truth.

Hopper chats with O'Bannon, the officer who found Will's body, at a local bar, but bluffs him, claiming that the quarry was state property and prompting agreement from the officer. Hopper tells the officer that actually, the quarry is privately owned, meaning that a state trooper would have no reason to be there unless he was told to, and he asks O'Bannon why he is lying to him. O'Bannon gets quite irate about this assertion and angrily tells Hopper to mind his own business. With diplomacy having failed, Hopper instead beats O'Bannon for information behind the bar. O'Bannon confesses him that he doesn't know who told him to go to the quarry, only that he was told to call it in and not let anyone get too close to the body. As Hopper demands to know who he is working for, he notices that O'Bannon looks nervously to something behind him

and turns around to see a black car watching them. Panicked, O'Bannon tells Hopper that he is going to get them both killed. Hopper draws his gun and runs towards the car, but gives up the chase as it quickly drives away. He turns around to see that O'Bannon has used the opportunity to quietly flee from the scene.

Joyce tries to re-establish communication with Will through the radio and the lights, while the kids try to re-establish communication through the Heathkit ham shack. Eleven has a flashback to one of Dr. Brenner's experiments, where she tried to listen in on a man in a different room, channelling his voice through the speakers. In the present, all parties are able to hear Will's voice calling for his mom, while clanging sounds approach.

Joyce tears a hole in her wallpaper to reveal a translucent membrane, where she's able to see Will on the other side but not reach through to him. The kids listen in on Will's side of the conversation through the ham shack, but are unable to communicate with him. Will says that the place he's trapped in is like home, but dark, empty, and cold. The monster draws closer to Will, and Joyce tells him to run and hide just before the rift closes and the ham shack breaks, setting off the school fire alarm. Joyce smashes her wall with an axe to try and reach Will, but instead finds only the outside of her house, while Eleven falls unconscious and the kids are forced to wheel her out amidst the chaos.

Hopper travels to the morgue to try and reach Will's body, but fails to bluff the officer on duty and is forced to knock him unconscious. He finds Will's body and cuts into it, revealing it to be a convincing fake.

Lonnie returns in the dead of night to a distraught Joyce, who is still awake, clutching the axe in her hand, while Hopper leaves for the Hawkins Lab, preparing to break in to find the truth.

Chapter Five: The Flea and the Acrobat

Season 1

Episode Number: 5

Season Episode: 5

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Writer: Alison Tatlock
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Guest Stars: Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Rob Morgan (Officer Powell), Ross Partridge (Lonnie Byers), John Reynolds (Officer Callahan), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Mark Steger (The Monster), Andrew Benator (Elevator Scientist), Pete Burris (Hawkins Head of Security), Bill Eudaly (Pastor Charles), Kaylee Glover (Jennifer Hayes), Randall P. Havens (Mr. Clarke), Hugh B. Holub (Scientist), Tobias Jelinek (Lead Agent), Charles Lawlor (Mr. Melvald), Andre Pushkin (Russian Man), Susan Shalhoub Larkin (Florence), Jerri Tubbs (Diane Hopper (voice)), Tony Vaughn (Principal Coleman), Robert Walker Branchaud (Agent Repairman), Camden Brown (Middle School Girl), Bradford Haynes (Mr. Sinclair), Jim Heard (Townsperson), Hali Jones (Middle School Student), Blake Kerzie (Middle School Student), Tabitha Kilgore (Mrs. Henderson)
Summary: Hopper breaks into the lab and Nancy and Jon face the entity that took Will. Also: the boys ask Mr. Clarke about traveling to a different dimension.



In the lab, Hopper breaks into the quarantined zone. He comes across a small, mostly bare room containing a security camera, a child's bed, a toy lion, and a simplistic drawing of two stick figures labeled "Papa" and "11".

Lonnie covers the hole in the wall with a tarp and pours Joyce a drink. He suggests that Joyce is hallucinating and that she should talk to a therapist, but Joyce

continues to insist that the things she's seeing are real.

The boys try to figure out what Will meant by describing his location as "like home". Eleven says that it's "upside-down", and Mike realizes she's referring to how she flipped the game board upside down to show where Will is—dark and empty. The group realizes that Eleven took them to Will's house because he was there, but in a dark alternate dimension, like the Vale of Shadows from Dungeons and Dragons. They ask Eleven if she knows how to get to the Upside-Down, but she claims not to know.

In the lab, Hopper runs from guards and finds the portal Shepard disappeared into, then is captured and chloroformed by hazmat-suited men.

Jonathan arrives home and asks Joyce if the monster she saw came back. Lonnie tells him that Joyce is sick and Jonathan is going to push her over the edge by encouraging her.

The next morning, everyone attends Will's funeral. Joyce flashes back to a conversation she had with Will about a drawing of his Dungeons and Dragons character; in the flashback, she

asks why "Will the Wise" needs fireball magic if he can just outsmart the bad guys, and he tells her that sometimes the bad guys are smart too.

Hopper wakes up on his couch, drenched in sweat and surrounded by pills and empty cans, as though the previous night was just a bad dream. Unconvinced, he tears the place apart and finds a microphone hidden in his overhead light.

Jonathan and Nancy map out the known locations of the monster and plan to track it down and kill it. Jonathan steals a revolver and a pack of ammo from the glove compartment of one of the cars at the funeral.

At Hawkins Lab, Dr. Brenner listens to a wiretap recording of Will's voice on the Heathkit radio and says that it means Eleven was there. One of the lab employees, disguised as an electrician, goes to the middle school to inspect the Heathkit.

At the funeral reception, Mike, Lucas, and Dustin ask Mr. Clarke about alternate dimensions. He tells them that theoretically, our dimension is like an acrobat on a tightrope: we can only move forwards or backwards. If there was a flea on that tightrope, though it could move along the side of the rope or underneath it completely, rather than just back and forth along the top. The boys ask if there's any way for the acrobat to get to the Upside-Down, and he tells them that it would require some sort of tear in time and space, like a gate. However, he cautions them that such a gate would require more energy than humans are currently capable of creating, and that if one existed, they would notice because it would cause electromagnetic and environmental disturbances.

Powell and Callahan go to Hopper's place and are a bit taken back when a jittery Hopper opens the door with his gun in his hand. They tell him that two local hunters disappeared near the area that Will vanished, and that Barb Holland's car was found at a bus station by state troopers, indicating that she ran away. Hopper tells them to go back to the station and that he will personally look into the missing hunters. Both a bit puzzled by Hopper's strange behavior, Callahan wonders if he is off his medicine again while Powell theorizes that he must have spend too much time with Joyce.

Lonnie repairs the hole in the wall and takes down the Christmas lights. He tells Joyce that the quarry owners should be held accountable for Will's death, as there are no safety precautions around the quarry.

Mike, Lucas, and Dustin tell Eleven about Mr. Clarke's gate idea and ask her if she knows where it is. She says she doesn't, and Lucas asks her how she knows about the Upside-Down if that's true. Before she can answer, Dustin notices that all of their compasses are pointing in the wrong direction, meaning they can follow the compasses to the electromagnetic disturbance created by the gate.

Joyce finds a flyer for a law office specializing in accidental death lawsuits in Lonnie's wallet. She accuses him of only being there to cash in on Will's death and pay off his debts. Lonnie protests that he would use the money to pay for Jonathan to go to college, but Joyce catches him in the lie by forcing him to admit that he doesn't know where Jonathan wants to go to school, even though he's wanted to go to NYU since he was six years old. He says that Will's death is her fault, and she vows to never give up looking for Will before throwing Lonnie out of the house.

Nancy practices swinging a baseball bat in preparation for the monster. Steve goes to the Wheelers' house and apologizes to Nancy for his behavior during the investigation into Barb's disappearance. He asks her to go to the movies with him, but she refuses, ostensibly because of the hardship Will's funeral has brought her family, but actually because she has monster-hunting plans with Jonathan.

Nancy joins Jonathan as he practices shooting the gun. He's a terrible shot and admits that he hasn't shot a gun since he was ten and Lonnie took him hunting, something which he shuts to remember as Lonnie forced him to kill a bunny during the trip. Nancy admits that she thinks her parents married out of convenience more than love. She tries the gun and realizes she's a much better shot than Jonathan.

Hopper calls his ex-wife and tells her that he doesn't regret any part of the seven years he had with her and Sarah. However, he hears her new baby crying on the other end of the line and hangs up with a lie about being drunk and a request for her to take care of herself.

The kids walk along a train track, following the compasses. Lucas comments that Eleven is acting weird. Eleven flashes back to being immersed in "the bath", a sensory deprivation tank, in

order to seek out a Russian spy. Distressed by the memory, she asks Mike to turn back, but he tells her to keep walking. She agrees, but as she does so, her nose begins to bleed.

Nancy asks Jonathan about the picture he took of her, and he says that he felt like she was trying to be someone else, but in that moment, it was like she was alone and a completely different person. Nancy tells him that that's bullshit and she's not trying to be someone else by dating Steve. She adds that Steve's actually a good guy and the incident with the camera was uncharacteristic. They get into an argument that culminates with Jonathan telling Nancy that she may think she's rebellious, but she behaves just like every other suburban girl and will inevitably end up in a life just like that of her parents.

Reaching a junkyard full of rusted-out cars, Dustin notices that they've looped back around, and Lucas realizes that Eleven has been screwing up the compasses to mislead them, pointing out the fresh blood on her sleeve. Mike defends her, but Eleven tearfully tells them that she did it because the gate is unsafe.

Hopper visits Joyce, checks her house for bugs, and tells her about what he's uncovered, including Will's fake body.

Lucas says that Eleven is a traitor and a monster who's using them for her own purposes, and that Mike is blinded by his feelings for Eleven. Dustin tries to calm them both down, but the two of them get in a fight. Panicked, Eleven begs them to stop, then uses her powers to throw Lucas against a nearby piece of sheet metal, temporarily knocking him unconscious. Mike is furious at her overreaction and shouts, "What's wrong with you?!"

Eleven again flashes back to "the bath". She comes too standing in an empty black void with a wet floor. She spots the Russian spy in the distance and walks over to him, but as she comes close, it is obvious that the man is not on the same plane of existence as her, as he is clearly in a conversation with someone unseen and doesn't notice Eleven as she curiously walks in a circle around him and studies him, as she channels his voice into the lab's speakers. Suddenly, Eleven hears a snarl in the void. The Russian man fades away, as Eleven looks spooked around and for the source of the sound. On the outside, Dr. Brenner and his team hears strange sounds being broadcaster over the lab's speakers; Brenner notices that he has no idea what it is. A scared Eleven finally spots the source of the sounds, and she starts running frantically, before waking up in the tank, screaming and pounding on the glass in a panic.

In the present, Lucas wakes up and furiously heads home alone; Eleven takes advantage of the distraction to disappear into the woods in tears.

Nancy and Jonathan find an injured deer, which is abruptly dragged into some bushes by an unseen creature. They follow the trail of blood and find a tree with an organic-looking portal like the one at the lab in its base. Nancy crawls through the portal and finds a slightly altered version of the woods on the other side: the air is filled with strange motes, her flashlight flickers on and off, and the ground and trees are covered in meaty-looking vines and cobwebs. She sees the monster feeding on the deer, and it chases her. Jonathan hears her scream and calls for her, unaware of the portal in the tree, which has started to close.

Chapter Six: The Monster

Season 1

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Guest Stars:	Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Rob Morgan (Officer Powell), Aimee Mullins (Terry Ives), John Reynolds (Officer Callahan), Mark Steger (The Monster), Amy Seimetz (Becky Ives), Glennellen Anderson (Nicole), Andrew Benator (Elevator Scientist), Adam Boyer (Hunting Store Owner), Catherine Dyer (Agent Connie Frazier), Randall P. Havens (Mr. Clarke), Hugh B. Holub (Scientist), Tobias Jelinek (Lead Agent), Cade Jones (James), Linda Kang (Female Clerk), Kevin Patrick Murphy (Grocery Store Manager), Anniston Price (Holly Wheeler), Tinsley Price (Holly Wheeler), Chester Rushing (Tommy H.), Susan Shalhoub Larkin (Florence), Chase Stokes (Reed), Chelsea Talmadge (Carol), Robert Walker Branchaud (Agent Repairman), Peyton Wich (Troy), Stephen Dean (Hawkins Police Officer), Marshall Choka (Scientist), Jim Heard (Townsperson), Blake Kerzie (Middle School Student), John Archer Lundgren (Winky's Patron), Rachel Marie Wilson (Grocery Store Patron)
Summary:	Jonathan goes in search for Nancy while Steve does the same and Hopper and Joyce unearth the truth behind the lab's experiments.



Being stalked by the monster in the dark world, Nancy calls out for Jonathan, but in the normal world Jonathan can only hear a echo of her voice. Jonathan tries calling out for her, but the effect is the same for Nancy; she only hears him as a faint echo. Nancy is able still able to guide Jonathan to the portal she enter the dark world through, and manages to sneak past the monster. Jonathan notices the portal in the tree and pulls her back through it just before it closes.

Steve, Tommy, and Carol drive out to the Wheelers' house while Tommy and Carol tease Steve for being worried about Nancy's odd behavior. Steve climbs up to Nancy's bedroom window and, seeing Jonathan comforting a shaken Nancy, assumes Nancy is cheating on him.

Hopper tells Joyce about what he saw in the lab, including the child's bedroom with the drawing. Joyce asks if the drawing was good. Hopper tells her it was a childish stick figure drawing, and Joyce shows him the detailed, talented picture Will drew of his D&D party, proving that a different child must be involved in the conspiracy at Hawkins Lab. Hopper realizes this is likely Terry Ives' missing daughter, and probably also the child seen at Benny's restaurant.

Nancy, quite traumatized by her brief stay in the dark world, showers and tells Jonathan she doesn't want to be alone. He tries to sleep on the floor, but she asks him to sleep on her bed instead. As he lies next to her he tries to reassure her, telling her the monster can't get them in here, but she points out that they don't know if that's actually true. A bit rattled by this, Jonathan takes a nervous look around the room.

Jonathan wakes up and finds that Nancy has stayed up all night theorizing about the monster. She thinks that the monster lives in the place on the other side of the portal, and that if it was feeding on the deer, it likely did the same to Will and Barbara. Jonathan points out that Joyce talked to Will, which means Barb may also be alive. Nancy tells him that means Barb is trapped, and they need to find it again. She believes that the monster is like a shark—a solitary predator drawn to the smell of blood, like the injured deer and Barb's cut finger.

Connie from Hawkins Lab stops by Mr. Clarke's house, this time posing as a representative of a statewide AV club. Mr. Clarke buys her story hook, line, and sinker and invites her inside. She asks him if he knows any local children who would be interested in receiving some material about the club and he answers that he sure does.

Dustin goes to the Wheelers' house. Mike feels guilty for yelling at Eleven and worries about her disappearance. Dustin tells him that he, Lucas, and Eleven were all out of line in the fight, and Mike needs to apologize first since he pushed first.

Eleven wakes up in the woods, dirty and dishevelled. She walks to a nearby pond and tries to put her partially-destroyed wig back on, but can't undo the damage she's caused. She screams with frustration, and a massive ripple breaks her reflection.

Karen goes to check on Nancy and finds her room empty and window open. Mike and Dustin go to Lucas' house so Mike can apologize, but when Lucas says he'll only accept on the condition that they forget about Eleven and go straight to the gate, they begin to argue again. Dustin tries to get them to overcome their pride and stick together, but Lucas and Mike still can't agree on Eleven's presence, and Lucas vows to look for Will alone.

Eleven goes to a supermarket. As her dirty and ragged appearance causes the costumers and employees to shoot her many strange looks, she flashes back to being put in the "bath" to make contact with the monster on Dr. Brenner's orders. In the present, Eleven walks up to the cooler and starts stocking up on Eggo waffles. A concerned employee tries asking her if her parents are around, but she coldly dismisses him. As she starts walking out of the store with her hoard, the employee tries to stop her, but she uses her powers to violently slam the sliding doors in his face and gets away.

Lucas goes to search for the gate and sees a man get out of a Hawkins Power and Light van across the street from his house. He casually waves to the man who waves back.

Dustin and Mike discuss Lucas' dislike of Eleven. Dustin says that it's jealousy—Lucas and Mike have been best friends their whole lives, and now all Mike wants to do is hang out with Eleven. Mike accepts this explanation, but insists that Dustin and Will are his best friends, too. They come across the chaos at the supermarket and realize Eleven must have been there.

Joyce and Hopper track down Terry Ives and find that she is catatonic, cared for by her sister. Terry's sister tells them that Terry's involvement in MKUltra consisted of being given psychedelics and put in an isolation tank, and that Terry didn't know she was pregnant at the time of the experiments. Joyce asks if they have any pictures of Jane, but Terry's sister tells her that Jane isn't real—Terry miscarried in the third trimester. However, Terry still keeps a nursery for Jane, believing that she's going to come home one day and that she was taken to become a weapon because she was born with psychic abilities. All of the abilities Jane allegedly had match those demonstrated by Eleven.

Lucas searches for the gate, but is stopped by the fence of Hawkins Lab. As he rounds the corner of the fence, his compass needle changes direction, and he realizes the gate is in the lab. He climbs a tree and spies on the facility with binoculars. He sees men in black suits and military personal milling about outside the place, but to his puzzlement he also spots several Hawkins Power and Light vans parked outside amongst military trucks.

Nancy and Jonathan buy monster-hunting supplies, including ammunition, gasoline, and a bear trap. Outside, Nancy sees graffiti on the marquee of the local movie theater calling her a slut. In an alley nearby, Steve, Tommy, Carol, and Nicole are painting more graffiti calling Jonathan a pervert. Nancy confronts them and realizes that Steve saw Jonathan in her room the previous night, but is unable to explain why he was there without telling them about the

monster. Jonathan tells Nancy to leave, but Steve taunts him by saying that it's a good thing Will's dead because their whole family is an embarrassment to the town. Jonathan and Steve get into a fistfight, which is broken up by Powell and Callahan; in the process, Jonathan accidentally elbows Callahan in the face, resulting in his arrest for assaulting an officer. Nancy goes to the police station with him while the other teens run away.

Eleven sits in the woods eating her Eggos and hears Dustin and Mike calling for her. The boys hear a noise and think it's her, but it's actually Troy and James, who confront them about the incident at the assembly. Mike and Dustin tells them to go away, but when Troy draws a switch-blade the duo decides to flee and is chased by the bullies, who follow them as they run to the quarry. Troy catches Dustin and threatens to cut out his teeth unless Mike jumps off the cliff into the water at the bottom of the quarry, something which shocks James who tells Troy that he is going too far with all of this. Troy, however, refuses to back down and repeats his threat. Despite Dustin begging him not to do it, Mike walks over to the edge and jumps, but is caught mid-air and levitated back to safety by Eleven, who knocks James to the ground, breaks Troy's arm, and tells them both to leave. As Troy and James run away in fear, Dustin proudly tells the bullies that she's his and Mike's friend, and if they come back, she'll kill them.

Eleven collapses from the strain of using her powers and flashes back to searching for the monster while in "the bath". She finds it eating something, and when she disturbs it, it roars at her and breaks into our dimension, creating the portal in the lab. In the present, Eleven tearfully admits that she opened the gate and says that she's the monster, but Mike assures her that she's not the monster and that she saved him. Mike, Eleven, and Dustin engage in a group hug and head back to the Wheelers' house. As they travel, they are observed by the fake electrician, who alerts the lab to their position.

Lucas sees a fleet of Hawkins Power and Light vans leave the lab and realizes that his friends are in danger.

Chapter Seven: The Bathtub

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Guest Stars: Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Rob Morgan (Officer Powell), John Reynolds (Officer Callahan), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Shae Britt (Mary Mack Girl #2), Jackie Dallas (Jen), Catherine Dyer (Agent Connie Frazier), Charles Green (Movie Theatre Manager), Randall P. Havens (Mr. Clarke), Tobias Jelinek (Lead Agent), Amy Parrish (Troy's Mom), Anniston Price (Holly Wheeler), Tinsley Price (Holly Wheeler), Chester Rushing (Tommy H.), Susan Shalhoub Larkin (Florence), Chelsea Talmadge (Carol), Robert Walker Branchaud (Agent Repairman), Abigail Whitlock (Mary Mack Girl #1), Peyton Wich (Troy), Stephen Dean (Hawkins Police Officer), Marisol Correa (Townsperson), Jim Heard (Townsperson), Daniel Jarvie (Special Agent), Stephen M. LaBar Jr. (Special Agent), Shannon Purser (Barbara Holland)
Summary: Eleven has trouble reaching Will; Lucas issues an ominous warning; and Nancy and Jonathan show the police footage from Jonathan's camera.



Mike helps Eleven clean the dirt off her face after their adventures in the woods. Eleven looks at her reflection in the mirror and touches her shaved head, but Mike tells her she doesn't need the wig. Eleven asks, "Still pretty?", which Mike confirms that she is—really pretty, in fact. They agree that they're both glad Eleven is home and almost kiss, but are interrupted by Dustin, who says that Lucas is on the radio and is in trouble. Lu-

cas tells them that the bad men are coming and know about Eleven.

Seeing the Power and Light vans pulling up outside the house, Dustin, Mike, and Eleven escape with Eleven riding on the back of Mike's bicycle. Lucas meets up with them, and the four kids are chased through the neighborhood by three of the vans. A fourth van drives at them head-on, attempting to block them in, but Eleven uses her mind to flip the van over their bikes, simultaneously clearing the road in front of them and blocking the vans behind them. The kids take refuge in the junkyard. Lucas, Eleven, and Mike all apologize to each other for their earlier fight.

Joyce and Hopper arrive at the police station and tell Callahan to uncuff Jonathan. Powell shows them the alarming weapons Jonathan and Nancy bought at the hunting store. Jonathan says they'll never believe the explanation, but Hopper says to try him.

Karen goes down to the basement and finds a strand of Eleven's wig on one of the pillows. Upstairs, Connie and other employees of the lab, including Dr. Brenner, arrive at the door, search

the house for signs of Eleven's whereabouts and question Ted and Karen about her. Karen is upset that Connie will not tell her anything about why they're looking for the girl or what kind of danger Mike might be in. Dr. Brenner soothes her and asks if she has any idea where Mike could be.

Lucas tells Mike, Dustin, and Eleven about what he saw at the lab. Mike says that his dad told him the lab is owned by the military and that they develop weapons there; the kids all realize that Eleven must be one of those weapons. Seeing a helicopter, they hide their bikes and take refuge in an abandoned bus.

In Hopper's office, Jonathan and Nancy show him and Joyce the photo of the monster and tell them about their theory that it's attracted by blood. Joyce tells Jonathan he shouldn't have tried to investigate this without telling her and that he doesn't have to do things alone. In the main room of the station, Troy's mother shouts at Callahan and Powell for dismissing her report about Troy's broken arm as trivial. Hopper tells them to be quiet, but upon hearing Troy say that the girl had a shaved head, he questions Troy closer. Troy tells him that the girl could make people fly and that she always hangs out with "those losers".

Steve, Tommy, and Carol go to a convenience store to lick their wounds. Tommy and Carol continue to make rude, tasteless comments about Jonathan and Nancy, and Steve snaps, telling them that they're both assholes and shouldn't have graffitied the marquee and the alley. They argue, and Steve storms off in his car.

Hopper, Nancy, Joyce, and Jonathan drive to the Wheelers' house, but see that Brenner and his goons have already gotten there. Jonathan suggests that they use Will's supercom radio to try to talk to Mike and find him. Nancy radios Mike, but the kids don't answer, fearing that she may be working for the men from the lab. Hopper gets on the radio and tells the kids that they know about Eleven and that they know they're in trouble; after a moment, Mike radios them back.

Steve goes to the theater and offers to help clean up the graffiti.

In the bus, Dustin paces, worrying that they've been set up. Several "bad men" arrive, and the kids hide out of view of the windows. One man notices their bikes and opens the door to the bus, but is taken out by Hopper, who takes the kids back to the Byers' house.

The group unites and pools their knowledge about Hawkins Lab, the monster, the Upside-Down, and the gate. Eleven tries to use the supercom to find Will and Barb, but fails. The boys explain that using her powers is draining, and she is currently weakened from flipping the van earlier. Eleven says that she can find Will and Barb in "the bath". Dustin calls Mr. Clarke and asks how to build a sensory deprivation tank. He learns that they need Joyce's kiddie pool and 1500 pounds of salt.

They set up the tank in the gym of the middle school, using the school's de-icing salt. While bringing hoses to the gym from an equipment shed, Nancy and Mike talk about the events of the past week and agree to be honest with each other from now on. Mike asks Nancy if she likes Jonathan, which she denies; she asks him if he likes Eleven, which he also denies. Joyce duct-tapes over a set of chemistry splash goggles to keep Eleven's vision dark in the tank, and thanks her for her bravery in helping find Will.

Setting up the supercom outside the tank so Eleven can channel Will's voice, Eleven steps into the tank and returns to the void where she found the Demogorgon. She sees Barbara, who is dead and has a large slug-like creature coming out of her mouth. She begins to panic and screams that Barb is gone, but Joyce comforts her, and she presses onward. She sees Will's fort, Castle Byers, and finds him inside, barely conscious. She tells him his mom is coming, and Will asks her to hurry. The fort disappears and Eleven, terrified, comes out of the vision and is comforted by Joyce.

Hopper and Joyce go to the lab to find Will, leaving Nancy and Jonathan to look after the kids. Nancy, however, is grief-stricken and furious over Barb's death, and tells Jonathan that they need to kill the Demogorgon or else it will kill Joyce and Hopper. They take their supplies back from the police station. At the lab, Hopper and Joyce are surrounded and apprehended.

In the Upside-Down, Will hears the Demogorgon prowling outside his fort, and the walls explode inward as it pounces.

Chapter Eight: The Upside Down

Season 1

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Guest Stars: Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Rob Morgan (Officer Powell), John Reynolds (Officer Callahan), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Mark Steger (The Monster), Lucius Baston (Technician), Pete Burris (Hawkins Head of Security), Catherine Dyer (Agent Connie Frazier), Elle Graham (Sara Hopper), Tobias Jelinek (Lead Agent), Susan Shalhoub Larkin (Florence), Jerri Tubbs (Diane Hopper), Ward Andrew (Military), Stephen Dean (Deputy), Rory Healy (Agent), Jim Heard (Townsperson), Daniel Jarvie (Special Agent), Stephen M. LaBar Jr. (Agent), Lourenz Oviedo (Officer)
Summary: Joyce and Hopper are taken in for questioning. Nancy and Jonathan prepare to fight the monster and save Will.



Brenner interrogates Joyce, asking when and how she made contact with Will. He tells her that the monster has taken six people in the past week, and that while they don't understand it, they know that it eats, and therefore will take more people unless Joyce helps them. Joyce, however, calls him out for leaving Will to die and faking his death, and tells him that he can go to Hell. Hopper is also interrogated, and tells them that he knows ev-

everything they've done. They threaten to kill him and make it look like an accidental overdose unless he gives up Eleven's location and stops looking into the lab's activities. He agrees on the conditions that he and Joyce be allowed to rescue Will, that they will face no repercussions for their investigation of the lab, and that no one will ever find out about his betrayal.

Mike realizes that Nancy and Jonathan have left, and Eleven says that they've gone to fight the Demogorgon. Nancy and Jonathan rig the Byers' house with traps.

After Hopper confesses Eleven's location, he and Joyce are brought to the gate and put in hazmat suits. Connie warns Brenner that this is a mistake, but he confidently assures her that they'll never find Will. Joyce and Hopper step through the gate to search for Will. Hopper flashes back to playing with his daughter at a park. Sarah sees something that frightens her, and he tells her to breathe slowly.

Mike says they should go after Jonathan and Nancy, but Lucas and Dustin argue that they should stay at the school. The kids go to the cafeteria to get food.

Jonathan and Nancy cut their hands to draw the monster to them. Nancy is jumpy, but Jonathan tells her that Joyce says the lights blink when the monster comes. They dress their wounds, but are interrupted by Steve, who has come to the house to apologize to Jonathan.

Nancy answers the door, and he forces his way inside when he notices Nancy's injured hand. He is confused and horrified by the traps inside, and Nancy tries to make him leave, but before he can, the lights start flashing and the monster bursts through the ceiling, much to Steve's shock and confusion. They hide in Will's room, but the house goes silent, and they come out to find the monster has disappeared.

In the Upside-Down, Hopper finds something that looks like an enormous hatched egg. Joyce comes across the ruins of Castle Byers, and Hopper sees a stuffed animal in the wreckage that causes him to flash back to him reading to Sarah in the hospital as she undergoes chemotherapy.

Meanwhile, Jonathan and Nancy prepare for another shot at trapping the Demogorgon. Nancy finally convinces Steve, who is extremely freaked out by what has just happened, that he should leave the house for his own safety. Steve steps outside and determinately heads for his car, but pauses when he sees the lights flashing inside and hears gunshots from the house. Making a quick decision, he goes back to help Nancy and Jonathan. Jonathan is tackled by the monster, and although Nancy shoots it, it is undeterred. Steve grabs the bat and beats the monster with it, forcing it into the bear trap, and Jonathan lights it on fire. The Demogorgon disappears back to the Upside-Down.

Joyce and Hopper reach the Upside-Down version of the Byers' house, causing the Christmas lights to blink with their movements back in our world. Jonathan realizes that these lights are not the monster.

Dustin and Lucas raid the school fridge while Mike and Eleven sit out in the cafeteria, talking about plans for their future. Mike tells her that when this is all over, she can live with his family, and the two of them can go to the school dance, the Snow Ball, together. Eleven questions him about this, and, struggling to explain his feelings, Mike gives up and kisses her instead. They both smile nervously afterwards, but the moment is interrupted by a car pulling up outside. Mike goes out to greet it, assuming it's Nancy and Jonathan, but instead finds an army of Hawkins Lab employees. The kids are pursued and cornered by the agents, including Connie, but Eleven uses her powers to crush their brains inside their skulls, causing blood to leak out of their eyes and ears before they die. She passes out, and Dr. Brenner arrives. The boys defiantly try to protect Eleven, but are grabbed by more agents. Brenner wakes Eleven up and comforts her, saying that he's her "papa" and he's going to help her, but Eleven rejects him, telling him that he is bad and calling for Mike instead. Mike realizes the blood from the dead agents will attract the Demogorgon. It appears right on cue and attacks the nearest lab employees as well as Dr. Brenner, and the kids escape in the chaos, Dustin carrying Eleven.

Joyce and Hopper follow the Demogorgon's blood trail to the library, where they find Barb's decaying body, a bare skeleton, and Will unconscious and glued to a wall with some sort of tendril down his throat. Hopper pulls the tendril out, but Will doesn't regain consciousness.

The kids take shelter in the science classroom. Mike tells Eleven that the bad man is gone, and promises her that she'll be okay—she'll get her own bed and as many Eggos as she wants, and they can go to the Snow Ball together. The Demogorgon bursts into the room, and Lucas tries to fight it off with the wrist rocket, but it continues to advance towards them. Suddenly, it is flung against the blackboard, and Eleven steps forward, using her powers to restrain it, her nose, ears, and even her eyes beginning to bleed from the overload. Mike tries to stop her, but she throws him back. She advances towards the Demogorgon, takes one last look back at the boys, and tells Mike goodbye. Turning towards the monster again, she says, "No more," and screams as she disintegrates the Demogorgon. When the ashes clear, both Eleven and the monster are gone.

In the Upside-Down, Joyce panics because Will isn't breathing. Hopper performs CPR on him and flashes back to Sarah's death. Will regains consciousness, and Hopper and Joyce give him an oxygen mask.

Karen races to the middle school, having been called there by EM Ts, and finds Mike unharmed but grief-stricken.

Will wakes up in the hospital and is joyously reunited with his mother, brother, and friends. Mike, Lucas, and Dustin excitedly fill him in on everything that happened while he was gone, although they are temporarily sobered when Will coughs violently and Mike tells him about Eleven and her Heroic Sacrifice. Hopper walks out of the hospital for a smoke, only to discover a black car driving up behind him. A pair of men in black step out and stare silently at him, one of them holding the car door open. With a resigned expression, Hopper steps into the car and is

driven away by the agents.

One month later, the boys are again playing Dungeons and Dragons in Mike's basement. They are confronted by a Thessalhydra, which Will defeats with a fireball; afterwards, however, Will, Lucas, and Dustin complain that Mike's ten-hour campaign was too short, citing dropped plot points such as the "lost knight," the "proud princess", and the "weird flowers in the cave". Jonathan arrives to pick Will up. As the other boys head out, Mike looks melancholically at Eleven's rebuilt but empty blanket fort. Mike's supercom radio sits inside, indicating that Mike still holds out hope that Eleven is alive somewhere. Upstairs, Nancy stops Jonathan and Will to give Jonathan a Christmas present, and kisses him on the cheek. In the car, Will unwraps it: it's a camera to replace the one that Steve broke. Inside the house, it's revealed that it was a joint present from Steve and Nancy, who are still dating.

At the police station's Christmas party, Hopper fills a Tupperware container with food and leaves. He drives out to the forest and leaves the container in a dead drop box, along with a saran-wrapped stack of Eggo waffles.

At the Byers' house, Joyce, Jonathan, and Will prepare for dinner, but Will leaves the table with the excuse that he forgot to wash his hands. In the bathroom, he coughs up a smaller version of the slug creature that came out of Barbara's corpse's mouth, and sees a brief flash of the Upside-Down. He stares briefly at the worm creature as it disappears down the drain, and then returns to the dinner table, pretending like nothing is wrong.

Season Two

Chapter Nine: Madmax

Season 2

Episode Number: 9

Season Episode: 1

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Guest Stars:	Linnea Berthelsen (Roman), Brett Gelman (Murray Bauman), Kai Greene (Funshine), James Landry Hébert (Axel), Anna Jacoby-Heron (Dottie), Gabrielle Maiden (Mick), Glennellen Anderson (Nicole), Cynthia Barrett (Marsha Holland), Alan Boell (Adams), Gilbert Glenn Brown (Cop 4), Matthew Cardarople (Keith), Madelyn Cline (Tina), Abigail F. Cowen (Vicki), Brian F. Durkin (Cop 1), Joe Davison (Nerdy Tech), Lauren Halperin (Dr. Owen's Assistant), Christopher Johnson (II) (Cop 2), Fenton Lawless (Merril), Charles Lawlor (Mr. Melvad), Dave MacDonald (Flamethrower Soldier), Aaron Munoz (Mr. Holland), Tony Vaughn (Principal Coleman), Ricardo Miguel Young (Reporter)
Summary:	A year after he disappeared and returned, Will is dealing with the trauma of the Upside Down. Meanwhile, the government maintains an interest in him, and Jim pays a visit to the cabin in the woods.



In Pittsburgh, a group of masked figures run out of a building and get into their getaway van. As they drive off, a police car gives chase. One of the robbers tells the driver to pull into an alley going the wrong way. They narrowly avoid the oncoming cars and get clear, only for more police cars to come after them. The robbers tell one of the women, Kali, to do something, and she tells the driver to head into a tunnel. As the police follow them, Kali concentrates and the police officer in the lead car, Adams, hallucinates the tunnel collapsing in front of them. They brake to a halt, slamming into each other. he staggers out sick, and discovers that the tunnel is intact.

Kali and the others drive out the other side, and Kali wipes the blood from her nose. On her wrist is a bar code: 008.

In Hawkins, people are preparing for Halloween. At home, Dustin is looking around his house. He finally finds the quarters he needs and calls Lucas on the radio. He then calls Mike, who hasn't gotten any quarters. Mike sneaks into Nancy's room and takes her quarters, and when she comes in tells her that he'll pay her back. He runs out and rides off on his bike before she can stop him.

The friends meet at the arcade, and Joyce drops off Will. She tells him to be careful and to have fun, and Will joins his friends.

Dustin plays Dragon's Lair but gets killed. When he says that he's tops on the other games, Keith corrects him. Dustin runs over and discovers that a new player, MADMAX, has topped him. They ask Keith who MADMAX is, and he says that he'll tell them if Mike sets up a date for him with Nancy.

As they argue, Will looks outside and sees a storm gathering. He turns and discovers that everyone in the arcade is gone. The arcade turns into an overgrown ruin from the Upside Down and Will goes outside. Mike calls to him, and everything snaps back to normal.

They go back inside to play.

The next day, Jim arrives at the police station and investigative reporter Murray Bauman is waiting for him. Murray says that they need to talk, but Jim doesn't want to hear it. The deputies laugh as Murray says there's a Russian spy presence in Hawkins, and there have been reports of a girl with psionic abilities. Jim gives him five minutes, and Murray says that there have been rumors of a girl with a shaved head seen around town. He figures that it's tied into Barb's disappearance, but Jim is less than impressed.

He's interrupted when he gets a call from the local pumpkin patch owner, Merrill, that his pumpkins have been contaminated by his vengeful neighbor. Jim tells Murray that he has to tend to business and leaves.

Steve and Nancy are parked outside of the school, and Nancy goes over his essay for early application to college. He asks her to help him that night at his house, and Nancy reminds him that he was going to come to dinner. Steve figures that he might be better off working for his dad in insurance, and he'd be there for Nancy's senior years. They kiss just as new kid Billy pulls up in his hot rod. He and his sister Max get out and the local girls check out Steve's ass.

Will goes to his locker and discovers that someone has left an article of him with the words "Zombie Boy" written on his photo. He goes to class where Mr. Clarke talks about the human brain. The principal brings in Max, and the boys figure that she's MADMAX.

Joyce is working at the general store when Bob Newby comes in. He asks if they have pumpkins in any other colors go into the back, and kiss. Joyce finally says that she has to get back to work, and says that she'll see that night at the house for movie night. Jim drives out to the pumpkin patch, which is filled with rotting pumpkins. Merrill says that his neighbor Eugene is responsible, and figures that Eugene sent one of his field hands out. Jim notices something moving in the nearby field and goes to investigate. A crow flies up but there's no one there.

Tina is handing out invitations to her Halloween bash, and Nancy gives one to Jonathan and tells him that he's going. He refuses but Nancy says that he can't sit alone home on Halloween. Jonathan says that he's going trick-or-treating with Will, but Nancy figures that he'll be home by 8 by himself. As they arrive at Nancy's locker, Steve grabs her and they kiss. Jonathan walks away and Nancy notices him going.

Dustin and the others watch Max skateboarding. She drops something and goes inside, and the boys run over. Dustin digs in the garbage and finds a note telling them to stop spying on her. Principal Coleman comes over and tells Will that Joyce is there.

Everyone looks at Will as Coleman takes him outside to where Joyce is waiting. Mike and the others watch, and figure that Will is always quiet when he has to go in.

Joyce drives Will out of town and asks if he's feeling any better. After a moment, a distracted Will says that he is. Joyce tells him to tell them what he felt and saw, and she'll be there with him so it will be okay. They pull up to where Jim is waiting outside of the government facility. They go inside and put Will through medical tests. Dr. Sam Owens comes in and chats with Will, and asks about the episode he had. Agents monitor Will as he describes his vision at the arcade. Owens pushes him for details, and Will's EKG readings go up as he says that he sensed evil and it wanted to kill everyone else.

After the session, Owens tells Joyce and Jim that it's going to get worse before it gets better. He explains that it's the anniversary of the event so Will will have more episodes and personality changes. Owens tells Joyce to treat Will normally and let him lead the way. He assures her that the former government people are gone, and he assures Joyce that he's on her side. Outside, Joyce complains to Jim and Jim says that post-traumatic stress is real. He asks about Bob and Joyce says that they're good. Jim rather unconvincingly says that he's happy for her and tells Joyce to call him if things get worse. As Joyce drives away with Will, Jim looks up and Owens

waves to him. As Jim goes, an assistant tells Owens that they're ready for him and he goes to an underground lab where a soldier with a flamethrower dons a protective suit and enters an airlock. He enters the next chamber and approaches the Upside Down portal, and uses the flame thrower on the organism in front of it.

Dustin and Lucas watch the arcade and Billy drops Max off. Brother and sister argue and Billy drives off as Max gives him the finger. She goes inside and plays DigDug, and Dustin and Lucas keep watching her.

That night, Karen tells Mike to pick out his toys for the yard sale. Mike says that they already took away his Atari, and Karen points out that he's been acting up recently. Ted vaguely joins in.

Steve and Nancy go to the Holland house and have KFC with Barb's parents. Nancy asks about the for sale sign in their yard, and Mrs.

Holland says that they hired Murray to look into Barb's disappearance. Mr. Holland says that Murray is going to do what Jim hasn't been capable of doing, and finding Barb. They hope that they'll find Barb, and they're selling the house to pay for him. Mrs.

Holland says that for the first time, they're hopeful. Nancy excuses herself and goes to the bathroom, upset. There's a picture of Barb on the counter, and Nancy turns it down and cries.

In the basement, Mike picks his toys for the yard sale and keeps his favorites. He looks over at the nest where El stayed, picks up his radio, and calls to El. Mike says that he's still there and asks her to say something if she's still out there. He gets no response and puts down the radio. Dustin calls in and asks what he's doing on the channel, and says that Max is MADMAX. Mike irritably shuts down the radio, and Dustin tells Lucas that they stick with the plan. Lucas worries that Mike might not agree but Dustin doesn't care. He rides to his house and hears something digging in the garbage. Dustin figures that it's the cat and goes inside, and something shakes in the garbage can.

Bob takes video of Joyce, saying that it's the future. Will is drawing a picture of himself as Zombie Boy when Jonathan comes in and tells him to pick what video they watch. He sees the sketch and Will tells his brother that he's Zombie Boy. Will insists that everyone treats him like he's going to break, and says that it just makes him feel like more of a freak. Jonathan insists that he isn't, but Will says that he is. After a moment, his brother tells him that he is a freak but says that being a freak is the best and he's the same. Jonathan tells Will that he always hangs out with him because they're best friends. Bob comes by and looks at the videos, picks one, and goes.

As Bob and the Byers watch the movie, Jonathan and Will are bored while Bob and Joyce laugh. The phone rings and Joyce jumps, and Bob tells her to let it go.

At the facility, a technician is at his console when the alarms go off.

Will goes to the bathroom. Afterward, he hears something rumbling and hears the storm outside. The front door opens, revealing the Upside Down, and Will goes outside. Something vast and tentacles appears in the sky.

Jim drives out to the forest and avoids the tripwire that he set. He knocks at the door of a cabin, and El unlocks the doors. Jim goes to the refrigerator and gets a beer, and discovers she's set out TV dinners. El complains that he didn't signal because she's late, and he tells her that he won't be again.

Chapter Ten: The Boy Who Came Back to Life

Season 2

Episode Number: 10

Season Episode: 2

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Summary: After Will sees something terrible on trick-or-treat night, Mike wonders whether Eleven's still out there. Nancy wrestles with the truth about Barb.



Eleven, after destroying the Demogorgon, appears in the middle of the school's Upside Down equivalent. Naturally scared, she runs around the place, calling for Mike, until she finds the hole the Demogorgon went through to come to the real world. Waiting until she can tell there is no one at the other side, she makes a bigger hole with her powers, getting back to the real world. She walks to Mike's home, but she finds it surrounded by po-

licemen: they are there to warn the family she may be a danger to the family and to warn them if she ever comes around. Two of the agents interrogate Mike, but he tells them he does not know where Eleven is, and even if he did know, he would not be telling them. The agents tell Mike of the danger Eleven represents, and Eleven, who is listening in, runs away, but not before Mike notices she is there: Eleven hides in the forest from the agents.

In the present, Eleven gets dressed as a ghost and asks Hopper to allow her to go trick-or-treating, arguing that no one is going to recognize her with that disguise, but Hopper tells her it is a risk they cannot take, lest she get found and taken away again. Hopper promises to return earlier with candy and then they can watch scary movies.

At the Byers', Joyce has a small scare when she does not see Will in his bed — he is at the bathroom — and sees a disturbing drawing Will has made of the monster he saw the previous night, but Will lies to her, saying it's for a story he is writing. But problems are forgotten for a while: it is Halloween, and Dustin, Lucas, Mike and Will are going to school disguised as the Ghostbusters. Mike and Lucas get in a bit of discussion because they are both going as Venkman, but Dustin stops them when he points out no one else is disguised, making them the target of others' mockery. Dustin and Lucas see Max passing by, and resolve to speak with her later.

Joyce shows Hopper Will's drawing, noting it matches the sight from her home's frontyard and pointing out that, when Will describes what he sees, it feels to him as if they are real: Hopper says it may actually be Will having flashbacks to his time in the Upside Down. The two reminisce on old times before Hopper leaves.

At the Energy Lab, a technician goes through the gate to the Upside Down to repair the sensors that got fried the previous night. Dr. Owens, though, is not as optimistic as the others, going through his interview with Will while working with a stress ball.

Nancy and Steve are at the high school library, and Nancy has a flashback to her last talk with Barbara when she sees someone that looks like her friend from the back. Steve and her talk, and Nancy tells him she is tired of having to hide the truth from Barb's parents, but Steve reminds her that they could be sent to prison if they reveal what happened, and suggests they go to that night's party.

After classes, Dustin and Lucas talk with Max, who appears to be thoroughly unimpressed with their disguises, and they invite her to join them for trick-or-treating, but she does not give them an answer.

At her cabin, Eleven channel-surfs using her powers to change channels, when she hears something outside: a squirrel chattering. Eleven has a flashback to her killing a squirrel to eat, but while she was roasting it she was found by a man wearing heavy winter clothes: using the squirrel as a projectile, she knocked the man out and stole his jacket and cap, running away in the cold.

Hopper arrives to the police station to find a truck full of more rotting pumpkins: the same farmer that was accused in the previous episode of poisoning pumpkins is now accusing the other man of doing the same with his harvest, revealing that all the families selling pumpkins have suffered the same problem.

Max meets with her stepbrother Billy to go home. Billy clearly hates Hawkins, calling it a shithole. The two argue aloud, blaming each other for their being stuck at Hawkins. Angrily, Billy decides to gun his car for Dustin, Lucas and Mike, who are riding their bikes back home, much to Max's horror, and she forces him to swerve the car just before the boys get hit.

Hopper investigates one of the pumpkin farms and realizes the problem may be a lot bigger than he thought, because there are signs that the rotting may be a sign of something worse.

At the Byers' home, Bob (who is getting dressed as Dracula) shows Jonathan how to use his video camera so he can film Will's trick-or-treating. Will says he thinks having Jonathan go with him is lame, and Jonathan tells him he can go with his friends, as long as he returns to Mike's on time: he decides he might as well go to the Halloween party. At said party, Nancy decides to get shit-faced with a bowl of punch, under Steve's worried gaze.

At her home, Bob puts on some music and draws Joyce in for a dance. Joyce tells her boyfriend she still worries every time Will goes out of her sight, and Bob puts in that maybe they could take Jonathan and Will and leave for Maine, even implying they could be a normal family but Joyce is reluctant in spite of all the bad memories. The doorbell rings: it's trick-or-treaters.

The boys are trick-or-treating as well, when they are jumped in by Max, disguised as a killer, who suggests the group to join her and go to Loch Nora, the rich people's neighborhood. Dustin and Lucas are obviously enthusiastic about joining the new girl, but Mike's mood heavily sours.

Night falling, Hopper is still marking the rotting plants when he realizes he is late for his 'date' with Eleven, buying a kid's candy so he can at least fulfill that part of his promise. Eleven is waiting for Hopper, watching Frankenstein, when she receives a Morse signal from Hopper, telling her he is going to be late: she flashbacks to last winter, to herself walking through the forest, when she finds the dead drop Hopper made for her back then. Angry, she turns off the radio.

At Loch Nora, the group is getting a lot luckier with their candy, but Mike is not exactly as enthusiastic about Max as Dustin and Lucas are. Will stops for a second while the others get ahead, but when he follows them three elder boys scare him and he falls to the ground, instantly starting to see the Upside Down. Will gets frightened as he sees a huge tentacled shadow creature going after him, and he hides behind a wall, with Mike shaking him from his vision. Mike decides to cut the party short and takes Will home, while Max asks what is going on.

Jonathan arrives to the party, where he talks with a girl disguised as someone from KISS. She flirts with him briefly, but he not too good at reciprocating. Meanwhile, Nancy is getting drunker by the moment and Steve tries to stop her, but in their struggle he accidentally pours a punch glass over Nancy's clothes. The two go to the bathroom, and Nancy tells Steve she is fed up with having to pretend everything is alright and being in love. Steve is clearly hurt by this revelation, leaving in a huff, and Jonathan is left worried.

Mike and Will make it back to the former's home, and Will explains what is happening to him, asking his friend not to tell the others, thinking they would not understand. Mike mentions that Eleven would understand, and that he sometimes feels like she is around. The two share an uneasy smile. Meanwhile, Jonathan brings a drunk Nancy back home, getting her in bed before leaving.

At Eleven's cabin, Hopper arrives and apologizes for being late, but Eleven gets herself closed in her room with the television, obviously angry because Hopper did not keep his promise. Channel-surfing again, she decides to turn on a point full of static and puts on a bandanna over her ears, inducing herself to go into the void. In here, she sees and hears Mike talking to her through his walkie-talkie, and she makes to touch him, but, while Mike appears to notice she is "close", Eleven fails to make proper contact with him, making her break down in anguish.

Dustin arrives home, and notices the trashcan is shaking again: when he opens it, and peeks in, he sees something he obviously was not expecting for.

Chapter Eleven: The Pollywog

Season 2
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Summary: Dustin adopts a strange new pet, and Eleven grows increasingly impatient. A well-meaning Bob urges Will to stand up to his fears.



Upon finding the creature inside his garbage, Dustin decides to look after it and names it D'Artagnan, or Dart for short. He decides to show it to his friends, but they're not totally receptive to this new creature.

