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Season One

Olivia

Season 1

Episode Number: 1

Season Episode: 1

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Summary: After solving a case in Japan, private eye John Sugar returns to LA to help find a missing woman with ties to a Hollywood legend.



The episode begins in an unspecified Asian country, where a man is chopping food. A voice phones this man to let him know that he dropped money, and when the person comes up to the apartment to return it, it's John Sugar. Turns out Sugar's actually here to investigate the kidnapping of a young boy, who's the son of a Yakuza boss, and Sugar thinks this man was to blame.

Sugar offers the man two hours to escape if he gives up the boy: the man refuses and attacks Sugar with a knife, cutting him,

but Sugar gains the upper hand and knocks him out. Afterward, he investigates the apartment and finds the young boy. Later, Sugar trades off the boy for lots of money then leaves, and it's implied that the kidnapper is killed by the Yakuza for this attempted kidnapping.

We see Sugar patch up his wounds before he goes for a drink at a bar. When he's there, he gets an email about a new case in Los Angeles, so he travels to the US.

In a taxi from the airport, Sugar bonds with his Arabic driver due to Sugar speaking the language. The American sets up the driver with his private doctor, due to the driver's daughter being ill. Sugar is dropped off at the home of Ruby, his handler who organizes his cases and also his belongings while he's away. Ruby gives him all the mail he's missed while away, which is mainly movie magazines.

Ruby questions why Sugar took four hours to return from the airport, and Sugar admits that he visited the home of Jonathan Siegel who emailed him about the case. This is despite Ruby turning down the case on his behalf because she thinks Sugar needs a break.

We see a flashback to the meeting, which took place at Siegel's palatial home. Due to being a movie fan Sugar is starstruck, but he learns about the case. Siegel's grand-daughter Olivia has been missing for two weeks. This young woman used to be a drug addict so has a habit of temporarily disappearing, and her father isn't worried due to this past, but she's been sober for two years and so Jonathan finds this vanishing strange.

Jonathan Siegel also has heart problems so he doesn't have much longer left, and he just wants Olivia found.

Ruby expresses annoyance that Sugar took the case, but the man tells her that this missing woman reminds him of Jen. No, we don't know who that is... yet.

Seemingly knowing the detective well, Ruby has already prepared everything he needs for his case. This includes a concealed carry permit and a gun, despite Sugar not liking guns, but he's won around when he discovers that it's the same one Glenn Ford used in *The Big Heat*. Ruby also tells Sugar that he needs to make an appointment with a Dr. Vickers, before giving him the keys to his car. This car is an old-school convertible, presumably from a movie too.

For his first stop in the case, Sugar goes to Olivia's flat. He learns from the building manager that her car hasn't left the parking lot since she disappeared, and he takes the keys from the man. Then he begins to look around in her flat.

As he's investigating, Olivia's half-brother David shows up alongside a bodyguard Kenny. David, an actor, is supposedly meant to be checking Olivia's apartment daily for her return, but Sugar thinks he's lying, and is also scared about something.

When David leaves, Sugar returns to investigating. He finds a suitcase full of newspaper cuttings about Olivia's mother Rachel, as well as her headshots, and he takes this case. He also finds a reel of photo-booth images between Olivia and her stepmother, and he identifies the bar the machine is in, which he goes to.

Outside the bar Sugar pays a homeless man to watch his car and he enters. The woman he's looking for, Melanie is drunk and singing loudly to music. He buys her a drink and they get to talking, and we learn that he's got such a high metabolism that alcohol doesn't affect him.

Later, Sugar and Melanie leave the bar. He pays the homeless man more money and implores him to find a shelter and call his sister in another state, promising to buy him a bus ticket to Wisconsin (where the sister is) the next day. Then Melanie and he drive to her flat, though they're being trailed.

Melanie invites Sugar into her flat and tries to sleep with him, but he declines her because she