Chapter Twelve: Will the Wise

Season 2

Episode Number: 12

Season Episode: 4

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Guest Stars: Catherine Curtin (Claudia Henderson), Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Randy Havens (Mr. Clarke), Aimee Mullins (Terry Ives), Chester Rushing (Tommy H.), James DuMont (Middle-Aged Man), Drew Scheid (Sweaty Teen Boy), Susan Shalhoub Larkin (Florence), Tinsley Price (Holly Wheeler), David A MacDonald (Flame Thrower Soldier)
Summary: An ailing Will opens up to Joyce – with disturbing results. While Hopper digs for the truth, Eleven unearths a surprising discovery.



Dustin, Mike, Lucas, and Max run into Joyce while searching for Will, only to find him catatonic in the field, locked in a standoff with the Mind Flayer. Joyce manages to get through to him just as the Flayer forces some of its tendrils down his throat, and he wakes up. Reluctantly he tells her what happened.

El returns to find Hopper understandably pissed about her little adventure. He tells her that she's grounded, which means "no more eggs". This escalates

into an argument that ends with El letting out a Sonic Scream that shatters all the windows in the house.

Jonathan and Nancy go to see Barb's parents while Joyce cares for a steadily deteriorating Will. When she takes his temperature and finds it abnormally low, she suggests trying to warm him up, but Will violently refuses, saying that "he likes it cold". Meanwhile, Barb's parents fail to show up and Nancy and Jonathan are cornered in the park by a group of plain-clothes agents.

Hopper comes to Joyce's house to find Will sitting in the cold. Will confesses that whatever the Flayer did to him left some part of it behind, allowing him to "know things" that he didn't before. Joyce sees an old drawing of Will's D&D character and suggests that, since he can't articulate exactly what it is the Flayer did to him, he should draw it instead.

Meanwhile, El cleans the house with her increasingly stable powers while the boys (minus Max, to her obvious distress) try to figure out how they can help Will. While cleaning, El discovers a basement with a box labeled "Hawkins Lab".

Dr. Owens explains to Jonathan and Nancy why he had them detained, and shows them the remains of the gate. He tells them that they can't destroy it, but can beat it back, like pulling weeds. Will continues drawing a series of what look like incomprehensible scribbles, but Joyce figures out that they're parts of a larger puzzle and begins piecing them together. Assembling

them reveals what looks like a connected series of tunnels or tentacles that Hopper quickly figures out are actually vines. He heads to the pumpkin patch while Max and Lucas argue, and Max's brother warns her to stay away from him. El finds Terry Ives's file and attempts to contact her.

Jonathan and Nancy leave the lab and it's revealed that they'd been planning (or at least prepared) for capture: Nancy taped their conversation with Dr. Owens, recording proof of Barb's death. She reaffirms that she wants to go through with telling Barb's mother the truth.

Dustin comes home to find Dart's tank shattered and a trail of black slime leading to his closet, where he discovers Dart—now clearly an adolescent Demogorgon—devouring his mother's beloved cat. Hopper's dig opens up a massive tunnel underneath the pumpkin field that leads into the Upside-Down.

Chapter Thirteen: Dig Dug

Season 2

Episode Number: 13

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Friday October 27, 2017
Writer: Jessie Nickson-Lopez
Director: Andrew Stanton (I)
Show Stars: Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Police Chief Jim Hopper), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Millie Brown (Jane "Eleven" Ives), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Sadie Sink (Max), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Dacre Montgomery (Billy), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Sean Astin (Bob Newby), Paul Reiser (Dr. Sam Owens)
Guest Stars: Matthew Modine (Dr. Martin Brenner), Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Catherine Curtin (Claudia Henderson), Brett Gelman (Murray Bauman), Aimee Mullins (Terry Ives), Pruitt Taylor Vince (Ray), Amy Seimetz (Becky Ives), Kerry Cahill (Staff Nurse Caitlin), Matty Cardarople (Keith), Karen Ceesay (Mrs. Sinclair), Cory Chapman (Lab Technician), Priah Ferguson (Erica Sinclair), Paul Vincent Freeman (Security Guard), Virginia Kirby (Motel Owner), Arnell Powell (Mr. Sinclair), Ben Taylor (Friendly Trucker), Alicia Shenreice (Student)
Summary: Nancy and Jonathan swap conspiracy theories with a new ally as Eleven searches for someone from her past. "Bob the Brain" tackles a difficult problem.



Mike comforts Will while Joyce finishes piecing together Will's drawings. In the Upside-Down, Hopper comes across some sort of growth shaped like the mouth of a Demogorgon. It shoots spores at him and he passes out, while above him the entrance he dug is sealed over with vines. Later, Will wakes from a nightmare to tell Joyce that he thinks Hopper's in danger. Hopper wakes up, vomiting black sludge, and tries to escape, but realizes he's been trapped. Unbeknownst to him, thick tentacles follow as he searches for a way out.

Lucas tries to figure out how to apologize to Max, and Dustin tries to catch the immature Demogorgon now living in his closet. El hitches a ride to Terry Ives's house, but can't get her to respond. Jonathan and Nancy meet up with conspiracy theorist Murray and Nancy corrects his wall of connections about Barb's fate. Lucas corners Max and starts to tell her the truth about what happened to Will.

Bob arrives at the Byers house while Joyce and Mike try to use Will's "map" to locate Hopper. Joyce starts to chase him away, but calls him back when she sees that he's brought some puzzles for Will, realizing he might be able to help them. After some initial confusion, Bob quickly recognizes that Will's scribbles are actually a map of Hawkins and leads them to Hopper's location.

In the Upside-Down, Hopper has realized that the Meat Moss surrounding him recoils from fire and uses his cigarette lighter and scraps of his jacket to fashion a torch, which he uses to

clear a small window. Dustin buries his mother's cat and tries to get rid of all the evidence of his mistake, all the while trying to get in contact with his various friends.

Becky tries to get to know Eleven a little better, and shows her the room Terry kept for her. She offers to let El stay, and just as El cautiously accepts, the lights start to flicker. El follows them through the house to Terry, where she finds her mother still in a trance with blood running from her nose.

Will, Mike, Bob and Joyce try to triangulate Hopper's location. Joyce and the boys rush off, with a confused Bob hurriedly following behind. At Mike's house, Dustin fails to find any of his friends, but does manage to press-gang a very bewildered Steve into joining him. An exhausted Hopper collapses and is immediately swarmed and bound by tentacles.

Max doesn't believe Lucas's story and rushes off, but Murray believes Jonathan and Nancy's, and the three work together to try and figure out how to get their evidence public without it immediately being discounted. At the lab, Dr. Owens and his team discover that the dirt from the infected pumpkin patches has some strange Hive Mind like qualities, while at Terry's house, El continues to try and contact her mother. She doesn't get through to Terry, but sees memories of her birth and of what Papa did to make her forget.

Joyce and Bob head into the tunnels to rescue Hopper, leaving Will and Mike on the surface. While the adults search, a fleet of Hawkins Electric vans arrive and surround Joyce and Hopper's cars. Bob and Joyce find Hopper and cut him free, but are surrounded by tentacles. They turn around to find one of the Hawkins Lab scientists armed with a flamethrower. He covers their retreat and starts burning back the attacking vines, which causes Will to collapse, seizing violently and screeching in a way that's not entirely human. Smash cut to credits.

Chapter Fourteen: The Spy

Season 2

Episode Number: 14

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired:	Friday October 27, 2017
Writer:	Kate Trefry
Director:	Andrew Stanton (I)
Show Stars:	Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Police Chief Jim Hopper), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Millie Brown (Jane "Eleven" Ives), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Sadie Sink (Max), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Dacre Montgomery (Billy), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Sean Astin (Bob Newby), Paul Reiser (Dr. Sam Owens)
Guest Stars:	Brett Gelman (Murray Bauman), Helen Abell (Radar Tech), Brian Brightman (MP Guard #1), Kristopher Charles (MP Guard #2), Joe Davison (Nerdy Tech), Priah Ferguson (Erica Sinclair), Sheena Kharazmi (Exam Room Nurse), Mary Kraft (E.R. Doctor), Brian Lafontaine (Doctor #2), Wendel A. Matthews (Lead Rift Soldier), Brandon O'Dell (Neurologist), Vince Pisani (Doctor #1), Michael Shenefeld (Rift Soldier #2), James Michael Smith (Flame Thrower)
Summary:	Will's connection to a shadowy evil grows stronger but no one's quite sure how to stop it. Elsewhere, Dustin and Steve forge an unlikely bond.



Will is rushed to the hospital, burning up from the inside. Steve and Dustin take the bat from season one to try and deal with Dart, but discover that he's grown again and tunneled his way free of the basement. At the hospital, Joyce argues with the doctors, who can't tell her exactly what's wrong with Will, while Jonathan, Nancy and Murray make copies of the recording of Dr. Owen. As it's getting late, Murray says they can spend

the night, and after some back-and-forth Nancy and Jonathan kiss and go to bed together.

Hopper is still sick from his time in the Upside-Down, but Dr. Owen arrives with a hazmat suit, saying there's something Hopper should see. They take an elevator down and we see that the gate Eleven created is now the size of a skyscraper, leading down to a huge network of tunnels that Dr. Owen says is continuing to spread. When Hopper asks why the scientists haven't burned it back, Dr. Owen says there's a "complication".

While Will sleeps, Joyce brings Bob up to speed. He takes it pretty well in stride, saying he thought stuff like this only happened in science fiction, and brings up moving to Maine again. Before Joyce, who is obviously still torn, can respond, Will wakes and calls out to her. Bob calls for a doctor, and when he returns, Will asks who he is, completely unable to remember him.

Murray very smugly makes Jonathan and Nancy breakfast, sends them on their way with a bottle of vodka, tells them not to contact him again, and slams the door in their faces.

Lucas sneaks Max out past her abusive stepbrother with an offer of proof about his story. In the hospital, Dr. Owen determines that Will remembers Mike and Joyce, but not him, Bob, or Hopper. He does remember the soldiers "hurting him," which inspires Dr. Owen to bring in

a severed piece of tentacle. When the tentacle is burned, Will cries out in pain. Dr. Owen tells Joyce he thinks it's some kind of hive-minded virus that's connecting all the hosts, but promises that it can be cured.

Steve and Dustin have a heart-to-heart while laying bait for Dart, unwittingly crossing over the line of corruption marked by Hopper and his men. Hopper apologizes to Eleven over the radio, unaware that she's still with her aunt and mother. In the office above, the doctors discuss how Will's brain is being altered by the Mind Flayer at an alarming rate. They insist that they can't keep putting off burning back the expanding corruption, even if it kills Will, but Dr. Owens refuses. While Joyce demands to know what's going on upstairs, Will tells Mike he thinks he knows how to stop the monster.

Steve and Dustin continue laying their meat-crumbs trail to the abandoned yard where Hopper and the kids once hid from the helicopters, where they're caught up by Lucas and Max. Jonathan and Nancy arrive at the Byers house to find it empty and covered in drawings. While investigating, Jonathan finds a Polaroid case and realizes that someone else has been there.

Using the polaroids the agents took, Will searches his map and finds a place the Mind Flayer doesn't want him to see, saying he doesn't know what's there but that it must be important. While Dustin and co prepare for Dart's arrival, soldiers descend into the tunnels, following Will's instructions.

Night falls and Lucas and Max talk on the roof of the bus, which they've converted into a makeshift fort, but are interrupted by Dart's arrival. The young Demogorgon seems reluctant to take the bait, though, so Steve takes the bait and goes out to meet him. However, Dart's got company: three other adolescent Demogorgons have Steve surrounded. They chase him inside the bus and batter their way in, but at the last minute something seems to distract them, and they vanish into the night.

In the Upside-Down, the soldiers reach the junction Will mentioned. Hopper recognizes it as the place he was entombed just as an Ominous Fog of Doom rolls in. Will tearfully apologizes, saying that the Mind Flayer made him send the soldiers into a trap and repeating that they shouldn't have upset him. Demogorgons descend on the group of soldiers, while the scientists watch helplessly from the control room. On the radar, dozens of red dots leave the junction and swarm down a single tunnel. Will tells Joyce to run, right as the first hand emerges from the scientists' shaft.

Chapter Fifteen: The Lost Sister

Season 2

Episode Number: 15

Season Episode: 7

Originally aired:	Friday October 27, 2017
Writer:	Justin Doble
Director:	Rebecca Thomas
Show Stars:	Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Police Chief Jim Hopper), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Millie Brown (Jane "Eleven" Ives), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Sadie Sink (Max), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Dacre Montgomery (Billy), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Sean Astin (Bob Newby), Paul Reiser (Dr. Sam Owens)
Guest Stars:	Matthew Modine (Dr. Martin Brenner), Linnea Berthelsen (Kali), Kai Greene (Funshine), James Landry Hébert (Axel), Anna Jacoby-Heron (Dottie), Gabrielle Maiden (Mick), Aimee Mullins (Terry Ives), Pruitt Taylor Vince (Ray), Amy Seimetz (Becky Ives), Avis-Marie Barnes (Elderly Woman), Alan Boell (Adams), Keith Brooks (Gas Station Clerk), Paul Vincent Freeman (Security Guard), Jarrett Michael Collins (Swat Member #1), Vanathi Parthiban (Young Kali), Thomas Tull (Man on Street), Wes Kidd (Swat Member #2), Pj McDonnell (Mentally Ill Man), Juan Gaspard (Homeless person), John Kaler (Chicago Pd Officer Provazoli), John Archer Lundgren (Homeless bum), Matthew Excel Simmons (Hip Hop member)
Summary:	Psychic visions draw Eleven to a band of violent outcasts and an angry girl with a shadowy past.



Picking up from the previous episode, Eleven's psychic conversation with Terry reveals that Eleven wasn't always alone in the Hawkins lab — there was another little girl like her. Becky gives Eleven the files that Terry kept on missing children cases that were potentially linked to Eleven's, and Eleven recognizes the face of an Indian girl in a newspaper clipping. Eleven tries to use her powers to find the girl, but is unable to do so except in flashes, and that night she wakes up to hear Becky on the phone with Florence (the Hawkins Police Department receptionist), trying to get ahold of Hopper.

Eleven steals money from Becky's purse and buys a bus ticket to Chicago.

Eleven reaches Chicago and visual clues from her psychic flashes lead her to a rundown industrial neighborhood, where she finds the gang of thieves from the first episode. Their leader is Kali — the girl from the newspaper clipping, who has 008 tattooed on her wrist. Kali introduces Eleven to her Ragtag Band of Misfits and makes a display of her own abilities, which include creating powerful illusions and visual hallucinations. After instructing Eleven on how to channel her powers with rage, she invites Eleven to go on a mission with her gang.

The mission consists of tracking down one of the employees of Hawkins lab, a man who tormented Kali as a child and played a part in erasing Terry Ives' mind. Eleven uses her powers

to track him to an apartment complex in a nearby town. The man does not recognize them until Kali uses her powers to make him see them as little girls. He begs for mercy, claiming that he was only following Dr. Brenner's orders and that he can tell the girls where Dr. Brenner is, confusing Eleven, who believed Brenner to be dead. Kali encourages Eleven to kill the man, but Eleven can't go through with it after finding out that the man's children are in the next room over. Kali then decides to kill the man herself, but Eleven tears the gun out of her hand. Axel finds out the man's children have already called the police, who arrive and force Kali's gang to flee to their hideout. In the van, Kali angrily tells Eleven that if she doesn't want to kill someone from the Lab, that's her choice; but not to interfere with Kali doing the same.

Back in Chicago, Kali torments Eleven with a vision of Dr. Brenner, telling her to find the resolve to avenge her mother or to leave. Eleven has a vision of Mike and Hopper at the lab as the demodogs spring their trap. Police arrive at the hideout, and the gang has to try and make a break for it. Kali holds off the police with a massive illusion, but when Eleven refuses to escape with them Kali's powers begin to falter. Eleven and the gang go their separate ways, with Eleven returning to Hawkins to save her friends.

Chapter Sixteen: The Mind Flayer

Season 2

Episode Number: 16

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:	Friday October 27, 2017
Writer:	Ross Duffer, Matt Duffer
Director:	Ross Duffer, Matt Duffer
Show Stars:	Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Police Chief Jim Hopper), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Millie Brown (Jane "Eleven" Ives), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Sadie Sink (Max), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Dacre Montgomery (Billy), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Sean Astin (Bob Newby), Paul Reiser (Dr. Sam Owens)
Guest Stars:	Helen Abell (Radar Tech), Linnea Berthelsen (Roman), Brian Brightman (M.P. Guard #1), Kristopher Charles (MP Guard #2), Will Chase (Neil Mayfield), Joe Davison (Nerdy Tech), Jennifer Marshall (Susan Hargrove)
Summary:	An unlikely hero steps forward when a deadly development puts the Hawkins lab on lockdown, trapping Will and several others inside.



An army of Demodogs erupt out of the tunnels and begin breaking through into the rest of the Hawkins Lab. Mike realizes that the creatures are homing in on Will, and Joyce sedates him to throw them off. The power to the lab fails, and the resultant computer crash leads to all the Lab's exterior doors locking automatically and the group being trapped in a security office on the upper floors, with the circuit breakers and computer system needed to

escape of course being in the basement. But with the creatures having free run of the facility, heading down there is a risky move; Hopper volunteers, but Bob points out that Hopper knows nothing about computers and that he has to be the one to go instead.

At Billy and Max's house, his dad and her mom return as Billy is preparing to go out on a date; Max's mom finds out she's gone, and Billy's dad angrily confronts his son about not watching her. Billy protests that they've been gone for days and that she's probably just at the arcade, but his father slams him into the wall and slaps him, then orders him to go find her.

Meanwhile, Steve, Dustin, Lucas, and Max track Dart and the other Demogorgons to the Lab, where they meet Nancy and Jonathan who have arrived looking for Jonathan's family. With the power off, the gate is locked; those outside have no hope of helping those in the lab until the power comes back on.

Bob manages to reset the breakers and restore power to the lab, then accesses the computer to unlock the doors. Owens stays in the security room to watch the monitors and guide Bob out, while Hopper, Joyce, Mike and Will are able to take a more direct route to escape. Just after they make it outside, Bob is nearly caught by a Demodog, but manages to make it to the lobby — only to be attacked and killed by another one as Hopper runs back in and grabs Joyce.

At the main entrance, the gate has finally opened, and Jonathan drives up the road to rescue his family, Hopper and Mike. They tear out of the Lab, with Hopper stopping to pick up the other kids in his truck, and head for the Byers house.

At the house, Hopper is frustrated by his telephone conversation with a government official, warning whoever it is that most of the Hawkins Lab staff are dead. Mike comes up with the idea of using Will to tell them how to kill the shadow monster, pointing out that he can't tell it where the others are if he doesn't know. Hopper tosses all the stuff out of Joyce's storage shed, while everyone else uses blankets, curtains and cardboard to cover the walls so that Will won't recognize it. They wake Will up and try to question him, but he is too deep in the monster's grip to respond...verbally, at least. Hopper notices Will's hand tapping against a chair leg, and realizes it's Morse Code: the message spells out "HERE"; Will is trying to communicate.

They go back out and talk to Will about the past, and he is able to signal the way to defeat the monsters: the gate to the Upside-Down has to be closed somehow. The ringing of the Byers phone clues the monster in to where they are, and it sends the Demodogs. Joyce sedates Will again and the group gather in the house, with Hopper, Nancy, Lucas and Steve holding their weapons at the ready. They hear the Demodogs approach, then one yelps in pain before it comes crashing through the front window. Hopper hesitantly checks to make sure it's dead, then everyone immediately focuses on the creaking porch. The deadbolt turns, the chain undoes itself, and the door opens as Eleven walks in, having returned to Hawkins.

Chapter Seventeen: The Gate

Season 2

Episode Number: 17

Season Episode: 9

Originally aired:	Friday October 27, 2017
Writer:	Ross Duffer, Matt Duffer
Director:	Ross Duffer, Matt Duffer
Show Stars:	Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Police Chief Jim Hopper), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Millie Brown (Jane "Eleven" Ives), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Sadie Sink (Max), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Dacre Montgomery (Billy), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Sean Astin (Bob Newby), Paul Reiser (Dr. Sam Owens)
Guest Stars:	Avis-Marie Barnes (Elderly Woman), Linnea Berthelsen (Roman), Evan Brinkman (Middle School Boy), Kara Brooke (Middle School Student), Camden Ella Brown (Middle School Girl), Sydney Bullock (Stacey), Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Erin Bradley Dangar (Chaperone / Teacher), Emma Dempster (Dancer), Emma Faith (Middle School Student (2017)), Priah Ferguson (Erica Sinclair), Mikayla Fields (Middle School Student), Brett Gelman (Murray Bauman), Randy Havens (Mr. Clarke), Lindsey Heilman (Middle School Dancer), Audrey Hope (Middle School Student), Gage Lawson (Middle School Student), Marcelle LeBlanc (Cute Girl), Aimee Mullins (Terry Ives), Warren Quandt (Middle School Boy), Kassidy Slaughter (Dancer (2017)), Diamond Wilson (Townsperson)
Summary:	Eleven makes plans to finish what she started while the survivors turn up the heat on the monstrous force that's holding Will hostage.



Three hundred and fifty-three days after the fight against the Demogorgon, Mike and Eleven finally hug amidst Tears of Joy. Mike says he never stopped trying to contact her, and Eleven says that she knows; she heard every one of his attempts. Mike is confused as to why she didn't respond, but Hopper reveals he was the one who kept her from doing so. Mike begins to yell at Hopper, but Hopper pulls him into Will's bedroom so they can

talk in private. Hopper tells Mike not to blame Eleven for her silence, and Mike angrily retorts that he doesn't blame Eleven; he blames Hopper, which Hopper says is fine. Mike shouts at Hopper and punches him for keeping Eleven away and saying nothing to him or his friends, before breaking down and being embraced by the older man. Out the living room, Eleven is welcomed by the rest of the group - though she spurns Max — and then she sees Will's message, "CLOSE GATE". Knowing that it is their only chance to put an end to all the supernatural troubles in Hawkins, Eleven convinces Hopper to let her go to the lab so she can close the gate. However, the group theorizes that, when the gate is closed, all the Mind Flayer's servants in the real dimension would die, and Will, being possessed by the extradimensional being, could end up dying as well. Joyce remembers how Will said "he" doesn't like warmth, with Nancy and Jonathan suggesting they can force the Mind Flayer out of Will's body by warming him up.

The group divides in three: Hopper and Eleven (who has an Almost Kiss with Mike interrupted by Hopper) go to the Lab to close the gate, while Jonathan, Joyce and Nancy (at Steve's suggestion) take Will to Hopper's cabin (improving on the storage shed plan from last episode; Will really doesn't know where the cabin is, and so can't clue the Flayer in) while Steve stays at the Byers with the other kids. On the way to the Lab, Hopper asks Eleven where she went, saying he isn't mad at her, he only wants to know. Eleven tells him she went to see Terry (but leaves out her trip to Chicago), and Hopper apologizes for his lies, saying he was only trying to keep her safe. While talking he mentions his daughter Sara, who Eleven never knew about, and admits that he was mainly afraid of losing Eleven the way he did her. Hopper and Eleven apologize for their previous actions and admit they both acted stupid, with Hopper snarking that means they each broke the rule. Hopper then agrees that Eleven's new look is "bitchin".

Dustin convinces Steve to preserve the dead demo-dog for scientific study, but Steve counters that Dustin is going to be the one explaining to Joyce why it's in her fridge. Mike paces in agitation despite Lucas' insistence that he relax; Mike is worried about Eleven's chances for survival against the dozens of demo-dogs he saw in the lab. He then hits on the idea of going to the place Hopper found and burning it down: this should attract the attention of the Mind Flayer and the demo-dogs, thus freeing the way for Eleven and Hopper. However, Steve is taking his task of protecting the kids very seriously, and vetoes the idea.

Unknown to them, trouble approaches in the form of Billy, who has managed to sweet-talk Mrs. Wheeler into telling him where Max could be. Steve tries to make Billy believe Max is not there, but he sees her looking through the window and pushes his way in, deciding to threaten Lucas so he will stop trying to be friends with Max. Lucas answers with a Groin Attack, and Steve steps in, punching the daylights out of Billy. The fight initially seems to go in Steve's favor, but then Billy smashes a dish on Steve's head and turns the tables, threatening to kill him. Before he can make good on his threat, Max jumps in and stabs her brother with a syringe full of sedative, leaving him groggy: she then threatens him with Steve's nail bat if he won't leave her and her friends alone, burying it in the floor just below his crotch to make her point; Billy agrees to do so just before he passes out.

At Eleven's cabin, Jonathan, Joyce and Nancy build a fire in the fireplace and turn on all the heating units, pointing them at Will, who begins to scream as the Mind Flayer in him reacts to the heat.

Meanwhile, at the Energy Lab, Eleven and Hopper find a surprisingly still-living Dr. Owens. Hopper makes a tourniquet to stop his bleeding from the leg, and introduces him and Eleven to each other, while snarkily asking the doctor if he could do something good for the girl, since she is going to be closing the gate.

Steve awakens from unconsciousness in pain and in Billy's car, which is being driven by Max towards the hole in the ground at Merrill's pumpkin farm. A few close calls notwithstanding, she gets the group safely to their objective, and, under Steve's strenuous objections, they all go down the hole with several cans of gasoline, protective glasses and face coverings to filter the tunnel's air. Steve joins them and takes charge of the group, deciding he might as well follow the kids' plan, but that since it's his ass on the line if any of them get hurt, he might as well be the one in front. The group reaches the hub and begins to spread gasoline all over the place, and Steve ignites it up with his lighter, burning the place down and causing great damage and pain to the Mind Flayer.

At the cabin, Jonathan, disturbed by the fact the plan does not seem to work, tries to untie his brother, but Joyce stops him. Nancy points at Will's neck: something black is moving up Will's body, covering part of his face and neck: the Mind Flayer empowers Will so he can break the rope tying one of his hands and tries to unknot the other, but when Joyce stops him the Mind Flayer begins to strangle her, with Jonathan unable to break Will's grip. Nancy stops the Mind Flayer by burning Will with a red-hot poker, and finally the parasitic presence is driven out of Will's body.

Steve and the kids begin to run for the way out of the tunnels, but they meet a Demo-dog on the way: Dustin sees the yellow markings on his hindquarters and recognizes that it's Dart. Dustin manages to keep the creature from attacking them by showing his face and offering him several Three Musketeers bars. Dart lets them pass, and Dustin says goodbye.

At the Lab, Eleven and Hopper have reached the place where she accidentally opened the gate, which is now big enough that it extends hundreds of feet down from the surface. When Jonathan calls Hopper to tell him of their successful exorcism, the two take the elevator and descend into

the shaft. Hopper stops it halfway down and Eleven begins to draw on her powers to force the gate closed.

The kids run through the tunnels, followed by the sound of the Demo-dogs. Steve manages to get Max, Lucas and Mike out of the hole, but there is not enough time for Dustin and Steve to follow, so Steve stands in front of Dustin, ready to protect him with his own life. Much to their surprise, the Demo-dogs ignore them, running through the tunnels around the duo, and Mike realizes that they must be going after Eleven.

While Eleven continues to push her powers, she and Hopper notice a shadow moving on the other side of the gate, obviously wanting to keep it open. A Demo-dog then jumps on the elevator, but Hopper manages to drive it and several others off with his assault rifle and his shotgun. Eleven uses the lessons Kali gave her to go further than she ever has, and the gate begins to visibly close down. The Mind Flayer attempts a last-ditch attack aimed at possessing Eleven, but she uses her power to shield herself and begins to float. The headlights of Billy's car and Hopper's cabin begin to shine brighter, and finally Eleven forces the gate closed. All the Demo-dogs die, as does everything the Mind Flayer left in our world, and Hopper holds an exhausted Eleven close.

One month later, the tape Nancy and Jonathan got has gone public, causing a scandal that forced the Army to close down the Hawkins Lab, and Barbara's parents finally get closure over their daughter's disappearance. Hopper meets with Dr. Owens (now mostly recovered from his injuries) at a diner, and Owens gives him a present: he has forged a number of papers as evidence that Hopper is Eleven's father (her legal name now being Jane Hopper), but advises him to keep her close for at least another year. Hopper asks him if an exception can be made for one night.

That night is the Snow Ball. The Party gets well dressed for the occasion, with Will (who has made a drawing of "Bob Newby, superhero", to commemorate his mother's boyfriend's sacrifice) learning how to dance from Joyce, Mike once more embarrassed by his mother's insistence of taking photos of him, Lucas training his 'wanna dance' come-ons and Dustin styling his hair with some of the hairspray Steve recommended. Steve drives Dustin to the Ball and gives him some late advice before he goes in. Steve looks at Nancy — who is chaperoning the event — with longing before departing.

Dustin arrives to find Lucas, Max, Mike and Will, all of whom comment on his '80s Hair, before the DJ begins playing Cyndi Lauper's "Time After Time". Lucas awkwardly tries to ask Max to dance before she interrupts saying yes, and another girl decides to ask Will to dance with her. Dustin tries to approach two other girls to ask for a dance, but the first laughs at him and the second just ignores him. Nancy sees him sitting on the bleachers and decides to dance with him, claiming him he is her favorite out of Mike's friends, and that the middle-school girls might be ignoring him now, but by high school they'll change their minds. Outside, the understandably still-overprotective Joyce is giving Will some space by staying in the parking lot, where she is joined by Hopper. They share one of Hopper's cigarettes and he asks how she is dealing with Bob's death. Joyce admits that she's making progress, and Hopper consoles her by saying that each day it will be a little easier, then he pulls her in for a comforting embrace.

Meanwhile, Mike is sitting alone when Eleven comes in, wearing a dress and makeup, and smiling when she sees Mike. The two of them hug, and Mike tells her she is beautiful before asking her to dance. Eleven admits she does not know how, and Mike says he doesn't either, suggesting they learn together. As they all dance, Lucas and Max share their First Kiss, Mike and Eleven share a short but heartfelt kiss, and everyone enjoys the night.

But, at the Upside Down's version of Hawkins Middle School, the Mind Flayer waits, ready to claim revenge...

Season Three

Chapter One: Suzie, Do You Copy?

Season 3

Episode Number: 18

Season Episode: 1

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Guest Stars: Caroline Arapoglou (Winnie), Jake Busey (Bruce), Catherine Clifton (Neighbor), Jaleal Clifton (Neighbor), Linzy Clifton (Core Town's Person), Erika Coleman (Anna Jacobi), Emma Crockett (Pool Goer), Cary Elwes (Mayor Larry Kline), Jeffery Firement (Newsmen), Abby Glover (New Cute Girl), Skyler Knight (Pool goer / carnival goer), Dakota James Alden Lane (Lifeguard / Mall Goer), Olan Montgomery (Newsmen #1), Andy Morales (Mall Shopper / Car Driver), Anniston Price (Holly), Francesca Reale (Heather), Todd Layne Thompson (Myron Janitor / Sweeper), Benjamin Weaver (Ground Round Employee), Conrad Carpenter (HAZMAT Scientist), Charles Casey (Newsmen), Jack Kidd (Hawkins Resident), Shawn South (Core Hawkins Resident)
Summary: Summer brings new jobs and budding romance. But the mood shifts when Dustin's radio picks up a Russian broadcast, and Will senses something is wrong.



In 1984, several Soviet scientists attempt to create a Gate to the Upside Down. Although a small portal is successfully created, the ray opening the portal begins to fail, closing the gate before exploding, killing many nearby scientists. A Soviet general, disappointed with the progress, has one of the scientists killed for failure while giving the remaining scientist only one year to finish, before heading out of the facility in a helicopter.

Fast forwarding to 1985, El and Mike Wheeler are seen passionately kissing in

Hopper's cabin while Hopper himself watches TV. He notices them kissing and objects about a "three-inch minimum" before El closes the door telekinetically long enough for them to separate and get into position reading some comic books. Mike then departs and promises to see El tomorrow.

Arriving at the Starcourt Mall to meet an impatient Lucas, along with Max Mayfield and Will Byers, they head in to see a movie while Lucas complains about Mike ignoring his friends to "make out". They arrive at an ice cream shop where Steve Harrington is working, and he ushers them in through back hallways to sneak into the movie theater for free, specifically to see a film called Day of the Dead.

Before the movie truly begins however, the projector wears out. The entirety of the mall also loses power, followed by seemingly the entire city of Hawkins, power grids failing across the town one by one. Over at Brimborn Steel Works, an amorphous mass very similar to the Mind Flayer's form in the Upside Down is slowly coalescing, right before the power is restored.

As Day of the Dead rumbles back to play, Will starts having flashbacks of his possession by the Mind Flayer, until Mike snaps him out of it. Back at the Byers house, Nancy and Jonathan are just waking up, their clocks having been reset during the power outage. Nancy flees out the window while Jonathan prepares for work, and together they drive to drop Nancy off at her Hawkins Post job while Jonathan heads to his.

Meanwhile Dustin Henderson returns home after being away a month, none of his old friends responding to his radio calls. Sitting in his room, Dustin remarks how his turtle is the only one happy he is home, just before all of his toys spontaneously come to life and start moving out of his room in a procession, seemingly of their own volition but actually under the control of El. Dustin grabs hair spray and follows them, ready to attack and telling himself that it's all a dream, before they suddenly stop moving. As Dustin investigates, El, Max, Lucas, Mike, and Will come out from behind a wall with a large "welcome home" poster and surprise him, causing Dustin to freak out and spray Lucas in the face with hair spray.

At the Hawkins Community Pool, Billy Hargrove now has a new job as a life guard, where several moms including Karen Wheeler ogle him. Meanwhile in downtown, local businesses are struggling to compete with the Starcourt Mall, and Jim Hopper enters Melvald's General Store where Joyce Byers works. Hopper complains about how Mike Wheeler is "corrupting" El, and that they should break up because their kissing is "constant", although Joyce tells him to calm down. She suggests that he have a "heart to heart" with them rather than ordering them about, and tutors him in what to say.

Nancy meanwhile arrives at her job for The Hawkins Post, bringing food to them. Nancy tries to get them to take up a story about local businesses closing, but the journalists merely laugh at her because she didn't put mustard on one of their hamburgers. Back at Henderson house, Dustin is building a new, powerful radio to be able to talk to his new girlfriend, Suzie, all around the world. This intrigues Mike, El, and the others, all rushing to meet his new girlfriend.

At Scoops Ahoy, Steve is flirting with customers, dropping change and stumbling. Then he asks to hang out and they say no, so his co-worker tallies another point on the 'You Suck' side of the 'Do You Suck?' tally. He blames it on the hat that he is obligated to wear, and when the next girls walk in, he says, "Screw company policy," and throws the hat away to talk to them and tries to hard to make a good impression. They laugh at him and his co-worker tallies another negative point.

Hopper tries unsuccessfully to get Joyce Byers to go on a date while the Party heads to the top of a hill to construct Dustin's powerful radio. Mike and El excuse themselves, citing "curfew" even at 4 PM, while the rest of the gang heads on. Will however, is still uneasy, and rats walk past his feet. All around the city rats are congregating at Brimborn Steel Works, where they explode gruesomely.

Back at the Hawkins Community Pool, Billy continues to hit on Karen Wheeler, and he offers to teach her "swimming lessons" in private, at the Motel 6 pool where it is "very quiet". Although initially hesitant, Karen eventually accepts. Once more on the hill with Dustin however, the party successfully completes Dustin's advanced radio to call out to Suzie, but Suzie does not answer.

At the Byers house, Joyce Byers eats alone, watching TV, remembering the shows she used to watch with Bob Newby, before he heroically died the previous year. Mysteriously, all the magnets in the house begin to fail at the same time before cutting away to Nancy Wheeler, as she cleans up in The Hawkins Post. Nancy receives a tip about diseased rats, and seizes upon this as an opportunity to become a true journalist. Hopper however, has a long talk with Mike about "boundaries" in order for him to continue dating El.

Just after the rest of the Party leaves Dustin behind, Dustin picks up Russian encoded communications on his radio. The Soviet scientists have once again rebuilt their ray, and they are using it to open another Gate to the Upside Down. Worse, as Karen and Billy head toward the Motel, Billy hits some kind of Upside Down creature on the road and crashes his car just outside Brimborn Steel Works. He is then dragged inside by some vines, to where the rats had been congregating.

Chapter Two: The Mall Rats

Season 3

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Guest Stars:	Cary Elwes (Mayor Larry Kline), Jake Busey (Bruce), Rob Morgan (Officer Powell), Randy Havens (Mr. Clarke), Caroline Arapoglou (Winnie), Tinsley Price (Holly), Allyssa Brooke (Mayor Kline's Secretary), Warren Quandt (Mall Rat), Skyler Knight (Pool goer / carnival goer), Olan Montgomery (Newsman #1), Dakota James Alden Lane (Guy Eating Corndog), Trey McGriff (Hawkins PD), Zac Zedalis (Russian Guard), Almendra Fuentes (Jazzercise Dancer), Matthew Ezell (Jonathan The Protester), David Silverman (Angry Protestor), Joshua Johnson (Milkshake Guy), Catherine Clifton (Neighbor), Linzy Clifton (Neighbor), Jaleal Clifton (Neighbor), Quintin Tyler Price (Ice Cream Goer), Luke Dingess (Pool Goer), Liz Hope Layton (Jazzercise Dancer), Brittany Kelly (Student), Jack Kidd (Hawkins Resident), Perla Middleton (Starcourt Mall Shopper), Shawn South (Core Hawkins Resident)
Summary:	Nancy and Jonathan follow a lead, Steve and Robin sign on to a secret mission, and Max and Eleven go shopping. A rattled Billy has troubling visions.



Billy Hargrove phones for help, but ends up in the Upside Down

Billy manages to seemingly "escape" from Brimborn Steel Works, fleeing in terror to his car to then get away. Arriving at a payphone, Billy dials 911 but then has flashbacks of being taken by the creatures in the Steel Works. The power in the phone booth appears to fail, and Billy finds himself in the Upside Down, approached by a shadowy group of people. He asks what they want, until he sees a complete reflection of himself approach.

In Hopper's cabin, El calls Mike to ask why he hasn't come over. Mike hurriedly lies about his nana taking a turn for the worse despite the original false alarm, requiring him not to see El that day, and Hopper is pleased to see that there is now some distance between the pair. Ecstatic, he celebrates with Joyce Byers at Melvald's General Store and pressures her into going to dinner with him before being called away to deal with a mob protesting the Starcourt Mall. Joyce however, is still confused by all the magnets no longer working.

At The Hawkins Post, Nancy manages to get off work to chase down a lead about diseased rats, taking Jonathan. Concurrently, Dustin meets up with Steve Harrington at Scoops Ahoy,

relaying that he has found secret Russian communications, and that they can be heroes for reporting it if only Steve helps translate.

Also at the same time, El finds Max to talk about "boyfriend" issues, and despite El's belief that "friends don't lie", Max assures her that boyfriends lie all the time. Mike himself knows that El sees through the deception, but is too scared of Hopper to change course. Lucas tells Mike that he handled it very poorly, and indeed Max tells El to stop calling Mike and to ignore his calls, to "treat him like garbage" until he explains himself, and if he doesn't, to dump him. Meanwhile, Mike continues to agonize over his mishandling, but Lucas reassures him that he can make up for his mistake, just as El and Max head out to "have some fun".

At the Hawkins Community Pool, Karen leaves Jill behind to ask after Billy, as she had not come that night and did not realize that Billy also didn't come due to his crash. Billy, drenched in sweat, vividly imagines cracking Karen's head open on the side of the storage racks, but controls himself and turns to face her, telling her to "stay away from me Karen". He heads out into the sunlight, but the light and heat blind and hurt him, and he becomes disoriented, every sound stabbing at his ears.

Back at Scoops Ahoy, Dustin and Steve have only just managed to create a Cyrillic-to-Latin analogue for the differences in alphabets between English and Russian. Frustrated by Erica, Robin asks to help translate because she's bored out of her mind, being fluent in four languages and having been in band for twelve years. She has Steve take over the store while she helps with the project.

Arriving at Mrs. Driscoll's house, Nancy and Jonathan to inquire after her report of diseased rats. Driscoll tells of how she likes the quiet since her husband past, "or at least I did", before showing the pair her basement. All her fertilizer bags are full of holes, ripped open by rats, all of the fertilizer within eaten. Although Nancy is skeptical of the situation, Driscoll says she assumed the rats had rabies and that people should be made aware of the hazard. A loud bang interrupts them, and Driscoll takes them to a cage; she caught one of the rats.

The protests on city hall continue, protesters chanting "[Mayor] Kline's a swine". Larry Kline calls Hopper in to talk with him, saying that the Starcourt Mall has brought in new stores that Hawkins loves, causing them to shop there instead of at mom and pop stores, what he terms "good old fashioned American capitalism", to which Hopper fires back that they're just exercising their "good old fashioned American right to protest". Kline says he agrees, if they had a permit, which they do not, and so orders Hopper to disperse the crowd. Hopper objects that it would be bad for his re-election campaign, but Kline is unconcerned, saying that the party he intends to throw on Independence Day is all that the voters will remember.

Max and El arrive at the Starcourt Mall to go shopping, while Mike also happens to arrive at the Mall looking for something "pretty and shiny" that says "I'm sorry". Concurrently, Joyce heads to meet Scott Clarke several books in hand, while Jonathan spends time photographing the hyperactive rat captured in Mrs. Driscoll's basement. Above, Nancy finally finds a lead just as the rat goes into convulsions, pulling him away to depart just before the power flickers and the rat explodes. The exploded rat flesh then begins to slide out of the cage of its own volition, slowly coalescing into a new creature.

Still at the pool, Billy has flashbacks to his time in the Upside Down, where the "other" Billy told him to "build", to build "what you see here", which Billy does not understand. Snapping back awake, Billy realizes that the flesh he exposed to sunlight is literally burning, and he leaves his lifeguard post to take a shower. He notices then that dark veins are appearing on his arm, growing, and painful disjointed voices begin whispering into his head. He screams, and the other lifeguard comes to him, appearing to say "take me to him" until yet another hallucination wears off and she asks if he's hurt and needs an ambulance, but rather than answer, he attacks her.

Back at the mall, El and Max are going on a shopping spree while Mike struggles to find an affordable "I'm sorry" gift for El. They finally bump into each other outside the Mall, with El demanding to why Mike "treated her like garbage", but Mike says nothing in order to be safe from Hopper, so El dumps him. Hopper on the other hand, makes his way to his dinner with Joyce and orders an assortment of expensive drinks, but Joyce doesn't show.

Joyce is still with Scott Clarke, who tutors her on electromagnetic fields. Learning that an unstable field can stop magnets from functioning, Joyce asks how this could be happening at her house and Melvald's General Store. Clarke suggests "apophenia", coincidence, but says that theoretically it could take a massively powerful, high-voltage, and expensive machine to

create a similarly unstable field large enough to spread throughout the area.

At the Starcourt Mall, Robin finishes translating the Russian message; "The week is long, the silver cat feeds, when blue meets yellow in the West". Together with Dustin they determine that it is encoded, but Steve figures out the exact same song on the radio came from a toy ride in the Mall itself. Since the toy ride was the "Indiana Flyer", Steve thinks the recording was not from Russia, but rather from within that very mall.

Hopper angrily leaves the fancy restaurant while Billy drives back to Brimborn Steel Works, the lifeguard he attacked tied up and gagged in the trunk of his car. He takes her unconscious form into the steel mill, where a fleshy monster awaits.

Chapter Three: The Case of the Missing Lifeguard

Season 3

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Guest Stars: Jake Busey (Bruce), Caroline Arapoglou (Winnie), Warren Quandt (Pool Boy), Skyler Knight (Pool goer / carnival goer), Olan Montgomery (Newsman #1), Erika Coleman (Anna Jacobi), Dakota James Alden Lane (Lifeguard), Chris Jablon (Pool Goer), Mark Randle (Protesters)
Summary: With El and Max looking for Billy, Will declares a day without girls. Steve and Dustin go on a stakeout, and Joyce and Hopper return to Hawkins Lab.



Max and El eavesdrop on Mike Wheeler and Lucas Sinclair using El's powers, discovering them belching and passing gas, before Hopper arrives drunk. Pleasantly surprised to see Max instead of Mike, Hopper leaves to watch TV while Max and El play "spin the bottle" to figure out who to spy on. They land on Max's stepbrother Billy Hargrove. Spying on him, El notices him talking to Heather, just before the monster attacks her. As she screams however, Billy notices El spying on him, and turns to face her before she

vanishes.

While El is distraught by what she's seen, Will Byers however is in a much more festive mood at the Wheeler house, declaring a "day without girls" to just play Dungeons & Dragons. Meanwhile Hopper sobers up in the shower until Joyce Byers shows up trying to explain what is happening with electromagnetic fields, and for the third time in the series Hopper initially disbelieves her. Angry because Joyce didn't go out with him, he continuously rants until he discovers that Joyce has left and intends to head there on her own, and although he tries to stop her he has no choice but to follow.

Concerned about Billy, El and Max head to Billy's house to check out his room. There they discover that his tub is filled with ice to keep cold, just as Will Byers wanted to keep cold when he was possessed by the Mind Flayer. They also find a bloody lifeguard's whistle in his bathroom.

At the Starcourt Mall, Robin is still translating the Russian message, rejecting Erica Sinclair's request for more "samples". Her coworker Steve is not on duty, instead sneaking around the mall with Dustin using a pair of binoculars. Steve gets distracted by mall passersby, so Dustin takes the binoculars and searches himself, but they get distracted again over Robin as a potential girlfriend for Steve.

Back at the Wheeler house, Will is still playing a game of Dungeons & Dragons with Mike and Lucas, although the latter two aren't nearly so enthused about the game as Will. They quickly take the opportunity to escape the game when the phone rings, and get to talking about El, but although Will insists upon returning to the game, Mike dryly acts out the rest of the game so that they can be finished early, which angers Will. Although Mike and Lucas try to calm him down with assurances that they'll finish properly, Will tells them to just forget about it and angrily walks out of the room, heading toward home. Mike stops Will in the driveway, saying that he just wasn't in the mood, and Will accuses Mike of never being in the mood and destroying the Party, not caring about Dustin or where he is, only girls. Mike asks if Will just expected to stay home and play games indefinitely rather than growing up, and Will says that yes, he did, before biking out into the rain.

El and Max go to the pool to look for who owns the lifeguard's whistle and kit they found in Billy's room, but although the lifeguard on duty says it belongs to Heather, Heather has not been in. El takes an image of Heather and uses the Void to locate her in a tub of ice. Heather emerges, asking El to help, before being drawn back down into the Void and lost to El's sight.

At the Hawkins National Laboratory, Joyce and Hopper have now arrived. Entering the building, Joyce has flashbacks from where Bob Newby died, but they eventually move on and are spotted by a camera. Concurrently in the Starcourt Mall, Dustin finally spots what appears to be an "Evil Russian", but after following him they realize that he's just a Jazzercise instructor.

Still in the mall, Robin translates more of the Russian message; "The week is long, the silver cat feeds, when blue meets yellow in the West. A trip to China sounds nice, if you tread lightly." She is interrupted however by a delivery man, wearing a "LYNX Transportation" outfit with a symbol of a silver cat on it. Robin then begins to unpuzzle the encoded message, realizing that the message is referring to stores in the mall; a Chinese restaurant standing for "a trip to China" and a shoe store standing for "if you tread lightly". She notices a clock with blue and yellow arms to the West of her, "when blue meets yellow in the West", finally figuring out the message.

After being pranked by her superiors at The Hawkins Post, Nancy sets out with Jonathan to find the rat from Mrs. Driscoll's basement. Joyce and Hopper also continue through the Hawkins Lab, with Joyce reminiscing about taking her son Will out of the Upside Down in 1983, and exorcizing the Mind Flayer from him in 1984. Hopper relates how he is often afraid that one of the denizens of the Upside Down is coming after him, that he is constantly on the lookout so that people can feel safe, feel like Hawkins can be Joyce's home, and reveals that he knows Joyce is planning to sell her house and leave Hawkins. However, they are interrupted by a noise in another part of the lab.

Mike and Lucas bike over to the Byers house to find Will, but he isn't there, instead out at Castle Byers. Will reads comic books and remembers old times playing Dungeons & Dragons with the Party, dressing up as Ghostbusters, and generally having fun with his old friends. He begins to cry, saying "stupid", ripping up his photos, and eventually attacking Castle Byers with a baseball bat, before collapsing and sobbing in the downpour. Around this time, Nancy and Jonathan also arrive at Mrs. Driscoll's house only to see her rapidly eating the fertilizer in the basement, stunning everyone present.

Once more at the Starcourt Mall, Robin, Steve, and Dustin watch the Lynx Transportation company for Chinese food and shoe packages when the two hands of the clock are overlaid on top of each other. They notice a whistling man in a yellow suit with these items who the other men seem to be following, several men sporting military-grade weaponry. The loading doors open up to reveal numerous boxes, but when Steve tries to take the binoculars to take a look himself, Dustin resists and ends up banging the side of the building they were spying from, drawing the attention of the guards. While they duck down, Robin instinctually grabs hold of Steve's hand, but then they quickly evacuate the roof as the Russian-speaking guards search it for them.

In the Hawkins Lab, Hopper is still searching for the noise he heard, gun at the ready. However, he is attacked from behind and knocked out, the mysterious attacker making good his escape on a motorcycle. Meanwhile, El and Max arrive at Heather's house only to discover that Billy is there with her parents, Tom and Janet Holloway, talking genially with them. Billy introduces Max, far more friendly than he normally is, but El demands to know where Heather is. Billy acts confused until Heather walks in, seemingly in perfect health despite her ordeal. Billy smoothly covers it up by saying that she merely wasn't feeling good the other day, and that all is now well. As the two girls leave, Billy recognizes El as the girl who closed the Gate in 1984,

through the Mind Flayer's memories.

In the woods by Castle Byers, Will once again senses that the Mind Flayer has returned, and when Lucas and Mike finally catch up to him, Will tells them so. In Heather's house, Heather's mother Janet collapses and passes out, and Heather herself clubs her father on the head when he goes to help Janet. Writhing on the ground, Janet begins to suffocate him, repeating Billy's words that "it'll all be over soon".

Chapter Four: The Sauna Test

Season 3

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Guest Stars: Cary Elwes (Mayor Larry Kline), Jake Busey (Bruce), Caroline Arapoglou (Winnie), Allyssa Brooke (Candice / Mayor Kline's Secretary), Skyler Knight (Pool goer / carnival goer), Olan Montgomery (Newsperson #1), Jack Kidd (Hawkins Resident), Joseph Velez (Government Agent #7)
Summary: A code red brings the gang back together to face a frighteningly familiar evil. Karen urges Nancy to keep digging, and Robin finds a useful map.



El is lying in bed with Max, worrying over Heather and Billy. Max convinces El to calm down marginally, and then they read comic books. At the same time, Mrs. Driscoll has been restrained by police and is being taken out of her home on a stretcher. With fertilizer all over her face, she hysterically screams "I have to go back!" repeatedly as she is placed in an ambulance and rushed to the hospital. While this happens, Tom and Janet

Holloway wake up, bound, inside Brimborn Steel Works. Their daughter Heather approaches and takes off Tom's gag, and Tom pleads to Heather that "you don't have to do this, you can stop this". Heather responds that "there is no stopping it", before she and Billy depart. The Mind Flayer then arrives and launches one vine apiece onto the couple's faces, each one pulsating, implanting them and turning them into the Flayed.

Hopper wakes up from his injuries from the night before, retching and then getting up only to find that he didn't have any clothes on, much to Joyce's consternation, having been taking care of him. They try to identify who attacked Hopper, and Joyce notes that they didn't drive a car, which Hopper picks up on.

In Hargrove house, Lucas tries to reach Max via radio, but she tells him to shut up and turns off her radio. Mike then calls, and tells her that there's a serious situation and to come to his house immediately. There, the rest of the Party tries unsuccessfully to reach Dustin. Dustin however, is with Steve and Robin scoping out the Russians' base of operations, trying to get inside. Steve suggests sneaking and taking out the armed guard for his pass key, but then him and Dustin get to arguing before Robin rushes off on her own plan, telling them to stay put.

At The Hawkins Post, Tom Holloway, the lead journalist, angrily interrogates Nancy and Jonathan for following up on the rat lead as he had ordered Nancy not to. He berates them for trespassing on her home, for taking a "paranoid schizophrenic" seriously, and for falsely identifying themselves as reporters. Due to the threat of lawsuit, he fires them both.

Back at Wheeler house, Will explains how he has been sensing the Mind Flayer. El objects that she closed the Gate to the Upside Down, but Will indicates that the piece of the Mind Flayer that was within him may not have returned to the Upside Down. They determine that he must have sought out a new host.

Arriving at city hall, Hopper asks Mayor Kline if he saw the man who attacked him, having seen him go into Kline's office a few days ago. Kline claims not to remember, thinking him a maintenance plumber, but Hopper responds with his knowledge of Larry passed out on coke and cheating on his wife in the past, as a threat. Larry fires back with his own threats and knowledge of Hopper's, saying that "one call to Tom at the Post and you're done, buddy". Larry goes to escort Hopper out, but Hopper then assaults him, demanding the information, and although Larry's secretary tries to call the police, Joyce unplugs her phone. With Larry uncooperative, Hopper repeatedly threatens to cut off Larry's finger, and Larry eventually admits that he was bribed by that person (who works for Starcourt Mall) in order to help them expand into East Hawkins. Hopper demands to see records of the purchases, and takes Larry hostage to find them.

On the way home, Nancy shares her suspicions with Jonathan that there was something fishy about their firing, but Jonathan chuckles, saying that she always manages to convince herself that she's in the right, that she is living in a bubble because she doesn't have to deal with college payments or mortgages. Nancy fires back that he doesn't understand how humiliating her internship job was, but Jonathan maintains that she doesn't understand, so she acknowledges that they simply don't get each other anymore, and she returns home crying.

Returning to Scoops Ahoy, Robin reveals that she bought Starcourt Mall blueprints and that air ducts lead to the restricted rooms they're trying to get into, and so they try to shove Dustin inside but are unable to do so. At the Hawkins Community Pool, the Party is spying on Billy, who is oddly wearing a shirt in the open sun because the Mind Flayer likes it cold and dark. Max is confused why he seems so normal, so Will explains that the Mind Flayer is trying to "hide", that Billy is "dormant" until the Mind Flayer needs him. Mike then forms a plan to get Billy into the Sauna in order to force the Mind Flayer to react to the heat.

Again at Scoops Ahoy, Erica is recruited to go into the air ducts in exchange for a smorgasbord of ice cream and free ice cream for life. Meanwhile, Hopper and Joyce arrive with Larry Kline at his mansion, going to grab the land deeds from a safe within Larry's bedroom; not for blackmail, but for protection, due to how "scary" his bribers are. Joyce and Hopper figure out that there is likely a powerful machine on one of the properties, and Hopper prevents Larry from escaping out the window.

Nancy confides in her mom at the Wheeler house, and Karen tells Nancy that she's proud of her for standing up for herself, that she should finish her story. At the pool however, the Party are preparing to trap Billy. Mike tries to apologize to El, but El surprisingly says that Hopper might be right, that they were spending too much time together and that she didn't get to see the world. Max meanwhile, desperately hopes that Billy isn't a host for the Mind Flayer.

Winnie Kline, Larry's wife, arrives at his mansion to find him handcuffed to his bed. He demands a phone to get vengeance against Hopper, while Hopper himself is out with Joyce investigating the properties from earlier. Concurrently at the Starcourt Mall, Erica makes her way through the air ducts to open the loading bay doors from the other side, allowing Robin, Dustin, and Steve inside.

Once more at the pool, Mike lures Billy into the Sauna, and El locks him inside. Billy calls out to Max, but she orders the Party to turn up the heat anyway. Nancy on the other hand arrives at the hospital to see Mrs. Driscoll, lying that she is "Nancy Driscoll" so that she can visit her, looking through her records. At the mall, Steve opens up one of the Chinese shipment boxes only to find some form of radioactive material inside. The room begins to shake, so Dustin and Steve frantically press buttons in order to reopen the doors and leave, by they accidentally activate an elevator of sorts that sends the room plummeting into the earth. Again in Mrs. Driscoll's hospital room, Nancy is furiously taking notes while Driscoll's heart rate continues to increase.

At the pool, Billy begins to break down sobbing, saying to Max that "he made me do it", describing "he" as a "giant shadow", the Mind Flayer. Continually sobbing, Billy says he tried to stop it, that it isn't his fault, but Will senses the Mind Flayer at work, realizing that Billy is "activated". Mike orders Max to get away from the door, just in time for Billy to smash through the sauna window where her head was. Billy tries to unlatch the door, but Lucas hits him in the

face with a slingshot, sending him back into the sauna where he begins convulsing as the lights flicker.

In both Mrs. Driscoll's hospital room and the pool, lights continue flickering as both Mrs. Driscoll and Billy become enveloped in black veins. They both scream, and Billy begins attacking the door, slowly breaking it down. Billy eventually smashes through, and although El uses telekinesis to restrain him, he breaks free and begins to choke her until Mike hits him in the back of the head with weight equipment, saving her. Billy then goes to attack Mike until El levitates him up with telekinesis, and throws him completely through the concrete wall of the pool house. Mike comforts the wounded El, and Billy staggers away.

At the Brimborn Steel Works, Heather tends to Billy. Billy says El could have killed him, which Heather responds; "yes, but not us", as the entire basement full of hosts comes into view.

Chapter Five: The Flayed

Season 3

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Writer: Paul Dichter
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Guest Stars: Jake Busey (Bruce), Skyler Knight (Pool goer / carnival goer), Cailyn Peddle (Carnival Kid), Alexander Babara (Worker #2), Serge Levin (Mechanic), Max Stewart (Gas Station Patron), Joseph Velez (Government Agent #7)
Summary: Strange surprises lurk inside an old farmhouse and deep beneath the Starcourt Mall. Meanwhile, the Mind Flayer is gathering strength.



Swiftly descending into the earth, Steve, Robin, Dustin, and Erica are seemingly trapped in an elevator until they manage to escape out of a ventilation shaft on top, only to realize the surface is too far away to climb out that way. Hopper and Joyce continue to search illicitly-obtained properties in East Hawkins until they discover one with a pulsing sound coming from below and a hidden staircase leading further down. Descending, they find and bind two Russian scientists before Grigori, another Russian agent, arrives.

Hopper pulls a gun on him, but he escapes and the two grapple and disarm each other. Joyce throws the gun back to Hopper, but it passes him and lands near Grigori, forcing Joyce and Hopper to flee. They take one of the Russian scientists, Alexei, hostage and then leave the area after closing the hidden staircase on Grigori. Grigori breaks through, and fires after their car as they drive away.

Nancy calls Jonathan early in the morning with news about Mrs. Driscoll, wanting to know where Will is. Nancy believes Driscoll is connected to the Upside Down somehow, but Will is not home, and Nancy believes he may be in Danger, much to Jonathan's concern.

On the road, Hopper's car breaks down due to bullet holes through the engine. Joyce tries to communicate with Alexei while Hopper tries to fix the car, but as it starts the smoke Alexei yells "stop!" prior to the engine exploding. They then walk through the forest, unsure what to do, as El eavesdrops on them via the Void at Mike's house. She says they're headed to "ill-annoy", Illinois, and then heads to the bathroom. Mike fumes over what to do about the Mind Flayer, also noting that El and Max are probably "conspiring" against him, before Nancy and Jonathan arrive for Will.

Beneath the Starcourt Mall, Dustin and company are still trapped in an elevator shaft after having been there for eight hours, Steve and Robin staying up trying to figure out a way to open

the door. They are interrupted by the arrival of several Russian agents, who open the door. They collect packages and leave, but just as the door closes, Steve slips a container between the door and the ground to keep it open, allowing them to escape the elevator just before the door crushes the container, releasing a green, corrosive, seemingly radioactive acid that burns through the concrete floor. They then set out down the long tunnel passageway away from the elevator.

Back at the Wheeler house, Nancy and Mike figure out that Mrs. Driscoll, Tom Holloway, and Heather Holloway are also flayed, meaning they are possessed by the Mind Flayer like Billy, so they head out to act. At the same time, Grigori finds their broken down car and begins to follow their tracks. While Hopper and Joyce argue, Alexei locates a gas station and there Hopper buys them drinks and a Slurpee for Alexei. They then commandeer a car and head out.

Again beneath the Starcourt Mall, Steve and Dustin conjecture that the Russians are in Hawkins rather than some more important place because they knew about the previous suspicious events in the area. Nancy and company however have arrived at Heather's house. Inside it is excessively cold, as the Mind Flayer likes. They also smell cleaning chemicals, and find numerous empty cans of such chemicals where the inhabitants had consumed them. They also find the bloody wine bottle where Heather had struck her father, Tom. Walking through the house, they determine that the Holloways were tied up and taken somewhere else where the flaying was happening, and that they could use Mrs. Driscoll to lead them there.

Grigori interrogates the gas station clerk while Hopper takes Alexei to Murray Bauman, who speaks Russian. Murray comes out of the door with a shotgun pointed at Alexei, who responds in Russian "Get that out of my face you bald American pig", to which Murray replies in Russian, "I may be bald, but you're the one in handcuffs, Soviet scum." Murray then begins scanning Alexei, but Joyce harangues him until he stops.

Now well within the underground Russian base surrounded by enemies, Steve, Dustin, Erica, and Robin are sneaking around when they stumble upon a massive room filled with Russian operatives, Erica referencing Red Dawn. They proceed stealthily through the room toward what they believe is the comm room, but stumble upon a Russian soldier who spots them. He goes for his belt before Robin starts speaking Russian to him, parroting snippets of the encoded phrase she translated, which distracts him long enough for Steve to attack and knock him out. Dustin grabs his card key so they can escape back the way they came, but Robin goes ahead and brings the rest to a room where a large ray is powering up, creating a Gate to the Upside Down.

Nancy arrives with the Party at the hospital to get to Mrs. Driscoll, but a clerk stops them and only allows two visitors at a time; Nancy and Jonathan. On the way up the elevator, they make up for their earlier fight, while Mike and Lucas get food from a vending machine (with El's help). Lucas says her helping is "the olive branch", but Mike is confused and Lucas has to explain that he'll distract Max while Mike talks to El to try and make up. Nancy and Jonathan however, arrive to find Driscoll gone from her room, and Tom is there saying "we hoped you might come back". He advances until Jonathan breaks a pot over his head, allowing them to leave until they run into Bruce, who has been flayed.

Mike compliments El's dress while Nancy and Jonathan race through the hospital, Bruce sedately following them past dead doctors. They hide in a room to call for help, but the clerk is too busy gossiping to pick up, so Bruce reaches them and brutally beats Jonathan until Nancy stabs him in the back and retreats, Bruce again following Nancy while Tom comes for Jonathan, continuing to beat him until Jonathan lies prone on the floor. Tom raises a pair of scissors to kill Jonathan until Nancy slams Bruce in the face with a fire extinguisher, and Tom feels the pain of the blow through their hive mind, dropping the scissors. Nancy hits Bruce again, causing Tom to fall back in phantom pain. As Bruce also falls to his knees, Nancy screams "go to Hell!" before smashing Bruce's face in with one final blow, at the same time that Jonathan stabs Tom in the neck with his scissors, resulting in them both dying.

Not yet done, the lights in the hospital begin to flicker constantly as the two corpses begin to spasm and disintegrate into piles of fleshy goo, which then begin to move toward each other in the hospital. Once they connect, they begin to reconstitute into a larger creature just as the lights go out, shrieking in alien rage.

Chapter Six: E Pluribus Unum

Season 3

Episode Number: 23

Season Episode: 6

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Guest Stars: Cary Elwes (Mayor Larry Kline), Will Chase (Neil Hargrove), Skyler Knight (Pool goer / carnival goer), Cailyn Peddle (Carnival Kid), Healy Lange (Suburban Wife), Dinarte de Freitas (Fair Worker), Ryan Clay (Hawkins Resident), Andrei Lapionak (Soldier), Jack Kidd (Hawkins Resident), Joseph Velez (Government Agent #7)
Summary: Dr. Alexei reveals what the Russians have been building, and Eleven sees where Billy has been. Dustin and Erica stage a daring rescue.



Picking up with Steve, Robin, Dustin, and Erica in the underground Russian base, Steve and Dustin recognize the portal the Russians are creating as a Gate to the Upside Down, describing it to Robin as "bad", "end-of-the-human-race-as-we-know-it kind of bad". They realize that the officer they incapacitated earlier is now gone, and an alarm begins to blare, so they retreat back the way they came as several Russian soldiers spot them. They race past the Russians' electrical ray and then barricade the door to another area,

Robin and Steve holding it fast while Dustin and Erica escape. Dustin screams "I won't forget you!" before closing a grate over himself, just as the Russian soldiers break through the door and capture Steve and Robin.

At the hospital with Max, Lucas, Mike, and El, Will senses that the Mind Flayer is there, while a fleshy monstrosity several floors above screams again. It comes after Nancy Wheeler, who flees and barricades herself in a room. Although it cannot enter normally, it begins disintegrating into a viscous pile of flesh that proceeds to ooze under the door, reforming into a discrete entity. Although Jonathan Byers tries to come in after her, the creature attacks Nancy and is about to take her when El arrives, blasts the door off of its hinges with telekinesis, and effortlessly tosses the creature from wall, to wall, to ceiling, and back to the floor again, crushing each surface it lands on with the force of impact. The creature however, begins getting back up again as if being tossed around like a rag doll had been just a love tap. Seemingly unharmed, it lunges at El until she launches it backward through the window and out of the hospital to splatter onto the ground several floors below, where it once again begins to disintegrate into a viscous liquid that drains away into the sewers. From there it flows back to the basement of Brimborn Steel Works with Billy Hargrove and Heather Holloway, where it rejoins the greater mass of flesh that is the Mind Flayer. Billy then says, "it's time".

The next day, the Fun Fair is being livened up for Mayor Kline's Independence Day festival. Kline yells at a food stall worker to get out of the "main thoroughfare" before he notices the Russian agent who bribes him, and they go inside a playground ride to talk. The agent is insistent that Kline find Jim Hopper within the day, and chokes Kline to make his point. Hopper however is still with Murray Bauman, Joyce Byers, and Alexei, the latter being interrogated. Alexei demands a cherry Slurpee instead of strawberry or he won't talk, so Hopper drags him and throws him out the door with the keys to his cuffs and the car on the assumption that Alexei is more scared of his Russian comrades than of Hopper, that he'll return. Alexei does indeed uncuff himself, start the car, and begin to drive away, but then he stops and brings the car back, throwing the keys to Hopper and saying he likes strawberry, too.

Meanwhile Dustin and Erica have been stuck in air ducts for roughly ten hours trying to make it back to the elevator to the surface, but are blocked from moving on by a fan. Dustin tells Erica about the Upside Down and Eleven and asserts that she is a nerd before finally disabling the fan, much to her chagrin. Their companions however are in much more dire straits, with Steve being tortured in an interrogation room. A Russian officer queries Steve about who he "works for", but Steve insists that he works for Scoops Ahoy, being in his work clothes at the time, so the officer changes tactics and asks how he managed to get into the facility. Steve reiterates a lie that he lost his shipment and came for it when the loading bay turned into an elevator and he happened to be taken below. He assures them that no one else knows about the facility and then goes on a tangent about ice cream, which causes the officer to burst out laughing, saying "I like this guy", before again demanding to know who Steve works for and having his torture resume.

Later Steve is dragged, unconscious, into another room with Robin. Although seemingly unharmed, she is slapped when she questions what they did to Steve, and they are tied to a chair together back-to-back. An officer approaches her, mockingly saying that Steve needs a doctor, and that they have "the very best" before Robin spits in his face. He then says that "you're going to regret that" before departing.

El is then seen walking the Void, trying to use her powers to locate any of the Flayed. She has been completely unsuccessful, despite trying for a considerable amount of time, and Mike becomes worried that she'll hurt herself if she continues. Max begins to argue with Mike, implying that Mike is trying to control El and that he doesn't treat her like a person. Inflamed on by Nancy, everyone starts to agree with Max until Mike demonstrates Max's "irresponsible" use of El's powers, and elaborates that he is only concerned because he loves her and doesn't want to lose her again, shocking everyone into silence. El then comes in and reports that she has found someone.

At Murray's Warehouse, with Murray himself translating, Alexei explains that the ray the Russians were using to open a Gate into the Upside Down, "a doorway between worlds", is called the Key, which emits large amounts of energy. It consequently requires a large quantity of energy to function as well, and so Russians have purchased properties all around East Hawkins that were near transformers, using them to siphon off energy from the town's power grid.

Hopper asks Alexei why the Key was built in Hawkins rather than in Russia, assuming that they're trying to simply destroy America by opening a Gate in Hawkins. Alexei says that there were many such "Keys" all around Russia before, but that they had all "turned out wrong". To demonstrate, Alexei shoves a straw, the "Key", at a packet of fries, causing the straw to bend rather than penetrate through, flashing back to several failures and accidents using the Key. Alexei explains that the Key was only half of the equation, that location is the other half, and since "this door had been opened once" in Hawkins before, that because it was still "healing", the Key could work there. He then has Joyce hold up a burger wrapper, and easily punches the straw through to the other side. When Joyce asks if the "door" is open now, Alexei says that it is "opening", and Joyce realizes that the opening of the Gate allowed the Mind Flayer to reconnect with other pieces of himself in the real world and bring them back to life.

Realizing the danger, Joyce heads out to assure that the kids are safe, while Hopper and Murray share a few glasses of vodka when they realize how dire the situation is. Hopper asks Alexei if they can turn off the Key, and although he says yes, he says that he is compromised and no longer has access. Hopper assures Alexei that he can bring him to his Key, but Alexei just laughs at him, because the Key is housed in a fortress built by the "greatest Russian minds, guarded by their greatest warriors", that breaking in is "impossible".

Ironically, Dustin and Erica are at that very moment sneaking around the fortress they broke

into. They commandeer a cart and an industrial taser and intend to head for the exit as Robin screams for help, Steve finally awoken by her yelling. Steve and Robin try to hop over to a table with scissors on it to free themselves, but they instead fall over, and Robin starts laughing hysterically. She finds it too "trippy" that she's going to die in a secret Russian base next to Steve "The Hair" Harrington, and relates how she always noticed him in class in the past, two days a week for a year. She says that although they tried to ignore it, they all wanted to be popular like Steve was, accepted, normal, and that she was obsessed with him. Steve regrets not talking to her in class, saying that had he done so, maybe he would've passed and gone to college instead of working at Scoops Ahoy, and that he and Robin wouldn't be in this terrible situation. They say their time working together was "fun while it lasted", and then the Russian officer comes in. Bringing in Dr. Zharkov, the officer tells Steve to speak the truth so that his "visit with Dr. Zharkov will be less painful", and the doctor injects him with a debilitating injection.

Back at the Wheeler house, El finally locates Billy, staying in his room on the Fourth of July. They realize it's a trap, that the Mind Flayer wants them to find Billy, but Lucas insists that since they know it's a trap they can be ready for it and defeat them all the same. El instead tries to see where Billy had been, as she had done with her own mother. Mike objects, but El asks Mike to trust her and goes forward anyway. She finds Billy and grabs his arm, but he latches onto her, and as El falls back, she suddenly finds herself on a beach, seeing Billy as a small child. Walking through his memories, El sees a large cloud formation at the end of the beach, the source, and heads toward it.

Again at Murray's Garage, Hopper sends out a distress signal. Together with Joyce, Alexei, Murray they then head back to Hawkins to recover their children, who are close to the Gate and in danger. In the base however, Steve and Robin have been given some kind of euphoric drug as the doctor comes back in. They again ask Steve how he managed to get inside, and he repeats his lie, so the doctor begins to rip out one of his nails before Robin blurts out that "it was a code". She relates everything to him, and that now everyone knows about the base because they broadcasted the signal all over town. The officer asks who knows specifically, and Steve says that Dustin Henderson knows, and that he's long gone. At that moment however, the alarm begins blaring and the officer rushes out to find a hole eaten through the floor by more of the acid from earlier. While Steve and Robin are less guarded, Dustin and Erica rush in and tase Dr. Zharkov, freeing them.

As El continues into Billy's memories, she sees a younger Billy abused by his father Neil Hargrove. She sees Neil abusing Billy's mother as Billy is helpless to defend her, as she is forced to leave Billy behind in a divorce. Billy, growing, is shown bullying other kids, calling them "pussy" just like his father did, and El also witnesses Billy meeting his new stepsister Max, refusing to shake her hand. Walking toward the screams, El finally reaches the point where Billy was captured and Flayed at Brimborn Steel Works; the eye of the memory storm.

Locating him, El tries to return from the Void, but she can't find Mike or anyone else at the house. Billy, however, arrives, and the Mind Flayer appears to speak through him in a much deeper voice than Billy's usual. He says that now that she's looked for him, he can see her, that "we can all see you", and throughout the conversation the Flayed all throughout town are approaching the Brimborn Steel Works. Referencing the day El first opened the Gate to the Upside Down by making contact with a Demogorgon in the Void, Billy continues:

You let us in. And now, you are going to have to let us stay. Don't you see? All this time, we've been building it. We've been building it... for you. All that work, all that pain... all of it... for you. And now it's time. Time to end it. And we are going to end you. And when you are gone, we are going to end your friends. And then we are going to end... everyone.

El, in a rage, uses telekinesis to launch Billy away, finally awakening from the Void and sobbing with her friends. It's not over yet however, because as the Flayed arrive at Brimborn Steel Works, they each melt down into flesh to be absorbed by the Mind Flayer's main form. The Mind Flayer grows larger and larger as he absorbs dozens of flayed men, women, and children, including Heather, Janet, and Mrs. Driscoll. Eventually, the Mind Flayer grows large enough to burst free of the steelworks, and then shrieks in challenge.

Chapter Seven: The Bite

Season 3

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Season Episode: 7

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Guest Stars: Cary Elwes (Mayor Larry Kline), Tinsley Price (Holly), Anniston Price (Holly), Nicholas Cirillo (Teenager), Skyler Knight (Pool goer / carnival goer), David Michael-Smith (U.S. Marshall), Aaron Matthews (Goon), Yevgeniy Kartashov (Officer), Jennifer A. Martin (Gravatron Operator), Vladislav Beasley (Pool boy), Sean McCracken (Balloon Carney), Chayse Porter (Marching Band Member), Mikaela Pavin (Tuba Player), Chris Jablon (Carnival Goer), Daniele Quinn (Baton Twirler), Alex Zenka (Soldier)
Summary: With time running out — and an assassin close behind — Hopper's crew races back to Hawkins, where El and the kids are preparing for war.



The residents of Hawkins are enjoying the 4th of July Fun Fair as they run around riding rides and playing carnival games. The Hawkins High School band performs as Larry Kline comes up onto the stage to give a speech. As Kline gives his speech, Ted, Karen, and Holly are boarding a ferris wheel. The ride starts up as Ted nervously looks around. Kline finishes his speech just as the ferris wheel stops at the top to give the Wheelers a good view of the fireworks as they start. Holly notices that the trees have unusually began

to shake. Karen tells her to ignore them and enjoy the fireworks but Holly remains concerned about it.

As the fireworks continue to go off in the distance, the Party, along with Jonathan and Nancy discuss the visions that Eleven has just seen in Hopper's cabin. Eleven tells the group that the Mind Flayer had told her that he was "building something". The group concludes that the Mind Flayer is after Eleven since she was the one that closed the gate in 1984. With her out of the way the Mind Flayer would become unstoppable. Nancy then hears the trees outside the cabin shake and Will senses the Mind Flayer's presence. The group attempts to flee the cabin, but are stopped in their tracks once they see the Mind Flayer approaching them.

Meanwhile, beneath the Starcourt Mall, Dustin drives a golf cart as he and Erica continue to help Steve and Robin escape from the Russian guards. The group boards the elevator to return to the mall as Steve and Robin, who are still high from the truth serum, laugh and mess around

with the cart on the elevator. They eventually make it back to ground level, but turn around and go back inside when they are spotted by two security guards. Back at the cabin, Eleven's group prepares for a battle with the Mind Flayer as Nancy and Jonathan arm themselves with a shotgun and axe respectively while the others use furniture and other large objects to barricade the room. They wait for the Mind Flayer in anticipation as various objects around the room begin to shake.

Eventually, the Mind Flayer breaks into the cabin and begins attacking them. Jonathan tries to sever one of its limbs with the axe but it throws him against the wall. Nancy also tries to shoot it with the shotgun but runs out of bullets. It then tries to attack Nancy but is stopped by El's telekinesis. El then severs the arm as two other arms attempt to attack El but she stops them and severs them like the previous arm. Suddenly, the Mind Flayer breaks through the roof of the cabin. It manages to grab El by her left ankle in an attempt to take her, but Mike, Jonathan, Max, and Will grab her to prevent her from being taken. Nancy reloads the shotgun and shoots the Mind Flayer in rapid succession, but to no avail. Lucas then severs the arm with the axe and frees El, causing them all to fall to the floor. Mike then pulls the remaining flesh off of El's leg, causing her to scream in pain.

El eventually stands up and severs the head of the Mind Flayer, and then falls backwards into Mike's arms, her left leg bleeding profusely. The group then flees into Nancy's car and drives away, with Max and Mike helping to get El out of the cabin and to the car safely. Back at the Mall, Dustin's group manages to escape from the security guards that are chasing them and they end up in a theater that is showing *Back to the Future*. Steve and Robin are seated in the front row by Dustin and Erica and told not to move while they sit on the opposite side of the row and discuss what to do with Steve and Robin. Dustin then leaves the theater in an attempt to find a way out without alerting the guards.

Meanwhile, Joyce, Hopper, Murray, and Alexei are driving to the Fun Fair in an attempt to find the kids. Alexei continues to explain to Murray how they will be able to destroy the machine that is attempting to open The Gate. He tells them that only way to retrieve the two keys is to enter Planck's Constant into a vault located beneath Starcourt. Hopper and Joyce then get into argument about the military's role in their plan. Murray then breaks up their fight by encouraging them to explore their true feelings for one another. When Alexei asks what he had just said, Murray tells him that they had not had sex, and the two laugh hysterically as the group crosses the state line into Indiana.

Eleven's group eventually reaches a hardware store, breaking the windows of the store in order to find treatment for El's badly wounded leg. Max instructs Nancy and Jonathan to go find water and soap, and for Lucas and Will to go find a washcloth and a bowl. Nancy and Jonathan discuss the Flayed and the consequences of killing the Mind Flayer, while Lucas and Will find fireworks that could potentially help them defeat the Mind Flayer later on. Mike apologizes to El for being selfish, before being interrupted by Dustin attempting to communicate with them via radio. Dustin apologizes to Mike for being MIA and tells him that the Russians have infiltrated Hawkins, before his radio dies due to being out of battery. Dustin returns to Erica and asks if she has any batteries, but Erica says she does not. The two then realize that Steve and Robin have left the theater.

Steve and Robin stand outside in the hallway with Steve drinking from a water fountain. Robin pushes Steve away and Steve becomes dizzy after staring at the ceiling for too long. Steve calls Robin over and she also becomes dizzy from staring at the ceiling. The two then run into the bathroom and throw up. At the Fun Fair, Joyce and Hopper go to check it out, while Hopper instructs Murray and Alexei to remain in the car. Joyce and Hopper are spotted by Kline, who alerts the Russians that they are there.

Back at the hardware store, El attempts to find where Dustin is, but is distracted by Mike and Lucas arguing about New Coke. She determines that Dustin is at the movies and the group leaves to go to Starcourt Mall. Steve and Robin talk in the bathroom, and Steve admits that he has feelings for her. However, Robin admits to Steve that she is a lesbian before Dustin and Erica find them in the bathroom.

At the hardware store, Billy finds Eleven's blood on the floor, and determines that they have gone to the mall. At the Fun Fair, Alexei asks Murray how to become a U.S. citizen, and Murray tells him he doesn't have to be a citizen to join in the fun. They go into the fair, and Murray buys Alexei fifteen tickets to go play a game and then goes to get food for them. Joyce spots Karen

going into one of the rides, and she and Hopper go to ask her where the kids are. At the theater, the showing of *Back to the Future* concludes and the crowd exits. Dustin's group attempts to blend in with the crowd but are spotted by the Russians and forced to flee.

At the fair, Alexei wins the game and gets a giant stuffed Woody Woodpecker as a prize. As Alexei is walking back to Murray, Grigori shows up and fatally shoots Alexei in the chest. Murray goes to warn Hopper and Joyce, and they are forced to flee. Hopper tells Joyce to go get Murray and bring the car to the back, while he goes to the Big Top attraction and evacuates it before going inside. Hopper then beats up one of the Russians while Joyce and Murray discover that Alexei has succumbed to his injuries. Grigori then enters the ride Hopper is hiding in and finds the unconscious Russian on the floor. As Joyce and Murray leave, Joyce finds Kline and punches and kicks him for revealing their location. Hopper shoots Grigori and flees. Grigori was wearing a bulletproof vest so he survived. They learn that the Russians are after the kids via a radio that Hopper stole from the Russian he knocked unconscious.

At the mall, Dustin's group attempts to hide from the Russians, but they are discovered. Suddenly, the car on display nearby begins to honk, distracting the guards long enough so that El can fling the car towards them, knocking them all out. Dustin's group is initially confused, until they look up and see that Eleven's group has arrived just in time to save them. The two groups reunite and discuss what has happened, before Eleven collapses to the floor, her wound pulsating with a strange growth inside her leg causing her to scream in pain.

Chapter Eight: The Battle of Starcourt

Season 3

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Season Episode: 8

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Guest Stars:	Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Nikita Bogolyubov (Guard), Timothy Carr (Paratrooper), Warren Quandt (Carnival Kid), Skyler Knight (Pool goer / carnival goer), Ryan L. Price (Paratrooper), David Michael-Smith (Carnival Father), Trey McGriff (Hawkins PD), Yevgeniy Kartashov (Officer), Christopher Mullis (Paratrooper), Hunter Romanillos (Carnival Patron), Patrick Seda (Hazmat Scientist), Lauren Brumbelow (Carnival Patron), Kevin Kedgley (Soldier), Kristof Reinharz (Prison Gaurd), David Turner (Paratrooper), Chayse Porter (Marching Band Member), Edward L. Oliver (Soldier), Kanye Huff (Carnival Goer), Campbell Cox (News Cameraman), Shawn Fortune (Amusement Park Attendee), Tommy Campbell (Carnival Foreman), Jeremy Connell (Scientist), Brandon Marski (Hazmat Soldier), Daniele Quinn (Baton Twirler), Alex Zelenka (Soldier)
Summary:	Terror reigns in the food court when the Mind Flayer comes to collect. But down below, in the dark, the future of the world is at stake.



The Mind Flayer's strange growth continues to pulsate from Eleven's left leg, making El scream in severe pain. While Mike and Dustin keep her still, Jonathan attempts to cut out her wound. As he cuts open the skin, Eleven intervenes and takes over, using her powers to fling out the creature. The creature attempts to escape but is crushed by Hopper who arrives at Starcourt with Joyce and Murray. S03E08-Eleven and Hopper share one last hug The group discusses a way to stop and kill the monster. Hopper and

Joyce plans to infiltrate the Russian base under the mall in order to destroy the key to open the Gate, while Dustin and Erica will offer navigational assistance using his radio transmitter from atop Weathertop. Eleven offers to help Hopper but he asserts that he needs her safe, since the Mind Flayer is after her. The two then share an embrace, before the group departs to take Eleven to Murray's warehouse.

Hopper, Joyce and Murray descend into the Russian base while Steve and Robin take Dustin and Erica to the transmitter. Meanwhile, as the group was leaving with El, they find their car's ignition cable lost and Billy blocking the road with his car. The group resorts back to the mall.

Mike attempts to raise Dustin via the radio transmitter but to no avail. When the group tries to take out the ignition cable from the car Eleven wrecked earlier, Eleven finds herself too weakened to evoke her powers. Moments later, Mike, Max and El witness the Mind Flayer looming atop the mall's roof. Mike warns Nancy before he and Max help El to hide. Just then the Mind Flayer crashes through the mall's roof and searches for them.

After figuring out that the group is trapped, Steve and Robin hurry back. At the mall, Lucas uses his slingshot to distract the Mind Flayer from attacking El, Mike and Max, long enough to get both the group out of the mall.

As Jonathan, Nancy, Will and Lucas attempt to flee, Billy rushes to ram their vehicle only to be slammed by Steve's car. Billy chases Max, Mike and El while the Mind Flayer pursues Steve and the group.

At the underground, Murray disables the power to the gateway machine, letting Hopper and Joyce in to open the lock to the disabling keys. However, the code which is derived from Planck constant doesn't work. Dustin reaches out to Suzie in Utah using his transmitter and using the number she provided, Hopper and Joyce opens the lock and retrieves the key. The two then prepare to stop the machines but before they can, Grigori intervenes and begins fighting Hopper.

At the mall, despite Mike and Max's efforts, Billy knocks them out and seizes Eleven, taking her to the Mind Flayer. As the Mind Flayer approaches El, Steve and the group arrive in time and throw firework explosives, preventing it from attacking her. Eleven recalls the memories she saw of Billy's childhood and reaches out to him which breaks him out of the Mind Flayer's control. Billy then confronts the Mind Flayer and sacrifices himself to stop it from taking Eleven.

At the same time, Joyce endeavors to turn both the keys herself as Hopper outmaneuvers Grigori and throws him into the machine, killing him but creating an electrical barrier to block his path. Finding no other alternative to escape, Hopper looks to Joyce and nods to trigger it. She activates the key which destroys the machine and closes the Gate to the Upside Down, unleashing a shock-wave which presumably disintegrates Hopper. It also results in the Mind Flayer's death. The group reunites together. Billy apologizes to Max before he succumbs to death. Joyce and Murray escape the facility while Dr. Owens arrives with several armed military at Starcourt to seize control of the Russian base. Regrouping outside the mall, Eleven learns of Hopper's death and becomes devastated.

Three months later, Hawkins becomes the focal point of several conspiracy theories due to recent events going viral. Mayor Kline is arrested following the disaster of the Starcourt Mall. Joyce, Will, and Jonathan prepare to move out of Hawkins with Eleven going with them. Nancy and Jonathan reconcile and share a kiss. Although El is still unable to use her powers, Mike is hopeful that they will come back. El recalls how Mike expressed his feelings for her at the cabin and kisses him, telling him she loves him too. Joyce finds Hopper's "heart to heart" speech which he wrote to say to Eleven and Mike. She gives it to Eleven to read. In the letter, Hopper admits how he felt delighted raising her. He also acknowledges his discomfort knowing that she was growing older and distant from him. He nevertheless encourages her to continue moving forward. Eleven, Will and Jonathan bid a tearful farewell to their friends Mike, Dustin, Lucas, Max and Nancy before they head out.

In a mid-credit scene, at a Russian base in Kamchatka, the prison guards feed a prisoner to a captive Demogorgon.

Season Four

Chapter One: The Hellfire Club

Season 4

Episode Number: 26

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Friday May 27, 2022
Writer: The Duffer Brothers
Director: The Duffer Brothers
Show Stars: Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Police Chief Jim Hopper), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Millie Brown (Jane "Eleven" Ives), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Sadie Sink (Max), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Maya Hawke (Robin), Priah Ferguson (Erica Sinclair), Matthew Modine (Martin Brenner), Paul Reiser (Sam Owens), Brett Gelman (Murray Bauman)
Guest Stars: Logan Riley Bruner (Fred Benson), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Catherine Curtin (Claudia Henderson), Mason Dye (Jason Carver), Eduardo Franco (Argyle), Amybeth McNulty (Vickie), Elodie Grace Orkin (Angela), Gabriella Pizzolo (Suzie), Joseph Quinn (Eddie Munson), Jessica Arden Napier (Five), Grace Van Dien (Chrissy Cunningham), Martie Marie Blair (Young Eleven), Christian Ganiere (Ten), Tristan Spohn (Two), Chloe Adona (Nine), Logan Allen (Jake), Nicholas Azarian (Kid in Goggles), Hayley Baron (Friendly Girl #2), Elizabeth Becka (Dr. Ellis), Trey Best (Jeff), Regina Ting Chen (Ms. Kelly), Todd d'Amour (Coach), Anna Grace Davidson (Drama Kid), Elise Falanga (Lenora Neighbor), Jeremiah Friedlander (Fourteen), Morgan Gao (Three), David Gibson (Friendly Mailman), Sophie Elizabeth Gonzalez (Art Kid), Grant Goodman (Freak #1), Ethan J Green (Sixteen), Oliver J Green (Seventeen), Jayden Griffin (Freshman Teammate), Scout Hamrick (Candance), Clayton Johnson (Andy), David Alexander Kaplan (Twelve), Haroon Khan (Chess Kid), Gregory Konow (Announcer), Gwydion Lashlee-Walton (Gareth), Shane Donovan Lewis (Math Kid), Lucinda Marker (Math Teacher), Jennifer Marshall (Susan Hargrove), Sparrow Nicole (Four), Laura Niemi (Mrs. Gracey), Tristan Peters (Chess Kid #2), Shawnee Pourier (Cute Girl), Tinsley Price (Holly Wheeler), Julia Reilly (Tammy Thompson), Hunter Romanillos (Teammate), Candice Rose (Chrissy's Mom), Sam Salary (Stern Orderly), Maximo Salas (Wrestler Teen), Olivia Sembra (Eighteen), Brook Sill (Brenda), Christopher Strand (Chrissy's Dad), Gabriella Surodjawan (Mean Girl), Abby Townsend (Friendly Girl), Lana Jean Turner (Seven), Alex Wagenman (Mean Boy), De'Jon Watts (Six), Bentley Williams (Fifteen), Hendrix Yancey (Thirteen), Chad Paetznick (Schoolbus Driver / Teacher), Nick Benas (Soldier), Brooklyn Paige Flamm (Hawkins High Student), Alex D. Jennings (Jock), Chase Ledgerwood (Soldier), Mark Murtha (Hungover Hawkins Kid), Babatunde Oyewo (Town People), Robert Tinsley (Rambo), Myles Truitt (Patrick), Wyatt Werneth (Sullivan Solider), Everett Williams (Basket Ball Game Attendee), Dawn Young-McDaniel (Friendly Nurse)
Summary: Still reeling from the events last year, the gang tries to move on with their lives. However, a threat is brewing both on Earth and the Upside Down.



On September 8, 1979, Dr. Martin Brenner prepares for work as he heads to Hawkins National Laboratory. Arriving there, he enters the lab's newly-built Rainbow Room, now full of child experiments. He approaches Ten, playing with a Magic 8 Ball, asking if he's ready for more lessons. Shaking the ball, Ten agrees when it says "All signs point to yes." As they walk through the lab and pass a woman named Dr. Ellis along with another experiment named Six. Brenner and Ten begin their experiments. Bren-

ner first has Ten use his abilities to see what Brenner is drawing on his pad. After succeeding, Brenner then asks if they could do something more challenging by seeing what Dr. Ellis and Six are doing in the other room. Ten sees in a vision Dr. Ellis and Six doing an experiment, but Ten begins to hyperventilate as he says that something is wrong, saying that they're screaming. Suddenly, the lab's alarms begin to go off. As Brenner asks what's happening through the intercom, Ten tells him that Six and Dr. Ellis are dead. Brenner slowly heads to the door leading to the lab as he hears screams and impacts, when the door bursts off the hinges and hits Brenner, knocking him unconscious. When he awakes, he's horrified to find Ten dead from the impact of the door. As he limps outside, he sees experiments, security guards, and fellow doctors dead and bloodied. When reaching the Rainbow Room, he finds the playroom full of dead children, all except one standing near the broken two mirror, breathing heavily. Brenner angrily asks what the experiment has done. The experiment, revealed to be a young Eleven, turns around slowly, with her eyes, nose, and ears dripping with blood.

On March 21, 1986 in Lenora Hills, California, El and the Byers arrive at school with Jonathan's new friend Argyle with Joyce now working as a telemarketer at home. El details her life and everything that has been going on since in a letter sent to Mike but also includes the lies that comes with it. Back in Hawkins, Mike and Dustin now join the D&D centered Hellfire Club, Lucas joining the basketball team Hawkins Tigers, Nancy working as a journalist for Hawkins High school paper, Steve and Robin working as employees for Family Video with Max retreating into solitude and reluctantly seeking counsel from Ms. Kelly following the aftermath of her brother's death. At the school's pep rally, basketball team captain Jason Carver gives an eulogy speech for the lives that were lost during the "Starcourt Mall's fire" including Heather Holloway, Jim Hopper and Billy Hargrove and uses it as a momentum to win the championship basketball game which takes place tonight. Surprised at the announcement, Mike and Dustin attempts to persuade him to join in Eddie's campaign which takes place at the same time as the championship game but is declined by Lucas who insists them to tell Eddie to move it for the next night and come to the game which sparks an disagreement between the three.

In California, Joyce receives a package with no senders from Russia and finds out that it was a doll. Fearing that she may be targeted again, Joyce contacts Murray and asks for help. Inspecting the doll closer, Joyce finds cracks that has been seemingly glued together. Murray fears that it may contain a bomb, and tells Joyce to smash the doll using rope and a heavy object as a safety precaution to which she does. Joyce finds out that the doll contains a ransom note mentioning of Hopper's survival and is joyful at the possibility that he is still alive.

Back at school, Eleven presents her visual aid for the historical hero presentation but is met with merciless taunts and humiliations from Angela and her lackeys. Eleven starts to tear up at their disregards regarding Hopper's heroic sacrifice during the events of Starcourt. After school, Eleven is ruthlessly humiliated by Angela and her group with one of them proceeds to destroy the diagram that she had worked so hard for. Angry at this act, Eleven attempts to use her telekinetic powers on them but is met with taunts from the whole school upon the powers not manifesting itself. Ms. Gracey soon takes notice of the commotion and quickly deduces that Angela was the one to blame for the humiliating act, she pleads to Eleven to tell that she was not the one responsible, but Eleven stays silent as Angela is punished. Will soon comes over and comforts Eleven over the recent event.

Meanwhile, Max continues to seek counsel and notices Chrissy Cunningham leaving the

room, seemingly distressed. Max talks to Ms. Kelly and reveals that her stepdad had left their family with the pair moving to an trailer park and her mother resorts to working 2 jobs to keep them afloat but is unable to open up to the counselor regarding of her trauma. Lucas meets Max afterwards and attempts to help her open up by inviting her to the game but is rejected with the advances, telling him that people just change. Max goes to the bathroom and notices a seemingly ill Chrissy and offers to help, but is refused with Max leaving. Alone in the bathroom, Chrissy is attacked by her mother's hallucination but is stopped afterwards.

In the cafeteria, Mike and Dustin informs Eddie of Lucas's absence and is demanded by Eddie to find another substitute. The pair scouts all over the school for people but is met with rejects. Dustin figures out that they don't have to ask around the school only and proceeds to ask Erica to which she accepts.

Somewhere else, Chrissy travels deep inside the forest and sees a grandfather clock which seemingly appeared within the tree, and is creeped out upon the emergence of black widows escaping the clock. Afterwards, Chrissy meets with Eddie, who is a drug dealer, and catches up with one another regards of their history in middle school, she asks him if there were any drugs that are much stronger than the one he currently offers for.

At the championship game, Lucas takes notice of Max's absence and is disappointed of the outcome, with Hawkins Tigers gaining score steadily against their opponent. During the game, the team's opponent intentionally injures one of their players, which causes a benched Lucas to replace his position. Fearing they will lose the victory, Jason determines to score them a point but misses the hoop, but Lucas takes the ball and scores the winning shot, securing their team an win. Taking place at the same time, Mike, Dustin and Erica arrives for the campaign with Eddie expressing skepticism regarding Erica's ability to play Dungeons & Dragons, but is swayed over by her skills and charm and welcomes her to the club. In the middle of the campaign, the group faces off against Vecna who is thought to have died from Kas's killing attempt, and is met with difficulties over the choice of either retreating or stand their ground and fight, but the group ultimately decides on the latter. At the climax of the campaign, Dustin and Erica are the only 2 players left alive with the group considering retreating option once more but the 2 players are determined to kill Vecna. Dustin attempts to attack and misses the shot, but Erica successfully vanquished the boss with a critical hit. Both teams relish the joy of winning their respective games, but Lucas takes notice of his sister Erica celebrating their victory with other members of the Hellfire club and is saddened at this fact.

Afterwards, Max takes notice of the neighbors' dog barking for food, gathers the leftovers and goes to feed him, but Max soon notices Eddie and Chrissy travelling back together to his residence. In the Munson trailer park, Eddie searches for The Special K. While Chrissy is waiting, she hears the distorted chimes of the grandfather clock, and goes to look for Eddie upon him not answering her calls. Chrissy stumbles upon her mother's distorted image and appears to relive her traumatic memories, finding her dad with eyes and mouth sewn shut. Back at the trailer park, Eddie finds the drug, but is surprised to find Chrissy standing motionless and unresponsive, with all the lights now flickering on and off with the same phenomena occurring in Chrissy's nightmare. A panicked Eddie attempts to wake Chrissy from her trance, with Chrissy getting chased by an unknown entity who beckons for her. She tries to run but is cornered by the entity, who soon impales her with its claws as Chrissy's body levitates and crashes into the ceiling, all of her joints in her bones snapped and bent, her jaw cracked and eyes gouged out with a horrified Eddie witnessing how her death unfolds.

Chapter Two: Vecna's Curse

Season 4

Episode Number: 27

Season Episode: 2

Originally aired:	Friday May 27, 2022
Writer:	The Duffer Brothers
Director:	The Duffer Brothers
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Summary:	A plane brings Mike to California – and a dead body brings Hawkins to a halt. Nancy goes looking for leads. A shaken Eddie tells the gang what he saw.

During the events in The Battle of Starcourt, Joyce Byers activates the destruction of the The Key with Jim Hopper's nod of approval. While it's destroying, Hopper flees to the other side of the platform and is heavily injured upon being blasted away by the shockwave. He is eventually found by the surviving Russian soldiers and they take capture of the chief officer. Afterwards,

Hopper is relentlessly tortured to discover any valuable information. Impressed at his endurance and strength, Hopper is taken to Kamchatka where he is held prisoner and forced to do labor work. There, he is informed by the wardens that any attempts of running away will result in severe punishment.



Back at the Mayfield residence, Max wakes up to see a team of police officers, led by Calvin Powell who is now the new police chief and accompanied by Phil Callahan, to find the disturbing corpse of Chrissy Cunningham which was found early in the morning by Wayne Munson, Eddie's uncle. Curiously, Max approaches the scene of the crime only to catch a vague glimpse of Chrissy's corpse. She is eventually told by an officer to go back to her house. Inside the crime scene, Powell contacts Frank and informs

him that he had never seen anything like the corpse before, with their call being eavesdropped by government officials. Investigating those who have close relations to Chrissy, police spreads out and conducts interrogations.

At the airport, Will and Eleven, accompanied by Jonathan and Argyle, meets up with Mike for their spring break, with Will and Mike's relationship seemingly further apart than before. Eleven plans the whole day for them while informing Mike that she had made friends with Stacy and Angela, much to Will's bewilderment. Meanwhile, Murray has also arrived at Lenora Hills, California as a request from Joyce, upon learning about Hopper's potential survival.

Meanwhile in Family Video, news of a high school senior's murder had travelled across the entire town, with Steve and Robin now informed of the gruesome act that had taken place in the Munson trailer park, with much of the details still unknown to the public. In Benny's Burgers, which was formerly abandoned after it's owner had been killed 4 years prior, the restaurant had been turned into an home and party place for the Hawkins Tigers team, with Lucas participating in their team victory party. News of the murder had also reached to the basketball team, and recapping the incidents which had taken place prior to the murder with the events of Starcourt, which claimed 30+ innocent people's lives. Members debate on who the victim might be, until officers pull up to the area and proceeds to conduct an interrogation with Jason and Nancy. The crew at The Weekly Streak watch the news in horror as she recalls the events that befell Barbara. Nancy decides that they will go together to interview the villagers in nearby areas of the murder.

Over at the Henderson residence, Dustin and his mother are informed of the news, while Max comes over to express her concerns regarding Chrissy's death. Max informs Dustin of the victim's identity and tells him that Chrissy and Eddie had been spotted together, and thinks that Eddie is the prime suspect in the murder. Dustin refuses the claim, believing his innocence, which sparks an argument between the two over whether if Eddie's the killer. Additionally, Max informs him that their electronics malfunctions with lights flickering on and off, following Eddie's scream as he runs and speeds away from the crime scene after what he had witnessed. Thinking that it was too coincidental, Max begins to rethink the possibility that something else from the Upside Down may have taken away Chrissy. Investigating over what might have happened at that night, Dustin and Max begins to look for Eddie.

Back in California, Murray arrives at the new Byers residence and reads the letter. At first, he is skeptical of the letter as it has no proof of Hopper's survival but Joyce rebuttal that only 2 people could have known of Hopper and Joyce's date at Enzo which was herself and the chief police, believing it to be an message. Incorporating of Hopper still alive scenario, Murray theorizes that the letter act as an elaborate ruse to capture Joyce but she still believes of Hopper's survival. Intending to find out whether it's true or not, Joyce contacted the number which was detailed on the letter in the guise of an fake IP from Durham, North Carolina with the help from Murray who warns her that the KGB will still be able to trace them and to keep it brief to under an minute and finding proof of Hopper's survival. The pair reaches an man who calls himself Enzo with him telling the pair to make an 40,000\$ deposit and reach to Fish n' Fly which is located in Nume, Alaska and find Yuri. During the call, Enzo is interrupted by an woman who wants to use the

phonebooth immediately and starts to call out slurs to him. Enzo reminds the pair of what they need to do and to not call back on that number and ends the conversation.

In Ring-O-Mania, Mike, Eleven and Will catch up with one another with Will questioning of Eleven's need to keep up with the false narrative. They skate together with Will feeling left behind by the pair. Eleven and Mike are soon noticed by Angela and her goons with the group of hooligans starts to plot another humiliation in front of the whole crowd.

At Benny's Diner, Powell and Callahan starts to interrogate Jason and ask him Chrissy's related questions including whether or not she had taken drugs and if he had noticed Eddie and Chrissy had been talking to lately. This series of questions has Jason linked that the dead student was his girlfriend Chrissy with him drawing conclusion that Eddie was the culprit involved in Chrissy's murder. After the interrogation and realizing the revelation, Jason breaks down and begins his hunt for Eddie in an attempt to bring him forward to an misguided justice.

Picking up clues as to where Eddie's location might be, Dustin and Max travels to Family Video and searches for the phone numbers of Eddie's friends with Max filling in Steve and Robin the hypothesis that they had before. The group begin to contact various people, hoping there are leads but is met with dead end every single turn until Max got someone named Reefer Rick who is Eddie's supplier and Eddie would frequent crash at his place. They attempt to find him with limited information with Steve suggesting that they broke into a police station for leads. Upon hearing Steve mentioning many guests would frequent the store, Robin searches all Ricks registered account and manages to narrow down to Reefer Rick's household locating by the Lover's Lake which acts as an hideout.

Elsewhere, Nancy and Fred travels to the scene of the murder but is stopped by an officer but gains access to the site upon using a cover story as Max's nannies. The officer seemingly notices and knows of Fred and his past crime where he had indirectly killed a kid in a car accident by running home to his parents instead of notifying the authorities with the slowly distorted image of the policeman accuses him of being a murderer but Fred soon snaps out of his trance state.

At the rink, Angela and her friends greet Mike and Eleven, who greets them as Eleven's friends. Taken advantage of this, Angela grabs Eleven and leads her to the dance floor along with her group with Will expressing concern. Sensing what is going to happen, Will confesses to Mike that Eleven has not been telling the truth to him with Mike not believing at his claim at first. The rink's DJ starts to play the song dedicated to Eleven who he calls the local snitch with everyone at the rink makes fun of her and soon makes a circle, preventing her from leaving the ring. Angry at this act, Mike asks the DJ to stop and when he does, a friend of Angela spills Mike's drink on Eleven with her falling to the ground, increasing the mockery towards her. Mike tries to save her from further humiliation but is stopped by a bunch of onlookers. Eleven tearfully leaves the ring with Will and Mike soon lose sight of their friend.

Back in Hawkins, an US colonel arrived at Indiana shortly after hearing the call which had taken place shortly after the body's discovery. He and the rest inspects Chrissy's corpse and begins to examine it. Taken place at the same time, Jason plans out Eddie's capture and tells them that Hellfire is a form of satanic cult with Andy suggesting that Chrissy was killed in a form of sacrifice to the devil but their claims is met with rebuttal by Lucas who told them that it is simply just an D&D club, a tabletop fantasy game but Jason warps it as members of that club could not tell the difference between fantasy and reality and suggests that the Hellfire club would kill someone again unless their members stop them with the team beginning their hunt for Eddie.

Around the crime scene, Nancy and Fred tries to conduct interviews with various residence only to end up with rejections. Finding Wayne Munson, Nancy tries to conduct an interview but is met with rejections at first, tiring that every news journalist would accuse his nephew of a crime that he did not committed. Nancy convinces Wayne to let her tell his side of the story. Wayne begins to direct Nancy to a man called Victor Creel who had murdered his entire family with their corpses matches the same sign as that of Chrissy's and informs her that Victor is held up in Pennhurst Asylum. Amidst the interview, Fred is led away into the woods by distorted chimes of a grandfather clock and encounters various mutilated people who accused him of being a murderer. Terrified, Fred runs deeper into the forest. Meanwhile, Nancy soon takes notice of Fred's disappearance and searches for him.

Listening to the recording again, Joyce and Murray discovers that one of the slurs that was said to Enzo is related to that of cops or guards. The pair deduces that Hopper is locked up

within an prison and Enzo is the member of the prison guard. Determined to bring Hopper back, Joyce and Murray goes to the bank and deposits the amount of cash that was required.

Looking around the skating ring for El, Mike and Will argues with one another at how Will did not inform Mike of El's lies earlier and Mike expressing disinterest in anything Will has to say. Will soon tells Mike of their friendship's decline as he regularly spends less time with him and more with El during an year since they left Hawkins. Not reaching for an conclusion, the pair resumes their search unaware that they just passed Eleven who is hiding in an employee's room only. Furious at Angela's humiliation act, Eleven comes out and demands an apology from her only to met with more cruel remarks with her stepping over the line regarding about her adopted father Hopper. Snapped at her snide remark, Eleven picks up an skating boot and smashes against Angela, giving her an grade 2 concussion. Shocked at her actions, Mike tells Eleven over what she had just done which triggers her memories back to Brenner's comment over what she had did in 1979.

Travelling to Rick Lipton's household, Steven, Dustin, Robin and Max tries to reach Eddie through the house to no prevail. Max soon takes notice of a nearby boathouse and investigates the premises, and eventually finds Eddie who holds Steve hostage, as the group convinces him that they are on his side. Eddie recounts his story on that night, but thinks that the group would not trust him. Dustin begins to tell them of their past encounters with creatures from the Upside Down, and asks Eddie if there were any signs that suggests the Mind Flayer had returned, but Eddie tells them that there wasn't anything to see or touch, and informs them that Chrissy was in a trance-like state with Dustin classifying it as a curse, specifically Vecna's curse.

Upon finding no signs of Fred, Nancy informs the officer about his disappearance, with a terrified Fred running towards the highway, just to see the car crash which had taken place the year prior. Inspecting the car closer, the kid crawls out and reached out, desperate for help, as Fred unknowingly slipped into an empty grave and cornered and impaled by the entity. Fred's body begins to levitate with all of his joints snapped, jaw cracked and eyes gouged, suffering the same fate as Chrissy's.

Chapter Three: The Monster and the Superhero

Season 4

Episode Number: 28

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Friday May 27, 2022
Writer:	Caitlin Schneiderhan
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Summary:	Murray and Joyce fly to Alaska, and El faces serious consequences. Robin and Nancy dig up dirt on Hawkins' demons. Dr. Owens delivers sobering news.

In Ruth, Nevada where couple Sam Owens and his wife Cathy resides, they are visited by US Colonel Jack Sullivan who gives them autopsy photos of Chrissy Cunningham's corpse and asks for his opinion on what could have cause the death of the girl. The colonel states that every incidents that has happened in Hawkins can be traced back to Eleven with Sullivan suggesting that she has gone rogue and had killed the young girl through remote assassination as evidenced how Chrissy's body is similar to that of Connie Frazier's corpse. Owen refute against the colonel but he suggests that Eleven is still alive and has been receiving help from the inside and suspects the mole is Owens himself. After Owens refuses to give out info relates to Eleven, Sullivan orders the men to raid his house in search of valuable information and leaves once they get what they needed. Sensing impending danger, Owens begins to look for El.



Back in Rink-O-Mania, paramedics arrive and treat Angela's wound while bystanders begin to look fearful of Eleven after she had smashed Angela's face for her constant torments. Will, Mike and Eleven eventually picked up by Jonathan and Argyle and taken back to the Byers residence where they are surprised to see that Murray comes by and visit with Joyce staging an fake cover story where she goes to an Alaska for an conference, not telling the kids that Hopper may still be alive. In Jonathan and Argyle's high

state, they tell Joyce of what had transpired in Rink-O-Mania without implicating that Eleven was the aggressor. This causes Eleven to retreat back into her room and solitude with her constantly rethinking back the moment in Rink-O-Mania and the massacre that took place in 1979.

Elsewhere in the Upside Down, the entity now classified by the group as Vecna begins to look for his next victim which is so happened to be Patrick McKinney, an member of Hawkins Tigers basketball team. At Benny's Diner, Lucas awakes to find his teammates begin to gear up weapons in search of Eddie, hoping to torture him till they get an confession. Despite how disturbed Lucas find at this act, he offers help and tags along with Jason, Andy and Patrick. During the ride, Patrick begins to exhibit the first symptom which is nose bleed.

Back at the boathouse, Steve, Dustin, Max and Robin shares the news with Eddie who is told that the police is still in searching for him as the prime suspect in Chrissy's murder but his name has not been disclosed to the public yet. The group plans to kill Vecna and proves his innocence which Eddie finds at first to be impossible to achieve. The group begin to recount their encounters with the Upside Down and how they relied on Eleven's powers to save the day. Noticing the police cars and firetruck passed by, the group sees the mutilated corpse of Fred Benson as well as police picking up testimonies from Nancy who eventually spots the gang and goes to join their quest.

Back at the Byers residence, Mike and Will still process to feel about the aftermath of Rink-O-Mania incident. Mike eventually talks to Eleven who tells him that she feels she does not belong in the normal society and brings up with the way he had look at her after she had smashed Angela's face which sparks an argument between the two whether or not they really love each other and Eleven telling Mike that she is no longer the superhero. Suddenly, cops arrives and detains for Eleven for her aggression act with Mike swearing that he will find a way.

During their flight to Alaska, Joyce feels guilty about not telling the children on what they actually intend to do to which Murray justifies it that they would have got involved in along with the search. Arriving at Alaska after long hours, they begin to head for their destination.

In Kamchatka, Hopper along with the other prisoners are forced to labor work involving fixing rail road tracks. Enzo whose actual name is Dmitri Antonov pulls Hopper aside albeit faking it as an punishment for insulting an prison guard. He delivers news to Hopper as Joyce and Murray are in the process of getting him back home and tells him about the smuggler Yuri Ismaylov and how he smuggled illegal goods to Russian guards. Antonov warns Hopper to be on the flight next morning or he will remained trapped in Russia. During lunch, Hopper tells another prisoner to break his leg in exchange for his entire share of the food to which the prisoner agrees to commit in order to loosen his foot chains. After the day, Hopper arrives at his cell and attempts to remove the chain to which he succeeds.

Gathering around near the scene of the murder, the group along with Nancy theorizes that what had killed Chrissy comes from Upside Down with Nancy questioning why Fred and Chrissy are both victims of the curse and Nancy telling the group that Fred behaves differently once they reached the trailer park with Max also informing the group of Chrissy's same behavior at the school's bathroom. Thinking that they had seen the being, the group proceeds to go to Ms. Kelly's residence while Nancy and Robin investigates the lead that was given to them by Wayne Munson. As they go out to investigate the leads, the place where Chrissy had originally died starts to form ooze stains and cracks.

Along the ride, Jason and his friends spotted other members of Hellfire Club. Upon not giving

information related to Eddie's whereabouts, Jason begins to beat down one of the members with the latter points to them that Dustin may know of his location. Having got what they needed, they set out to search for him with Lucas starting to form his own plans to search for Dustin and the group. Jason and his friends starts to investigate the Henderson's residence only to find no one home, Lucas sneaks off and contacts with Dustin who tells him that they had found Eddie with Lucas expressing skepticism regard of Eddie being the murderer to which Max tells him to meet them at the school so he can catch up. Jason catches the act with Lucas faking it as searching for clues. Finding ways to break off from the group, Lucas informs the trio of having found one while investigating.

In the interrogation room, Eleven does not give out the reason as to why she had hurt Angela which concludes the officers to place Eleven under an juvenile detention center. As Eleven is being processed, Mike, Will and Jonathan goes to search for their friend and is rejected by the receptionist upon them not being Eleven's parents or legal guardians. Eleven is then driven away to the detention center to which Mike immediately spotted and Eleven tearfully looks back at her boyfriend.

Pursuing an lead they might had, Nancy and Robin goes to the public library in order to research more about Victor Creel and his committed murders in 1959. Using this time, Robin attempts to resolve any conflict they had with Nancy but is told that they do not conflicts or problems towards each other. Nancy continues to read old news related to the scene only to find no clues that can lead them further. Robin eventually finds the Weekly Watcher which usually covers outlandish conspiracy theories and successfully finds that the supposed culprit Victor Creel claims that his house is haunted by an ancient demon and is the main cause of his family's demise after an failed exorcism. Shortly afterwards, Victor is sent inside Pennhurst Asylum with Robin connecting the dots that this was the main reason as to why he is sent inside the asylum as the newspaper never went public and records sealed with both of them conclude that the demon was Vecna. Having learnt of this news, the pair informs the trio that the first victim of Vecna's dated back to 1959.

At Ms. Kelly's residence, Max visits and asks her if she can take a look at Chrissy's profile with Max still unable to open up about her trauma of Billy's death and the counselor refuses to reciprocate Max's request. Upon getting rejected, Max tries to steal the keys in the guise of bathroom break and successfully doing so with the trio starts to speed up to the school's counselor office. They eventually arrives the school at midnight and searches for the counselor's office in order to retreat confidential archives. Dustin informs Nancy and Robin who just finished up their investigation to come immediately.

Along the highway, Eleven is in the process of being taken to an detention hall to which she notices that several black SUVs are in pursuit that is able to stop the vehicle and informs the driver that girl belongs in their custody now. Panicked thinking she was going to be taken away again, she attempts to sprint off but is detained by several agents until she see Owens from afar, feeling relief that it is someone that she knows. They go to an diner where Owens explains that he had moved them to Lenora as it was an small and safe town, far away from the horrors of Hawkins. Owens brings up the true reason that he seeks Eleven is to return her with her original powers with the possible chance of it being more powerful than it originally was in order to prepare to fight an war that will take place within Hawkins to save her friends and the people. Knowing that the military is after Eleven, Owens has his people prepare the NINA project and believes that she is the cure to ending it while others falls towards the narrative that she is the cause of it all and warns that her presence in Hawkins could jeopardize the lives of her friends and family. Owens gives her an option to either come up with him with the possible chance that she might never see her friends again or return to the Byers residence and continue life as normal. Eleven chooses to come with Owens, hoping to regain her powers.

Back at the Byers residence, Will, Mike and Jonathan tries to find ways to bring back Eleven from detention hall only to be met by the 3 agents from before who informs them that they had to stay at their house until Eleven's training is complete with one of them handling Eleven's letter to Mike which proclaims that she will be an superhero again.

At the school, Max, Dustin and Steve successfully infiltrates the counselor's office and reads Chrissy's profile content as well as Fred's who they are surprised to have met with Ms. Kelley as well. Elsewhere, Lucas leads the group to Hopper's Cabin where he falsely announces that Eddie uses this as an hideout with Jason intending to ambush Eddie from both sides. Jason and his

friends search the house only to see no one, they try to search for the back with Lucas using the opportunity to sneak out and meet the gang at the school. After reading both profiles carefully, Max discovers that Chrissy and Fred both share headaches, nosebleeds, constant nightmares and past traumas, something that Max has also been suffered from for the past 5 days. After Max realizes the revelation, Vecna starts to beckon her with Max begin to led away by distorted chimes of an grandfather clock.

Chapter Four: Dear Billy

Season 4

Episode Number: 29

Season Episode: 4

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Writer:	Paul Dichter
Director:	Shawn Levy
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Guest Stars:	Robert Englund (Victor Creel), Jamie Campbell Bower (Friendly Orderly), Eduardo Franco (Argyle), Ed Amatrudo (Director Hatch), Nikola Djuricko (Yuri), Mason Dye (Jason Carver), Dacre Montgomery (Billy Hargrove), Myles Truitt (Patrick McKinney), Tom Wlaschiha (Dmitri Antonov), Ira Amyx (Agent Harmon), Povilas Barzdzius (Eagle-Eyed Guard), Paris Benjamin (Agent Stinson), Livi Birch (Alice Creel), Ben Bladon (Muttering Prisoner), Marius Cizauskas (Scared Guard), Kendrick Cross (Agent Wallace), David Dahlgren (Mental Patient), Reece Fleetwood (Pennhurst Guard #2), Bart Hansard (Pennhurst Guard #1), Derek Hedlund (Corporal Meyers), Vladislav Jacukevic (Guard), Dainius Jankauskas (Russian Guard), Clayton Royal Johnson (Andy), Kevin L. Johnson (Young Victor Creel), Edmundas Kartanas (Strong Prisoner), Denisas Kolomyckis (Young Guard), Raphael Luce (Young Henry Creel), Jennifer Marshall (Susan Hargrove), Britney Niter (Asylum Patient), Tyner Rushing (Virginia Creel), Sergey Safronov (Mean Guard), Adomas Stancikas (Prison Guard), Joris Zaliuskas (Tool Shed Guard), Sherman Augustus (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan), Logan Riley Bruner (Fred Benson), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Regina Ting Chen (Ms. Kelly), Jett Jansen (Soldier), Amybeth McNulty (Vickie), Angel Nair (Basketball Fan; Mourner), Elodie Grace Orkin (Angela), Joseph Quinn (Eddie Munson), Grace Van Dien (Chrissy)
Summary:	Max is in grave danger — and running out of time. A patient at Pennhurst asylum has visitors. Elsewhere, in Russia, Hopper is hard at work.

In the Byers residence, Will, Mike and Jonathan are informed by the agents of the killings that had been happening in Hawkins. The agents refuse to reveal Eleven's location as a safety precaution as other factions of the government are working to find her and contact may put her in danger and in turn jeopardize the lives of everyone else. Until Eleven's training is finished, agents Harmon and Wallace are assigned to take care of them. This information overwhelms and infuriates them but are reassured by the agents stating they are friends of Sam Owens. Mike receives El's letter from one of the agents which proclaims that she will become a superhero again.

Elsewhere in Hawkins High School, Nancy and Robin eventually arrive and meet up with Dustin and Steve. The group is informed by Max that she saw a vision of the grandfather clock while her body was in an trance like state, which was similar to Chrissy's final moments as per Eddie's words. Max further elaborates that both Fred and Chrissy died less than 24 hours

after their first initial hallucinations, stating her time is due to tomorrow after witnessing the grandfather clock. The group later meets with Lucas, who learns of Max's impending fate while informing Dustin of Jason's intention of capturing him for information on Eddie's whereabouts.



After Jason and his lackeys find no trace of Eddie and discover Lucas's disappearance, he pays a visit to the Sinclair residence with Erica answering the front door. From Erica, Jason finds out that Lucas has been in league with Dustin and had been tricked into searching at Hopper's cabin.

Meanwhile, Steve, Dustin, and Lucas have been taking refuge in the Wheeler's basement. Steve points out how Vecna could have existed back in the 50's, 30 years before their first encounter with the

Upside Down. Dustin explains that the Upside Down world could have existed for a long time while Eleven only opened a connection to the dimension. Steve and Lucas further question where the gate had been during that time and how Vecna was able to get through, to which Dustin is also confused. During that time, Max had been writing letters to all of her loved ones in case she does not live through the curse. In order to learn more about what happened during the night of the murder, Nancy and Robin disguise themselves as criminal psychologists named Ruth and Rose from the University of Notre Dame. They are able to score a 3 O'clock meeting with the director, hoping to sway him over with their charms to let them speak to Victor Creel. Sometime after their departure, Max hands Steve, Dustin, and Lucas her letters alongside Mike, El and Will's should they ever be contacted again.

In Kamchatka, Hopper is forced to do more labor work on the railroads. During the prisoner's escort, Dmitri Antonov informs Hopper to find a church with a grey roof to meet the smuggler and that Joyce had arrived in Alaska the night before. Their interaction gains the attention of a Russian guard with Antonov consensually punching Hopper in order to avoid suspicion. While working on the railroad, Hopper intentionally breaks his sledgehammer and uses it as an excuse to go to the supply shed where he is stopped by a guard. The guard is momentarily distracted by Hopper using the advantage and knocks him unconscious. The nosy guard from before notices the missing police chief and goes to the shed to retrieve him. Hopper engages with the guard and manages to snap his neck with foot chains, their fight is noticed by other guards once the shots rang. Knowing he does not have much time left, he sets a flare near the explosives and makes his getaway through the roof and escapes with the snowmobile.

Morning at the Byers residence, Harmon and Wallace are still keeping watch over Mike, Will, and Jonathan. In order to escape, Jonathan calls Surfer Boy Pizza, where his friend Argyle works. During this time, Mike and Will open up with each other with Mike revealing his concerns for El to which Will reassures that they will meet again. Will opens up that he does not trust Owens even though Owens had protected them but wasn't able to protect him and points out that they are the ones that saved him. The pair laughingly jokes that it's up to them once more. Jonathan agrees with their statement and plans to drive them back to Hawkins assuming the agents' warnings are true. The trio plans to hail a ride from Argyle under the guise to the agents that they are hungry and want pizza.

Not willing to spend her last day of life in solitude, Max tells Steve, Dustin, and Lucas to drive her to East Hawkins where they can still get in contact with Pennhurst Asylum. Steve initially refuses but relents to her request upon hearing that she is willing to go alone. Stopping by her home, she gives her letters to her mother and asks to deliver it to the rest of her family with her embracing her mother tightly. Suddenly, the surroundings disturbingly change with Max seeing Vecna. He tells her that her time is almost at an end before Max snaps back to reality. Knowing that she does not have much time left, she intends to visit Billy's grave to read her thoughts about him.

At Pennhurst Asylum, Nancy and Robin meet with the director of the institution, claiming to be scholars with a letter of recommendation from professor Brantley. They try to acquire permission to see Victor Creel but are told that a certain protocol is involved when it comes to

seeing patients in the high security section in the form of a request and an evaluation from the board committee. Nancy tries to convince him to no avail until Robin steps up and persuades the director to give them 10 minutes with the patient which he finally grants.

In Alaska, Joyce and Murray manage to find Fish n' Fly and it's pilot Yuri Ismaylov, handing over the amount of cash that was agreed upon. Wanting to check it carefully, Yuri proceeds to count thoroughly while insisting they drink some of the coffee he had available. Afterwards, Yuri proceeds to call Antonov to know of Hopper's status before extracting him.

Wandering through the asylum's courtyard, Nancy and Robin are given a tour by the director Anthony. When they reach the criminal ward, the girls ask to question Victor alone with him reluctantly accepting their request, but not before telling the guard to watch the pair closely. Nancy and Robin request his help as they believed the culprit that killed his family has returned. After telling him of the symptoms that Max had, they ask how he had survived an attack by the demon. He then relates to them the events that transpired in 1959.

Receiving an order from the Byers residence, Argyle heads for the destination. Meanwhile, in the house, Will and Mike rekindle their friendship as both acknowledge their flaws at their way of handling things during the incident at Rink-o-Mania and the aftermath. Hearing the car arrive, Will, Mike and Jonathan prepare to leave with agent Wallace opening the front door only to get shot in the stomach by a US soldier. A gunfight soon erupts with the trio escaping and making it to Argyle's van. While Harmon is seriously injured after being shot in the stomach, the group ultimately makes the getaway.

After traveling for a while, Hopper arrives at the designated location and temporarily takes shelter. During this time, Yuri calls Antonov to let him know that there has been a change in the plan, revealing he has revealed Hopper's location, informed the other guards of Antonov's betrayal, and spiked Joyce and Murray's coffee, making them pass out with the purpose of gaining more money by turning them into the KGB. Hopper tries to escape through the window but fails as he is overwhelmed and knocked unconscious with Antonov detained by guards for his act in helping Hopper's escape.

In 1959, Victor Creel returns to his family 14 years after participating in the war and gains an inheritance after his wife's uncle passed away. He bought his family a new house with the intent to start a new life. After a month of peace, things take a dark turn when his daughter, Alice Creel, discovers a mutilated rabbit near their house. Thinking that it's an attack by a wildcat, Victor stayed up and actively searched for signs of the predator only to realize that the culprit is an otherworldly entity. The first attack is in the form of his wife, Virginia Creel, experiencing an hallucination of the bathtub full of black widows. Alice begins to have constant nightmares shortly afterwards, and Victor himself sees a crib lit aflame as a baby wails in pain. One night, the Creels were having dinner when the lights began to flicker. Virginia was subsequently lifted in the air and had all her bones snapped and eyes gouged out. Victor tries to save the kids by attempting to leave the house only to relive his traumatic memory of him ordering a bombing of an innocent French village that was presumed to hold German soldiers, showing the baby dying as it's crib is set on fire. During the hallucination, Victor hears his favorite song and interprets it as the voice of an angel only to be snapped back to reality to discover Alice had been killed with Henry in a coma and was believed to have died a week after. At his time of incarceration, he attempted suicide by gouging his eyes out so as to be reunited with his family only for the attempt to end in failure. After listening to his story, Nancy tries to further question as to who the angel was that he had heard but is interrupted by director Anthony who finds out about their ruse.

Stopping at Roane Hill's cemetery, Max visits Billy's grave but not before she is stopped by Lucas. He informs her he knows that she had experienced one of Vecna's hallucinations back at the trailer park and implores her to open up to them. At Billy's grave, Max reads her eulogy letter for Billy and expresses guilt, grief, and how she had hoped for a chance of reconciliation. After Max finishes reading the letter, the surroundings begin to shift once more into one of Vecna's visions. In the vision, Billy accuses that part of her felt relief after his death along with her desire of dying after him. Vecna then begins to pursue Max as she tries to escape. Back in reality, Max's trance state is eventually noticed by the group with Steve ordering Dustin to contact Nancy and Robin immediately. During their escort out of Pennhurst Asylum, Robin discovers the voice of the angel Victor had heard is in fact a song based on his humming, which was *Dream a Little of Me* by Ella Fitzgerald. She further remembers Hatch's words related to music being able to connect

a part of mind where it can't. Robin realizes that the song acts as a lifeline back to reality. Nancy and Robin both run towards the car and make their escape. Robin eventually contacts Dustin and tells him the information.

Elsewhere in the Upside Down, Max stumbles on what seems to be an old wrecked house with Vecna's victims put on display. Vecna expresses displeasure as Max stumbles on his lair and eventually captures her. Back in reality, Dustin gathers Max's walkman and cassette tapes and frantically asks Lucas her favorite song. Lucas eventually finds her favorite song to be Running Up That Hill by Kate Bush and plays it to Max's physical body which opens another portal back to reality for spiritual Max. As she is prepared to be killed by Vecna, she recounts all the happy moments that she had spent with Lucas and Eleven as well as the rest of her friends which grants her escape from Vecna's grasp. Max frantically runs towards the portal with Vecna attempting to stop her but fails as she reunites with her physical body. She tearfully embraces Lucas and the rest of the group as she successfully escapes from Vecna's curse.

Chapter Five: The Nina Project

Season 4

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Season Episode: 5

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Writer:	Kate Trefry
Director:	Nimród Antal
Show Stars:	Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Police Chief Jim Hopper), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Millie Brown (Jane "Eleven" Ives), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Sadie Sink (Max), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Maya Hawke (Robin), Priah Ferguson (Erica Sinclair), Matthew Modine (Martin Brenner), Paul Reiser (Sam Owens), Brett Gelman (Murray Bauman)
Guest Stars:	Jamie Campbell Bower (Friendly Orderly), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Eduardo Franco (Argyle), Joseph Quinn (Eddie Munson), Sherman Augustus (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan), Martie Marie Blair (Young Eleven), Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Nikola Djuricko (Yuri), Mason Dye (Jason Carver), Christian Ganiere (Ten), Pasha D. Lychnikoff (Oleg), Vaidotas Martinaitis (Warden Melnikov), Nikolai Nikolaev (Ivan), Tristan Spohn (Two), Joel Stoffer (Wayne Munson), Myles Truitt (Patrick), Tom Wlaschiha (Dmitri Antonov), Chloe Adona (Nine), Alexei Afonin (Prisoner #3), Ira Amyx (Agent Harmon), Paris Benjamin (Agent Stinson), Kendrick Cross (Agent Wallace), Pat Dortch (Fisherman #1), Jeremiah Friedlander (Fourteen), Morgan Gao (Three), Ethan J Green (Sixteen), Oliver J Green (Seventeen), Jayden Griffin (Freshman Teammate), Martin Harris (Prisoner #2), Charity Hitchcock (Scientist #3), Clayton Royal Johnson (Andy), Jenne Kang (Scientist #1), David Alexander Kaplan (Twelve), Jessica Arden Napier (Five), Sparrow Nicole (Four), Konstantin Podprugin (Prisoner #1), Tinsley Price (Holly Wheeler), Hunter Romanillos (Teammate), Candice Rose (Chrissy's Mom), Olivia Sembra (Eighteen), Christopher Strand (Chrissy's Dad), James Edward Thomas (Fisherman #1), Lana Jean Turner (Seven), Jason Vail (Lead Lab Guard), De'Jon Watts (Six), Samuel Elliott Whisnant (Scientist #2), Bentley Williams (Fifteen), Hendrix Yancey (Thirteen), Logan Riley Bruner (Fred Benson), Regina Ting Chen (Ms. Kelly), Robert Englund (Victor Creel), Marc Hockl (Russian Officer Guard), Amybeth McNulty (Vickie), Angel Nair (Basketball Fan; Mourner), Gabriella Pizzolo (Suzie), Grace Van Dien (Chrissy), John Gettier (Lab Guard)
Summary:	Owens takes El to Nevada, where she's forced to confront her past, while the Hawkins kids comb a crumbling house for clues. Vecna claims another victim.

After their escape from the US military ambush, agent Harmon is slowly dying from the gunshot wound with Jonathan urges Argyle to drive to an hospital but the wounded man rejects and tells the kids to warn Owens of the impending attack and utters the word NINA before succumbing to his injuries. Back at the Byers residence, the rest of the military arrive and raid the place with agent Wallace survives the attack albeit heavily injured and is asked to spill the location of Eleven by colonel Jack Sullivan.



Elsewhere on the road, Eleven and Owens arrived at an secret facility in Ruth, Nevada. They venture through the lab and meet scientists who has given up their normal lives and believes the same ideal as Owens. Further into the facility, Eleven is introduced to the NINA project and shocked to see that Dr Martin Brenner who is still alive and thought to have died from the Demogorgon attack, Brenner states he knows the reason that she had lost her power and also an way to regain it back and asked Eleven to work

together once more. Remembering the traumatic memories that he had caused, Eleven attempts to escape but gets captured and sedated by other personnel.

Back in Kamchatka, Hopper is beaten and taken to another cell where Antonov is also held. Hopper confronts Antonov for breaking his vow in being able to trust Yuri who had betrayed both of them for his own benefit with Antonov not knowing his agenda. After their confrontation, Antonov tries to bribe their way out but to no avail as Hopper had gave up hope of escaping. Antonov tries to reignite Hopper's spirit by telling him that there is an way to saved an captured Joyce but Hopper claims that the more Joyce gets close to him, the more he is putting her at risk. Hopper thinks himself as cursed and tells Antonov how he is put in Chemical Corp and forced to mix agent orange when he is deployed to the field at the age of 18 and inhales the chemical mix when fixing buffalo turbines, Hopper is informed that the mix was herbicide to kill plants and is harmless. After an period of time, Hopper and his co-workers tried to return to their normal lives and set up families only for their children to be still born or were born with deformities. Sometime later, Diane and Hopper have their healthy daughter Sara but suffered and died of cancer at an young age with Hopper never revealed the agent inside him. His wife eventually left him and Hopper drowns his sorrow in drugs and alcohol until El and Joyce started to come into his life. Hopper comes to regret his decision of sending the package to Joyce as it puts her in danger again and worries that he would accidentally killed her just like he did to Sara. Hopper comes to the realization that he is not cursed but the curse itself.

In Fish n' Fly, Yuri transports his now 2 prisoners Joyce and Murray and travels to Russia where he intends to hand them off to the KGB and uses the money to support his family. During their travel, Murray tries to call out Yuri to no avail only for Joyce to realizes that Yuri cannot hear anything while on flight. Taking advantage of the moment, Joyce tries to cut them loose by using an shard from the peanut butter jar with the pair formulating a plan to take Yuri out. Their escape is foiled when an peanut butter rolls beside Yuri and holds Joyce at gunpoint but Murray manages to free himself and fights Yuri with the former knocks the smuggler out which leaves the plane without its pilot. Struggling to gain altitude, Joyce and Murray crashes the plane onto an nearby forest.

During Eddie's stay over at the boat house in Coal Mill, his presence is taken notice by 2 other fishermen who thinks it's Rick that got released out of jail. Eddie calls over the group who still resides at the Wheeler's and request another food delivery trip due to food shortages in the house.

Back at the Wheelers residence, Max draws few pictures which depicted the nightmare that she had been trapped in by Vecna with Nancy and Dustin examines the drawings soon after. Max retells the pair of the things that she had seen and went through with Dustin theorizing that she had accidentally infiltrated Vecna's mind. One of the pic captures Nancy's interest as it depicts of an stained glass window that she seen it before, Nancy begins to piece together the pictures and draws the outline to reveal it's the Creel House albeit in pieces. Finding the next lead, they proceed to wake and inform the others.

After being sedated, Eleven is put back into an her room in the Hawkins lab and reverted back to her old appearance. She tries to escape the facility but winds up in the Rainbow Room where all the other children is playing with an friendly orderly reminds her of the activities. Eleven tries to leave but is back at the room with the same moment repeating over and over while other scientists monitor her outside after Eleven is put into NINA, Owens realizes that she is rejecting

the NINA program and concerns for her safety with Brenner reassuring him that she will find a way within the simulation.

Stopping at an automobile graveyard, Mike, Will, and Jonathan buries Harmon's corpse with Argyle panicking that they should report it to the authorities but Jonathan sends him to get high in order to calm his nerves. Mike and Will reflects of the past and recent events and Argyle tries to pay respect for the agent by writing an tomb stone but finds the pen not working. Seeing this, Mike remembers that Harmon had give him the pen before he died and pieces together that the pen contains an memo which details an phone number.

Back at the Munson trailer, Wayne is visited by the agents before who proceeds to examine his house and finds an ooze crack on the ceiling where Chrissy has perished and is asked to relocate. At Chrissy's funeral, the residents of Hawkins express their grief with her session is attended by Jason and his basketball mates with Patrick now seeing the grandfather clock and it's chimes in the backroom. After the funeral, Jason and his team discuss on how the Hellfire club is hiding the culprit with Patrick thinks that the matter should be handled by cops. Jason brings out the list of the places that the club had been to with one of the members mentioned that someone had been in Reefer Rick's home as spotted by neighbors the other day and assigns each location to other members.

After informed by Nancy of the discovery, the group arrives at the Creel house and investigate the surrounding while leaving the bag in the main hall. Max finds the actual grandfather clock that is frequently present in her hallucination. The group decide to split into groups of 2 and search the entire house for leads with neither of the groups notice the chandelier turning on at the lobby.

After Eleven tries to escape to no prevail, she notices the younger image of herself through the mirror in the Rainbow room and is indirectly informed by Brenner through the speaker that Eleven buries the memories deep after an traumatic incident and tells her that she has to live through the memories again in order to find a way out. Having left with no choice, she proceeds to remember her first fragment of the lost memories. In one of the memories, Eleven and other 15 kids are trained to move the lights in a circular matter using their mind with Eleven struggled on the exercise as other kids thought she is a waste of time especially by Two. Suddenly, Eleven is traversed back to that fateful day in 1979 where the massacre took place which causes her body to go into cardiac arrest with Owens command the scientist to remove her from NINA.

Finding an phone booth alongside the road, the California group dials the number only to hear random sequence of noises, Will realizes that they are not dialing to an person but to an computer. Realizing that they need a hacker, Mike plans out their trip to Salt Lake city, Utah to meet up with Suzie Bingham who contributed in closing the portal and destroyed the mind flayer during the events in Starcourt Mall.

Sometime later, Eddie spends his time in the boat house and notices that Jason, Patrick and Andy had tracked him down to Reefer Rick's place. The boys investigates the inside of the house and discovers traces of Eddie's cooking. Eddie frantically calls Dustin only for no one to answer it back as the walkie talkie is left along with the bag in the main hall of the Creel house. Investigating inside the house, Steve discovers jars contained of black widows hidden beneath the grate in the bathroom. Elsewhere in the house, Lucas and Max discover lights flicker with other lights soon follow. Late at night, the group gathers around the flickering chandelier and conclude Vecna is in the room. Nancy formulates the plan and spread everyone around the house with their flashlights turning off. Robin gets ahold of Vecna's trail with Steve leading the group after picking up the trail again and head towards the attic. Back in Coal Mill, Jason notices that they have not check the boat house and goes out to investigate with Patrick, he takes notice of the missing boat as Eddie paddles it to the middle of Lovers Lake, Eddie attempts to start the engine but fails as the boys go swimming after him. At the attic, the group gathers around the single flickered light with other flashlights soon followed as Vecna prepares to kill his next victim. As Jason and Patrick nearly catches Eddie, Patrick is pulled under the lake and levitates as all of his bones snaps and eyes gouged which cause all other lights in the attic to popped due to immense amount of energy unleashed by Vecna.

Back in the facility, Eleven is brought back to life by other scientists after her first attempt in the NINA end in near death. Eleven smacks Brenner in the face using an defibrillator and tries to escape again only to be stopped by guards but Eleven manages to unleash an powerful telekinetic force and knocks other guards unconscious. Brenner approaches Eleven with her attempting to

use it again only for it not to manifest. Brenner gestures for Eleven to come back with him which she willingly accepts to regain her powers fully.

Chapter Six: The Dive

Season 4

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Summary: Behind the Iron Curtain, a risky rescue mission gets underway. The California crew seeks help from a hacker. Steve takes one for the team.



The episode opens as police arrive at Reefer Rick's. They find Jason holding Patrick's body. They ask Jason what happened and question where Eddie was when the murder occurred. Jason doesn't believe that they are listening to him. He now believes that Eddie is possessed by the devil and that he used a curse to kill Patrick.

The police head out into the water to search for Eddie and anything else. Underneath the water, everything seems calm until a tentacle shoots out and kills

a fish. Great segway into the opening credits.

In an undisclosed building, Agent Wallace, who survived being shot during the Byer's house break-in, is being questioned by Lt. Col. Sullivan. He wants to know where El was taken and willing to do anything to get the answer. Sullivan is under the impression that El is behind the murders in Hawkins, and Dr. Brenner and his men are trying to cover it all up and sell her off to the Soviets. However, Agent Wallace either doesn't know or won't give up her location. Sullivan directs his men to place him in a locker.

We shift to El as Dr. Brenner shares with her how he thinks she is suffering the same way someone who had a stroke would suffer. These tests are helping to retrain El her powers. El questions why she doesn't remember anything about these, and he explains that the brain has a way of blocking out traumatic memories. They are too much for her, so her brain has forced her to forget them. El shares with him that she has horrifying visions of the other children being dead and covered in blood.

Dr. Brenner doesn't lie to her. He tells her that this is another memory. One much darker than the others. They need to move slowly so she can process everything without going overboard. If she takes things on too quickly, she will become too lost. And if El isn't able to survive this, no one will survive the war that is coming to Hawkins.

We return to Hawkins, where Eddie has successfully avoided the police and steals a radio from a construction site. Elsewhere in town, Nancy, Robin, Lucas, Max, Dustin and Steve are on their way to see him. Robin worries that without solid information to give to Eddie that he will only become more depressed. They decide to tell him they are still working out some stuff, which isn't a lie but a bit more optimistic.

As they approach Reefer Rick's, they realize that the police and half the town are surrounding the building. Sheriff Powell is giving a press conference about Patrick's death. This is the first time we hear him give out information about the murder, but to make it worse, he publically named Eddie as their only suspect. If things were bad for Eddie, they just got much worse. And as if summoned, he radios into Dustin and the group. He isn't doing well and hiding out at Skull Rock. Eddie needs a hug. All the hugs.

We shift to the California crew as Argyle drives to Salt Lake City with Jonathan, Will and Mike in tow. They arrive at Suzie's house to find utter mayhem. There is a mix of kids cooking, filming home movies, turning off the power to the house and one very pissed off older sister. Eden finally realizes that the four are wandering around the house looking for Suzie. While she points them towards her room, Argyle can't seem to take his eyes off of her. They find Suzie on the roof fixing the antenna and introduce themselves as Dustin's friends.

We jump over to a white wonderland where Joyce sits by a fire waiting for Murray to return. He checked out where the different directions led, and it was a whole lot of nothing. He did see some smoke which might lead to a town. And the people in the town might know where the prison is. They decide to head in that direction and give Yuri the chance to help them. Either he goes with them, or they leave him to be eaten by a bear. Joyce and Murray trying to be intimidating is the best thing ever. It seems to work since Yuri decides to take them to his warehouse.

At the prison, the guards usher Hopper and the others out into the pit. But instead of leaving them there, they tell them to follow them into another room. One full of food and alcohol. It's a feast, and the guys can't help but lose themselves over it. Well, everyone but Hopper. He just seems to be interested in alcohol. The men sit around and talk about the monster they are about

the face. Their goal should be to work together to take down the beast, but Hopper knows that there is no way they can kill this monster. The Russians aren't looking to train the monster; they want the men to entertain it.

We shift back to El in the simulation as she struggles to use her powers. The orderly we saw in the previous episode is back and sits with her. He provides her with some helpful tips on how to control her power. They discuss 001, who Dr. Brenner had told everyone never existed. But Dr. Brenner lies a lot. But it seems he did, and El reminds this orderly of him. The same struggles she is going through and not being able to control her powers. But he found a way to do it. He focused on a strong memory from his past that made him angry.

The orderly reminds El of the day her birth mother came to see her. We see the flashback of her being dragged away from El. El doesn't believe the orderly because Dr. Brenner told her that her mother had died. But Dr. Brenner lies sometimes, and this might be the first time we see El believe someone other than Dr. Brenner. Their conversation is cut short when the man in question arrives and leads the group away for another training session.

We get a glimpse of Dr. Brenner and Dr. Sam in the present-day, watching over El. Dr. Sam believes they should have just told El the truth. But what truth? What lies are Dr. Brenner hiding now?

We return to Hawkins, where Steve and Dustin argue about which direction to walk in to find Skull Rock. While the two argue over directions, Lucas and Max have another moment together. Lucas thinks that Vecna is going after people with things haunting them and apologizes to Max for not being there. She tries to play it off, but he cuts her off and tells her that he wasn't looking hard enough. But he sees her now.

Ahead of them, Robin gushes over how adorable they are. With everything going wrong in Hawkins, she wants all her friends to be happy and some relationships to be rekindled. She wants Steve and Nancy to be happy. Preferably together. In so many words. Nancy opens up to Robin about her struggles with Jonathan and how she feels like he is pulling away. It's nice to see Nancy open up about what is going on. It is also lovely to see Nancy and Robin becoming friends because, frankly, this boss girl team-up is precisely what *Stranger Things* need.

Steve eventually finds Skull Rock and Eddie. Eddie proceeds to agree with Steve that Dustin is indeed a butthead, and the two bro-hug it out. I wonder if Dustin's friendship with Eddie might be making things a bit complicated with Steve. Dustin has always looked up to Steve, and now there is a new older guy in town to show Dustin the ropes. Or maybe we are just really overthinking this?

Back in town, the people of Hawkins attend the town hall meeting and question why they are just hearing about Eddie being a suspect. Powell tries to hold things down until Jason comes barreling in. His friends pass out photos of this year's Hellfire Club while Jason talks about watching Patrick's death. It seems that he is changing his mind about the supernatural and demons. Eddie is clearly the leader of a cult and behind all of the deaths in Hawkins.

Erica explains that the Hellfire Club isn't a cult. It's just a place for nerds. As the photos circulate, Mike, Lucas and Dustin's parents realize their boys are in the photo. But Jason continues his speech and asks the people of Hawkins to help hunt down Eddie and rid their town of this demon. Everyone, except the boys' parents, gets up and start making their way out of the town hall, most likely on their way to hunt down Eddie.

One of my favorite parts of *Stranger Things* is how they mix science fiction horror with factual events from the 80s. While I wasn't around for the Satanic Panic, I have read enough about people's fear of Dungeons & Dragons and the chance it could be a cult. The way they portray this scene feels like it could have been pulled right from that time.

We return to Suzie's house, where Mike and the others have filled her in on what they need. Except they bend the truth quite a bit and leave out the "end of the world if El doesn't get her powers back and poor Dustybun will die" bit. Instead, they tell her they are trying to win a game console for Dustin. Suzie is all for it, except she got in trouble for changing Dustin's grades, and now she no longer has a computer. She doesn't even have access to it anymore. However, Suzie has a plan that will get them what they need.

We return to Hawkins, where the Wheelers, the Sinclairs and Mrs. Henderson rush home to the Wheeler's house. They think the kids went to the movie and are panicking about what will happen when the top finds them. Erica breaks the news that they probably lied about where they were going.

Back at Skull Rock, Eddie gets everyone else up to date about what happened. It turns out that when Patrick was killed, the lights blew up at the Creel House. The surge of energy they experienced was when Vecna attacked. Everyone has an idea of how to kill him, but no one knows how to actually get to him. While they discuss theories, Dustin realizes he was right all along, but his compass is broken. After some scientific explanation, we understand that they must be near a gate, and it's messing with the compass.

Dustin goes to head off in the direction of the gate, but Steve thinks they should wait. However, Eddie decides that he is willing to risk getting caught if it gives them the chance to clear his name. As a side note, his speech about Mordor was precisely the moment I fell in love with this character.

Back in Nevada, we see El and the other children participate in a new test. They need to force their opponent outside of their circle. 002 dominates the test until he faces off against El. Her friendly orderly wishes her luck. After some intense mind battling, she manages to not just move 002 out of his circle but throws him against the wall thanks to tapping into a powerful memory, just like the orderly suggested.

We shift to Joyce, Murray and Yuri traveling through the frozen tundra towards his hideaway. They reach the church, the same church that Hopper had hidden in while trying to escape before. It's a good thing that they crashed so close to their destination. Joyce and Murray come up with a plan to sneak into the prison, pretending that Murray is Yuri. It's time to turn the Americans over for that fat cash.

They aren't the only ones plotting. Back at the prison, Hopper and the guys are finishing up their final meals when they are taken back out to the pit. Enzo and Hopper end up in a fight which they drag the guards into. Instead of facing off against the monster, they get tossed back into their cells. But the fight wasn't because Hopper hates Enzo. No, he had another job. To steal the lighter because the Demogorgon is afraid of fire. And Hopper now has the means to light that scary thing on fire. It's great to see Hopper laugh for once this season.

Back at Suzie's, the group gets their plan underway. Eden is nowhere to be found, so the kids are wreaking havoc around the house. This drives their dad out of his office and downstairs to figure out what is happening. This leaves Suzie enough time to get in, use the computer to connect to the other one, find the address and get out of there. Now that they have what they need, Mike and the others are heading off to Nevada. And where was Eden this whole time? Hanging out with Argyle and the palm tree delight.

Back in Hawkins, the police find the kid's car and head out to find them. At Lover's Lake, Steve, Robin, Eddie and Nancy leave the kids behind and climb into the boat to check if the portal is under the lake. Dustin isn't happy about being left behind, but they need people to watch over Max. Nancy thinks that Vecna is like the Demogorgon and left portals where it came out to attack.

We slip back to El in the simulation. While spending her free time in the Rainbow Room, she overhears screaming. She finds Dr. Brenner and some guards punishing the orderly that helped her. Afraid of being caught, she rushes back into the Rainbow Room, where a few of the other children meet her. 002 is angry that she showed him up, and they attack her, throwing her against walls and tossing her back and forth. The vision shifts, and she starts to see the one from episode one again. She awakes at the lab and tells Dr. Brenner that she killed everyone.

The episode draws to a close as we watch Steve and the gang row out to the middle of Lover's Lake. There, Steve takes one for the team, jumps into the water, and finds the portal at the bottom. Everyone watches on and waits to see what happens while Dustin makes some silly jokes about Watergate. On the shore, they hear the cops getting closer and head off, running to draw their attention, but they are eventually caught.

When Steve comes back up, a tentacle from Vecna snatches him and pulls him back down and through the portal into the Upside Down. Nancy jumps into the water after him without a second thought, with Robin and Eddie following close behind. In the Upside Down, Steve faces off against some pretty gruesome monsters, and things aren't looking good. But Steve's fate is left unknown as the credits roll.

Chapter Seven: The Massacre at Hawkins Lab

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Summary:	As Hopper braces to battle a monster, Dustin dissects Vecna's motives – and decodes a message from beyond. El finds strength in a distant memory.

The episode opens where episode six left off, with Steve getting eaten alive by the creatures in the Upside Down. But he isn't alone. Nancy, Robin and Eddie arrive just in time to help beat them back. Robin is worried about Steve having rabies, but the pound of flesh and incoming monsters

might be a bigger threat at the moment. Nancy drags them off into the woods to find a safe place to hide.



When the episode picks back up, we see Lt. Col. Sullivan chatting with Agent Wallace again. Wallace doesn't give up any information at first, but the fear of getting put back in the locker has him speaking up. He begs Sullivan not to kill her. But we don't get to see what he tells her since we jump over to El, who is trying to use her powers outside of the simulation. Dr. Sam needs El to work faster so they can save Hawkins and everyone else. He needs Dr. Brenner to rethink his strategy and help El.

He meets with El and tells her that she is regressing. She is allowing her fear of the truth to stop Project Nina from working. El needs to face her past to move on. She can't hide from what happened. She needs to come to terms with it to get her powers back and save everyone. Dr. Brenner wants her to take one last dive into the past, and from the episode title, we expect it will be to that fateful night. While El prepares to go back into the chamber, Dr. Brenner takes out the final tape in his collection, and her last dive gets underway.

Back in Hawkins, the police are questioning Dustin, Lucas and Max about why they were at Lover's Lake. However, they can't get their stories straight. But Erica calls them out, and the fighting starts. Powell finally decides to split the kids up and question them. In the Upside Down, the crew makes it to Skull Rock and Nancy patches Steve back up, and we get a cute moment. While I love her and Jonathan, there is seriously some unfinished business with Steve.

They work out what to do next, and Robin knows that finding guns and explosives needs to be on this list. But Hawkins PD is pretty far away and most likely doesn't have explosives. But Nancy knows somewhere closer they can get guns — her bedroom. Eddie's shocked to find out that Nancy is way more badass than he expected. They decide to head off, and Eddie tosses his vest at Steve to protect his modesty. A few earthquakes send them crashing to the ground, and the gun idea is solidified.

We shift to Russia, where everyone prepares for the fight. Hopper and Enzo chat about what is to come. Even if they kill the Demogorgon, the guards will likely shoot them. They lighten things up by talking about their kids and how the way they act reflects how they acted to their fathers. Hopper just wants El to find a way to come into her own and be her own person. Hopper opens up about how he thought he was placed in this hell because of what he did, but now he thinks it's for what he can do, and that is to help El one last time.

Outside of the prison, Murray puts on his best Yuri impression while the real Yuri and Joyce are tied up in the back. They manage to make it in without any complications. Yet that is.

Back in Nevada, El dives Project Nina, where Dr. Brenner is checking her out after her attack. She refuses to tell him what happened, pretending she doesn't remember. Dr. Brenner calls everyone together and tries to get answers. 002 claims that she must have fallen and hit her head. Dr. Brenner uses a collar to force 002 to tell him everything, and even though he tries to say he didn't do it, 002 finally admits what happened, and he is punished for it.

Back in the Upside Down, Steve thanks Eddie for helping him and coming into the Upside Down. He tells him not to thank him; Steve was the real badass. Just like Dustin said. Dustin worships the ground Steve walks on to the point of annoyance. Eddie is actually really jealous of Steve and would never jump into the lake to save him. Not under normal circumstances, that is. But he watched both Robin and Nancy take the plunge and couldn't let them go alone. Eddie also tells Steve that Nancy didn't waste a moment going in and saving him, and if that isn't true love, it doesn't exist.

As they head into Nancy's house, we see and hear Dustin trying to reach out to them via radio in the real world. Lucas thinks they may have gone through the gate, but Dustin doesn't think they are stupid enough. Erica then blackmails Lucas into telling him everything that has been going on. Like the boss little sister that she is. There are some excellent sibling relationships on TV, but none I love more than Lucas and Erica at this moment. Do you copy?

Erica raises an essential question, who is opening the gates if it isn't El or the commies? Either Dustin wasn't paying attention to Nancy's theory about Vecna opening portals to attack from the last episode, or they think Watergate was a one-time thing. But they still need to figure out how he is doing it and his motives. They all agree that Vecna must have some psychic contact that allows him to reach out to people in the real world from the Upside Down. This connection must be powerful enough to open more gates. If he wants to open gates, Vecna must be working with the Mindflayer.

In the Upside Down, Nancy realizes that her guns don't exist because it is frozen in time to the day Will disappeared, November 6, 1983. Downstairs, Steve is calling Dustin because he can hear him and thinks he might be there. But then they realize that they are hearing him from the otherside. They try to reach out, but it seems that the normal world can't hear those in the Upside Down. This gives Nancy the idea to try and reach out the same way Will did with the Christmas lights. Steve spots some sort of field around the chandelier, and when they reach out and touch it, it causes the light to burn brighter on the other side. This catches Erica's attention as Eddie uses morse code to tap out "SOS."

We return to the Prison as Murray and Joyce wait for the warden to arrive. Murray keeps playing with the gun, to Joyce's dismay. The warden finally comes, and it almost seems like he will call Murray out on their lie. But, he doesn't suspect them and takes them to witness quite the show. The guards line the men up in the pits, prepare them for battle, and explain the rules. This is the first time since her supposed death that Joyce has laid eyes on Hopper. It would be much happier if not for the Demogorgon on the otherside of the door.

Back in Nevada, El is living out her past through Project Nina when she realizes the others are watching over her with scowls. They aren't happy with what happened to their friend and blame it all on her. The orderly, who survived being beaten, invites her to play chess while he explains that Dr. Brenner knows that they attacked her. He planned it that way, so the cameras were turned off. And that he knows they will come and kill her, and he isn't going to do anything about it. The only way for El to survive is to escape, and he has the means to do it.

Back in Hawkins, Dustin grabs a Light Bright to help them communicate with the Upside Down. Nancy can manipulate the lights and say hi through the lights. They use this to tell them that they are stuck in the Upside Down and need help getting out. Dustin explains that there must be more gates where all the murders occur. This means that there must be one in Eddie's trailer. It's seven miles away, but Robin points out that they must have had bikes back in 1983.

Back in the real world, Powell finishes his chat with Max, and she heads off with the others. When the police realize that the kids are upstairs, they check, only to find them rushing down the driveway on bikes. Erica pops a tire so they can't follow, and they rush off towards Eddie's trailer. In the Upside Down, Steve and the others are heading that way as well, but one of the creatures seems to have alerted Vecna to their travels.

We shift back to El, trying her best to stay out of everyone's way in the Rainbow Room. Dr. Brenner arrives we see the same scene from episode one play out from El's point of view. She then tells the guard that she is getting headaches again and wishes to see the nurse.

He escorts her through the halls, but she dips off and sneaks out a side door, eventually meeting up with the orderly. He has a way for her to escape, but she must go alone. Even if he wanted to go, Dr. Brenner had all of the workers chipped so they couldn't leave without being found. El offers to remove the device from his neck and help him just like he helped her.

In Russia, Hopper, Enzo and the others prepare to take on the Demogorgon while Joyce, Murray and the others watch. The alarm blares, and the men have just enough to prepare themselves before the monster is unleashed. Hopper wraps a cloth around his weapon and pours the alcohol on it. However, the lighter won't work.

Above, Murray turns his gun on the warden and takes him hostage. They tell the warden that if he wants to live, then they will free Hopper, but it's already too late for that. The Demogorgon arrives and begins murdering everyone. Hopper struggles with the lighter, but it eventually works, and he manages to keep the monster back. Murray forces the warden to take them to the control room and force them to open the doors while Enzo tries to pry them open from the pit.

When the warden and guard refuse to help them, Murray goes black belt on their asses and then tries to work the doors himself. In the pit, Hopper and Enzo continue to try and hold off the Demogorgon. Just as Hopper's light goes out, Joyce manages to open the door, and Enzo and Hopper make it through the door. But the Demogorgon gives them one last scare before Hopper

throws his weapon into its face. Mouth? Flower looking thing? I'm not an expert in Demogorgon anatomy.

But it seems like Hopper and Enzo have gone from one prison to another until the door opens on the other side. And who is waiting for them? Joyce! It's okay; you can cry. I did. All three times, I watched Hopper slowly smile as he nuzzles his head into her hat. Jopper is the endgame. Calling it here and now.

We shift to Hawkins in the Upside Down as Steve, Eddie, Nancy and Robin head towards Eddie's trailer. They pass the Creel House but choose to keep going. They are nowhere near prepared to face off against Vecna right now. Thankfully, they find the portal inside the trailer, and Dustin can break it open. Steve and they see Dustin, Lucas, Max and Erica on the otherside waiting for them.

We shift back over to Hawkins Lab and El's memory as she prepares to pull the device from the orderly's neck. Just like she did with the piece of the spider creature from last season, she uses her powers to pull it out. But they aren't out of trouble yet; it seems that El's disappearance hasn't gone unnoticed, and the guards find them, forcing them back into the lab. But surprise, El isn't the only one with powers. The orderly is just like her and sends the guards flying against the walls before killing the final one. He hides El in a closet and heads off to find them a way out. But before he leaves, he reveals that he is 001. We've got a sneaking suspicion that El wasn't the one responsible for the massacre.

Back in present-day Hawkins, Dustin and the crew set up a landing pad, and after some weird physics, they are able to get a rope that Steve and the others can climb up and then climb down. Robin is the first one out, followed by Eddie and then Nancy. But Nancy doesn't fall into Eddie's house; she falls into a black abyss before landing in a pool. But not just any pool. The same pool where Barb was killed during season one. We realize that Nancy is in a trance, just like Max and the others, as Steve tries to shake her out of it. Vecna is after Nancy, who is haunted by the death of Barb.

We return to El, who hears the alarms sounding outside the door. She waits as long as she can before heading out to see what is happening. As she makes her way down the hallway, she hears screaming and sees blood everywhere. She finds Dr. Brenner knocked out (we suspect she thinks he is dead) and all of her other siblings. She eventually makes it into the Rainbow Room, where she finds 001 killing 002.

So it wasn't El that caused all the bloodshed. It was him. El tries to run away, but he refuses to let her go. He tries to connect with her and remind her that he knows what it is like to be different. That they are so much more alike than her and the other siblings. Back in the Upside Down, we see Nancy climb out of the pool and into Vecna's version of Creel House. Vecna has been waiting for her to uncover the truth and his connection to Creel House.

And here it is. The question that has been on our minds this whole time — who is Vecna? It starts with Victor Creel's son, who isn't happy and tired of pretending to be normal. He began perfecting his skills and tormented his parents. When they started to see that he was the one behind everything, he killed them. But he didn't know his own strength and nearly died himself. But he was never truly free because he then fell into the hands of Dr. Brenner.

In Hawkins Lab, he was tested on, and when he couldn't be controlled, Dr. Brenner cloned his abilities and tried to create others he could control. But how does this tie to Vecna? When El disagrees with 001's choice to kill everyone and leave the lab together, a fight breaks out. They mentally attack each other back and forth, and it looks as if El is going to lose. But then El taps into a memory that makes her happy, her birth, and uses all of her power to break open a portal to the Upside Down with 001's body. The portal seals over as we watch 001 fall through the Upside Down and slowly shift into Vecna.

We can see the 001 tattoo still on his arm in the present day. And this is where the episode comes to a close.

Chapter Eight: Papa

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Summary:	Nancy has sobering visions, and El passes an important test. Back in Hawkins, the gang gathers supplies and prepares for battle.

The episode opens as a young El watches the gate to the Upside Down close behind 001. Dr. Brenner rushes in, demanding to know what happened. When he demands to know what happened, the younger El looks like she is about to fight back but eventually passes out. We are then thrown into another memory where a younger Dr. Brenner tattoos Henry Creel while Nancy watches.

This is Nancy's nightmare, and she is rushing through Hawkins Lab while Steve and the others rush to try and find music to drag her out of Vecna's curse. But Nancy is a fighter, and she tries breaking out all on her own. But Vecna isn't done with her yet. He wants to show her exactly what he has planned. The nightmare continues as she rushes into a room and ends up in a chair, strapped down by Vecna's tentacles.



But instead of killing Nancy, as Vecna has done with his other victims, he gives her a job. He wants Nancy to tell El exactly what he plans to do. And from the short flashes of Creel House we see, it looks like he is trying to break open a portal between the two and make his way into Hawkins. He eventually lets Nancy out of his curse, and she wakes up in the Upside Down next to Steve.

Cue the opening credits. Hey Duffer brothers — we are keeping a close eye on you. Remember that.

The episode returns as the Demogorgon wreaks havoc in the Russian prison. The guards are trying to find a way to subdue him while Murray gets a guard to lie about them being locked up. "Enzo" and Yuri try to find a way out, and Joyce patches up Hopper and makes a silly joke about always wanting to visit the Soviet Union. This leads to a really sweet (and tearful moment) about how they held a funeral for Hopper and how everyone is missing him. But that's broken up when Murray points out that the adorable Demogorgon can climb.

While the Russian soldiers deal with the big guy outside, Hopper and the others find a little Demogorgon in a lab. It seems like the Russian weren't content with having only one monster. They were busy making an entire army of them. They continue their exploration when Hopper spots the black mist creature we saw in the trailer. But "Enzo" pulls them away before we get a really good look at it. He has found a tunnel that might just get them out alive.

Back in Nevada, the staff brings El back to life after her last trip into Project Nina. She doesn't say anything, but she does manage to get off the table, and using her newly returned powers, she moves the chamber up and down. Somewhere else in Nevada, Jonathan drives Argyle, Will and Mike are heading towards El. Will tries to give Mike some words of encouragement, but Mike is worried El won't need him anymore. Mike is feeling down on himself, and thankfully Will is there to help him feel better.

Will breaks out the painting he drew back at the beginning of the season, and it's a three-headed dragon and their Dungeons and Dragons characters. El commissioned the picture for him. Will shares that El has been lost without Mike by his side, and she is probably scared of losing him. We get the impression that Will isn't just talking about El needing Mike in this case. We think he might be worried about losing him too. And we aren't the only ones. It seems like Jonathan might be thinking the same thing.

The episode returns to Dr. Brenner in the Vecna memory. He is investigating the wall where the portal opened while El sleeps on the floor. Back in the present day, he explains to El what happened afterward. She has shown something spectacular, but it was lost when she woke back up. But he knew she just needed a push—something to get her back on track. Dr. Brenner also thought that 001 was hiding in the Upside Down but wasn't sure. Not until now. Dr. Owens shares that as soon as he saw the eyes of his three victims, he knew exactly who it was.

El is worried about her friends at Hawkins, but they have cut all contact. Dr. Owens thinks they are safe. He would be wrong. Dr. Brenner explains exactly what Vecna is up to. With each murder, he creates cracks in the walls holding the two worlds apart until it bursts. El rushes to her room and tries to use her powers to check in on her friends.

Back in Hawkins, Nancy shares everything she saw with the others. It's ominous, with tons of monsters and visions of her family and ends with the fall of Hawkins, just like Dr. Brenner said. Steve tries to comfort her with the idea that all of this isn't real. But Nancy knows that this is bound to happen. She then shares that she saw four gates that would spread and break open. Max realizes that Vecna's clock chimes four times, which means four kills for four gates. Both Lucas and Dustin realize that Vecna is just one kill away.

Max tries to call the Byers again, but the line is busy. While Steve accuses her of dialing the number wrong, El watches in on her friends. They know that everything happening isn't a coincidence and that what is happening in Hawkins must be connected with what is happening in Lenora. Nancy plans to get geared up and head back into the Upside Down. Steve and Eddie are quick to jump on the no bandwagon, with Robin pointing out that Vecna/Henry/One is

terrifying and really strong.

But since he is just like El, they know his weaknesses. Like when El remote-travels and goes into her trance (like she is now) and leaves her unprotected. Obviously, Vecna must do something similar when he attacks his victims. But they have to worry about the bats and figure out when he will strike next. And this is when Max breaks all of our hearts. She is willing to put herself on the line in order to draw him out. Max just needs them to kill him before he can kill her. We aren't okay. Very My Chemical Romance not okay. And El isn't, either.

The episode jumps back to Russia as Hopper and the others crawl out of a manhole in the snow. It looks like they have made it out of prison. But are they safe yet? Things seem pretty quiet at the guard gate before Murray, and the others come barreling through in the van. It's all excitement until "Enzo" points out that they need to get out of Russia altogether. Which would be easy if Yuri didn't crash the plane they came in on. Now he needs to decide if he will help them out and keep his life in the process.

Back in Hawkins, Eddie and the others set up their plan. They are going to head to a store outside of town, get weapons and supplies and then head back into the Upside Down. But first, they need to get some wheels. And I am pretty sure I woke up my entire house when I snorted over Eddie jumping out from behind the trailer in Max's Michael Myers mask. Thankfully this episode isn't all tears. The whole group breaks into a camper, and Eddie hotwires it. Someone hug him — he really needs it. But he doesn't have to worry about driving this bad boy; Steve's got it.

Back in Nevada, El confronts Dr. Owens about her friends in Hawkins. She explains everything they saw, and Dr. Owens tells her they will send some people over. She doesn't want him to send some agents; she wants to go. But Dr. Brenner doesn't think any of them are ready to face off against Vecna. Dr. Owens believes they need to get to Hawkins as soon as possible and that it is El's choice what she wants to do. And El's choice is that she wants to go to Hawkins and protect her friends.

We shift back to Hawkins as Steve and Nancy chat about what they thought their futures would look like. These kinds of chats never go well. Duffer Brothers — we are watching you. However, it is cute that Steve mentions that he has all the practice he needs to raise six kids after being the world's best babysitter to Dustin and his friends. In the back of the camper, Lucas sits down and tries to convince Max to find another one of Vecna's possible victims. Maybe someone who spoke to the counselor like she did. But there is no time for that; besides, Max has a plan. She is going to try to hide in a happy memory that may or may not include Lucas until Vecna can be killed.

The episode returns to the snowy little Russian town where Yuri hides his stash. But there isn't just peanut butter in there. He has a helicopter. Joyce isn't happy about it not being a plane, but Yuri is certain he can get them home in it. With every question they have for Yuri, things get worse. Joyce saves the day with the idea of calling Dr. Owens in the states. The only problem is that calling the States isn't that easy. One wrong move, and the KGB is going to be all over them.

At the War Zone, the group gets shopping when Robin sees Vickie. Steve tries to get her to go over and chat, but then Robin spots Vickie's boyfriend. Vickie spots her, but Robin rushes off before they can say hello. At the counter, Nancy spots Jason buying a gun, and he spots her. Thankfully, before Erica rushes up, she spots him and heads off to warn the others. But it looks like the entire basketball team is here. Jason tries to get answers out of Nancy and even goes as far as threatening her. Thankfully they make it out of the store without being spotted, but Jason seems to think something is up.

In Nevada, the Cali crew are trying to find Nina, who is not a small woman. Jonathan pulls the van over to try and figure out if the coordinates are even correct when Argyle goes for a walk and finds the treads for a military vehicle. But is it El's ride to or from Nina? And is it El at all? It looks like Lt. Colonel Sullivan is also out searching for El in the desert. In the lab, Dr. Owens is trying to get all his ducks in a row when the military shows up. El ends up locked in the chamber with Dr. Brenner, who has turned on Dr. Owens and is holding her hostage until his work is done.

But El is past Dr. Brenner's lies and manipulation. She thought she was the monster and came with Dr. Owens to Nevada to try to figure out if she was right. But she realized that all this time, the real monster was Papa. And she is done being his pawn. Being the one he used to search the darkness for Henry. The one who he used for his own selfish reasons. El is going to

leave the lab with Dr. Owens, and if Papa tries to stop her — she will kill him. And as she rips off the door, he stabs her in the neck with a syringe before she can make good on her promise.

The episode returns to Hawkins as everyone prepares for the battle in their own way. While everyone preps their weapons of choice, Lucas and Erica have a wholesome brother-sister moment while Steve tries to make Robin feel better about Vickie, but she is more worried about them not making it out of this fight alive. And even though they are all fools, they might be the only fools who can save Hawkins and the rest of the world.

Back in Nevada, El wakes up with a collar around her neck. Dr. Brenner is serious about forcing her to stay so they can finish his work. While he is trying to comfort her, the alarms start going off. It looks like Sullivan has found their little hideaway. A battle between the two groups breaks out, and Dr. Brenner uses the commotion to sneak El out. Sullivan's men don't find El, but they do find Dr. Owens.

Outside, Dr. Brenner is shot while trying to carry El away. Dr. Owens tries to get Sullivan to let El go, but it doesn't work. Thankfully, the Cali crew shows up just in time to save the day. In their own weird way. They buy El enough time to use her powers to pull the helicopter out of the sky. With things relatively safe, the Cali crew reunites with El. Jonathan knows it's time to go, and Papa releases the collar from her neck. They share a tearful goodbye, and Dr. Brenner tries to get her to understand that everything he ever did was for her. But it seems like El has finally seen past it all. In the van, El tells them they need to get to Hawkins before everyone dies.

The episode comes to a close as the Hawkins crew gets ready to face off against Vecna. Everyone is quiet as Erica, Max and Lucas get dropped off in front of Creel House. Let the final battle begin.

Chapter Nine: The Piggyback

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Summary: With selfless hearts and a clash of metal, heroes fight from every corner of the battlefield to save Hawkins — and the world itself.



The episode opens as Yuri does something to break the helicopter. I just wish "Enzo" and Murray would kick him out of the club at this point. Inside the hideaway, Joyce and Hopper chat about their upcoming date. For starters, two orders of breadsticks, lasagna and a nice chianti. And then, in a moment that has been four seasons in the making — the Jopper ship sails! That is until the phone finally rings.

In Hawkins, Nancy goes over the plan again. Erica is going to let Lucas and Max know when it is time for Max to lure Vecna into chasing her. Then Dustin and Eddie will drag the bats away. Finally, Nancy, Steve and Robin are going to head into his liar and set the place on fire. No one deviates from the plan. The Upside Down group heads in and gets the mission underway. But before Steve, Robin and Nancy head off; Steve warns Dustin and Eddie to head back home if things go south.

Cue the opener one last time this season. Take this moment to grab tissues, some water and maybe a snack. We've got a whole two hours to get through.

In Nevada, Argyle is gassing up the van while Jonathan tries to get at least one ticket back to Hawkins. Things aren't looking good for them at all, but El has a plan that could protect Max

and the others from afar. She explains to Mike, Will and the others about piggybacking in Max's mind as she had done before. She just needs a tub to drift in, and Argyle has just the place.

"Chapter Nine: The Piggyback" returns to Hawkins as Max and Lucas get comfy in Vecna's house. They find Vecna and the mission gets underway. But while Erica is outside preparing to alert the group, one of the townsfolks sees her and heads off to tell Jason, who is busy practicing with the new gun he bought. And now he is taking that gun to Creel House. This can not be good.

Back in Russia, we learn that Hopper talked with Dr. Owens' agent in Hawkins and briefly explained what has been happening. It has become pretty clear that they need to get back to Hawkins as soon as possible. But then Joyce realizes that they don't need to be in Hawkins. They just need to fight against the hive mind. And a piece of that hivemind is in prison they just broke out of. So now it looks like Hopper, Joyce and Murray (flame thrower included) are heading back behind enemy lines.

In Nevada, Argyle and Jonathan convince a fellow Surfer Pizza worker to let them use the kitchen for El's trip into Max's mind. And while they prepare and Argyle makes pizza, Dustin and Eddie prepare for the show of a lifetime. And then poor Robin gets some major anxiety over getting lost in the woods on their way to Creel House. This gives Nancy and Steve some time to chat more about how they have changed over the last few years and moving forward. And hearing Steve thank Nancy is heartwarming, and while I would love to see Nancy and Steve together, I am torn between wanting her with Jonathan too. Thankfully Robin rushes in to end that rather awkward conversation.

In Russia, Hopper and the others arrive back at the prison to find the guard station empty. They decide to take the tunnel back in, but we are with Murray about something being off. And when Hopper hears the gunfire in the distance, it only makes it worse. Back at the hideaway, "Enzo" keeps an eye on Yuri and calls him out for stalling. Something worse than a few Americans is coming, and Yuri needs to prove that he isn't the coward he is acting like.

"Chapter Nine: The Piggyback" returns to Creel House, where Max and Lucas are chatting over notepads. Max thanks him for being there, and Lucas presses his luck and asks her to the movies. Thankfully she says yes with a photo of the two of them. Then they spot Erica's signal, and Max's part of the plan gets underway. Now Steve, Nancy and Robin just need Vecna to take the bait and go after Max so they can sneak in and end him.

Inside Creel House, Max taunts Vecna until he starts moving upstairs and prepares for his attack. Back at Surfer Pizza, Mike helps El prepare for her trip, and the two have a moment to talk about their relationship. And just a brief moment before Argyle drops some pretty sweet pizza down in front of them. Pineapple included. If you talk badly about pineapple on pizza — we aren't friends. While El and Argyle try to get Mike to try the excellent pizza, Jonathan chats with Will about how he wishes they still talked to each other. It's a sweet moment, and it's great that Jonathan doesn't feel the need to push Will to tell him what is going on but just that he is there when he needs to.

But, emotional moments aside, it's time for El to start her journey. She is able to piggyback on Max and realizes that Max's plan isn't working. But Max isn't ready to quit yet. She takes a seat and has a heart-to-heart with Vecna about her feelings over Billy's death. Deep down, she wants to die because of her guilt over how she feels about Billy. Lucas overhears this confession and starts to say some mean things like deserving to be the fourth sacrifice. So, of course, this isn't Lucas talking its Vecna. Max's plan worked, and now El can jump into her mind and face off against Vecna that way but finds herself in one of Max's memories.

With Max holding Vecna's attention, the next phase of their mission can begin. Now it's time for Dustin and Eddie to grab that bats attention with a show dedicated to Chrissy. I'd let Eddie play for me any day. "Chapter Nine: The Piggyback" shifts between Max running from Vecna, Dustin and Eddie summoning the bats to them, Erica running from Jason's gang and Jason sneaking into Creel House. When the montage comes to an end, Max finds herself in her happy memory while Dustin and Eddie lock themselves in the trailer.

Back in the Russian prison, Hopper, Joyce and Murray find themselves surrounded by mayhem. All of the little Demogorgons they saw have broken out of their cages and are running around killing everyone. They are able to find one guy who explains what happened and that "the shadow" they saw went into someone. But they don't get the who because the guy dies. But it's pretty clear that the shadow invaded the monsters.

In the Upside Down, Steve, Nancy and Robin head into Creel House to take on Vecna from the inside. While they are playing hopscotch over Vecna's vines, El travels through Max's mind. The memory she has is from Max's childhood. But then she spots the DJ station from the other memory Max is hiding in. While Max is patiently waiting at one of the tables, the balloons start to pop and blood splatters everywhere. It seems like Vecna has found a way into this memory.

In Creel House, Lucas realizes things are taking too long and tries to get Erica's attention. But Jason arrives and doesn't understand what is going on. When Lucas tries to get him to leave Max alone, Jason draws the gun. He threatens to kill Lucas if he doesn't wake up Max.

We shift back to Russia for a moment; Hopper comes up with a plan to draw all the monsters to the pit so they can kill them together. Joyce doesn't like the idea of Hopper being the bait, but he is determined to make it back alive this time. They have a date, after all.

"Chapter Nine: The Piggyback" returns to the Upside Down, where Dustin and Eddie prepare to face off against the bats in case they get through. Dustin is a firecracker, and we love it. Absolutely love it. And while they are fighting bats, Steve and the others are still playing hopscotch. But getting to Vecna really wasn't going to be that easy, right? When the house shifts, Robin is yanked up against one of the walls by Vecna's vines, and then Steve and Nancy follow afterward.

While Steve and the others fight against the vines, Hopper lures one of the little Demodogs on a chase and Eddie and Dustin keep fighting the bats. When they realize that the bats are going to break into the trailer, Dustin heads back into normal Hawkins. But Eddie realizes that they still need more time and cuts the rope between both worlds, grabs his weapons and heads off to draw the bats away. Duffer Brothers. We need to chat. Like right now.

Back in Max's memory, she is busy stacking chairs against the door before seeing it turn into the Creel House door. Max tries to use a different memory to hide in, but Vecna is onto their plan. Max needs to hand herself over, or everyone else will die. Back in the real world, Lucas tries to explain everything to Jason, but he won't accept what is happening. The two end up fighting, and the gunshots scare Jason's friend and give Erica the upper hand to get away. However, Jason steps on Max's walkman, which can't be good.

In Max's memory world, Vecna is seconds away from finishing her when El finally manages to arrive and now the real fight begins. While Eddie races away, Dustin tries his hardest to get back into the Upside Down and manages to fall in but hurts his leg in the process. And then we get flashbacks for Eddie, which doesn't bode well for him when he decides to finally stand up to the bats. But that isn't all. Hopper is still on the run in Russia, and Jason and Lucas' fight is still raging on.

And while Max tries to piece together how El is in her memory, Vecna prepares to show El all his new tricks. As their fight rages on, Dustin watches as Eddie takes out as many bats as possible. Things aren't going well in the Vecna/El fight, and he ends up throwing her into his domain and tying her up. He forces her to watch as he ties up Max. El tries to get him back off his plan by telling him that Papa is dead, and she tries to connect with him. But that isn't enough, and while Papa was a bad guy, El is responsible for the birth of Vecna, finding the Mind Flayer and allowing it to give him more power.

Vecna has been trying to use El to open these doors the whole time, but she was fighting it. Constantly closing the ones that opened. This made him have to find a new way to get through, including some sacrifices to rip over the dam holding the worlds apart. And as he tells her that there is nothing she can do to stop him, we watch as her friends and family suffer and slowly die. And then, to complete his mission, he begins killing Max and opening the final gate.

Back in Nevada, Mike and the others try to force El to wake up, but the control of Vecna is too strong. Will pushes Mike to keep trying and keep talking to her. He finally admits that he loves her and that he isn't scared of her. But scared that one day she is going to realize she doesn't need him. Mike shares everything he has been scared to say. He encourages her to realize her potential and that she is loved, and to fight back against Vecna. And his speech works. And not just for her. It seems like Lucas, Hopper and Eddie all get some fight back.

However, it looks like El is too late to save Max. Lucas watches as her limbs slowly break before El is able to knock Vecna back. We don't know precisely what this means for her, though. Joyce saves Hopper, and the two manage to lead the Demogorgon and his dogs into the trap just in time for Murray to set fire to them. As Vecna falls, all of the monsters fall along with him. Steve, Nancy and Robin are freed, which allows them to head into phase four.

"Chapter Nine: The Piggyback" gives us another epic montage of El fighting Vecna in his trance

world, Hopper taking on the Demogorgon with a sword and Steve and the others taking care of Vecna in the Upside Down. In Vecna's final moments, he warns El that they have no idea what is coming and that they have already lost. Sorry to break it to you, Vecna, but killing this gang is a bit harder. We even glimpse Max waking up in Lucas' arms, though we don't know in what condition.

In Russia, Yuri arrives with "Enzo" to pick up the gang, but in the Upside Down, Dustin finds a very injured Eddie. Eddie gave everything to ensure the plan went off and, in the end, didn't run. He makes Dustin promise to watch over the little sheep for him since he is going to go on and graduate because this is Eddie's year. We watch as Dustin makes his promise to Eddie before he dies. Editors note — someone, please get me more tissues.

And if Eddie's death wasn't enough. We then watch as Max, who survived Vecna's attack, dies in Lucas' arms as Erica runs to call an ambulance. It seems like her death has triggered something in the Upside Down, and we watch as the final portal rips open and Jason along with it. Each of the other portals rips open as well, meeting in the center of Hawkins, tearing buildings down in its path. In Nevada, Mike tries to wake El up, but she isn't ready to leave Max's side yet. In one final attempt to save her friend, she uses her power to restart her heart.

"Chapter Nine: The Piggyback" jumps to two days later. Families are rushing out of Hawkins as El, and the others arrive in town and see what happened. The government is blaming it all on an earthquake. They also talk about how Eddie is presumed dead but was the prime suspect in the murders that occurred in the week leading up to the quake. At Nancy's house, she is packing her car when the Surfer Boy Pizza fan pulls up, and everyone is reunited.

We watch as Jonathan and Nancy finally see each other after everything that happened, and Robin pats Steve on the back as they walk away. It seems like we won't be getting any conclusion on that love triangle until next season. We also see Dustin reunite with Will, Mike and El and break the news that Lucas is with Max at the hospital. We then watch as Lucas reads to Max while she is in a coma. As if this episode hasn't had us in tears multiple times, this moment is one of the hardest. They all come together again, only to be crushed by so much pain. Lucas believes Max coming back to life was a miracle, but Will and Mike have other ideas on what happened. They might even know the truth. But no one tells Lucas, at least not right now.

Steve, Robin and Dustin arrive at the school to donate some items for those in need and offer their time. Robin ends up volunteering alongside Vickie while Steve and Dustin help with separating clothes. Vickie opens up to Robin about the stress with her boyfriend, and it seems like Robin might just get her happily ever after in the end. Later, Dustin sees Eddie's uncle putting up a missing-person flyer for him.

Mr. Munson doesn't want to talk to Dustin and still claims Eddie's innocence in the whole thing. Dustin shares that he was with Eddie when the earthquake hit and returns his necklace, essentially letting him know that Eddie is dead, but he was brave up until the very end. Dustin just wishes everyone would have known who he really was and is sure they would have loved him. Sure, Duffer Brothers, let's cry some more.

"Chapter Nine: The Piggyback" shifts to Hopper's cabin. Everyone works together to start cleaning things up and get it back to tip-top shape after everything that happened. Nancy and Jonathan board up the windows while trying to determine if they are okay. Both seem like they want to share things but decide against it. And when Nancy asks about his college application letter, he lies to her again.

Inside the cabin, El finds some privacy which lets Will and Mike chat. Mike knows that El is worried that Brenner was right about her not being ready and is doubting if she could have really saved all of them. But we know that without her, Max wouldn't be alive right now, even if she is in a coma. Will then shares with Mike that he can feel Vecna still now that he is back in Hawkins. Will still has some weird connection to the Upside Down, the Mind Flayer and Vecna himself. He is hurt but not dead. Their mission now needs to be to kill him for good.

The conversation is cut short when a car arrives that screams government. Inside, El finds a bottle as she cleans her room, and we see her enter her trance again and back into Max's mind. But Max isn't there. However, she is pulled out of it when she hears the door to her room opening. And finally, El learns that Hopper is alive. And if seeing him reunite with Joyce was heartbreaking, this will tear you apart. Tissues guys. Get more tissues.

"Chapter Nine: The Piggyback" comes to a close as Will gets a tickle up his spine, the dust from the Upside Down falls on Hawkins, and everyone realizes that their lives are about to be

forever changed — again.

Season Five

Chapter One: The Crawl

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Guest Stars: Nell Fisher (Holly Wheeler), Joe Chrest (Ted Wheeler), Sherman Augustus (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan), Amybeth McNulty (Vickie), Jake Connelly (Derek Turnbow), Alex Breaux (Lieutenant Robert Akers), Emanuel Borria (Sergeant Luis Ramirez), Clayton Royal Johnson (Andy), Hunter Romanillos (Teammate), Calista Craig (Mary), Gianluca Gazzo (Glenn), Eden Stephens (Debbie Miller), Hope Hynes Love (Miss Harris), Olive Abercrombie (Valerie), Jesse Gavin (Military Base Scientist), Luke Kokotek (Young Will Byers), Alyse Elna Lewis (Wendy), Kingston James (Benji), Liam Montgomery (Roger), Carson Zone (Guard — Quarantine Fence), Ethan Rosero (Teen Boy), Jada Keche Howard (Teen Girl), Ben VanderMey (Lead Soldier), Tennison Bryan Berry (High School Jock #1), Deric Replogle (High School Jock #2), Jamari Benton (Sledder #5)
Summary: November, 1987. The gang evades the military to scour the Upside Down for Vecna — but fails to notice a threat lurking closer to home.



On November 12th, 1983, Will Byers remains trapped in the Upside Down. He hides in the dimension's version of his fort, Castle Byers, as he sings the Clash's "Should I Stay or Should I Go" to keep himself conscious. Suddenly, the Demogorgon that brought him to the Upside Down finally finds him, ripping the fort apart to capture him. Will uses his shotgun to shoot the monster and quickly runs off. When he attempts to hide from the monster in a tree, the Demogorgon follows suit, causing Will to attempt a

jump over to the next tree. He misses, crashing through the branches, getting hooked on one from his backpack, and eventually lands on the ground when his straps give out, knocking him unconscious. The Demogorgon then drags the boy to the dimension's version of the Hawkins' library. In there, the monster throws Will to the ground, where tentacles wrap and pin him to the wall. Vecna soon appears, saying that they can finally begin. Through his telekinesis, he has one tentacle lodge itself into Will's mouth, infecting him with toxic liquid. Vecna then tells the unconscious Will that the both of them will make such "beautiful" things together.

Nearly four years later, on the morning of November 3rd, 1987, Holly Wheeler sets the table for breakfast when she's distracted by an unseen figure on the lawn, waving at him excitedly until her mother, Karen, calls for her. She tells Holly to round up everyone for breakfast, revealing that the Byers family — Joyce, Jonathan and Will — have been staying with the Wheeler family, with Joyce taking a foldable cot in the upstairs hallway while the boys preoccupy the basement. Ted Wheeler has reached his limit hosting the family for so long, but Karen is insistent that they can't throw them onto the street.

After breakfast, Nancy Wheeler and Jonathan carpool together while Mike Wheeler, Will and Holly bike to school. They individually listen to the broadcast from W.S.Q.K. Radio Station called "The Squawk". The program is hosted by Robin Buckley — under the alias "Rockin' Robin" after the previous D.J. fled Hawkins — while Steve Harrington serves as her editor for sound effects. To celebrate her 500th broadcast, Robin uses the time to remind her audience about their current lockdown and the regulations both past and present; since the destructive openings of the rift in March of 1986, Hawkins, Indiana has remained in quarantine, with the military outnumbering the town's population. Hawkins' residents have been given mandatory health screenings as a result of the spores leaking from the rifts. The rifts themselves have been covered with large sheets of metal, now being used as recreation for sledding by local kids, to which Robin advises not to do since the military has been cracking down on them. The epicenter of the rifts, formerly the town's library, has been sealed off by the military and is now known as the MAC-Z (or "Big Mac" as Robin calls it). Inside, the military uses the gate leading to the Upside Down as a way to investigate the dimension. Despite the hostile takeover, Robin comforts her audience, telling them to live life to the fullest like her, since she has an upcoming date in the evening. Though she doesn't reveal her partner's identity, she dedicates the next song to them, revealed to be Vickie Dunne. Vickie listens to the broadcast during her commute to work when the signal begins to crash. At the station, Steve and Robin begin to panic at the technical difficulties, with Steve believing the government interfering, though Robin insists she was encouraging compliance. Steve then uses his walkie-talkie to call Dustin Henderson on his way to Hawkins High. There, he coldly tells Steve that the remote radio head is the problem and to read the station's manual, before signing off, leaving Steve both confused and annoyed.

At Hawkins High, Dustin is the target of the basketball jock's bullying due to him still wearing Hellfire Club attire and remaining a defender of Eddie Munson. Andy, the ringleader, pins Dustin against the wall after mouthing off to him, beginning to rip the collar of his Hellfire shirt. Lucas interferes, reminding Andy of when his younger sister, Erica, kicked him in the crotch, threatening to do worse if he touched Dustin again. When Mike and Will approach as well, Andy backs off, but not before threatening Dustin to not promote anything Hellfire Club related. Afterward, the three boys scold Dustin for egging on the bullies, believing that it defeats keeping a low profile for the "crawl" they have to perform, though Dustin insists that keeping low defeats Eddie's mantra of staying true to who they are. As he leaves in a huff, he passes by a wanted poster of Jane "Eleven" Hopper, who's been missing since June of 1986.

In the local woods, military agents hunt for who they suspect is Eleven, with Lieutenant Robert Atkers leading the mission. Atkers uses a tranquilizer gun to bring down the girl, only to be disappointed to find that it's a burnout girl. He presents her to his superior, Colonel Jack Sullivan, who tells him to get the girl out of there. Meanwhile, Eleven is training with a makeshift obstacle course in the local junkyard. Despite her father, Jim Hopper, and Joyce celebrating her new record of beating the course, Eleven insists that it's not good enough and orders them to reset it, pushing herself to be ready to defeat Vecna.

Back at the W.S.Q.K. Radio Station, Nancy, Jonathan, Steve and Robin search for the radio tower's instruction manual. The quartet flip through the manual to find the remote radio head's instructions, discovering its location on top of the radio station's antenna tower. Since someone would have to climb up it without a harness, Steve volunteers, only for Jonathan to offer his help. After turning off the voltage, Steve and Jonathan each competitively climb the tower to reach the radio head first. When reaching the top, they each turn a part of it on before yelling that they individually fixed it themselves, but neither Nancy nor Robin could hear them from how high they are. On ground, Robin remarks how Nancy's presence brings out the boys' "inner neanderthal", when suddenly a Bradley's Big Buy truck pulls up to the station. Murray Bauman, under the false alias Austin Millbarge, poses as a delivery truck driver to give supplies for the Party's crawls. Arriving earlier than usual, Murray presents his "full sack" of supplies: a telemetry tag, bullets

and shells for Hopper, grenades, Gatorade for El, peanut butter-flavored Boppers for Steve, and a John Coltrane cassette tape specifically for Jonathan that he quickly hides away. Murray tells Nancy that he's early due to the military performing a burn on the gate to the Upside Down earlier than expected. With the demand in supply meaning that the burn could take at least two hours, it gives the Party the opportunity to send Hopper inside to perform a crawl and finally find Vecna.

Back at Hawkins High, Dustin sneaks into the school's science lab and grabs the pet snake, Jake, for a "field trip". Meanwhile, during lunch, Mike, Lucas and Will voice concern over Dustin's obsession with keeping Hellfire alive, though they quickly hush when Dustin arrives to sit with them. Suddenly, the Squawk returns to the radio waves, with Robin playing Diana Ross' song, "Upside Down", to make up for lost time. Both the four boys and Joyce, Hopper and Eleven listen to Robin list off trivia of Diana's life as clues for them to decipher regarding the crawl — Diana was born in the North End of Detroit, her manager that signed her to Motown was Berry Gordy, her songs between 1964-1967 were #1 in the top 10 charts, and brings up the runtime of her film, *The Wiz*, being two hours. After letting the song takeover, each group go to their assigned quarters — Joyce, Hopper and El climb down a tunnel leading to the station hidden in the abandoned bus in the station, the four boys go to the woods behind the school, while the quartet of teenagers use a secret bookshelf door to the basement of the station.

Both Mike and Nancy perform a presentation of the plan to their plans, with Mike using D&D figurines as a demonstration and Nancy using maps over a projector. With the supply convoy set to reach Hawkins at 10:00 P.M., Hopper will be in the tunnels on his way inside the MAC-Z by 9:00. Mike and Lucas will hide at an observational post to give Hopper clear to roam around. Once the convoy reaches the MAC-Z at 10:15 and the burn commences, the boys will signal Hopper to sneak into one of the cargo trucks into the Upside Down. Once he's inside, Dustin and Steve will use the radio station's van to follow the signal of the truck in the Rightside Up. Despite the route remaining the same, it's vital Steve steers clear of drawing attention to any police or military since it'll blow everyone's cover. Finally, after Hopper reaches the border of G1, he'll have two hours free to search for Vecna, pointing to another successful crawl. Both groups voice concern over the repetitive formula since G1 has been searching for Vecna already and that they're on their thirty-seventh crawl, but Mike and Nancy insist that it's that going manually by zone to make absolutely sure that Vecna is gone for good. Steve poses the possibility that Vecna might be dead since neither El can't find him in the Void and Will hasn't felt goosebumps on his neck since Nancy, Steve and Robin shot Vecna out of the Creel House three stories to the ground. Jonathan reminds Steve of the visions Vecna showed Nancy featuring a future of their friends and loved ones dead with Hawkins destroyed, but Steve argues that Vecna also showed Max Mayfield a vision of her deceased stepbrother, Billy Hargrove, meaning that his visions could just be a scare tactic. Nancy insists that the fear tactic worked on her because if he's still alive, it means that he still plans to destroy the world. Mike holds the same sentiment to his friends, believing they need to make sure Vecna is gone no matter how many crawls it takes, using hands to get the boys on board. Promising to avenge Eddie, the boys cheer and rough play with one another, though Will suddenly begins to wander off and stare off into the sky. He starts to spin around as he hears children giggling, losing his balance as he catches himself onto a tree. As the three boys run over and ask if he's alright, Will brushes it off as nervousness before the crawl, though Mike hypothesizes that Vecna's proximity might be impacting Will. The conversation is cut short when the school bell rings, and the boys promise to meet at the Squawk at 6:00.

At Hawkins Elementary School, Holly lies flat on the playground's carousel, staring into the sky as her friend, Mary, pushes her. Suddenly, Holly's bully, Derek Turnbow, runs over and starts to spin her around harshly, running off as Mary tells him off. As Mary helps a dizzy Holly up, their school teacher, Miss Harris, rings the bell to tell them to come back inside. When she notices Holly missing, she wanders the schoolyard to see her talking by the fence to thin air, raising concern.

Inside a base, Sergeant Luis Ramirez arrives in the base's science lab to meet his superior, Major General Dr. Kay, who's performing an examination on a mysterious egg-like sac, while also holding captive a violent tentacle-like creature in a sealed box. Ramirez reports to Kay the failure of tracking down Eleven. Before being dismissed, Kay tells Ramirez to express her frustration to Sullivan, demanding that they need the girl before more innocent people of Hawkins die. The base is revealed to be located within the Upside Down itself, the base of where MAC-Z delivers

its cargo.

Underneath the tunnels, Eleven attempts to persuade Hopper to allow her to join the crawl, with her and Joyce noting that El beat her previous record for finishing the obstacle course. Hopper remains cold and adamant that he didn't see her beat it, therefore she can't go. The trio arrive at the end of the tunnel, revealed to be hidden in the shed of the Hopper cabin, once again being occupied by Hopper and El. Inside, Hopper remains skeptical of Eleven's endurance and "drained battery" and stands firm that she can use the makeshift bath in the cabin to find Vecna in the Void. El storms outside while Hopper goes into his room. Joyce follows him and believes he's being too hard on El, though Hopper points out that Will could assist if it wasn't for Joyce's own overprotectiveness. Joyce says that El's different and trained enough to be ready, but Jim says that in every crawl he's been in, all he's seen are soldiers dead-set on taking El, forbidding to put her on the line by bringing her into the Upside Down for a "recon mission". Joyce points out Hopper having so much ammunition for a small "recon mission", though Hopper states it's simply for precaution, and he'll tuck and cover if he sees Vecna. The two sit on the bed as Hopper admits that he'll have Eleven help eventually, but won't jeopardize her life for insignificant missions. Joyce then asks if Hopper actually did see El beat her score, which Hopper smugly admits that she did beat it by a hare, causing Joyce to kiss him. When she leaves, Hopper then opens a cabinet compartment holding a pouch before closing it.

Back at Hawkins High, Andy opens his locker to find Jake the snake inside of it. He launches back and falls to the floor, causing him to be humiliated as his classmates tease him for being scared of a harmless corn snake. Inside the locker door are the words "Hellfire Lives" with the club's logo written in red marker.

Meanwhile, Mike waits outside of Hawkins Elementary to pick up Holly, eventually growing impatient and walking inside to find Holly sitting outside of her classroom reading the book *A Wrinkle in Time*. Holly apologizes, saying that she was instructed to wait, pointing to her classroom where Miss Harris is talking to Karen. The figure that Holly's been talking to is an imaginary friend named "Mr. Whatsit". Holly defends her talking to him, saying that he advises her on how to protect herself from the monsters lurking in Hawkins that want to eat her. Mike comforts his sister, telling her that everyone — including her bully, Derek — gets scared. He shows her a D&D figure he names "Mike the Brave" that goes on dungeon crawls, where he explores worlds and fights evil. He tells Holly he uses the figurine as a lucky charm to help calm him down, and gifts her a female figurine named "Holly the Heroic" to her. Holly the Heroic is a cleric with divine powers, using spells and can cast a dimension door, which can transport her to anywhere she can visualize. He promises Holly that Holly the Heroic will do more to protect her than Mr. Whatsit will.

At Hawkins Memorial Hospital, Lucas and Will visit a still comatose Max. Despite her being unconscious, the boys still talk to her, with Will venting to her about Mike's hypothesis of Vecna's presence, hoping they'll find him that night to hopefully wake Max up. When Will steps outside to get a drink, Lucas sits with Max alone, seeing the doodle she made of them on a date before her death. He then puts the cassette tape of Kate Bush's "Running Up That Hill" to play for Max once more. In the hallway, Will notices Robin at the end of the hall, following her. Robin meets Vickie cleaning a room to deliver bad news and good news — the bad news is that she'll have to cancel their date for the night, but the good news is that the next night, Robin will treat Vickie to a date at Enzo's. Robin flirtatiously asks Vickie that maybe after the date that she can see her in her nurse hat only, causing the couple to giggle and begin to make out. Unbeknownst to the girls, Will was watching them through the door window, startled seeing them kiss and accidentally dropping his Coke can. Alerting the girls, they step outside to see Will running away, much to Robin's chagrin.

At Roane Hill Cemetery, Dustin visits Eddie's grave, his headstone defaced with the words "Burn in Hell". Dustin says that people will eventually get bored as he pulls out lacquer thinner out of his backpack to clean it off. However, Dustin realizes that the words are painted fresh, and discovers that it's written in the blood of Jake the snake. Horrified, he realizes that Andy and his three friends begin to circle around him. Dustin remarks how in Eddie's last campaign, he defeated Vecna's last acolyte by casting Prismatic Spray, a spell that's deadly due to blindness. Suddenly, Dustin runs to grab the lacquer, throwing it into Andy's face. A brawl ensues, with both Dustin and the jocks blowing punches against one another before they get the upper hand, holding Dustin down. Andy, now suffering from chemical burns, tells Dustin that Hellfire will die

with him tonight. In retaliation, Dustin spits in his face, causing an enraged Andy to throw him on the ground and have his cronies beat Dustin mercilessly.

At the radio station, Lucas attempts to contact Dustin, and Robin tells the group that his mother doesn't know where he is either. Mike happily greets Eleven as she, Joyce and Hopper arrive through the tunnel leading to the station. On top of the station, El and Mike lament over how both Dustin and Hopper have been acting erratic, with Mike chalking it up to everyone being stuck in quarantine for so long with no end in sight. They're both hopeful that they'll find Vecna tonight due to Will's episode earlier. El asks what will happen when everything is over, and Mike says that in his campaigns, the Party lives happily ever after, though usually away from their village in order to have a fresh start together, like a "land with three waterfalls". Mike and El are hopeful that they could have that ending for themselves, then Lucas tells them that they need to begin.

In the basement, the group helps Hopper stock up for the crawl, with Jonathan giving him the telemetry tag. Inside the station van, Steve uses its antenna to track Hopper's location, though he radios to the group that he'll need someone to man it while he drives. Will offers to take Dustin's place, but Joyce shuts it down immediately, putting Jonathan in an uncomfortable spot as he takes the job instead, begrudgingly pairing him with Steve. El watches from outside the station as Mike and Lucas bike behind the van. Outside the tunnel of the station, Joyce sends Hopper off, telling him to come back to her in one piece. Hopper then tells her that she gets more beautiful every day before departing.

At the Wheeler house, Holly makes a necklace and puts her Holly the Heroic figure as a pendant on it. But she soon overhears her parents arguing downstairs. Peeking from the banister, she witnesses a slightly intoxicated Karen berating Ted for not being more concerned about Holly's imaginary friend and not even knowing Holly's age. Holly rushes back upstairs and sobs in her bed.

Back in the tunnels, Hopper reaches his destination. A secret entrance has been made underneath the now abandoned Radio Shack, where it's fenced in with the MAC-Z. Mike and Lucas watch the soldiers through binoculars on top of the church belltower while keeping Joyce, El, Will, Nancy and Robin in the loop through the walkie-talkie. Four trucks arrive at the gate of the MAC-Z. Preparing for the trucks, soldiers use flamethrowers to burn through the gate's wall. The boys time the commencement of the burn to Hopper as the trucks file in. After clearing the spot of any soldiers, Hopper sprints into the last of the four trucks and climbs in. The trucks begin their transport into the Upside Down. Joyce radios to Jonathan and Steve in the truck as the former gains signal of Hopper traveling and Steve hits the gas to follow them. At the station, Nancy uses a marker with a map to show the group the trucks' route. Just as Hopper signals to Joyce that he's alright, the truck suddenly brakes, causing a chain reaction with the trucks colliding. Jonathan tells Steve to stop the van since they're losing the signal, but recovers it as the van stands still. Hopper gets back in contact with Joyce and draws his gun, with El fearful that the soldiers are aware of Hopper's presence. Suddenly, Will's neck begins to develop goose-bumps, before he begins to seize in place. His vision is tapped to the perspective of a Demogorgon approaching the trucks, seeing it killing the soldiers firing at it. The lights begin to flicker both at the station and inside the van. The driver for Hopper's truck climbs in and speeds off. As the Demogorgon attacks another soldier, his gun goes off and grazes Hopper on his left side, wounding him. The monster then catches up to the truck, killing the driver and leaving the truck to drive off the road and crash into a tree as the Demogorgon jumps off of it. Will's seizing causes him to fall to the ground, with Joyce and the other women running to his side to wake him up. The flickering of the electricity crescendos, frying the station's breaker box and the van's radio system. Hopper rises up from the wreckage, failing to radio Joyce or anyone due to the signal being cut off, leading him to run into the woods. At the station, Will sees the Demogorgon running to the Upside Down's version of the Wheeler house, but his vision stops when Joyce slaps him awake. Hyperventilating, Will tells Joyce and Nancy that the Demogorgon is coming for the Wheelers. Nancy and El run to her car to drive off, with Nancy instructing to get the station's power back on and message everyone about the situation.

Back at the Wheeler house, Ted attempts to practice golfing in the backyard, while Karen polishes off a bottle of wine before going to her bedroom. Holly remains locked in her room crying, until she suddenly sees her night light beginning to flicker, even after unplugging it. Soon, her Lite Brite and her entire room begins to flicker, when suddenly the ceiling begins to

crumble. Holly backs into the corner, calling for her mother as a hole forms from the ceiling. From it, a Demogorgon peaks, roaring as Holly screams.

Chapter Two: The Vanishing of Holly Wheeler

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Summary:	After a vicious attack at the Wheeler home, Mike and Nancy confront the cost of secrecy, while El and Hopper embark on a rescue mission.



As a Demogorgon opens a gate in Holly Wheeler's ceiling, she flees to the bathroom where Karen Wheeler is about to take a bath. Karen tries to reassure Holly, but then notices she is bleeding as the lights begin to flicker. Karen and Holly hide underneath the bathwater as the Demogorgon breaks through the bathroom door. Having noticed the lights as well, Ted Wheeler enters the Wheeler home, shouting for Karen and Holly. The Demogorgon approaches Ted, who attempts hitting the creature with his golf

club, but it just throws him through a wall. Karen and Holly try escaping the house but are cornered by the monster. Karen smashes a wine bottle and begins stabbing the Demogorgon. Having been warned by Will Byers, Nancy Wheeler and Eleven race to the house, where they find an injured and bloodied Karen. With Holly taken by the Demogorgon, Nancy urges Eleven to pursue them, and Eleven rushes through a nearby portal to the Upside Down.

At Hawkins Memorial Hospital, Mike, Lucas and Nancy accompany the Wheeler parents as they're checked into the I.C.U., with the nurse blocking them from seeing Karen and Ted during surgery. A stoic Nancy is left to frantically clean her mother's blood off of her hands, before sitting in the waiting room with Mike and Lucas and lamenting that they should've told their parents the truth about the Upside Down sooner. Mike argues that they couldn't have known that Vecna

would take Holly of all people, but Nancy brings up the vision shown to her the year prior of their family dead as the Upside Down reigned terror on the world. She's adamant that this is the beginning of that vision, and Vecna won't stop until all of them are drained of suffering. Lucas interjects that Vecna doesn't hold back, and asks why would he send a Demogorgon to just injure their parents and take Holly instead of killing them all directly. He also brings up how close they are to the anniversary of Will Byers' disappearance approaching — November 6th, 1983 — and how similar Holly was taken, saying that he doesn't believe in coincidences anymore. But he's confident that if anyone can find Holly, it's Eleven.

Back at the Wheeler house, Lt. Robert Akers and his superior, Jack Sullivan, inspect the home as it's sealed off for investigation, with the gate formed in the front door still raw. Akers mentions to Sullivan that in Nancy's report, she said that she traveled alone, leaving Sullivan to demand that every surveillance footage within the radius of the Wheeler house be reviewed, believing Eleven was there.

In the Void, Eleven screams for Holly's name, unable to find her, before hearing noise in the woods of the Upside Down. When an unknown figure approaches her, she uses her powers to throw them away, only to discover that it's her father, Jim Hopper. Hopper is both confused and concerned about El's presence, telling her it's not safe to be there, but El alerts him that she knows a Demogorgon is nearby. Using Hopper's flashlight, she sees that Karen stabbing the monster worked, since it's bleeding and leaving a trail for her to follow.

At the W.S.Q.K. Radio Station, Joyce Byers and Robin Buckley examine the aftermath of the breaker box's explosion. Joyce asks her son, Will Byers, if his visions of the Demogorgon's point of view match his "now memories" that he experienced with the Mind Flayer three years prior, but Will says that it was different since he was listening and seeing the monster's thoughts and actions. He doesn't understand its' motivation to attack the Wheelers or take Holly, but he admits to his mother that he remains connected to the hive mind even after the severance of the connection in fall of 1984. His sensation was reactivated following the reopening of the gate in the summer of 1985, and reigniting again after Will returned to Hawkins from Lenora Hills, California in the spring of 1986. Robin interjects by suggesting that Will is a metaphorical "radio receiver", and that he can tap into the hive mind whenever a creature from the Upside Down is nearby. Will agrees with this, mentioning the vision he had of the sky spinning earlier that day, and that going to the woods in Hawkins High where the vision happened can lead them closer to Holly. Joyce shuts down the idea, noting that spying on the Mind Flayer almost killed him, and that they should continue to work on the signal to the Upside Down to reach Hopper. Will grows upset, saying that he knows what Holly is going through and won't allow that to happen again, but Joyce shuts down the discussion, forbidding him from risking his life.

On the road, Steve Harrington has the radio station's van battery jumped by an unamused woman named Jessica, who's bitter at him for standing up her sister multiple times. As he climbs into the van, Jonathan Byers updates him that Ted's been placed in a medically induced coma while Karen remains in surgery for a few more hours. Steve's insistence that they should visit Nancy with flowers at the hospital instead of sticking with the plan triggers Jonathan, who calls him for continuing to not only attempt to show him up in front of Nancy, but especially after her parents are in critical condition and her sister remains missing, ending it by calling him a "selfish, chauvinistic meathead". As Jessica honks the horn to start the van, Steve's anger bubbles in retaliation as he calls Jonathan out for acting like a "pothead weirdo" and distant with Nancy ever since he returned from Lenora Hills, noting that he should focus on his relationship so that he and Nancy won't be miserable anymore. Just as the van's engine starts, the boys notice Dustin Henderson, his face beaten in as he walks his bicycle towards them.

In the Upside Down, while they track the Demogorgon, Hopper grows irate upon learning that Eleven drove to the Wheelers instead of taking the tunnel system, realizing that the army probably has her on surveillance footage. Eleven defends her decision, saying that the Wheelers were in danger, but Hopper scolds her for acting on impulse and emotion, noting that her hypothesis that tracking the beast will lead them to Vecna and Holly doesn't make sense. El then discovers that the blood trail is growing, meaning the Demogorgon is slowing down. She ends the conversation by saying she's acting on instinct, not emotion.

Back at the hospital, Lucas gives a comatose Max Mayfield a solemn update on the group's situation, hoping that his next visit will have positive news, since he believes that the battle with Vecna is about to commence, but El will need all five members of the Party by her side, Max

included. As he plays Kate Bush's "Running Up That Hill" on a cassette radio, Lucas tearfully begs Max to show any signs that she'll wake up, to no avail. Outside, Mike grabs coffee when he spots the book *A Wrinkle in Time* in the children's ward, which Holly was reading. In the waiting room, Mike asks Nancy if she knew anything about Mr. Whatsit, Holly's imaginary friend based off of the book. Mike hypothesizes that Mr. Whatsit might be real, given that he warned Holly about monsters in Hawkins the day that she just so happened to be snatched by the Demogorgon. Though Nancy points out the holes in his hypothesis, she agrees with Mike that they shouldn't have any more secrets and regrets. She then says that they need to convince the nurse to allow them to go see the one other person who knows about Mr. Whatsit — their mother.

Back on the road, Steve gives Dustin a summary of their predicament, chastising him for missing the crawl and the lie that his face was bruised from falling off of his bike, knowing it was Andy and his jock friends that beat him up. An argument begins to boil over between the boys, with Dustin insulting Steve's intelligence and not knowing how to operate the radio system without his help, while Steve loses his temper and yells at Dustin for never admitting being wrong and causing escalation. Jonathan ends the argument by yelling at them to shut up while he searches for Hopper's signal on the telemetry tag. Dustin and Steve mutter they don't want to speak to one another anymore.

In the station, Joyce continues to radio Hopper through the speaker while Will and Robin sit. Robin notices a blinking red light on the system and comes up with an idea. She springs up frantically and says that the "flux capacitor" is down, and that fixing it is a two-man job, yanking Will upstairs to fix it. Up there, Robin admits that she was lying and tells Will that Joyce's plan is flawed, waiting on Hopper and the boys to search G1 doesn't get them closer to find Holly, whereas Will's plan is "genius". Despite knowing how upset Joyce will be, Will decides to go through with the plan and bike to Hawkins High with Robin.

In the military base of the Upside Down, Dr. Kay reviews photographs of Eleven arriving at the Wheeler house. Though she's dismissive since they've had sightings in the past, Sergeant Luis Ramirez catches her attention by telling her that Eleven is already inside the dimension. Near the dimension's equivalent of the railroad tracks, Hopper falls behind Eleven's lead due to the bullet wound he sustained during the Demogorgon's attack on the military trucks. As she tends to his wounds, Hopper admits that she is similar to how he was in his youth — a "stubborn punk-ass", though when he was young, Hopper's father dragged him to enroll in the Vietnam War to straighten out his behavior. There, his impulsivity and self-assurance led him to get into trouble, witnessing his colleagues dying in the name of bravery. He brings up how brave his biological daughter, Sara Hopper, was despite losing her battle with cancer, causing Hopper to sob. He finally admits that he can't and won't allow El to die in vain to fight Vecna or the military, and the two compromise by having Hopper lead her to help the final battle. As they bond, a noise alerts them to continue the trail.

Back at the hospital, the doctor operating on the Wheeler parents dismisses the children, saying that Karen's larynx is still in shock even if she wasn't unconscious. After leaving, a frustrated Nancy notices two candy striper nurses depart from the elevator and comes up with an idea, taking Mike to go down to the janitor's floor.

Back in the radio station van, Jonathan suddenly picks something up on the radio, alerting Joyce. Dustin takes over, but quickly dismisses it since Hopper's telemetry tag isn't showing up on the decoder. When Jonathan gives his mother the update, she then asks if their reception is impacted by the "flux capacitor" being down, leaving the boys confused.

At Hawkins High, Will and Robin arrive at the woods, going to the spot where Will had his vision. Though he doesn't feel anything yet, Will believes that his "receiver" is proximity based, and the Demogorgon perhaps has a "lair" in the woods since Will had his vision there. Meanwhile, Robin asks if he was at the hospital the day prior, causing Will to lie and say he wasn't. Though Robin sees through it, she still tells him that her and her "friend", Vickie Dunne, who works as a candy stripe nurse, have a special "friendship", and some people might not react to it kindly if it was revealed. The conversation ends upon the pair discovering a mandala on the ground made out of colorful rocks, a project by Miss Harris' class at Hawkins Elementary School. Will suddenly remembers the children laughing in his vision, giving him another clue as he and Robin run towards Hawkins Elementary.

In the Upside Down, Hopper and El reach the end of the trail, finding a staggering, flesh-like wall towering over them. Upon finding one of Holly's boots, Eleven realizes that she can't find

neither Holly nor Vecna in the Void because they're hidden behind the wall.

At the hospital, the Wheeler siblings return from the basement, with Mike dressed in hospital scrubs and Nancy dressed as a candy stripper nurse. After evading the doctor, the siblings sneak into their parents bedroom, waking up their recovering mother and tearfully greeting her. Though she can't speak, the pair give her a notepad to communicate. Karen writes Holly's name, asking where she is, to which the siblings admit that she's missing, but Mike thinks Karen can help find the person who knows where she is. Karen writes who the person is, and Nancy asks about Holly's imaginary friend Mr. Whatsit. Karen writes about how Holly's teacher, Miss Harris, saw her talking to thin air during recess the day earlier. When asking for Mr. Whatsit's appearance, Karen writes that he wore a pocket watch with a vest, was tall, and was kind. Finally, when Mike asks if Mr. Whatsit had a first name, Karen slowly spells out the name "Henry". The siblings realize that Vecna has manipulated his birth name and appearance as "Henry Creel" to trick Holly.

Arriving at the elementary school playground, Will shows Robin the merry-go-round, noting that it was the exact sensation he experienced in his vision. The two realize that his vision was him tapping into the point of view of Vecna as he invaded the mind of his next victim — Holly. As the school bus arrives to drop off the children, Derek Turnbow, Holly's bully, walks past Will. As he feels the goosebumps popping on his neck, Will realizes that Derek is Vecna's next target.

In the mindscape, Mr. Whatsit walks hand-in-hand with an unharmed Holly, who asks him if he'll rescue her loved ones from the monsters. Henry assures her he'll save her friends first, then family, as he has plenty of room in his house, revealed to be an untouched version of the Creel House. He closes the door behind him sinisterly as Holly walks in.

Chapter Three: The Turnbow Trap

Season 5

Episode Number: 37

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Wednesday November 26, 2025
Writer:	Caitlin Schneiderhan
Director:	Frank Darabont
Show Stars:	Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Chief Jim Hopper), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Millie Bobby Brown (Jane "Eleven" Hopper), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Sadie Sink (Maxine "Max" Mayfield), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Maya Hawke (Robin Buckley), Priah Ferguson (Erica Sinclair), Brett Gelman (Murray Bauman), Linda Hamilton (Dr. Kay), Jamie Campbell Bower (Vecna / Henry Creel / One / Mr. Whatsit)
Guest Stars:	Nell Fisher (Holly Wheeler), Randall P. Havens (Mr. Scott Clarke), Sherman Augustus (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan), Amybeth McNulty (Vickie), Jake Connelly (Derek Turnbow), Alex Breaux (Lieutenant Robert Akers), Chantell D. Christopher (Hospital Receptionist), Calista Craig (Mary), Carson Minniear (Thomas), Hope Hynes Love (Miss Harris), Caroline Abrams (Tina Turnbow), Kelly Collins Lintz (Mrs. Turnbow), Dijon Means (Military Medic), Gray Hawks (Mr. Turnbow), Steven Van Tiflin (USD Soldier), Rakeem Laws (Wolfpack Soldier Burns), Eddie Dupriest (Neighbor), June Sukiam (Candy Striper #1)
Summary:	Will gains unique insight into Vecna's next move, giving the crew an opportunity to set a trap. Holly explores her new surroundings.



In the Upside Down, Jim Hopper and his daughter, Eleven, attempt and fail to break through the flesh-like wall blocking them from seeing whatever's behind it, with Hopper using a hunting knife while El uses her powers. El believes she could penetrate through the wall if she charges her "battery", raiding Hopper's backpack for food, only to find beef jerky, though Hopper remains unsure if Holly Wheeler or Vecna is even behind the wall. Suddenly, the military begin to approach the wall with their trucks, one having a

weapon on top of it named the "Hedgehog", its sonic blast causing El to freeze in pain, unable to use her powers.

Back in the Right-Side Up of Hawkins, Joyce Byers drives frantically in search of her son, Will, and Robin Buckley, who snuck out to investigate. After attempting to radio them, she passes the duo biking the opposite way, slamming to a stop, reversing, and sternly telling them to get in. Inside the car, Joyce chastises Robin for both disobeying her orders and putting Will's life in danger. Will, however, snaps at his mother for micromanaging him, telling her that her plan to wait for Hopper "sucked" and that thanks to his plan, he discovered Vecna's plan to target children and who his next target will be, leaving Joyce stunned.

At Hawkins Elementary School, in Miss Harris' classroom, Derek Turnbow builds a tesseract when he notices in the corner his imaginary friend, Mr. Whatsit, and smiles at him.

In Vecna's mindscape, he poses as Mr. Whatsit as he watches Holly eat breakfast in his childhood home's dining room. He comforts Holly, still worried over her parents being injured by a Demogorgon, telling her that they're in the best possible hands and will arrive to see her soon. Since the breakfast is catered to Holly's palate, Henry mentions making Derek's favorite food the next day, much to Holly's chagrin, though Henry says he'll keep Derek's behavior in check upon his arrival. Outside, Henry tells Holly that while he's out for the day, she's welcome to roam throughout the entire house, though he lays down one rule for her: never go out to the woods, as that's where the monsters roam. He awards Holly for being so diligent by leaving a surprise for her in the mailbox — a cassette boombox and a cassette tape from the singer, Tiffany. A hidden figure watches her from the bushes. Holly has a feeling someone is watching her, but runs back inside.

In the Upside Down, the trucks arrive at the wall, labeled checkpoint H., with Lt. Robert Akers radioing that they'll circle the perimeter for Eleven, though the men actually intend to use the time to lounge. Behind a decaying billboard sign, Hopper attempts to comfort Eleven as she whimpers in pain from the Hedgehog's waves, while he peeks through a hole for the soldiers' movements. As Akers urinates on the wall, he takes notice of Hopper's misplaced hunting knife, alerting the other soldiers to seriously sweep the area. Akers has a soldier amplify the Hedgehog, causing El to yell in pain, alerting the soldiers as they slowly approach the billboard. Hopper opens fire on a soldier, causing a shootout to break out as he shields Eleven. Reloading, he grabs the bag he took from his cabin containing two grenades, and throws them over. After they explode, he uses it to shoot down the Hedgehog, allowing El to rise and knock out Akers unconscious with his truck.

In the Right-Side Up, Dustin Henderson, Jonathan Byers, Steve Harrington, Mike Wheeler, Lucas Sinclair and Nancy Wheeler all arrive at the W.S.Q.K. Radio Station. Robin rounds them up inside, where Will tells them about Derek being the next target of Victim. Derek's family, the Turnbows, are infamous for their corrupt realty business. He explains that his connection to the hive mind happens whenever a victim of Vecna is in close proximity, noting Holly having said impact before her kidnapping. They realize that Vecna poses as an imaginary friend — Mr. Whatsit — to lure the children for some unknown ulterior motive. In the basement, Will uses a projector to demonstrate his plan — they wait across the street of the Turnbows in the station van until the family falls asleep. Then, they'll take Derek to the abandoned McCorkle farm. The important thing is that Derek doesn't know where he is or see any of the group. Though Joyce tries to show her support, the others voice concern over scenarios such as the Demogorgon's unpredictability, what to do with the Turnbow family besides Derek, and how they'll get closer to finding Holly. Mike then demonstrates his plan through D&D figurines; after acquiring an ally of the Turnbows to get into the house, they'll use some kind of drugs to knock the family out, subduing Vecna's spying. Then, they'll booby-trap the house to fight the Demogorgon, tagging it with another telemetry tag to find Vecna's lair in the Upside Down, ergo finding both him and Holly.

Back in Vecna's mindscape, Holly celebrates her freedom by dancing to music with her new boombox, baking sweet treats, and raiding the bedrooms of both Henry and his younger sister, Alice Creel, to match her Holly the Heroic D&D figure. She sports one of Alice's dresses, and uses Henry's Boy Scout handkerchief and bolo tie, while also borrowing his telescope. When the doorbell suddenly rings from downstairs, Holly believes it to be Henry or Derek, before opening it to find the flag for the mailbox stuck up. Inside it, Holly finds a letter from Henry asking her to meet her in the woods, with a map drawn on the back marking a cavern of rocks with an "X" and a compass for her.

In the Upside Down, Colonel Jack Sullivan has checkpoint H. investigated by the army via helicopters, demanding whoever was responsible for the soldier's deaths to be found. In the dimension's equivalent of the junkyard, Hopper hides the stolen Humvee as he tells El that the Hedgehog contained her "kryptonite". The pair has tied an unconscious Akers down inside a bus, with El noting that him urinating on the wall before possibly means that he knows how to get behind it. Hopper insists that they should sneak back to the Right-Side Up to tell the others, but El remains doubtful that they know how to break through the wall unlike Akers. As Hopper points out that he's most likely trained not to reveal any classified information, Akers awakens and begins to cause commotion, and El asks Hopper to compromise by letting her interrogate him.

At Hawkins Middle School, during Scott Clarke's science class discussing wormholes, Erica Sinclair is flagged down by Mike and Lucas to meet her in the hall. There, the boys explain their predicament and need for her to speak to her best friend and Derek's older sister, Tina Turnbow, to help them get inside their house. Erica refuses, citing that Tina and her aren't best friends anymore, and didn't care about "Dipshit" Derek. But upon Mike explaining Holly's disappearance and their plan could mean that Erica won't ever have to speak to Tina again, she happily agrees.

At Hawkins Memorial Hospital, Will and Robin arrive by bike to grab benzos for the Turnbows. After bribing the nurse, Robin explains to Will that she pretends to visit an elderly patient as her "grandmother" to see Vickie Dunne, her nurse girlfriend, and who also has a stash of Benzos in her room due to a slacker nurse stashing them away in that wing. However, their plan is thwarted when Robin sees Vickie working in the hall they need to pass. They quickly dodge to another room since Robin realizes that she'll have to stand her up for her date at Enzo's due to not wanting to involve her with the Upside Down. There, Will reveals that he saw the couple making out the day prior, asking how she and Vickie knew they liked each other. Robin admits that volunteering together after the gates opened brought them closer, and certain physical signals caused their feelings to snowball into an "avalanche". Robin suddenly realizes that the room they're in is the same wing as the slacker nurse, and they find a cabinet stash full of the Benzos that they need.

At the McCorkle farm, Murray Bauman arrives in his Bradley's Big Buy truck with supplies: a gallon of acetone, snare wire, a child-sized CPR dummy, shotgun shells, packs of grenade-styled water balloons, 3,000 feet of barbed wire, and spark plugs for Dustin, the only thing that he could buy from Dustin's list.

As Steve unloads the van of its furniture, he attempts to modify it for when they chase the Demogorgon, though Dustin points out its history of stalling. He sees Steve's BMW and comes up with a better idea, grabbing the drill and telling Steve that all they need is the telemetry tracker satellite dish, which can attach itself to any vehicle. Despite Steve's protests, Dustin drills a hole in the car roof to install the tracker. Inside the barn, Nancy installs the transmitter inside a bullet shell, wanting to test firing it with a shotgun using bags as targets, having Jonathan and Murray lugging them outside for her. As they walk to the field, Murray presses Jonathan for not pursuing Nancy through the John Coltrane cassette tape he gave him the day before. Jonathan says that it wasn't appropriate given Nancy's delicate family situation, but Murray argues that he could use the near-death of a loved one as a reminder for his and Nancy's fleeting romance, noting they got together in the first place due to their "shared trauma". Nancy, not listening, threatens Murray to be quiet and set up the targets. After Nancy fires the gun and successfully plants the tag, she and Murray walk back to the barn, while Jonathan stays and opens up the cassette tape, revealing an engagement ring inside of it.

In the Upside Down's junkyard, Akers remains resistant to Hopper interrogating him about the wall, saying he's simply a grunt. Hopper tells him that he was once a grunt as well, and knows that Akers is lying and Sullivan's attack dogs, the people who massacred the scientists at the Nina Project the year prior. Akers argues that El is the dangerous one, taking out his friends in a helicopter. After asking about Dr. Kay, his superior, Hopper reveals that El is using her powers to poke through his mind for answers. She taps into the memories of Akers, discovering the base's location on Gable Ridge Road, the inside of the base, and a mysterious door holding a powerful entity she can't access due to even Akers not knowing, causing Akers to scream in pain and knock him out again. Hopper runs to El inside the other bus, telling him that her "kryptonite" lies behind the door, believing that Vecna, someone just as powerful as her, has to be there.

Back at the mindscape's Creel house, Holly contemplates leaving the house since Henry's directions conflict with the letter. Grabbing a fire poker from the living room, a hooded cap from Alice's bedroom, Henry's telescope and Boy Scout bag, Holly ventures into the woods.

At the Turnbow house, as the dysfunctional Turnbow family prepares for dinner, a fake-crying Erica arrives at the doorstep with a pie, apologizing to Tina for their fight, to which Tina happily invites her inside. The crew wait outside in their cars on the street, with Dustin, Nancy, Jonathan and Steve sitting in the BMW while Joyce, Mike, Lucas, Will and Robin wait in the station van. Inside, the Turnbow parents and Derek eat Erica's pie laced with benzos, though Tina politely declines. The two girls begin to squabble over what caused the fight — Erica hitting Tina's crush, Josh, with a dodgeball in gym class — as the family slowly begins to lose consciousness from ingesting the pie. As Tina grows hysterical, Erica reveals a hidden syringe from her pocket,

tackling Tina and injects her with it. Afterward, Erica opens the garage, allowing the crew to commence their plan; they load the Turnbows into the station van where Joyce, Will, Robin and Erica drive to McCorkle Farm, while Mike, Dustin, Lucas, Nancy, Jonathan and Steve begin setting up the house with booby-traps, ultimately destroying the living room with a chainsaw and cutting a hole through the floor as a pit for the Demogorgon to fall into.

After finishing, each member gets to their assigned spot. Dustin and Steve sit in the BMW to watch for the Demogorgon via binoculars. Meanwhile, the Turnbows are tied up in the McCorkle barn while Robin watches them. Outside the barn, Will catches Joyce outside smoking, where he apologizes for his behavior earlier in the day. Joyce apologizes for her overprotectiveness, wanting to compensate for him being taken by the Demogorgon four years prior, admitting her neglectfulness in the past. She also shows support over his friendship with Robin, but insists that they both need to trust each other.

Back at the Turnbow House, the Demogorgon makes his appearance, the lights around the neighborhood flickering as it opens a portal to Derek's bedroom. What it believes to be Derek underneath the sheets is revealed to be the CPR dummy, allowing Lucas to hit the monster with water balloons laced with acetone. As it chases Lucas out to the hall, the Demogorgon trips a baseboard full of nails to hit it, but it rips it down and continues to chase Lucas downstairs. Into the living room, Lucas jumps over the rug concealing the pit hole, causing the Demogorgon to fall through it, and Mike pushing it down with a shovel. It lands on a bush of barbed wire in the basement, while Nancy shoots the tag into its body while Jonathan lights it on fire after throwing a flare onto it. The flaming monster jumps back up to the living room, where Mike once again hits it with the shovel, before it opens a portal through the wall and escapes. Outside, Nancy and Jonathan sprint to the BMW, where Dustin tracks the tag through the decoder and satellite. After crashing through yards and fences, Dustin points to the Demogorgon heading West, changing direction.

Back at the McCorkle barn, Joyce, Will, Robin and Erica wait on bated breath for an update when Derek suddenly regains consciousness, but despite the girls' concern, Will says that it doesn't matter anymore since it means Vecna knows their location, hence why the Demogorgon changed its' direction.

Back in the mindscape, Holly finally arrives at the "X" — the caverns of rocks after following the map. Though she slowly approaches a pathway, she sees through Henry's telescope an unidentified figure, causing her to run away back to the woods as it chases her. Holly loses her balance, scraping her knee on the ground, before hiding behind rocks near a river. As she draws the fire poker to strike, Holly is surprised when the figure greets her, revealing herself to be Max Mayfield.

Chapter Four: Sorcerer

Season 5

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Season Episode: 4

Originally aired:	Wednesday November 26, 2025
Writer:	Paul Dichter
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Show Stars:	Winona Ryder (Joyce Byers), David Harbour (Chief Jim Hopper), Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair), Charlie Heaton (Jonathan Byers), Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler), Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson), Millie Bobby Brown (Jane "Eleven" Hopper), Natalia Dyer (Nancy Wheeler), Cara Buono (Karen Wheeler), Noah Schnapp (Will Byers), Sadie Sink (Maxine "Max" Mayfield), Joe Keery (Steve Harrington), Maya Hawke (Robin Buckley), Priah Ferguson (Erica Sinclair), Brett Gelman (Murray Bauman), Linda Hamilton (Dr. Kay), Jamie Campbell Bower (Vecna / Henry Creel / One / Mr. Whatsit)
Guest Stars:	Nell Fisher (Holly Wheeler), Sherman Augustus (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan), Linnea Berthelsen (Kali), Jake Connelly (Derek Turnbow), Alex Breaux (Lieutenant Robert Akers), Emanuel Borria (Sergeant Luis Ramirez), Calista Craig (Mary), Carson Minniear (Thomas), Eden Stephens (Debbie Miller), Gianluca Gazzo (Glenn), Hope Hynes Love (Miss Harris), Olive Abercrombie (Valerie), Megan Hayes (Jazzercise Lady), Jesse Gavin (Military Base Scientist), Liam Montgomery (Roger), Caroline Abrams (Tina Turnbow), Kingston James (Benji), Alyse Elna Lewis (Wendy), Luke Kokotek (Young Will Byers), Birdy (Teenage Joyce), Graham Harvey (Young Jonathan), Kyle Riggs (Private Chapman), Aidan Armstrong (Danny Harrington), Callaway Corrick (Ashley), Max Rackenberg (Young Mike), Christian Shupe (MP Officer #1), Austin Janowsky (Mr. Miller), Miles Marthaller (Young Will), Birdie Borria (Rebecca), Julian Green (MP Officer #2), Anthony B. Jenkins (Joshua)
Summary:	The military tightens its grip on the town. Mike, Lucas and Robin orchestrate a daring escape. El comes face-to-face with the enemy.



At the McCorkle farm, Joyce Byers attempts to calm a restrained Derek Turnbow and gain his cooperation, but he panics when freed and flees into the barn, trapping himself above. As tensions rise, Will collapses into a seizure, sensing a Demogorgon closing in through the hive mind. The creature attacks the barn, forcing Joyce to defend the children with an axe until Steve arrives in his BMW with Dustin, Nancy, and Jonathan, colliding into it at a high speed. The Demogorgon tears open a portal through the

silos and escapes, and punching the gas, Steve drives into the gate to follow it into the Upside Down. In the aftermath, Will reels from the connection and glimpses captured children, including Holly Wheeler, before Joyce brings him back to himself.

At the Miller house, Debbie Miller is rounded up by the military alongside a majority of Miss Harris' elementary school class on a bus, with Mike Wheeler and Lucas Sinclair noticing as they bike past.

In the Upside Down, the group tracks the Demogorgon cutting through the dimension's equivalent of Roane Cemetery, Hawkins' county line. Dustin struggles to pick up the signal due to interference, causing an argument between him and Steve to erupt and inadvertently crash into a flesh-like wall.

When Joyce fails to make contact with the tracker group, Will paints his vision on the barn wall, revealing children bound to spire-like structures, none of them Derek. The image makes it clear that Will is closely linked to the hive mind and has glimpsed Vecna's larger plan: more children are still targeted beyond those already taken. As the implications sink in, Mike and Lucas arrive with news that the military is rounding up children across Hawkins.

At the Gable Ridge Road Base, Dr. Kay outlines the pattern of recent child kidnappings, concluding that the next targets will be children between the ages 9 and 10. Convinced Eleven is responsible, she orders the remaining children of Hawkins brought to the MAC-Z as bait, placing Sullivan in charge of the operation and dismissing concerns about Akers's fate. When Ramirez objects to using children this way, Kay frames the plan as controlled risk rather than recklessness.

In Vecna's mindscape, Max Mayfield tends to Holly's injury and gently guides her toward the rock caverns, a place Max has made her refuge. Though Holly is confused and suspicious, Max earns her trust by grounding her in shared memories. Inside the cavern, Max reveals that they are trapped within a prison of memories inside Vecna's mind, where she has been hiding and surviving.

Miss Harris's class arrives at the MAC-Z as Erica watches from the bell tower and radios the update to the group at the W.S.Q.K. Radio Station. In the basement, Joyce explains that their tunnel system runs beneath the barracks, forming a plan to extract the children while avoiding the military. Robin suggests digging out through the barracks bathroom, and the group decides to send Derek in as an inside contact to identify the targeted children and the correct exit point.

In the Upside Down, Akers escapes from captivity at the junkyard. Nearby, Eleven and Hopper surveil the military base, weighing whether Vecna could be operating from inside it. As they prepare to breach the perimeter, Dustin contacts them over the radio, letting them know they are in the Upside Down and asking for Eleven's help freeing Steve's car from the flesh wall near Roane Cemetery church. They realize the wall is the same Hopper and Eleven hit earlier, but on the opposite side of town. Hopper orders them to stay put and cuts the connection as he and Eleven move in on the base.

In the mindscape caverns, Max explains to Holly that Vecna is Henry Creel and that his powers caused both Hawkins's destruction and her own death. After dying, Max's consciousness awakened inside Vecna's memory of the massacre of Hawkins National Laboratory in 1979, where Vecna killed the remaining experiments before El banished him to Dimension X. As she ran out to the halls, she walked through the halls of Hawkins High in 1959. She saw a young Joyce handing out fliers for the school play, Oklahoma, featuring Henry as the lead. She was moving through key moments of his past before becoming trapped in a prison of repeating recollections. She describes navigating this space as a choice between surrender, acceptance, or escape, choosing to keep searching for a way out. That search finally breaks when she hears music from the real world, realizing Lucas is still with her and anchoring her to life.

At the MAC-Z, Derek infiltrates the barracks by posing as a lost student. Meanwhile, Murray Bauman arrives at the station with a truck outfitted and supplied to smuggle the children safely out of Hawkins. Derek secretly contacts the group from inside, marking a bathroom stall as their extraction point and starts searching for children linked to Mr. Whatsit. Back in the Upside Down, Eleven and Hopper prepare for their break-in, with Hopper adjusting something underneath his vest. Eleven successfully infiltrates the base, disables a soldier and lets Hopper inside with the soldier's key card.

Derek announces to his classmates that he's been sent by Mr. Whatsit to handpick the children visited by him. Though a majority of them dismiss him, he catches the attention of Debbie Miller and some of the other children. As the radio tower group heads toward the tunnels, Mike and Will reflect on Will's growing connection to the hive mind, realizing he may be able to influence the creatures the way Vecna does, calling him a "sorcerer". Robin notices the exchange from a distance as Mike's faith in Will leaves him quietly flustered.

At the church, Nancy and Steve consider disobeying Hopper's orders to search for Holly. Dustin identifies the strange radio interference from before as being emitted by the flesh wall

in the Upside Down, showing the group that it forms a circle around Hawkins. They realize the signal's epicenter is Hawkins National Laboratory, pointing them toward their next move.

Max continues her story, explaining that after breaking out of Vecna's memories, she reached the moment in 1986 when he cursed her. Following the music, she found the way to the real world, glimpsing Lucas at her bedside but couldn't escape before Vecna caught up to her. Fleeing through the mindscape, she discovered the rock caverns, a place Vecna refuses to enter, and realized they are tied to a buried trauma in Henry's past. She has been hiding there ever since, resigned to her fate until Holly's arrival gave her hope of escape. Max urges Holly to return to the Creel House and to play along, as it would be the only way.

As Joyce guides the group through the tunnels, Robin hangs back to talk with Will, telling him about her crush on Tammy Thompson, sharing how she came to accept herself without needing validation from anyone else. The moment resonates deeply with Will as the group reaches the barracks and Mike and Lucas begin digging their way inside.

In the Upside Down, Akers arrives back at the base as Hopper and Eleven attempt to breach the lab. When a stolen keycard fails, Eleven resorts to using her powers, triggering a security shutdown that activates the Hedgehog devices and overwhelms her. As Eleven collapses, Kay and Akers begin sweeping the lab.

The tunnels group digs through the MAC-Z barracks' bathroom floor, hitting pipes along the way. Out in the main room, Derek has his classmates practice visualization, sending them to them to the restroom one by one, allowing Robin to lead the first children out while posing as one of Mr. Whatsit's helpers.

Inside the military base, Kay finds Eleven hiding in her office and confronts her. Elsewhere in the lab, Akers kills a concealed scientist before crossing paths with Hopper, who eliminates the remaining soldiers and engages Akers in a violent struggle. The fight ends with Akers knocked unconscious, but Hopper is seized by a tentacled creature.

In the tunnels, Mike and Will attempt to contain the burst pipe. Their cover is blown when a student alerts the soldiers, forcing Derek to rush the remaining children toward the escape route. As Joyce redirects Lucas to lead others through the tunnels, Mike, Will, and Derek hold the bathroom door against the advancing troops.

Kay demands answers as Hopper is choked by the tentacles. Weakened Eleven attempts to fight Kay, distracting her as Hopper escaped from the tentacles' clutches. He overpowers Kay, knocking her out and grabbing her key card. Meanwhile, the soldiers overpower the boys, busting their entire group and the escaping children.

Inside the base, Hopper shatters a window to help Eleven escape into the woods. As she realizes he has rigged himself with explosives as a last resort against Vecna, Hopper sends her away, affirming his pride and love for her. Left alone, he moves toward the fight, haunted by memories of losing his daughter.

At the radio station, Robin and the children arrive, loading them into the Bradley's Big Buy truck. Erica warns Robin and Lucas that the remaining group has been exposed and taken in by Sullivan. As they try to explain the larger threat, the situation unravels when Will has another episode, sensing Demogorgons closing in. The base lights begin to flicker as a metal plate ruptures and Demogorgons erupt into the facility, overwhelming the soldiers.

At the same time, more Demogorgons attacks the radio station, causing Robin and Murray to drive off in the truck with their kids. Underneath in the tunnels, Lucas, cornered by two Demogorgons, escapes with the kids he is escorting. In the MAC-Z, Joyce carries an unconscious Will, as she and the rest of the detained group dodge around the chaos. They attempt to run towards the tunnels, a Demogorgon notices them. The soldiers unleash a flamethrower onto the monster, causing Will and the other Demogorgons to scream in pain due to their connection.

At the base, Hopper brings Eleven to the door she saw before. Behind, they find Kali Prasad, Eight, who has been kept captive by Kay.

In the MAC-Z, Vecna reveals himself and attacks the soldier, destroying their flamethrowers and knocks the kids unconscious. Vecna reawakens the demogorgons, which attack Bradley's Big Buy truck and Lucas in the tunnels. The truck tips over into the field, and Lucas is cornered by the Demorgons as one slashes his chest.

As the attack continues, Vecna approaches Will. Joyce tries to defend him, but gets thrown to the side. Vecna questions Will about his budding powers, as the kids they were trying to protect get dragged through the portals. Vecna explains that the children are weak and easily molded,

which is why he chose them as his targets. Vecna directs the Demogorgons to attack Mike, Lucas, and Robin. As they are about to strike, Will draws strength from memories of friendship, family, and belonging and finally acknowledges his conflicting emotions. At Will's gestures, the Demogorgons stop attacking, freezing even in midair, shrieking in pain. Each Demogorgon slowly levitates and their limbs get unnaturally twisted, similar to Vecna's victims, as Joyce and Mike, and everyone else watch in shock. Will's eyes clear and he wipes blood off his nose.

Chapter Five: Shock Jock

Season 5

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Season Episode: 5

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Summary:	The gang hatches an electrifying plan to reconnect Will to the hive mind. Tensions flare during a search of the Upside Down's Hawkins Lab.



Inside the MAC-Z, Will Byers composes himself after utilizing telekinetic powers to kill three demogorgons at once. His mother, Joyce Byers, and his best friend, Mike Wheeler, comfort him, with Mike proclaiming that he's a sorcerer. He laments to Mike that, using his powers, he saw the children they attempted to rescue — Derek Turnbow, Mary, Glenn, Debbie Miller, Thomas, Wendy, Rebecca, and Joshua — were snatched by the monsters, Vecna completing his collection of twelve children. As helicopters ap-

proach the scene, the trio runs to their tunnel system underneath the Radio Shack.

Inside the Dimension X, the Demogorgons place the children against the wall, enclosed in flesh-like walling as tentacles lodge themselves down each child's throat. In Camazotz, the children awake to a field, greeted by Mr. Whatsit as he brings them to the Creel House. The children greet Holly Wheeler as Max Mayfield spies in the woods through a telescope. Inside the living room, Mr. Whatsit repeats the same rules he told Holly — his home is their sanctuary as long as they don't venture off into the woods. He warns them that evil is spreading across Hawkins,

similar to the Black Thing in the book *A Wrinkle in Time*, but he has a solution to defeat it. He discovered a monsterless world called "the light", and believes that the dozen kids have dormant powers that can be activated to bring them closer to the world and save their loved ones. Holly grows concerned when Henry says he doesn't intend to leave Camazotz again, something Derek takes notice of.

In the Upside Down military base, the Wolf pack burns through the door containing Kali "Eight" Prasad", finding her unmoved from her imprisonment while Jim Hopper and Eleven remain on the loose. As Lt. Robert Akers has the team sweep the area, Dr. Kay discovers that Kali's presence is an illusion, stemming from the girl's powers. The illusion fades since Kali is revealed to be too far from the base, driving with El and Hopper in a military car.

In the tunnel system, a wounded Lucas Sinclair is tended to by Joyce, Mike, and Will. After recovering, Lucas joins in on celebrating his friend's powers, believing he lives up to his D&D alias, Will the Wise. Will dismisses it since he can only channel Vecna's powers by being near the hive mind, and reveals to the boys that Vecna referred to the children as his new "vessels", feeding into Lucas' theory that November 6th — the anniversary of Will's capture — will be Vecna's plan commencing. Reaching the W.S.Q.K. radio station, Joyce ponders with Will if they can reach back into the hive mind, but instead uses his powers against Vecna. She believes that Vecna underestimating Will is the ultimate weapon, praising Will for being "extraordinary".

In the Upside Down, Hopper, El, and Kali reach the cemetery church to meet Dustin Henderson, Nancy Wheeler, Jonathan Byers, and Steve Harrington. El confronts Hopper over his suicide attempt at the military base. Hopper defends himself that it was a "fail-safe" option, but El argues that he always intended to take out Vecna alone by dying in vain. Kali informs the pair that their friends are missing.

The quartet arrives at the dimension's version of Hawkins National Laboratory. Inside the lobby, Dustin explains to the trio that the Upside Down's wall has an energy shield that has dark magic used by Vecna to hide Holly and the children. Since the epicenter of the walls is in the lab, the shield must be inside it, allowing the group to destroy it. When they reach the lab's stairwells, Nancy proclaims that she and Jonathan will explore upstairs while Dustin and Steve go downstairs, despite the boys' protests.

Back in Camazotz, the children celebrate their freedom by playing, watching television, and eating sweets. In Alice Creel's bedroom, Mary tries on clothes as Holly sneaks outside to the woods. She meets Max and alerts her of Henry's plan to draw another world and that they must leave before tomorrow. The girls are alerted when they discover Derek hiding behind a log. Derek swears to them that he's turned over his "Dipshit Derek" persona and wants to help, revealing that he knows their loved ones and Vecna's true motives. He asks if he can join in escaping Camazotz, to which Max refuses, but Holly believes that he can help if he distracts Henry by reigniting his "dipshit" behavior.

Inside the radio station, Joyce explains to the group — now joined by Robin Buckley, Murray Bauman, and Erica Sinclair — the plan to get Will close to the hive mind to kill Vecna. However, the group remains in awe of Will's powers. Joyce suggests building another telemetry tag to find the rest of the group, but Mike tells her that only Dustin would know how to operate one. Stumped, the group takes a break to eat snacks and contemplate. Lucas microwaves popcorn while Erica roams the station to find an old newspaper clipping featuring a young Dustin visiting the station with his science teacher, Scott Clarke. The siblings each suddenly have an epiphany, rushing to the group to tell them — Erica explains that since Mr. Clarke taught Dustin everything he knows, he'd be a great substitute to help. Lucas brings up when the Party heated a possessed Billy Hargrove in the community pool's sauna to activate the Mind Flayer. Like popcorn kernels, if they inject electricity through the station's radio tower into the carcass of a Demorgorgon, the dormant particles will activate and allow Will access. Joyce encourages using both of the plans, believing that at least one of them can work.

Inside the Upside Down's Hawkins Lab, Dustin and Steve find the Rainbow Room. The boys' bickering causes Dustin to leave Steve in the children's wing while he searches the basement. Meanwhile, as Jonathan and Nancy search upstairs, Jonathan confronts the latter on her recent coldness towards him, citing the friction going on with Steve. Nancy dismisses his concerns, causing Jonathan to admit that he's scared of what the future holds, and that they should be honest if they want to survive. Nancy then catches Jonathan hesitating when she insinuates his lack of honesty in the past. As she walks off, he takes out the John Coltrane cassette tape

containing an engagement ring, frustrated. He then notices a warped door, its knob melted as he busts it open. The two find a stairwell frozen in place from melting.

Back near the church, Hopper uses the radio to message the group. Inside, El apologizes to Kali for not finding her sooner. Kali admits that she knew of Henry's existence, but not him still alive. She dismisses El's belief that killing Henry will solve their problems, revealing the details of her capture; Dr. Kay's agents found Kali's group in Chicago, killing her friends — Axel, Dottie, Funshine, and Mick — and capturing Kali. Shaving her head, strapped down, and heavily drugged for an unspecified amount of time, Kay drained Kali for blood daily. One day, after feigning her death by fainting, she took out three doctors with surgical tools and escaped the lab using a key card.

Back in Camazotz, Derek confidently walks into the woods, causing Debbie, Rebecca, and Thomas to run back into the Creel House to alert Henry. As he walks, he uses a compass and a map given by Max. Near the rock caverns, Max tells Holly that they'll use Henry's memory trail to find his first memory of Holly, allowing them to escape.

Back at the station, Will and Robin prepare a pumpkin as a test for the voltage experiment. Robin thanks Will for saving her from one of the Demogorgons, while Will thanks her for motivating him by telling him about how she triumphed over her crush on Tammy Thompson. Will asks how she got the courage to pursue her girlfriend, Vickie Dunne, to which Robin explains that it helped to tell close friends, revealing that she told Steve two years prior, shocking Will. She does admit that they had been injected with truth serum by the Russians beforehand, but it helped her confidence regardless, inspiring Will. The experiment soon proves to work as the pumpkin fries are affected by the voltage.

In Camazotz, Holly brings Max to the field that brought her there. They quickly find a floating door, which reveals the basement of the Wheeler home. Climbing down the stairs, they find the memory of Holly and Mary watching a scary movie, not realizing Mr. Whatsit was watching outside in the pouring rain. Poking through the wall, the girls discover that when Holly first met Mr. Whatsit, after school in the library, where he approached her, reading *A Wrinkle in Time*.

In Hawkins Lab, Dustin returns to the Rainbow Room empty-handed, once again causing an argument between him and Steve. Dustin scolds Steve for his lack of caring, causing him to argue that Dustin's self-righteousness and refusal to be wrong have caused them to be in their predicament. Dustin deflects, bringing up that his flirtation with Nancy has left him alone, reminiscing about how Eddie Munson was a true friend to him and was intelligent. Steve then coldly asks why wasn't Eddie still alive if he was so smart, bringing up that his sacrifice the year prior made no difference, and he died from making a dumb call. Enraged, Dustin attacks Steve, inadvertently damaging their radio. The scuffle eventually lands the two behind the room facing the Rainbow Room. After punching Steve in the face, causing him to walk off, Dustin stewes in anger until he discovers a door behind him. Inside, he finds Dr. Martin Brenner's office full of journals and documents that resemble the map Dustin drew for the wall. Upstairs, Nancy and Jonathan further investigate the melted fallout, noticing the lack of spores and corpses trapped in the goo.

Kali continues the story of her escape, stealing a gun and reaching another room after evading Kay. Inside, she discovered the intentions of why Kay was using her blood — a line of dying, impregnated women were being infused with Kali's blood, before she was recaptured. Using her powers, Kali told El that Kay was repeating what Brenner had done to El's mother, Terry Ives, infusing her blood with Henry's during her pregnancy, making El the closest match to restart the program. El becomes fearful when Kali projects a vision of Kay capturing El, with Kali proclaiming that they'll never have a happy ending. Hopper enters the church as Kali wipes her nose.

Back in the woods of Camazotz, Henry finds Derek in the woods, pinning him to the ground. Derek's quips are quickly snuffed out when Henry threatens to kill his entire family if he doesn't reveal who gave him the map and compass. Meanwhile, Max and Holly arrive at the memory of when her teacher, Miss Harris, saw her talk to Mr. Whatsit on the school playground. She then notices an error in the memory, the merry-go-round being off color. Using her fire poker, Holly hits the base of the carousel to find the memory of when a Demogorgon invaded her bedroom to capture her. The girls climb through the hole, believing that they've reached the memory that'll bring them back home.

At the radio station, Joyce pulls the van away over the electrical shed with rope tied to the Demogorgon's corpse, with Lucas, Will, and Robin hoisting it up to the roof of the shed. Mike

then nails the carcass down with connected electric wires. Will sits on the ground preparing to tap into the hive mind, thanking his mother for his support. Robin runs inside the shed and begins turning up the voltage, causing the Demogorgon's particles to ignite as Will taps in its subconscious. He sees the spires holding the children, tapping into Derek's subconscious as he returns to the Creel House, where he tells the children that Mr. Whatsit is searching for Holly, who was captured by a red-haired monster. Will reveals Max's identity, shocking Lucas.

Max and Holly reach the climax of the final memory, where the Demogorgon strikes down Karen Wheeler, Holly's mother, as it drags Holly to the Upside Down. Holly laments how cowardly she was for not helping her mother, but Max believes she's persevered since then. They reach the front door, revealing Vecna's mindscape. Before they can leave, the door closes as the electricity pulsates. Henry, transforming from Mr. Whatsit to One, reveals himself on the stairwell, as the girls run to the den. Max breaks open a window with the fire poker as One transforms into Vecna. Holly, frozen in fear, stands as Vecna grabs Max by the throat, affecting her physical body at Hawkins Memorial Hospital as her air supply is cut off. Suddenly, Vecna's subconscious is taken over by Will, releasing Max from her grip as Will snaps Vecna's right leg in half. The girls watch as Will, through Vecna, screams to Max that she needs to run. The girls run out through the kitchen. Vecna then repairs his leg, returning to his form of Mr. Whatsit as he forces Will to get out of his mind. He causes Will to be thrown back and be knocked out. Robin cranks the electricity onto the Demogorgon, causing the particles of the Mind Flayer to fly out of the corpse above the radio tower into the sky.

Back in the Upside Down, Nancy and Jonathan arrive at the roof of Hawkins Lab covered in goop. Using their flashlights, they notice a reflection in the air. Hitting it with a pipe, the pair cause the orb of exotic matter to light up. Inside Brenner's office, Dustin hears Jonathan through his damaged walkie-talkie, telling him they found the shield generator. Dustin frantically attempts to tell Jonathan not to touch or do anything with the orb, taping the walkie's antenna before sprinting to the stairwell. As Nancy loads her shotgun, Dustin sprints up the stairs, screaming into the radio that he was incorrect on the shield generator, and destroying it will result in everyone dying. Jonathan instinctively points down Nancy's gun, asking if this was a good idea. Nancy admits that it isn't, but redraws her aim and fires into the orb.

Chapter Six: Escape from Camazotz

Season 5

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Guest Stars: Nell Fisher (Holly Wheeler), Randall P. Havens (Mr. Scott Clarke), Amybeth McNulty (Vickie Dunne), Linnea Berthelsen (Kali), Fred Koehler (Scientist), Chantell D. Christopher (Doris), Maksim Blatt (Young Henry Creel), Christi Waldon (Marissa), Boone Platt (MP Officer #3), Courtney Grace (Nurse), Kevin Dorman (MP Officer #4)
Summary: As Holly and Max fight to escape Vecna's mind, El must find a way into Will's. Joyce wrestles with guilt. Jonathan and Nancy face a turning point.



In the Upside Down's version of Hawkins National Laboratory, Dustin Henderson sprints up the stairwell, screaming into his broken radio to Nancy Wheeler and Jonathan Byers not to interact with the shield generator, passing by Steve Harrington. On the roof, Nancy has fired off a shot into the orb, causing it to react negatively, sparking lightning. The orb sets off a shock-wave reaction, knocking Nancy and Jonathan unconscious as it ruptures the dimension and causes the goo surrounding them. Steve asks what

happened, causing Dustin to explain that after uncovering Martin Brenner's journal, he admits that his theory on the Upside Down was wrong; referring to the shield generator as exotic matter, it holds the dimension's wall in place since behind it is neither Vecna nor the missing children, but a black hole that can consume the human race in whole. The Upside Down is a wormhole, a "bridge" in two points of time between worlds, and its collapse will take them with it.

At the end of the dimension near the church, Jim Hopper, Eleven, and Kali Prasad witness the shock wave hitting the wall, causing Steve's BMW lodged inside it to shake as it's pulled through the opposite end. The hole exerts a gravitational pull, drawing gravesites and trees toward it. The trio, using El's powers to shield them, makes their way to a gate opened from the flying debris.

In Hawkins, Erica Sinclair and Murray Bauman bang on the door of Scott Clarke, begging him to make a telemetry tag. Scott, embarrassed to be seen having an intimate night with Marissa, the town librarian, initially dismisses them until Erica tells him his star-pupil, Dustin, is in danger.

In Camazotz, Max Mayfield and Holly Wheeler flee the maze of Henry's memory, running to the Rachel Caves to hide. An injured Henry, unable to go in, attempts to coax Holly out, telling her that Max has lied to her. Holly sees through the lie, calling Henry a disgusting monster, causing Henry to drop his Mr. Whatsit persona and tell her that he'll have no choice but to kill Max. Max interjects, teasing him for not being able to enter the caverns, but Henry tells her that there are other ways to get to her before leaving.

By the morning of November 6th, at the W.S.Q.K. Radio Station, Joyce Byers tends to her unconscious son, Will Byers, after using his newly-found powers against Vecna caused him to be knocked out. His friends, Mike Wheeler, Lucas Sinclair, and Robin Buckley ponder why Will hasn't been unplugged from the hive mind since he exorcised the particles of the Mind Flayer out of the Demogorgon's corpse the night prior. Robin, using records as a visual aid, shows the boys how Will, Max, and Holly's consciousnesses are all imprisoned in versions of the Upside Down, meaning all three must be unconscious. Ergo, Max was never in a coma, but rather put in a trance by Vecna. If Max and Holly escape, Max will return to her physical body at Hawkins Memorial Hospital and, upon returning to reality, tell the group where Holly and the other children are. Mike sends Lucas and Robin to rescue Max from the hospital while he and Joyce look after Will. In Will's mind, he awakens inside the Upside Down's Hawkins Public Library, the same place he was taken four years prior. Tied up by tentacles, Vecna reveals himself, informing Will that he was responsible for creating the tunnel system in his subconscious in 1984, being the perfect vessel and "spy" for Vecna. Despite Max taking Holly, he still has the rest of the children to build his vision. He says he'll need to use him one last time, raising his clawed left hand to use his powers, causing Will to scream as his eyes bleed.

In the Rachel Caves, Holly uses Henry's telescope to keep an eye out, but Max brings her back to her sanctuary, insisting that it was Eleven who possessed Vecna the night prior and that they must wait for her to rescue them. Holly asks Max if she has a theory as to why Henry is so scared to enter the caverns. Max believes that, as they each have a traumatic memory Henry pursues, the caverns must be his, though nothing inside them is traumatic. Eyeing the desert behind the cave, Holly believes the traumatic memory lies there and that discovering it will lead them to the exit, even as Max protests. After searching, Holly notices the indent on the telescope's protective cap aligns perfectly with the shape of the cave, now telling Max they should return to the cave. She shows Max the shape lineup, believing that something must've crashed in the desert that'll lead them to their next clue. Just then, the ground underneath Holly collapses, revealing a passageway with a ladder as Max grabs Holly in time from falling. Climbing down, the girls follow a trail of blood to find an injured scientist clutching a briefcase. He aims a gun behind them, realizing they found the final memory, as a young Henry Creel in a Boy Scout uniform approaches the scientist to help him. Believing him to be a spy, the scientist shoots Henry in the left hand, causing him to wrestle the gun away from him. The girls watch in horror as Henry grabs a rock and bashes the scientist's head in, with Max pulling her away to find a dead end covered in rocks. As Max attempts to puncture through it, Holly watches from the corner of the memory as Henry takes the scientist's briefcase. Opening it, particles of the Mind Flayer begin to leak out. However, Max grabs Holly and tells her she broke through the rocks, hearing Kate Bush playing on the other side. They each climb through the formation, arriving in the mindscape as the song echoes throughout the mind lair.

At the radio station, Joyce and Mike greet Hopper, El, and Kali, who arrive in a hijacked hearse. Inside, they examine Will's body. El sits in the D.J. booth to explore the Void for Will's consciousness. Downstairs, Hopper informs Mike on the status of the wall in the Upside Down, believing it to be connected to Holly and Max. Kali arrives, telling them that El is struggling, soon causing friction between her and Hopper. Hopper brings up Kali telling El that killing Vecna won't fix their problems, shocking Mike, while Kali retaliates by mentioning the lie he told El about his suicide mission during the crawl. She remains adamant that Vecna's death will be pointless in stopping El from being sought after by the government.

When the lights begin to flicker, the group returns upstairs to find a frustrated El unable to find Will, causing Hopper to suggest using their home-made deprivation tank at their cabin. At the cabin, Hopper comforts Joyce in his bedroom as she admits how guilty she feels for encouraging Will to use his powers. Hopper tells her that, as parents, they'll always have to make the wrong decisions for their children, but it's never out of malice. In the living room, Mike brings up what Kali said to El, causing her to admit that Dr. Kay was restarting Brenner's

program of experimenting on children. As Kali eavesdrops from El's bedroom, El explains to Mike that he can't determine their "happy ending", that no matter how far they'll go, she'll always be hunted. Mike, however, believes that they and the Party can reshape how their adventure ends, starting by rescuing Will. In the bathtub, El successfully finds Will in the Void, using her powers to untie him from the vines. He apologizes to her that Vecna used him as a spy to discover where Max's body was in the hospital. The two wake up in reality, telling the group that Vecna intends to kill Max and that they must get to the hospital.

In the Upside Down, Dustin and Steve debate why the exotic matter stabilized instead of collapsing, with Steve desiring to find Nancy and Jonathan and climb up the building further. They see the irritated orb above an opening as they watch in shock. They eventually reach a stairwell, collapsing from the goop, leaving a large gap. Finding a ladder in a storage closet, Steve attempts to use it to get across, despite its instability. Dustin, triggered by his memory of Eddie Munson sacrificing himself, breaks down sobbing and begs Steve not to risk his life. As they hug, the ladder collapses from the gap, flying down the holes formed through the floors.

In an office, Nancy and Jonathan wake to find the roof has melted from the goop, which is beginning to flood the room they landed in. As the doorknob breaks off, the couple frantically attempts to break it down. Nancy breaks off a chair leg and attempts to use it to pierce the door, but it causes more goop to spurt out and fill the room even faster. The two climb onto the table in the middle of the room to hold them afloat as they scream for help. With nobody coming, Nancy admits that she hates the Clash, Jonathan's favorite band. Wanting to be honest with one another, the two laugh as they admit their gripes against each other's flaws and hobbies. Jonathan finally admits that he never applied to Emerson College.

In contrast, Nancy admits that she avoided going to see him for spring break while he lived in Lenora Hills, California, the year prior. They agree that they wanted distance from one another, believing their "shared trauma" exhausted them as a couple. Nancy also points out that, while Steve's a nice guy, his vision of being a family man doesn't align with her future. With one last confession, Jonathan reveals an engagement ring hidden in a John Coltrane cassette, saying he believed it would fix their relationship. He asks her if she'll not marry him and accepts his "un-proposal", to which Nancy tearfully says yes. Embracing both their former romantic love and current platonic love for one another, Jonathan tosses the ring, only for it to land on the now hardened goo. The melting has stabilized, causing Nancy and Jonathan to jump up and celebrate.

At Hawkins Memorial Hospital, Lucas and Robin arrive but fail to check in, prompting the receptionist to call security. Before leaving on the elevator, Robin is snatched by a furious Vickie Dunne, who confronts her about stealing benzos from a patient and MPs searching for her. Meanwhile, Lucas arrives in Max's room to play Kate Bush's "Running Up That Hill" to help her, noticing her body beginning to twitch. After Robin explains to her girlfriend her involvement with the Upside Down, an angry Vickie believes that she's suffering from illusions from going through withdrawal. When Robin overhears MPs searching for her outside, she attempts to sneak out, but is cornered in the hall by two guards. They intend to take Robin to jail, believing her to be a drug addict, despite Vickie's protests. Suddenly, the hospital's lights begin to flicker as Vickie notices a Demodog approaching the corner. She screams as the monster charges at the shooting guards, killing them as Robin and Vickie sprint away. Realizing that they weren't after them, Robin uses the receptionist's phone to call Lucas, but Vickie instead taps her into the hospital's intercom. Over the speaker, Robin alerts Lucas that the Demodogs are coming for him and Max, and that he and Max should meet her and Vickie in the basement to escape to the parking lot.

Meanwhile, an injured Karen Wheeler awakens to the commotion, ripping her IV tubes and noticing a cluster of oxygen tanks in her room. Lucas, holding Max's body and the radio, runs to the elevator, kicking a Demodog away as it departs. Arriving in the basement, the group locks themselves in the laundry room, hiding behind laundry machines as the dogs block the exit and break down the room's door. Vickie apologizes to Robin for believing her to be an addict. On the other hand, Robin apologizes to her for leading a double life, promising to take her to Enzo's when this was all over. As the dogs search the room, Robin tells Lucas that they need to turn off the radio, but Lucas insists that Max is close to returning. As the dogs circle their surroundings, the dogs hear a dryer's buzzer go off. They approach a dryer set to high as an oxygen tank bounces inside, exploding and killing the monsters. The kids rise up from the rubble as they watch Karen reveal herself, saving them.

In the mindscape, Max finally sees a portal showing her body in Lucas' arms. She tells Holly that she'll need to find her body on her own, that music isn't the only way to escape. She brings up the Holly the Heroic D&D figure, connecting her to the physical world since it motivates bravery. Still, Holly dismisses it, believing she's a coward for not helping either her mother or Max when they were attacked. Max comforts her, telling her there was nothing she could've done in those moments, and brings up how brave she was to disobey Henry and save her from being stuck in Camazotz. Suddenly, a portal reveals Holly's location in a separate area. Promising to rescue her, Max hugs Holly as they depart for their respective portals, jumping into them.

Chapter Seven: The Bridge

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Summary:	On the anniversary of Will's disappearance, the party reunites to prepare for a battle with world-altering implications.



In the basement of Hawkins Memorial Hospital, Max Mayfield awakens from her nearly two-year coma, her first sight being her boyfriend, Lucas Sinclair, alongside Robin Buckley, Karen Wheeler, and Vickie Dunne. Slowly regaining her motor skills, the couple tearfully hug as she thanks him for staying by her side. Jim Hopper, Eleven, Mike Wheeler, and Kali Prasad join in on the reunion as Robin explains where Max is, showing how Karen killed a group of Demodogs. Max realises that Vecna will be angry that

her plan failed, concerned for Holly Wheeler's safety.

Holly awakens inside an enclosed structure, slowly tearing herself out of her cocoon and ripping out the tentacle lodged in her throat. She falls to the ground as she vomits up particles of the Mind Flayer. Seeing her unconscious friends trapped in spires while Vecna's physical form hangs above in vines, Holly runs out of the structure, a Pain Tree, to find the desolate wasteland known as Dimension X. Suddenly, Vecna awakens, the tentacles bringing him down as Holly flees into the craters. As he slowly follows her, she trips over a gap in the ground that leads to the Upside Down. As Holly climbs through it, however, she transports herself into the sky, sending her flying downward and screaming.

In the Upside Down's Hawkins Lab, Jonathan Byers and Nancy Wheeler remain trapped in an enclosed room until Steve Harrington busts down a wall of hardened goop with a fire extinguisher. Alongside Dustin Henderson, the group reunites as he explains that what they thought was a shield generator was actually exotic matter that's holding the Upside Down in place, revealing Martin Brenner's journal that Holly and the children aren't on the opposite end of the dimension's wall, leaving them stumped. Just then, they hear Holly's screams outside as her body flies towards the lab. The quartet rushes outside to see Holly floating in the air, screaming for help as she's launched back upward into the sky. Vecna uses his powers to drag an unconscious Holly back into the Pain Tree, placing her back into her spire.

In Hawkins, Erica Sinclair, Murray Bauman, and Scott Clarke stand in separate locations to trilaterate with balloons attached to strings as they pinpoint Dustin's telemetry tag. Murray argues via walkie-talkie that they need to "cut" their losses, prompting Scott to have an epiphany and instruct the others to cut their balloons loose. Doing so then causes their trackers to secure Dustin's location.

Back at the Hopper cabin, Will Byers laments being used by Vecna as a spy. Despite his mother, Joyce Byers, telling him good news regarding Max, Will's stuck on the fact that the anniversary of his capture has arrived, and his match against Vecna is obsolete since he purposefully targeted Will for his "weakness". He reveals to Joyce that during his possession in 1984, his subconscious inadvertently created the tunnel system underneath Hawkins, guilt-ridden over how many have died from it plaguing Hawkins. Joyce comforts and hugs him, believing that Holly's escape means that he won't have a chance to infect the other dozen children.

Back at Hawkins Memorial Hospital, army officers arrive in droves to search the area following the demodog's attack. Meanwhile, Vickie brings a wheelchair to the basement for Max to use. Max explains to the group that she instructed Holly to go to the Upside Down's equivalent of the Wheeler house. While they ponder how to access the nearest gate, Karen is left puzzled as the kids attempt to explain the lore of the Upside Down to her and where Holly might be. Lucas relays to the group, via the walkie, that Mr. Clarke has located Dustin. As they all exit, Karen loses her balance, with Vickie believing that her injuries are still too raw for her to travel outside the hospital. Despite her protest, Mike thanks her for her protection, but he'll know how to take care of himself and rescue Holly, causing Karen to tearfully hug her son and agree to stay.

The group meets Erica, Murray, and Mr. Clarke at Right-Side Up's Hawkins Lab, where a confused Scott is told what the Upside Down is while Erica is shocked by Max's presence. Murray alerts the crew that he found Dustin on the radio, with Dustin tapping in that they found Holly before the audio cuts out. Reaching the corner of the lab, El uses her powers to destroy the security cameras, leaving Scott in awe. In the field, El lifts a metal plate placed over the rift formed the year prior, having the group climb into the Upside Down. There, they reunite with Dustin, Nancy, Jonathan, and Steve, who explain Holly's second vanishing.

In the MAC-Z barracks, a badly injured Colonel Jack Sullivan gives Dr. Kay and Lt. Robert Akers his account of witnessing Vecna's destruction and telekinetic powers. Outside, Akers mouths off to Kay over their failing efforts to contain both Eleven and the Upside Down's presence. Kay snaps, pinning Akers against a wall, saying that the army and children's deaths are on hands. After she storms off, Akers is radioed by his fellow soldier to tell him of a breach at Hawkins Lab. There, he examines El's removal of the steel plate, believing her to be growing sloppy and commanding that they go back to the dimension to find her.

At the W.S.Q.K. Radio Station, Joyce and Will join the group, with Will reuniting with Max. As Lucas tours Max around the radio station, she grows emotional over Holly being left alone, though Lucas remains determined that they'll find her. Dustin believes that he's discovered Holly's location. Drawing on the recording booth's glass, he shows the group a diagram; he explains that the Upside Down is an unstable bridge that rips through space and time. The opposite end of Hawkins is what he calls "The Abyss", where Vecna is actually holding the children and where the creatures of the Upside Down originate. When El made contact with the Demogorgon in 1983, she triggered the bridge to form between the Abyss and the world. Following the Party's attempts to kill Vecna in the spring of 1986, he fled there to hide and weaken the Abyss's structure. By kidnapping the kids, he'll use them like Will as vessels to merge the Abyss between worlds by that night, November 6th. Hopper suggests that they return to the Wolf Pack's base in the Upside Down and force a soldier to fly them up towards the Abyss, though it's shut down when the kids point out that it won't be able to fit between the rift, causing an argument to

ensue. Steve suddenly has an idea, showing the group with a flashlight to represent the Squawk radio tower and a slinky to represent the bridge. If they allow the Abyss to draw close enough to the Upside Down, they'll have El tap into the Void through the radio tower and ambush Vecna. But when El points out that she'll still be too far to tap into Vecna's mind, Nancy brings up that the Upside Down's Hawkins Lab will be underneath his lair, and since it's frozen in time, the sensory deprivation tanks remain for her to use. Kali suggests joining her to help fight Vecna in the Void, while Max will guide them since she knows her way around. Dustin adds that they set a timed bomb near the exotic matter, which will collapse the bridge behind the Party once they escape.

As Joyce and Hopper walk towards the tunnels, Hopper voices his distrust of Kali and dismisses the tension between him and El, promising to kill Kali if he puts his daughter in any danger. Joyce sympathizes with him, promising it'll be their last crawl as he departs for the tunnels. Inside the station, Max and Vickie talk to Will about whether the plan will work. Max encourages him to go into the hive mind, despite his worrying about being taken advantage of again, until Max brings up Vecna's fear of the Rachel Caves, realizing that everyone has a fear holding them back. In the basement, Mike shows Robin his prototype of the bomb, using a wired bike bell to trigger a D&D figure on a vinyl record.

Meanwhile, the teens load on weapons, with Dustin giving Steve the homemade spears he and Eddie Munson made the year prior. The boys apologise to one another for their fight in the Upside Down, saying how much they missed one another and will have their backs during the final battle. Meanwhile, Erica and Mr. Clarke decipher the base's gate signals by spying on top of the church. After using her powers to turn Murray's Bradley's Big Buy truck upward, El and Kali meet each other spiritually in the Void to talk. Kali repeats her argument to El that no matter how far she runs off with Mike and kills Dr. Kay, the cycle will continue. To stop it, she suggests that during the battle, the two stay behind as the bridge collapses, freeing them from having to run. Their conversation is interrupted when Murray starts the truck's engine. Upon returning to the station, the crew loads their weapons into the truck. Will approaches Joyce to talk alone. Inside, he reveals to her what Vecna did to him while he was unconscious. He explains that, despite his efforts to use happy memories, Vecna pushed past them and confronted Will with his deepest secret. Since Will knows he can beat Vecna by using his fear of the Rachel Caves, he must first overcome his greatest fear. Before he can tell her, Mike walks in, causing Will to tell everyone to come inside. As they circle, Will nervously admits that, as much as he shares interests and hobbies with his friends, he has one difference that he feels separates him — that he doesn't like girls romantically.

Despite believing he was over the "crush" he had, Vecna's vision made him fear that who he is would cause his loved ones to distance themselves from him. Joyce, Mike, Dustin, Lucas, Max, Jonathan, and Robin each comfort and hug him, promising that he'd never lose them. He then tells El that he needs to be by her side to fight Vecna. By night, at the MAC-Z, Murray speeds the Bradley's Big Buy truck towards the gate, deactivating from Mr. Clarke's interception. Erica radios Hopper the firing guard's locations as he fires inside Radio Shack, striking the guards down. Reaching inside the main base, Nancy fires her gun through a hole in the truck roof against Kay and her men. Giving him an opening, Hopper joins the group — Joyce, El, Mike, Dustin, Lucas, Will, Nancy, Jonathan, Steve, Robin, and Kali — in the cargo compartment as the truck descends into the Upside Down, leaving Kay to watch in defeat.

In Camazotz, Henry returns to his form as Mr. Whatsit as he lays a sleeping Holly in his sister's bedroom. He gathers the concerned children into the living room, feeding them the lie that Max was a monster who tricked Holly and worked for the Black Thing. Derek Turnbow's attempts to convince his classmates to return home are quickly shut down by them, while Mary suggests that she and the others could convince Holly to return "back to the light". The kids repeat the phrase as Derek remains unsettled over their cult-like behavior. When Holly awakens, she's surrounded by Mary and the others, who don't believe her claims of Mr. Whatsit's true intentions. She desperately tries to have Derek vouch for her story, but after being threatened by Vecna that his family would be killed, he takes the side of the kids. As Holly turns away to a dresser, she grabs the radio Henry gave her and smacks Mary in the face with it, making a run for the exit. Thomas and Rebecca hold her down on the stairway alcove while Mary begins choking Holly with her necklace of Holly the Heroic. The necklace snaps, breaking as Holly loses her balance and falls down the stairs, once again getting knocked out. Later, the children gather

around the dinner table as Henry lights candles. Henry leads the table in joining hands, with a bruised and barely conscious Holly sitting at the opposite side. He tells them it's time, closing his eyes as the children fall into a trance. Their eyes and neck roll back as a clock chimes.

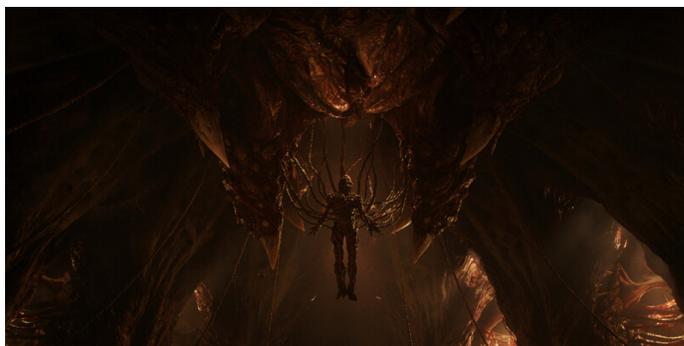
Chapter Eight: The Rightside Up

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Summary: As Vecna prepares to destroy the world as we know it, the party must put everything on the line to defeat him once and for all.



In the MAC-Z, Dr. Kay confronts the soldier operating the gate allowing the Party to get through into the Upside Down. Inside the abandoned Radio Shack, the soldier swears that it had to have been a malfunction, and Kay realizes he's right upon discovering leftover boxes for short-wave radio kits.

In the Upside Down, the Bradley's Big Buy truck stops near Hawkins National Laboratory. Jim Hopper, Eleven, Murray

Bauman, and Kali Prasad are dropped off to start phase one of their plan. Mike Wheeler stops El to encourage her that things will return to normal once they defeat Vecna. As the quarter departs, they're unknowingly watched by Lt. Robert Akers, who's defying Kay's orders with his fellow soldiers and hunting El and Kali for himself.

In the Creel House inside of Camazotz, Henry continues to harness the twelve kidnapped children inside the Abyss to collide the dimension into the Upside Down, causing the collapse between the two worlds and the end of the Right-Side Up.

In the bell-tower of the local church, Scott Clarke grows concerns over the group's arrival, though Erica Sinclair dismisses it and praises him for helping him save the world. However, the church is compromised when Dr. Kay arrives with her soldiers to find the W.S.Q.K. Radio Station parked outside of it.

Inside the W.S.Q.K. Radio Station, a concerned Vickie Dunne uses the radio to her girlfriend, Robin Buckley, over them climbing the station's radio tower in the Upside Down. The Party each climb opposite ends of the tower to reach the approaching Abyss.

Inside Hawkins Lab, Murray loads fuel into the power generator while Hopper, El, and Kali arrive at the sensory deprivation tank, reminding El of Martin Brenner using it on her to open the gate to the Upside Down four years prior. Murray takes position on the roof for lookout, while Hopper will give knocking signals to El against the tank for when the Abyss approaches so she and Kali can wake up in time. El makes Hopper promise not to wake her until Vecna is dead, while Hopper makes her promise that they leave Hawkins when she's done. El is lowered inside the tank while she and Kali sink into the Void.

As the group climbs the radio tower, Mike and Will stop for a drink break, where Mike apologizes to Will for not being there for him when he was struggling with his sexuality. Will says that it happened the way it did because it took so long for him to understand it himself, and the boys solidify their relationship as best friends.

Back at the radio station, Vickie runs off to the kitchen for food to calm her nerves, only to discover Max Mayfield has been brought into the Void. Max, able to walk out of her wheelchair, meets El and Kali outside the station.

The Party finally reaches the top of the tower, eyeing the dimension approaching them from above. Murray radios the impending arrival to Hopper, who bangs against the tank wall. In the Void, the trio find Vecna's body, where El takes his hand and they're transported throughout Henry's memories. They finally arrive in November of 1959, at Hawkins High School, where Joyce Byers is advertising the school's play for "Oklahoma", with Henry as the lead. Realizing that they're too far to get to the Creel House in time, Max has an idea for a shortcut.

In reality, Vickie sees Dr. Kay and her cronies arrive outside the station. She wheels and hides Max's body behind the secret bookshelf leading to the basement.

In the Upside Down, the antenna of the radio tower doesn't align with the gates to the Abyss, with the Party realizing that they'll be crushed. Dustin screams into the radio for Hopper to hurry within the next thirty seconds. As Hopper bangs on the tank once again, the trio in the Void arrive at the memory of the play. Max times the curtains dropping for the girls to jump through the Creel House. They arrive to stop Henry's seance, with El throwing him out the window and snapping the children out of their trance. As the antenna collapses against the weight, the crew all lose balance as Steve Harrington rolls off. However, Jonathan Byers catches him in time as El's disruption stops the collision. The Party climbs through the Gate to the Abyss.

In the Creel House, Max and Holly Wheeler reunite while also disproving Henry's lies to the other children that Max is a monster. Henry re-emerges through the living room, with the children missing. El tells him that his plan failed and the children are with Max. Henry then uses his powers to put El in a both metaphorical and literal chokehold, where his plan is revealed that he wants to use the children to harness their vulnerability for the Mind Flayer. Unbeknownst to him, the children witness him attacking El with Kali using her powers to create an invisible cloak for them to see Henry morph into Vecna. The children realize Holly was telling the truth, trusting Max and follow her to the Rachel Caves through the woods. As Henry taps into El's mind and discovers her plan, Kali reveals herself to attack him, pinning him to the dining room table to stab him with a knife. But Henry makes himself vanish before Kali can do anything.

In the Abyss, Lucas Sinclair questions the lack of monsters of the Upside Down, but Dustin believes that the rules of the hive mind extends to the Abyss; since they presume Vecna is dead, the monsters are as well. Steve approaches Jonathan, thanking him for saving them despite their tumultuous friendship. They both admit their flaws in their attempts to pursue Nancy Wheeler, agreeing that their care for her makes up for their conflict. Just then, the group arrives at the Pain Tree, where Vecna and the children's physical bodies are being held.

Back in Camazotz, El and Kali catch up to Max and the children, alerting them of Henry's disappearance. Meanwhile, in Hawkins Lab, Hopper waits for El when he's suddenly horrified to see drums of herbicide, the chemical he was exposed to during the Vietnam War. As fog from the chemicals grow, he's faced with the vision of his deceased biological daughter, Sara Hopper, who

succumbed to cancer from the genetic chemical exposure. Sara tells her father that he both let her and El die. He's then shown the conversation El and Kali had alone in the Void, where Kali tells her that the only way to escape being chased by the government is to sacrifice themselves and stay in the Upside Down during its destruction. Vecna gets into Hopper's head, taunting him that he can't save either of his children, causing Hopper to pull out his gun. Seeing Vecna's body, he shoots at him, though Vecna is gone; instead, he's indirectly shot El inside the deprivation tank, her stomach riddled with bullets. Hopper then smashes the tank with the butt of the gun to get her out. Within Camazotz, the three girls are awoken by the ruckus, leaving Holly to lead the children to the caves.

Max's awakening in reality alerts Dr. Kay of her and Vickie's presence, opening the shelf to discover the basement. Down there, she and soldiers discover the Party's plan to kill Vecna. El falls out of the shattered tank, the bullet wounds revealed to be an illusion cast by Vecna. With the tank out of commission, El believes that they can't give up, but Hopper confronts him of the girl's suicide plan and refusing to set the bomb off to destroy the Upside Down unless she agrees to leave with them. Kali grabs his gun, pointing at him and believing him to be corrupted by Vecna. However, Hopper emotionally reminds El of the pain and suffering she's been put through her whole life, and she deserves to escape it for a future for peace and love. The three deescalate, but are soon radioed by Murray that military personnel are arriving outside the lab.

In Camazotz, the dozen children file into the caves, with Holly running back into the woods to rescue Derek Turnbow, who's fallen behind as Henry catches up. As they reach the entrance, Holly's ankle is grabbed by Henry's stretched arm, but Derek pulls her far enough that he can't get to them. Inside, Holly reconciles with her best friends, Mary and Debbie Miller, proclaiming they're safe. Outside, an enraged and emotional Henry painfully walks into the cave, triggered by memories of being shot by a scientist and bashing his head in with a rock. Holly, seeing him, alerts the children and tells them to climb out through the hole leading into the desert. The children file into the hidden bunker within the desert as Henry follows.

Outside the Pain Tree, Mike nags Nancy for a weapon, to which she gives her younger brother a flare gun. Meanwhile, Will taps into the hive mind, alerting the group that Henry was alive and hunting the children without El, Kali, and Max by their side.

Inside Hawkins Lab, Akers and his men search while Hopper, El, and Kali run upstairs. However, the girls fall to their knees upon a helicopter using the Hedgehog flies outside the lab, crippling them to the floor. Hopper carries El away while leaving Kali behind. Murray, seeing the commotion from the roof, finds stashes of dynamite with their belongings. While Hopper hides El away, he returns to shoot down the soldiers and save Kali. However, he's knocked unconscious by Akers sneaking behind him with his gun. He ties Hopper to a chair, demanding he tell where Eleven is or he'll shoot Kali in the head. Murray uses his belt to throw the dynamite onto the helicopter. After Kali shakes her head not to tell them El's location, Hopper refuses, causing Akers to fire off his gun. However, the dynamite detonates, destroying the helicopter and knocking down the soldiers in the room. El, regaining her powers, snaps the soldiers' necks and personally forces Akers to shoot himself in the face. However, Kali is left with a fatal bullet wound in her stomach. Hopper rushes outside for a first aid kit, leaving a distraught El to keep pressure. Kali comforts her sister that this was always how her life would end. By the time Hopper returns, Kali has seemingly succumbed to her wounds. The two arrive at the roof, where they tell Murray the solemn news. El eyes the closeness to the Abyss, believing she can jump up to the dimension with her powers and fight Vecna. When Hopper objects, El emotionally tells him how much he meant to her as a father to save and protect her. But she brings up that she's not a child anymore, and unlike Sara, she can determine her fate. Returning the blue bracelet he gave her, El wins Hopper's blessing to trust her to make the right choice.

Inside the Nevada bunker, Holly tells the kids that they're in a memory that can't hurt them, passing the bloody scientist as they reach the exit to the dreamscape. At the exit, she finds the fire poker she left behind. Henry arrives at the bunker, where Holly strikes him in the face with the poker, but is knocked out by him. Henry is soon overcome with trauma as he witnesses the memory of him being shot by the scientist. Meanwhile, Will witnesses the memory through the hive mind in further detail; after bashing the scientist's head in, Henry opens the doctor's briefcase to find a piece of burning matter. Touching it with the hand that he was shot in, the matter phased into his hand, fixing the wound. The matter then tapped into Henry's psyche, revealing the Mind Flayer demanding that it find its way to his form in the Abyss and help him.

The connection caused a physical reaction within Henry, both past and present, as the dying scientist warns him to resist the Mind Flayer's command. However, a corrupted Henry uses his abilities to telekinetically kill the scientist, causing his nose to bleed as he runs back home. Will realizes that Henry was an innocent boy that was corrupted, and he continued the cycle onto him when he was taken in the fall of 1983. Despite offering compassion, Henry demands that Will leave him alone, firm that the Mind Flayer showed him the truth of society's broken system, and they are one body. In the Abyss, the Pain Tree morphs into the Mind Flayer's final form, a large body of mass and melted skin from the creatures of the Upside Down. It slowly starts to chase the Party, as they narrowly avoid being crushed by the monster's legs. As it corners the group, El arrives at the Abyss, using her powers to throw boulders at it before manipulating its skin to create a hole for her to jump inside through. Inside, she confronts Vecna in his true form, causing a battle of telekinesis to unfold. Outside the desert, Mike believes that by penetrating the monster's "hit points" by drawing it to the nearby canyon with bait, they'll attack it from above with their weapons. Nancy volunteers to be the bait, using her machine gun to draw it to the canyon. Despite Jonathan's concerns, the group gets to the top of the canyon as Nancy draws it closer. Inside the beast, El uses her power to raise the dirt up, creating a mist and attacking Vecna. The Mind Flayer gets stuck between the crevices of the canyon, knocking El and Vecna off guard. Before Nancy could be eaten, the group commences their attack on the monster — Jonathan uses a flamethrower, Robin uses her Molotov cocktails, Nancy uses her machine gun, Lucas uses his slingshot with water balloons full of kerosine, Mike uses his flamethrower to ignite the kerosine, and Dustin and Steve attack from the bottom with spears. Inside, Vecna becomes increasingly weak as El begins to pin his back against a spike. Vecna uses his claw to kill El, but is halted by Will channeling his powers through the hive mind. He proclaims that he and his friends aren't afraid of him anymore, ripping his arm off and having El fully pierce him through the spike. The Mind Flayer's body falls to the ground, ending its reign once and for all. Nancy arrives inside, pulling Holly out from her spire, vomiting up the particles of the Mind Flayer before tearfully reuniting with her siblings. The Party assists in taking down the rest of the children from the spires, awakening them as they see Vecna gasp for air from being stabbed against the spike. Joyce, taking her axe, approaches Vecna and proclaims that he messed with the wrong family. Using her axe, she slowly kills the villain that has plagued them for years, avenging the deaths of their loved ones — Barb Holland, Bob Newby, and Eddie Munson — as she decapitates his head. Finally ending the terror, Dustin radios to Hopper and Murray at Hawkins Lab that they've returned to the Upside Down with the children and the whole Party. He tells them to set off the homemade bomb to destroy the Upside Down by setting off the record, playing Prince's song, "When Doves Cry". In both Bradley's Big Buy and a hijacked Humvee, the gang celebrate their victory as they return through the gate. But each car's tires are punctured by spike tracks laid outside of the gate. Dr. Kay, already capturing Max and Vickie, has her troops swarm the vehicles and hold down the Party while more Hedeogs activate around the MAC-Z. As they're pinned against the trucks, the boys realize that El is missing, believing that she escaped. However, they're horrified to realize that El was seemingly standing inside the entrance to the Upside Down. Mike charges towards her, slipping into the Void. El approaches him, she tells him that the government's hunt will never end, and asks Mike to tell their friends to thank them and to understand her choice. Despite his protests, El tells him that he understands her better than anyone else, his love throughout the last four years have made her who she is. They hug and kiss, with El promising that she'll always be with him before he is brought back to reality. As the records swell, the army and the group are left helpless as the music stops, causing the bomb to go off. The exotic matter explodes, causing the walls of the Upside Down to collapse and take the dimension with it. El's body disappears through the fog as the gate closes, the wind rushing as it disappears and returns to its original form, the town's public library, leaving the Party devastated.

Nearly 18 months and two years later, in May of 1989, remodeling of the Hawkins Public Library has nearly completed, with a plaque dedicated to the victims of the earthquake in March of 1986, including Eddie, placed outside of it. Robin returns to temporarily host "The Squawk" as she recaps how emotional it's been seeing Hawkins be a bustling town again; the military have departed, the town square's stores have reopened, and the quarantine on the town has ended. Robin reveals her absence has been due to her attendance of Smith College in Massachusetts, while her co-partner, Steve, has now dedicated himself to being a coach for the local baseball

team, with Derek being one of his players. She then reveals that she's in Hawkins to attend her friends' high school graduation. Around Hawkins, Dustin, Lucas, Will, and Max prepare for their graduation ceremony, until Karen Wheeler calls Hopper and Joyce to tell them that Mike is missing. Hopper, returning as police chief, finds Mike in the town square, admitting that his survivor's guilt has kept him from wanting to walk on stage. He mourns the future plan he had with El, but Hopper comforts him that it wasn't his fault. He tells him that he needs to make a choice between self-loathing in depression or accept what El chose and rebuild his life. Motivated, he arrives at the commencement ceremony as their friends and family sit in the bleachers for support. Karen hugs Mike, telling him how proud she is of him and understands his dilemma.

During the ceremony, Principal Jeremy Higgins presents Dustin as the Class of 1989's valedictorian to speak. In his speech, Dustin laments how their normal childhoods were stolen from them, bringing up D&D as a metaphor. He explains the chaos classification, "good chaos", brought so many unlikely people together throughout Hawkins' devastation. Concluding his speech, Dustin calls out Principal Higgins for encouraging normalcy and fulfills Eddie's wish — he reveals a Hellfire Lives T-shirt underneath his gown, undermines Hawkins High's system, and flips off Higgins before snatching his diploma. The class and audience erupt in laughter and cheer Dustin on as they throw their caps in the air. Erica launches a large confetti launcher into the crowd in support. As the feedback of the microphone warps, Mike is reminded of the hedgehogs that were used on Eleven. Afterward, Stacey Albright approaches the boys and invites them to a party, but Mike suggests a better idea.

That evening, on top of the radio station, Nancy, Jonathan, Steve, and Robin reminisce on their time in Hawkins and their current professions — Nancy has dropped out of Emerson and is now an employee at the Herald, Jonathan attends NYU to pursue making short films, Steve teaches sex ed alongside his baseball coaching, and Robin attends Smith while continuing to date Vickie. Despite their new lives, the quartet miss being together, and agree that once a month, they meet in Philadelphia at Robin's uncle's house to hang.

At Enzo's, Hopper tells Joyce that now that the kids are going to college, they can move out of the cabin since he's been offered a job as a sheriff in Montauk beach. He tells her that while she can mull over the decision, there's one thing he asks for her to answer quickly. Signaling the band to strike up, he gets down on his knee to propose to Joyce, who immediately says yes. The two slow dance as the customers clap to congratulate them.

At the Wheeler house, the five members of the Party play Mike's campaign of D&D in the basement. After nearly losing the battle, Dustin realizes that they can summon the mage to rescue their party, winning in the process. They ask what fates have in store for their "characters" as Mike narrates — for Lucas and Max, the "knight" and "zoomer", move to a new town, their love growing stronger. For Dustin, the "bard", attends college and keeps in contact with Steve, who's bought an R.V. hooked to his car. For Will, also known as "Will the Wise", has a fresh start in college, embracing his sexuality and meeting another boy his age. For Mike, the "storyteller", he attends college to be a writer, inspired by him and his friends' adventures, but notes that he can't tell one story — the "real" story of El, the "mage". Mike explains through D&D that El couldn't have used her powers in the Void while at the gate since the Hedgehog was on full blast. He believes that El had Kali use her powers before dying to fake her passing sooner and throw Hopper off, with Kali believing that El's fate didn't have to end in death like hers. From Hawkins Lab, Kali used the last of her powers to show a vision of El disappearing into the gate while the real El escaped through the underground tunnel system. Mike proclaims that while his vision is merely a theory, the Party is moved to tears, proclaiming that they believe that their "mage" did make it to the land. El is envisioned backpacking to an isolated village placed behind a group of waterfalls, fulfilling her dream. Karen calls from upstairs, telling them that their dinner is getting cold. Each member of the Party tearfully put up their D&D books as they go upstairs. As Mike walks up last, Holly charges downstairs with her group of friends — Mary, Debbie, Joshua, and Derek — as they begin to play the game on their own. Mike is overcome with joy seeing the group play, leaving upstairs and closes the door to leave them be.

Actor Appearances

A

Helen Abell	2
0206 (Radar Tech); 0208 (Radar Tech)	
Olive Abercrombie	5
0501 (Valerie); 0504 (Valerie); 0505 (Valerie); 0507 (Valerie); 0508 (Valerie)	
Caroline Abrams	3
0503 (Tina Turnbow); 0504 (Tina Turnbow); 0505 (Tina Turnbow)	
Biniyam Abreha	2
0507 (Young Guard); 0508 (Young Guard)	
J.R. Adduci	1
0408 (Soldier)	
Chloe Adona	5
0401 (Nine); 0405 (Nine); 0406 (Nine); 0407 (Nine); 0408 (Nine)	
Alexei Afonin	3
0405 (Prisoner #3); 0406 (Prisoner #3); 0407 (Prisoner #3)	
Logan Allen	3
0401 (Jake); 0402 (Jake); 0403 (Jake)	
Ed Amatrudo	1
0404 (Director Hatch)	
Ira Amyx	3
0403 (Agent Harmon); 0404 (Agent Harmon); 0405 (Agent Harmon)	
Glennellen Anderson	3
0103 (Nicole); 0106 (Nicole); 0201 (Nicole)	
Sasha Andreev	2
0407 (Control Room Technician); 0408 (Control Room Technician)	
Ward Andrew	1
0108 (Military)	
Caroline Arapoglou	4
0301 (Winnie); 0302 (Winnie); 0303 (Winnie); 0304 (Winnie)	
Aidan Armstrong	2
0504 (Danny Harrington); 0508 (Danny Harrington)	
Sam Ashby	2
0202 (Werewolf); 0203 (Werewolf)	
Lynne Ashe	2
0202 (Happy Homeowner); 0203 (Happy Homeowner)	
Liam Askew	1
0508 (Roger)	
Sherman Augustus	13
0402 (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan); 0403 (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan); 0404 (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan); 0405 (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan); 0406 (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan); 0407 (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan); 0408 (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan); 0409 (Lt. Colonel Jack Sullivan); 0501 (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan); 0502 (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan); 0503 (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan); 0504 (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan); 0507 (Lt. Col. Jack Sullivan)	
Mikael Ayele	1
0403 (Paramedic)	

Nicholas Azarian	1
0401 (Kid in Goggles)	

B

Alexander Babara	1
0305 (Worker #2)	
Nick Bardin	2
0407 (Tall Guard); 0408 (Tall Guard)	
Saulius Bareikis	1
0402 (Russian Doctor)	
Avis-Marie Barnes	2
0207 (Elderly Woman); 0209 (Elderly Woman)	
Hayley Baron	1
0401 (Friendly Girl #2)	
Cynthia Barrett	3
0103 (Mrs. Holland); 0201 (Marsha Holland); 0203 (Marsha Holland)	
Tennison Bryan Barry	1
0508 (Paul)	
Povilas Barzdzius	1
0404 (Eagle-Eyed Guard)	
Anastasia Bastien	1
0101 (Middle School Student)	
Lucius Baston	1
0108 (Technician)	
Owen Beam	2
0101 (Middle School Student); 0102 (Middle School Student)	
Vladislav Beasley	1
0307 (Pool boy)	
Elizabeth Becka	1
0401 (Dr. Ellis)	
Larkin Bell	1
0402 (Rink-o-Mania Employee)	
Nick Benas	1
0401 (Soldier)	
Andrew Benator	3
0101 (Elevator Scientist); 0105 (Elevator Scientist); 0106 (Elevator Scientist)	
Paris Benjamin	4
0403 (Agent Stinson); 0404 (Agent Stinson); 0405 (Agent Stinson); 0408 (Agent Stinson)	
Jamari Benton	1
0501 (Sledder #5)	
Tennison Bryan Berry	1
0501 (High School Jock #1)	
Linnea Berthelsen	9
0201 (Roman); 0207 (Kali); 0208 (Roman); 0209 (Roman); 0504 (Kali); 0505 (Kali); 0506 (Kali); 0507 (Kali); 0508 (Kali Prasad)	
Trey Best	2
0401 (Jeff); 0403 (Jeff)	
Livi Birch	2
0404 (Alice Creel); 0407 (Alice Creel)	
Birdy	2
0504 (Teenage Joyce); 0508 (Teenage Joyce)	

<p>Ben Bladon 1 0404 (Muttering Prisoner)</p> <p>Martie Marie Blair 5 0401 (Young Eleven); 0405 (Young Eleven); 0406 (Young Eleven); 0407 (Young Eleven); 0408 (Young Eleven)</p> <p>Maksim Blatt 2 0506 (Young Henry Creel); 0508 (Young Henry Creel)</p> <p>Todd Bloomer 1 0505 (Military Base Soldier #1)</p> <p>Tonya Bludsworth 1 0202 (Government Agent #1)</p> <p>Barron Boedecker 1 0507 (Sergeant)</p> <p>Alan Boell 2 0201 (Adams); 0207 (Adams)</p> <p>Nikita Bogolyubov 1 0308 (Guard)</p> <p>Gavin Borders 1 0406 (Cornelius Bingham)</p> <p>Birdie Borria 4 0504 (Rebecca); 0505 (Rebecca); 0507 (Rebecca); 0508 (Rebecca)</p> <p>Emanuel Borria 3 0501 (Sergeant Luis Ramirez); 0502 (Sergeant Luis Ramirez); 0504 (Sergeant Luis Ramirez)</p> <p>Danny Boushebel 1 0104 (English Teacher)</p> <p>Jamie Campbell Bower 7 0402 (Friendly Orderly); 0404 (Friendly Orderly); 0405 (Friendly Orderly); 0406 (Friendly Orderly); 0407 (Peter Ballard); 0408 (Vecna); 0409 (Friendly Orderly)</p> <p>Jonah Bowling 1 0101 (Student)</p> <p>Michelle Bowman 2 0402 (Teen Skater #4); 0403 (Teen Skater #4)</p> <p>Sarah Bowman 2 0402 (Teen Skater #3); 0403 (Teen Skater #3)</p> <p>Danny Boyd Jr. 1 0202 (Grandkid)</p> <p>Adam Boyer 1 0106 (Hunting Store Owner)</p> <p>Robert Walker Branchaud 4 0102 (Agent Repairman); 0105 (Agent Repairman); 0106 (Agent Repairman); 0107 (Agent Repairman)</p> <p>Eric Bravo 1 0409 (Control Room Tech PD)</p> <p>Alex Breaux 7 0501 (Lieutenant Robert Akers); 0502 (Lieutenant Robert Akers); 0503 (Lieutenant Robert Akers); 0504 (Lieutenant Robert Akers); 0505 (Lieutenant Robert Akers); 0507 (Lieutenant Robert Akers); 0508 (Lieutenant Robert Akers)</p> <p>Brian Brightman 2 0206 (MP Guard #1); 0208 (M.P. Guard #1)</p> <p>Evan Brinkman 1 0209 (Middle School Boy)</p> <p>Shae Britt 1 0107 (Mary Mack Girl #2)</p> <p>Allyssa Brooke 2 0302 (Mayor Kline's Secretary); 0304 (Candice / Mayor Kline's Secretary)</p> <p>Kara Brooke 1 0209 (Middle School Student)</p> <p>Keith Brooks 1 0207 (Gas Station Clerk)</p> <p>Camden Brown 3 0101 (Middle School Girl); 0104 (Middle School Student); 0105 (Middle School Girl)</p>	<p>Camden Ella Brown 1 0209 (Middle School Girl)</p> <p>Gilbert Glenn Brown 1 0201 (Cop 4)</p> <p>Lauren Brumbelow 1 0308 (Carnival Patron)</p> <p>Logan Riley Bruner 8 0401 (Fred Benson); 0402 (Fred Benson); 0403 (Fred Benson); 0404 (Fred Benson); 0405 (Fred Benson); 0406 (Fred Benson); 0407 (Fred Benson); 0409 (Fred Benson)</p> <p>Katie Bruno 1 0502 (Nurse)</p> <p>Sydney Bullock 2 0209 (Stacey); 0508 (Stacey)</p> <p>Cara Buono 7 0401 (Karen Wheeler); 0403 (Karen Wheeler); 0404 (Karen Wheeler); 0405 (Karen Wheeler); 0406 (Karen Wheeler); 0407 (Karen Wheeler); 0409 (Karen Wheeler)</p> <p>Pete Burris 3 0103 (Hawkins Head of Security); 0105 (Hawkins Head of Security); 0108 (Hawkins Head of Security)</p> <p>Jake Busey 5 0301 (Bruce); 0302 (Bruce); 0303 (Bruce); 0304 (Bruce); 0305 (Bruce)</p> <p>Stefanie Butler 2 0101 (Cynthia (voice)); 0102 (Cynthia)</p>
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<p>Kerry Cahill 1 0205 (Staff Nurse Caitlin)</p> <p>Jeff Campanella 1 0406 (Reporter #4)</p> <p>Tommy Campbell 1 0308 (Carnival Foreman)</p> <p>Matthew Cardarople 1 0201 (Keith)</p> <p>Matty Cardarople 1 0205 (Keith)</p> <p>Conrad Carpenter 1 0301 (HAZMAT Scientist)</p> <p>Timothy Carr 1 0308 (Paratrooper)</p> <p>Cuyle Carvin 1 0402 (Soldier)</p> <p>Charles Casey 1 0301 (Newsman)</p> <p>Harper Cavanaugh 1 0203 (Young Girl)</p> <p>Karen Ceesay 5 0202 (Mrs. Sinclair); 0205 (Mrs. Sinclair); 0406 (Sue Sinclair); 0407 (Sue Sinclair); 0508 (Sue Sinclair)</p> <p>Jim E Chandler 1 0202 (Government Agent #2)</p> <p>Cory Chapman 1 0205 (Lab Technician)</p> <p>Kristopher Charles 2 0206 (MP Guard #2); 0208 (MP Guard #2)</p> <p>Will Chase 2 0208 (Neil Mayfield); 0306 (Neil Hargrove)</p> <p>Tommy Chavez 1 0402 (Happy Mom)</p> <p>Regina Ting Chen 9 0401 (Ms. Kelly); 0402 (Ms. Kelly); 0403 (Ms. Kelly); 0404 (Ms. Kelly); 0405 (Ms. Kelly); 0406 (Ms. Kelly); 0407 (Ms. Kelly); 0408 (Ms. Kelly); 0409 (Ms. Kelly)</p>	

Marshall Choka 1
 0106 (Scientist)

Joe Chrest 20
 0101 (Ted Wheeler); 0102 (Ted Wheeler); 0104 (Ted Wheeler); 0105 (Ted Wheeler); 0106 (Ted Wheeler); 0107 (Ted Wheeler); 0108 (Ted Wheeler); 0201 (Ted Wheeler); 0202 (Ted Wheeler); 0204 (Ted Wheeler); 0205 (Ted Wheeler); 0209 (Ted Wheeler); 0401 (Ted Wheeler); 0405 (Ted Wheeler); 0406 (Ted Wheeler); 0407 (Ted Wheeler); 0409 (Ted Wheeler); 0501 (Ted Wheeler); 0502 (Ted Wheeler); 0508 (Ted Wheeler)

Chantell D. Christopher 3
 0502 (Hospital Receptionist); 0503 (Hospital Receptionist); 0506 (Doris)

Nicholas Cirillo 1
 0307 (Teenager)

Marius Cizauskas 1
 0404 (Scared Guard)

Ryan Clay 1
 0306 (Hawkins Resident)

Catherine Clifton 2
 0301 (Neighbor); 0302 (Neighbor)

Jaleal Clifton 2
 0301 (Neighbor); 0302 (Neighbor)

Linzy Clifton 2
 0301 (Core Town's Person); 0302 (Neighbor)

Madelyn Cline 2
 0201 (Tina); 0202 (Tina)

Erika Coleman 2
 0301 (Anna Jacobi); 0303 (Anna Jacobi)

Jarrett Michael Collins 1
 0207 (Swat Member #1)

Jeremy Connell 1
 0308 (Scientist)

Jake Connelly 7
 0501 (Derek Turnbow); 0502 (Derek Turnbow); 0503 (Derek Turnbow); 0504 (Derek Turnbow); 0505 (Derek Turnbow); 0507 (Derek Turnbow); 0508 (Derek Turnbow)

Stephen Conroy 1
 0101 (Agent #2)

Leedy Corbin 1
 0402 (Annoyed Girl)

Marisol Correa 1
 0107 (Townspople)

Callaway Corrick 1
 0504 (Ashley)

Jason Coviello 1
 0408 (Helicopter Sniper Pilot)

Abigail F. Cowen 2
 0201 (Vicki); 0203 (Vicki)

Campbell Cox 1
 0308 (News Cameraman)

Eddie Craddock 1
 0408 (Annoyed Neighbor #2)

Calista Craig 7
 0501 (Mary); 0502 (Mary); 0503 (Mary); 0504 (Mary); 0505 (Mary); 0507 (Mary); 0508 (Mary)

Emma Crockett 1
 0301 (Pool Goer)

Kendrick Cross 5
 0403 (Agent Wallace); 0404 (Agent Wallace); 0405 (Agent Wallace); 0406 (Agent Wallace); 0407 (Agent Wallace)

Catherine Curtin 10
 0201 (Claudia Henderson); 0202 (Claudia Henderson); 0203 (Claudia Henderson); 0204 (Claudia Henderson); 0205 (Claudia Henderson); 0401 (Claudia Henderson); 0402 (Claudia Henderson);

son); 0406 (Claudia Henderson); 0407 (Claudia Henderson); 0508 (Claudia Henderson)

D

David Dahlgren 1
 0404 (Mental Patient)

Jackie Dallas 1
 0107 (Jen)

Erin Bradley Dangar 1
 0209 (Chaperone / Teacher)

Anna Grace Davidson 1
 0401 (Drama Kid)

Jason Davis 1
 0104 (Test Subject)

Joe Davison 4
 0201 (Nerdy Tech); 0202 (Nerdy Tech); 0206 (Nerdy Tech); 0208 (Nerdy Tech)

Shakirah DeMesier 1
 0406 (Reporter #2)

Bethany DeZelle 1
 0203 (Mother)

Lyric Deaderick 1
 0406 (Tatum)

Stephen Dean 4
 0102 (Hawkins Police Officer); 0106 (Hawkins Police Officer); 0107 (Hawkins Police Officer); 0108 (Deputy)

Emma Dempster 1
 0209 (Dancer)

Ethan Dennis 2
 0402 (Teen Skater #1); 0403 (Teen Skater #1)

Grace Van Dien 9
 0401 (Chrissy Cunningham); 0402 (Chrissy); 0403 (Chrissy); 0404 (Chrissy); 0405 (Chrissy); 0406 (Chrissy); 0407 (Chrissy); 0408 (Chrissy); 0409 (Chrissy)

Gordon Dillard Jr. 1
 0101 (Agent #3)

Luke Dingess 1
 0302 (Pool Goer)

Nikola Djuricko 8
 0402 (Yuri); 0403 (Yuri); 0404 (Yuri); 0405 (Yuri); 0406 (Yuri); 0407 (Yuri); 0408 (Yuri); 0409 (Yuri)

Rio Donnelly 1
 0101 (80's Townfolk)

Kevin Dorman 1
 0506 (MP Officer #4)

Pat Dortch 1
 0405 (Fisherman #1)

Arthur Lee Dozier 1
 0104 (Greg McCorkle)

James DuMont 1
 0204 (Middle-Aged Man)

Eddie Dupriest 1
 0503 (Neighbor)

Brian F. Durkin 1
 0201 (Cop 1)

David Dwyer 2
 0101 (Earl); 0102 (Earl)

Mason Dye 9
 0401 (Jason Carver); 0402 (Jason Carver); 0403 (Jason Carver); 0404 (Jason Carver); 0405 (Jason Carver); 0406 (Jason Carver); 0407 (Jason Carver); 0408 (Jason Carver); 0409 (Jason Carver)

Catherine Dyer 5
 0101 (Agent Connie Frazier); 0102 (Agent Connie Frazier); 0106 (Agent Connie Frazier); 0107 (Agent Connie Frazier); 0108 (Agent Connie Frazier)

Natalia Dyer 1
 0308 (Nancy Wheeler)

E

Lee G. Ellis 1
 0508 (Enzo's Waiter)

Cary Elwes 5
 0301 (Mayor Larry Kline); 0302 (Mayor Larry Kline);
 0304 (Mayor Larry Kline); 0306 (Mayor Larry
 Kline); 0307 (Mayor Larry Kline)

Robert Englund 6
 0402 (Victor Creel); 0403 (Victor Creel); 0404 (Vic-
 tor Creel); 0405 (Victor Creel); 0406 (Victor
 Creel); 0407 (Victor Creel)

Bill Eudaly 1
 0105 (Pastor Charles)

Mikey Evgen 1
 0104 (Teen in Lunchroom)

Matthew Ezell 1
 0302 (Jonathan The Protester)

F

Emma Faith 1
 0209 (Middle School Student (2017))

Elise Falanga 2
 0401 (Lenora Neighbor); 0403 (Lenora Neighbor)

Ron Fallica 1
 0104 (State Trooper)

Priah Ferguson 4
 0202 (Erica Sinclair); 0205 (Erica Sinclair); 0206
 (Erica Sinclair); 0209 (Erica Sinclair)

Alexandra Ficken 1
 0403 (Stewardess)

Mikayla Fields 3
 0101 (Middle School Student); 0104 (Middle School
 Student); 0209 (Middle School Student)

Jeffery Fiment 1
 0301 (Newsman)

Nell Fisher 8
 0501 (Holly Wheeler); 0502 (Holly Wheeler); 0503
 (Holly Wheeler); 0504 (Holly Wheeler); 0505
 (Holly Wheeler); 0506 (Holly Wheeler); 0507
 (Holly Wheeler); 0508 (Holly Wheeler)

Brooklyn Paige Flamm 1
 0401 (Hawkins High Student)

Reece Fleetwood 1
 0404 (Pennhurst Guard #2)

Roger Dale Floyd 1
 0406 (Sterling)

Shawn Fortune 1
 0308 (Amusement Park Attende)

Eduardo Franco 9
 0401 (Argyle); 0402 (Argyle); 0403 (Argyle); 0404
 (Argyle); 0405 (Argyle); 0406 (Argyle); 0407 (Ar-
 gyle); 0408 (Argyle); 0409 (Argyle)

Rob Franco 1
 0408 (Explosives Specialist)

Marianne Fraulo 1
 0104 (Patty)

Isabel Chanel Freeman 2
 0101 (Middle School Kid); 0102 (Middle School Kid)

Paul Vincent Freeman 2
 0205 (Security Guard); 0207 (Security Guard)

Shelby Christine Freeman 2
 0101 (Middle School Kid); 0102 (Middle School Kid)

Dinarte de Freitas 1
 0306 (Fair Worker)

Jeremiah Friedlander 5
 0401 (Fourteen); 0405 (Fourteen); 0406 (Fourteen);
 0407 (Fourteen); 0408 (Fourteen)

Almendra Fuentes 1
 0302 (Jazzercise Dancer)

Geanna Funes 1
 0505 (Pregnant Woman)

G

Adam Gagan 1
 0104 (Ground Controller)

Christian Ganiere 4
 0401 (Ten); 0405 (Ten); 0406 (Ten); 0407 (Ten)

Morgan Gao 5
 0401 (Three); 0405 (Three); 0406 (Three); 0407 (Three);
 0408 (Three)

Juan Gaspard 1
 0207 (Homeless person)

Jesse Gavin 2
 0501 (Military Base Scientist); 0504 (Military Base
 Scientist)

Gianluca Gazzo 6
 0501 (Glenn); 0502 (Glenn); 0504 (Glenn); 0505
 (Glenn); 0507 (Glenn); 0508 (Glenn)

Esodie Geiger 1
 0403 (Lenora Police Receptionist)

Brett Gelman 4
 0201 (Murray Bauman); 0205 (Murray Bauman);
 0206 (Murray Bauman); 0209 (Murray Bau-
 man)

John Gettier 1
 0405 (Lab Guard)

David Gibson 1
 0401 (Friendly Mailman)

Abby Glover 1
 0301 (New Cute Girl)

Kaylee Glover 1
 0105 (Jennifer Hayes)

Sophie Elizabeth Gonzalez 1
 0401 (Art Kid)

Grant Goodman 2
 0401 (Freak #1); 0403 (Freak #1)

Courtney Grace 1
 0506 (Nurse)

Elle Graham 1
 0108 (Sara Hopper)

Charles Green 1
 0107 (Movie Theatre Manager)

Ethan J Green 5
 0401 (Sixteen); 0405 (Sixteen); 0406 (Sixteen); 0407
 (Sixteen); 0408 (Sixteen)

Julian Green 1
 0504 (MP Officer #2)

Oliver J Green 5
 0401 (Seventeen); 0405 (Seventeen); 0406 (Seven-
 teen); 0407 (Seventeen); 0408 (Seventeen)

Kai Greene 2
 0201 (Funshine); 0207 (Funshine)

Karyn Greer 1
 0402 (Beverly Moss)

Raina Grey 1
 0406 (Chef Kid)

Jayden Griffin 4
 0401 (Freshman Teammate); 0402 (Freshman Team-
 mate); 0405 (Freshman Teammate); 0406 (Fresh-
 man Teammate)

Joe Grisaffi 1
 0402 (Army Medical Examiner)

H

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James Landry Hébert..... 1
 0207 (Axel)

Lauren Halperin..... 1
 0201 (Dr. Owen's Assistant)

Scout Hamrick..... 2
 0401 (Candance); 0402 (Candace)

Bart Hansard..... 1
 0404 (Pennhurst Guard #1)

Martin Harris..... 3
 0405 (Prisoner #2); 0406 (Prisoner #2); 0407 (Prisoner #2)

Jules Hartley..... 1
 0406 (Reporter #3)

Graham Harvey..... 1
 0504 (Young Jonathan)

Randall P. Havens..... 9
 0101 (Mr. Clarke); 0102 (Mr. Clarke); 0104 (Mr. Clarke); 0105 (Mr. Clarke); 0106 (Mr. Clarke); 0107 (Mr. Clarke); 0503 (Mr. Scott Clarke); 0506 (Mr. Scott Clarke); 0507 (Mr. Scott Clarke)

Randy Havens..... 6
 0201 (Mr. Scott Clarke); 0203 (Mr. Clarke); 0204 (Mr. Clarke); 0209 (Mr. Clarke); 0302 (Mr. Clarke); 0508 (Mr. Scott Clarke)

Kage Havok..... 1
 0403 (Russian Prisoner)

Gray Hawks..... 2
 0503 (Mr. Turnbow); 0505 (Mr. Turnbow)

Megan Hayes..... 1
 0504 (Jazzercise Lady)

Bradford Haynes..... 1
 0105 (Mr. Sinclair)

Rory Healy..... 1
 0108 (Agent)

Jim Heard..... 8
 0101 (Townsperson); 0102 (Townsperson); 0103 (Townsperson); 0104 (Townsperson); 0105 (Townsperson); 0106 (Townsperson); 0107 (Townsperson); 0108 (Townsperson)

Charlie Heaton..... 1
 0308 (Jonathan Byers)

Derek Hedlund..... 1
 0404 (Corporal Meyers)

Lindsey Heilman..... 1
 0209 (Middle School Dancer)

Carson Hicks..... 1
 0408 (Russian Guard)

Charity Hitchcock..... 3
 0405 (Scientist #3); 0406 (Scientist #3); 0408 (Scientist #3)

Marc Hockl..... 3
 0405 (Russian Officer Guard); 0406 (Russian Officer Guard); 0407 (Russian Officer Guard)

Cindy Hogan..... 2
 0402 (Annoyed Neighbor); 0408 (Annoyed Neighbor)

Audrey Holcomb..... 1
 0406 (Eden)

Hugh B. Holub..... 4
 0101 (Scientist); 0103 (Scientist); 0105 (Scientist); 0106 (Scientist)

Audrey Hope..... 1
 0209 (Middle School Student)

Jada Keche Howard..... 1
 0501 (Teen Girl)

Elizabeth Howlett..... 1
 0402 (Young Girl)

Kanye Huff..... 1
 0308 (Carnival Goer)

Paige Huston..... 1
 0409 (Nurse)

James Landry Hébert..... 1
 0201 (Axel)

I

Ray Irwin..... 1
 0406 (Construction Foreman)

Joel Ray Ishman..... 1
 0406 (Construction Worker)

Roger Ivens..... 1
 0408 (Helicopter Sniper)

J

Chris Jablon..... 2
 0303 (Pool Goer); 0307 (Carnival Goer)

Anna Jacoby-Heron..... 2
 0201 (Dottie); 0207 (Dottie)

Lara Jacques..... 1
 0507 (Joyce Byers #2)

Vladislav Jacukevic..... 1
 0404 (Guard)

Kingston James..... 5
 0501 (Benji); 0504 (Benji); 0505 (Benji); 0507 (Benji); 0508 (Benji)

Dainius Jankauskas..... 1
 0404 (Russian Guard)

Austin Janowsky..... 1
 0504 (Mr. Miller)

Jett Jansen..... 1
 0404 (Soldier)

Daniel Jarvie..... 2
 0107 (Special Agent); 0108 (Special Agent)

Tobias Jelinek..... 6
 0101 (Lead Agent); 0102 (Lead Agent); 0105 (Lead Agent); 0106 (Lead Agent); 0107 (Lead Agent); 0108 (Lead Agent)

Anthony B. Jenkins..... 4
 0504 (Joshua); 0505 (Joshua); 0507 (Joshua); 0508 (Joshua)

Alex D. Jennings..... 2
 0401 (Jock); 0408 (Mourner)

Christopher Johnson (II)..... 1
 0201 (Cop 2)

Clayton Johnson..... 1
 0401 (Andy)

Clayton Royal Johnson..... 8
 0402 (Andy); 0403 (Andy); 0404 (Andy); 0405 (Andy); 0406 (Andy); 0408 (Andy); 0501 (Andy); 0508 (Andy)

Joshua Johnson..... 1
 0302 (Milkshake Guy)

Kevin L. Johnson..... 2
 0404 (Young Victor Creel); 0407 (Young Victor Creel)

Emmanuel Johnston..... 1
 0505 (Soldier — Holding Cell)

Cade Jones..... 4
 0101 (James); 0103 (James); 0104 (James); 0106 (James)

Hali Jones..... 5
 0101 (Middle School Student); 0102 (Middle School Student); 0103 (Middle School Student); 0104 (Middle School Student); 0105 (Middle School Student)

Sheah Jones..... 1
 0202 (Samantha)

Sophia Joss..... 1
 0406 (Tabitha)

Jack Justice..... 1
 0409 (Older Skater)

K

John Kaler 1
 0207 (Chicago Pd Officer Provazoli)

Jenne Kang 2
 0405 (Scientist #1); 0406 (Scientist #1)

Linda Kang 1
 0106 (Female Clerk)

David Alexander Kaplan 5
 0401 (Twelve); 0405 (Twelve); 0406 (Twelve); 0407 (Twelve); 0408 (Twelve)

Edmundas Kartanas 2
 0403 (Strong Prisoner); 0404 (Strong Prisoner)

Yevgeniy Kartashov 2
 0307 (Officer); 0308 (Officer)

Karolis Kasperavicius 1
 0402 (Smirking Russian Guard)

Kevin Kedgley 1
 0308 (Soldier)

Joe Keery 8
 0101 (Steve Harrington); 0102 (Steve Harrington); 0103 (Steve Harrington); 0104 (Steve Harrington); 0105 (Steve Harrington); 0106 (Steve Harrington); 0107 (Steve Harrington); 0108 (Steve Harrington)

Christine Kellogg-Darrin 1
 0403 (Cathy Owens)

Brittany Kelly 1
 0302 (Student)

Maurice P. Kerry 1
 0507 (Tech #2)

Blake Kerzie 2
 0105 (Middle School Student); 0106 (Middle School Student)

Gabe Kessler 1
 0402 (Rink-o-Mania DJ)

Haroon Khan 1
 0401 (Chess Kid)

Sheena Kharazmi 1
 0206 (Exam Room Nurse)

Jack Kidd 4
 0301 (Hawkins Resident); 0302 (Hawkins Resident); 0304 (Hawkins Resident); 0306 (Hawkins Resident)

Wes Kidd 1
 0207 (Swat Member #2)

Tabitha Kilgore 1
 0105 (Mrs. Henderson)

Dorian Kingi 1
 0409 (Russian Prison Demogorgon)

Virginia Kirby 1
 0205 (Motel Owner)

Skyler Knight 8
 0301 (Pool goer / carnival goer); 0302 (Pool goer / carnival goer); 0303 (Pool goer / carnival goer); 0304 (Pool goer / carnival goer); 0305 (Pool goer / carnival goer); 0306 (Pool goer / carnival goer); 0307 (Pool goer / carnival goer); 0308 (Pool goer / carnival goer)

Fred Koehler 1
 0506 (Scientist)

Frederick Koehler 1
 0508 (Scientist)

Jon Kohler 1
 0104 (Funeral Director)

Luke Kokotek 2
 0501 (Young Will Byers); 0504 (Young Will Byers)

Denisas Kolomyckis 1
 0404 (Young Guard)

Gregory Konow 1
 0401 (Announcer)

Mary Kraft 1
 0206 (E.R. Doctor)

Aleksandr Krasnopolskiy 2
 0407 (Control Room Scientist); 0408 (Control Room Scientist)

L

Stephen M. LaBar Jr. 3
 0101 (Agent); 0107 (Special Agent); 0108 (Agent)

Pierce Lackey 1
 0407 (Hawkins Lead Guard)

Brian Lafontaine 1
 0206 (Doctor #2)

Dakota James Alden Lane 3
 0301 (Lifeguard / Mall Goer); 0302 (Guy Eating Corndog); 0303 (Lifeguard)

Healy Lange 1
 0306 (Suburban Wife)

Andrei Laponak 1
 0306 (Soldier)

Susan Larkin 1
 0201 (Florence)

Susan Shalhoub Larkin 8
 0101 (Florence); 0102 (Florence); 0105 (Florence); 0106 (Florence); 0107 (Florence); 0108 (Florence); 0203 (Florence); 0204 (Florence)

Gwydion Lashlee-Walton 2
 0401 (Gareth); 0403 (Gareth)

Fenton Lawless 1
 0201 (Merril)

Mark Lawley 1
 0402 (Shrugging Neighbor)

Charles Lawlor 4
 0102 (Mr. Melvald); 0103 (Mr. Melvald); 0105 (Mr. Melvald); 0201 (Mr. Melvad)

Rakeem Laws 1
 0503 (Wolfpack Soldier Burns)

Gage Lawson 1
 0209 (Middle School Student)

Liz Hope Layton 1
 0302 (Jazzercise Dancer)

Marcelle LeBlanc 1
 0209 (Cute Girl)

Shawn Lecrone 1
 0402 (Tourist)

Chase Ledgerwood 1
 0401 (Soldier)

Norm Lee 1
 0408 (Dead Scientist #1)

Euguen Leon 2
 0407 (Control Room Guard); 0408 (Control Room Guard)

Serge Levin 1
 0305 (Mechanic)

Shawn Levy 1
 0104 (Morgue Worker)

Alyse Elna Lewis 5
 0501 (Wendy); 0504 (Wendy); 0505 (Wendy); 0507 (Wendy); 0508 (Wendy)

Shane Donovan Lewis 1
 0401 (Math Kid)

Bethany Anne Lind 1
 0102 (Sandra)

Kelly Collins Lintz 2
 0503 (Mrs. Turnbow); 0505 (Mrs. Turnbow)

James Logan 1
 0408 (Gun Counter Clerk)

Hope Hynes Love 4
 0501 (Miss Harris); 0503 (Miss Harris); 0504 (Miss Harris); 0505 (Miss Harris)

Raphael Luce 5
 0404 (Young Henry Creel); 0407 (Young Henry Creel);
 0408 (Young Henry Creel); 0409 (Young Henry
 Creel); 0505 (Young Henry Creel)
 John Archer Lundgren 3
 0101 (Search Party); 0106 (Winky's Patron); 0207
 (Homeless bum)
 Pasha D. Lychnikoff 3
 0405 (Oleg); 0406 (Oleg); 0407 (Oleg)

M

Dave MacDonald 1
 0201 (Flamethrower Soldier)
 David A MacDonald 1
 0204 (Flame Thrower Soldier)
 Coline Mahaut 1
 0502 (Jessica)
 Gabrielle Maiden 2
 0201 (Mick); 0207 (Mick)
 Lucinda Marker 1
 0401 (Math Teacher)
 Jennifer Marshall 4
 0208 (Susan Hargrove); 0401 (Susan Hargrove); 0402
 (Susan Hargrove); 0404 (Susan Hargrove)
 Brandon Marski 1
 0308 (Hazmat Soldier)
 John Paul Marston 1
 0202 (Government Agent #4)
 Miles Marthaller 1
 0504 (Young Will)
 Jennifer A. Martin 1
 0307 (Gravitron Operator)
 Vaidotas Martinaitis 4
 0402 (Warden Melnikov); 0405 (Warden Melnikov);
 0407 (Warden Melnikov); 0408 (Warden Mel-
 nikov)
 Aaron Matthews 1
 0307 (Goon)
 Wendel A. Matthews 1
 0206 (Lead Rift Soldier)
 Sage Mayer 1
 0203 (Middle School Student)
 Shannon Mayers 1
 0202 (Government Agent #3)
 Sean McCracken 1
 0307 (Balloon Carney)
 Pj McDonnell 1
 0207 (Mentally Ill Man)
 Trey McGriff 4
 0202 (Hawkins PD); 0302 (Hawkins PD); 0308 (Hawkins
 PD); 0409 (Hawkins PD)
 Amybeth McNulty 14
 0401 (Vickie); 0402 (Vickie); 0403 (Vickie); 0404
 (Vickie); 0405 (Vickie); 0406 (Vickie); 0407 (Vickie);
 0408 (Vickie); 0409 (Vickie); 0501 (Vickie); 0503
 (Vickie); 0506 (Vickie Dunne); 0507 (Vickie Dunne);
 0508 (Vickie Dunne)
 Dijon Means 1
 0503 (Military Medic)
 Mason Mecartea 1
 0408 (Dan Shelter)
 Stacy Melich 1
 0402 (Paranoid Neighbor)
 David Michael-Smith 2
 0307 (U.S. Marshall); 0308 (Carnival Father)
 Perla Middleton 1
 0302 (Starcourt Mall Shopper)
 Carson Minniear 6
 0502 (Thomas); 0503 (Thomas); 0504 (Thomas); 0505
 (Thomas); 0507 (Thomas); 0508 (Thomas)

Al Mitchell 1
 0202 (Eugene)
 Matthew Modine 2
 0205 (Dr. Martin Brenner); 0207 (Dr. Martin Bren-
 ner)
 Richard Molina 1
 0101 (Scientist)
 Dacre Montgomery 2
 0404 (Billy Hargrove); 0409 (Billy Hargrove)
 Liam Montgomery 4
 0501 (Roger); 0504 (Roger); 0505 (Roger); 0507 (Roger)
 Olan Montgomery 4
 0301 (Newsman #1); 0302 (Newsman #1); 0303 (News-
 man #1); 0304 (Newsman #1)
 Jocelyn Montoya 1
 0403 (Diner Waitress (Denise))
 Andy Morales 1
 0301 (Mall Shopper / Car Driver)
 Brandon Morales 1
 0507 (Tech #1)
 Rob Morgan 16
 0101 (Deputy Powell); 0102 (Officer Powell); 0103
 (Officer Powell); 0104 (Officer Powell); 0105
 (Officer Powell); 0106 (Officer Powell); 0107
 (Officer Powell); 0108 (Officer Powell); 0201
 (Deputy Powell); 0202 (Officer Powell); 0203
 (Officer Powell); 0302 (Officer Powell); 0402
 (Chief Powell); 0403 (Chief Powell); 0406 (Chief
 Powell); 0407 (Chief Powell)
 Ryder Morlong 1
 0101 (Middle School Student)
 Tilly Morris 1
 0508 (Sara Hopper)
 Aimee Mullins 9
 0103 (Terry Ives); 0106 (Terry Ives); 0204 (Terry
 Ives); 0205 (Terry Ives); 0207 (Terry Ives); 0209
 (Terry Ives); 0407 (Terry Ives); 0408 (Terry Ives);
 0409 (Terry Ives)
 Christopher Mullis 1
 0308 (Paratrooper)
 Aaron Munoz 1
 0201 (Mr. Holland)
 Kevin Patrick Murphy 1
 0106 (Grocery Store Manager)
 Margaret Murphy 1
 0402 (Monstrous Mourner #3)
 Salem Murphy 2
 0101 (High School Principal); 0104 (High School
 Principal)
 Adam Murray 1
 0406 (Angry Townsperson #2)
 Mark Murtha 2
 0401 (Hungover Hawkins Kid); 0402 (Hungover Hawkins
 Kid)
 Miles Mussenden 1
 0103 (M.P. Officer Patrick)

N

Angel Nair 2
 0404 (Basketball Fan; Mourner); 0405 (Basketball
 Fan; Mourner)
 Jessica Arden Napier 5
 0401 (Five); 0405 (Five); 0406 (Five); 0407 (Five);
 0408 (Five)
 Cameron Newton 2
 0202 (Jason Vorhees); 0203 (Jason Vorhees)
 Ryan Newton 1
 0101 (High School Student)

Sparrow Nicole 5
 0401 (Four); 0405 (Four); 0406 (Four); 0407 (Four);
 0408 (Four)

Laura Niemi 1
 0401 (Mrs. Gracey)

Nikolai Nikolaeff 4
 0405 (Ivan); 0406 (Ivan); 0407 (Ivan); 0408 (Ivan)

Brittney Niter 1
 0404 (Asylum Patient)

Mariana Novak 1
 0407 (Hawkins Infirmary Nurse)

O

Brandon O'Dell 1
 0206 (Neurologist)

Edward L. Oliver 1
 0308 (Soldier)

Elodie Grace Orkin 4
 0401 (Angela); 0402 (Angela); 0403 (Angela); 0404
 (Angela)

Natalie Otano 1
 0402 (Cute College Girl)

Lourenz Oviedo 1
 0108 (Officer)

Babatunde Oyewo 1
 0401 (Town People)

P

Chad Paetznick 2
 0401 (Schoolbus Driver / Teacher); 0407 (State Pa-
 trol Officer)

Jennifer Christa Palmer 1
 0406 (Reporter #1)

Alex Parkinson 1
 0402 (Monstrous Mourner #2)

Amy Parrish 1
 0107 (Troy's Mom)

Vanathi Parthiban 1
 0207 (Young Kali)

Ross Partridge 4
 0101 (Lonnie Byers (voice)); 0102 (Lonnie Byers);
 0104 (Lonnie Byers); 0105 (Lonnie Byers)

Andrius Paulavicius 1
 0402 (Lead Interrogator)

Mikaela Pavin 1
 0307 (Tuba Player)

Ryan Paynter 1
 0402 (Dying Teen)

Cailyn Peddle 2
 0305 (Carnival Kid); 0306 (Carnival Kid)

Tristan Peters 1
 0401 (Chess Kid #2)

Desmond Phillips 1
 0202 (Government Agent #6)

Vince Pisani 1
 0206 (Doctor #1)

Bobby Pizer 1
 0101 (High School Student)

Gabriella Pizzolo 3
 0401 (Suzie); 0405 (Suzie); 0406 (Suzie Bingham)

Boone Platt 1
 0506 (MP Officer #3)

Konstantin Podprugin 3
 0405 (Prisoner #1); 0406 (Prisoner #1); 0407 (Pris-
 oner #1)

Anthony Porrey 1
 0103 (High School Student)

Chayse Porter 2
 0307 (Marching Band Member); 0308 (Marching
 Band Member)

Shawnee Pourier 1
 0401 (Cute Girl)

Arnell Powell 4
 0205 (Mr. Sinclair); 0406 (Charles Sinclair); 0407
 (Charles Sinclair); 0508 (Charles Sinclair)

Cody Pressley 1
 0202 (Drunk Teen #1)

Anniston Price 7
 0101 (Holly Wheeler); 0102 (Holly Wheeler); 0103
 (Holly Wheeler); 0106 (Holly Wheeler); 0107
 (Holly Wheeler); 0301 (Holly); 0307 (Holly)

Quintin Tyler Price 1
 0302 (Ice Cream Goer)

Ryan L. Price 1
 0308 (Paratrooper)

Tinsley Price 14
 0101 (Holly Wheeler); 0102 (Holly Wheeler); 0103
 (Holly Wheeler); 0106 (Holly Wheeler); 0107
 (Holly Wheeler); 0201 (Holly Wheeler); 0202
 (Holly Wheeler); 0204 (Holly Wheeler); 0302
 (Holly); 0307 (Holly); 0401 (Holly Wheeler); 0405
 (Holly Wheeler); 0406 (Holly Wheeler); 0407
 (Holly Wheeler)

Shannon Purser 6
 0101 (Barbara Holland); 0102 (Barbara Holland);
 0103 (Barbara Holland); 0104 (Barbara Hol-
 land); 0107 (Barbara Holland); 0202 (Barbara
 Holland)

Andre Pushkin 1
 0105 (Russian Man)

Q

Warren Quandt 4
 0209 (Middle School Boy); 0302 (Mall Rat); 0303
 (Pool Boy); 0308 (Carnival Kid)

Daniele Quinn 2
 0307 (Baton Twirler); 0308 (Baton Twirler)

Joseph Quinn 9
 0401 (Eddie Munson); 0402 (Eddie Munson); 0403
 (Eddie Munson); 0404 (Eddie Munson); 0405
 (Eddie Munson); 0406 (Eddie Munson); 0407
 (Eddie Munson); 0408 (Eddie Munson); 0409
 (Eddie Munson)

Glory Quintana 2
 0402 (Teen Skater #2); 0403 (Teen Skater #2)

R

Max Rackenberg 1
 0504 (Young Mike)

Mark Randle 1
 0303 (Protesters)

Agnieska Ravdo 1
 0402 (Annoyed Woman)

Francesca Reale 1
 0301 (Heather)

Julia Reilly 1
 0401 (Tammy Thompson)

Kristof Reinharz 1
 0308 (Prison Gaurd)

Deric Replogle 2
 0501 (High School Jock #2); 0508 (Hunter)

Anthony Reynolds 1
 0101 (Agent)

John Reynolds..... 13	Mike Senior..... 1
0101 (Officer Callahan); 0102 (Officer Callahan);	0406 (Police Officer)
0103 (Officer Callahan); 0104 (Officer Callahan);	Blake Sewell..... 1
0105 (Officer Callahan); 0106 (Officer Callahan);	0203 (Basketball Player)
0107 (Officer Callahan); 0108 (Officer Callahan);	Michael Shenefeld..... 1
0202 (Officer Callahan); 0203 (Officer Callahan);	0206 (Rift Soldier #2)
0402 (Officer Callahan); 0403 (Officer Callahan);	Alicia Shenreice..... 1
0407 (Officer Callahan)	0205 (Student)
John Paul Reynolds..... 1	Dan Sheynin..... 1
0201 (Officer Callahan)	0406 (Russian Guard #1)
Mark Rhynard..... 2	Christian Shupe..... 1
0407 (Sargent Michaels Indiana State Police); 0408 (Russian Soldier)	0504 (MP Officer #1)
Kyle Riggs..... 1	Kyle Shute..... 1
0504 (Private Chapman)	0403 (Forensic Photographer)
Erika Robel..... 1	Brook Sill..... 1
0406 (Angry Townsperson #1)	0401 (Brenda)
Christopher Cody Robinson..... 1	David Silverman..... 1
0104 (Test Pilot Shepard)	0302 (Angry Protestor)
Ron Roggé..... 2	Matthew Excel Simmons..... 1
0103 (State Trooper O'Bannon); 0104 (State Trooper O'Bannon)	0207 (Hip Hop member)
Hunter Romanillos..... 7	Kassidy Slaughter..... 1
0308 (Carnival Patron); 0401 (Teammate); 0402 (Teammate);	0209 (Dancer (2017))
0405 (Teammate); 0406 (Teammate); 0501 (Teammate);	James Michael Smith..... 1
0508 (Chance)	0206 (Flame Thrower)
Candice Rose..... 2	Shawn South..... 2
0401 (Chrissy's Mom); 0405 (Chrissy's Mom)	0301 (Core Hawkins Resident); 0302 (Core Hawkins Resident)
Ethan Rosero..... 1	Lee Spencer..... 1
0501 (Teen Boy)	0502 (Arrogant Doctor)
Suzanne Jordan Roush..... 1	Tristan Spohn..... 5
0203 (Doris)	0401 (Two); 0405 (Two); 0406 (Two); 0407 (Two);
Mark Rowe..... 1	0408 (Two)
0406 (Suzie's Dad)	Jeff Sprauve..... 4
Manny Rubio..... 1	0402 (Officer Glenn Daniels); 0403 (Officer Glenn Daniels);
0403 (Lenora Cop #2)	0406 (Officer Glenn Daniels); 0407 (Officer Glenn Daniels)
Chester Rushing..... 7	Steve Stafford..... 2
0102 (Tommy H.); 0103 (Tommy H.); 0106 (Tommy H.);	0403 (Helicopter Pilot); 0408 (Helicopter Pilot)
0107 (Tommy H.); 0202 (Tommy H.); 0203 (Tommy H.);	Adomas Stancikas..... 1
0204 (Tommy H.)	0404 (Prison Guard)
Tyner Rushing..... 2	Fedor Steer..... 1
0404 (Virginia Creel); 0407 (Virginia Creel)	0402 (Monstrous Mourner #1)
Paul Ryden..... 1	Mark Steger..... 6
0104 (Field Reporter)	0101 (The Monster); 0102 (The Monster); 0103 (The Monster);
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Sergey Safronov..... 2	0105 (The Monster); 0106 (The Monster); 0108 (The Monster)
0403 (Mean Guard); 0404 (Mean Guard)	Eden Stephens..... 6
Sam Salary..... 3	0501 (Debbie Miller); 0502 (Debbie Miller); 0504 (Debbie Miller);
0401 (Stern Orderly); 0406 (Stern Orderly); 0407 (Stern Orderly)	0505 (Debbie Miller); 0507 (Debbie Miller); 0508 (Debbie Miller)
Maximo Salas..... 1	Max Stewart..... 1
0401 (Wrestler Teen)	0305 (Gas Station Patron)
Holli Saperstein..... 1	Joel Stoffer..... 3
0406 (Concerned Woman)	0402 (Wayne Munson); 0405 (Wayne Munson); 0409 (Wayne Munson)
Drew Scheid..... 3	Chase Stokes..... 1
0202 (Drunk Teen #2); 0203 (Sweaty Teen Boy); 0204 (Sweaty Teen Boy)	0106 (Reed)
Noah Schnapp..... 7	Christopher Strand..... 2
0101 (Will Byers); 0102 (Will Byers); 0103 (Will Byers);	0401 (Chrissy's Dad); 0405 (Chrissy's Dad)
0104 (Will Byers); 0105 (Will Byers); 0107 (Will Byers);	June Sukiam..... 1
0108 (Will Byers)	0503 (Candy Striper #1)
Patrick Seda..... 1	Chris Sullivan..... 2
0308 (Hazmat Scientist)	0101 (Benny Hammond); 0102 (Benny Hammond)
Amy Seimetz..... 3	Caz Sumner..... 1
0106 (Becky Ives); 0205 (Becky Ives); 0207 (Becky Ives)	0406 (Tanner)
Olivia Sembra..... 5	Gabriella Surodjawan..... 3
0401 (Eighteen); 0405 (Eighteen); 0406 (Eighteen); 0407 (Eighteen);	0401 (Mean Girl); 0402 (Mean Girl); 0403 (Mean Girl)
0408 (Eighteen)	Artur Svorobovich..... 2
	0407 (Prison Booth Guard #1); 0408 (Prison Booth Guard #1)

Anna Swiney 1
 0203 (Middle School Child)

T

Julaine Tackett 2
 0103 (High School Student); 0104 (High School Student)

Chelsea Talmadge 6
 0102 (Carol); 0103 (Carol); 0106 (Carol); 0107 (Carol);
 0201 (Carol); 0202 (Carol)

Ben Taylor 1
 0205 (Friendly Trucker)

James Edward Thomas 1
 0405 (Fisherman #1)

Terry Thomas 1
 0104 (Person in Town)

Todd Layne Thompson 1
 0301 (Myron Janitor / Sweeper)

Steven Van Tiflin 1
 0503 (USD Soldier)

Robert Tinsley 2
 0401 (Rambo); 0408 (Fake Rambo for War Zone Ad)

Abby Townsend 1
 0401 (Friendly Girl)

Samuel Traquina 1
 0502 (ER Doctor)

John Trejo 1
 0403 (Lenora Cop #1)

Myles Truitt 9
 0401 (Patrick); 0402 (Patrick McKinney); 0403 (Patrick
 McKinney); 0404 (Patrick McKinney); 0405 (Patrick);
 0406 (Patrick); 0407 (Patrick); 0408 (Patrick);
 0409 (Patrick)

Jerri Tubbs 2
 0105 (Diane Hopper (voice)); 0108 (Diane Hopper)

Thomas Tull 1
 0207 (Man on Street)

David Turner 2
 0308 (Paratrooper); 0403 (Doctor)

Lana Jean Turner 5
 0401 (Seven); 0405 (Seven); 0406 (Seven); 0407
 (Seven); 0408 (Seven)

V

Jason Vail 2
 0405 (Lead Lab Guard); 0408 (Lead Lab Guard)

Alex Van 1
 0202 (Hunter)

Ben VanderMey 2
 0501 (Lead Soldier); 0508 (Lead Soldier)

Tony Vaughn 4
 0101 (Principal Coleman); 0104 (Principal Coleman);
 0105 (Principal Coleman); 0201 (Principal Cole-
 man)

Joseph Velez 3
 0304 (Government Agent #7); 0305 (Government
 Agent #7); 0306 (Government Agent #7)

Sierra Vemeyer 1
 0103 (Ally)

Pruitt Taylor Vince 2
 0205 (Ray); 0207 (Ray)

Alex Viola 1
 0502 (Candy Striper #2)

W

Alex Wagenman 3
 0401 (Mean Boy); 0402 (Mean Boy); 0403 (Mean
 Boy)

Christi Waldon 4
 0103 (Marissa); 0203 (Marissa); 0403 (Marissa); 0506
 (Marissa)

Amber Watson 1
 0502 (Candy Striper #3)

De'Jon Watts 4
 0401 (Six); 0405 (Six); 0406 (Six); 0407 (Six)

Jackson Watts 1
 0406 (Peter)

Benjamin Weaver 1
 0301 (Ground Round Employee)

Wyatt Werneth 1
 0401 (Sullivan Solider)

Kristen Wharton 1
 0502 (ER Nurse)

Samuel Elliott Whisnant 2
 0405 (Scientist #2); 0406 (Scientist #2)

Abigail Whitlock 1
 0107 (Mary Mack Girl #1)

Peyton Wich 5
 0101 (Troy); 0103 (Troy); 0104 (Troy); 0106 (Troy);
 0107 (Troy)

Jim Wilkey 1
 0402 (Taxi Driver)

Andrew Wilson Williams 2
 0202 (Scary Clown); 0203 (Scary Clown)

Bentley Williams 5
 0401 (Fifteen); 0405 (Fifteen); 0406 (Fifteen); 0407
 (Fifteen); 0408 (Fifteen)

Everett Williams 1
 0401 (Basket Ball Game Attendee)

Diamond Wilson 1
 0209 (Townsperson)

Rachel Marie Wilson 1
 0106 (Grocery Store Patron)

Bill Winkler 1
 0508 (Principal Higgins)

Mark Withers 1
 0104 (Gary)

Tom Wlaschiha 8
 0402 (Dmitri Antonov); 0403 (Dmitri Antonov); 0404
 (Dmitri Antonov); 0405 (Dmitri Antonov); 0406
 (Dmitri Antonov); 0407 (Dmitri Antonov); 0408
 (Dmitri Antonov); 0409 (Dmitri Antonov)

Brenda Wood 1
 0101 (Local Newswoman)

Donna Wright 1
 0203 (Elderly Math Teacher)

Y

Hendrix Yancey 5
 0401 (Thirteen); 0405 (Thirteen); 0406 (Thirteen);
 0407 (Thirteen); 0408 (Thirteen)

Elizabeth Youman 1
 0409 (Friendly Volunteer)

Dawn Young-McDaniel 1
 0401 (Friendly Nurse)

Ricardo Miguel Young 1
 0201 (Reporter)

Z

Tomas Zaibus 1
 0402 (Russian Guard)

Joris Zaliauskas 1
 0404 (Tool Shed Guard)

Zac Zedalis 1
 0302 (Russian Guard)

Alex Zelenka.....2
0307 (Soldier); 0308 (Soldier)
Carson Zone.....1
0501 (Guard — Quarantine Fence)

d

Todd d'Amour.....1
0401 (Coach)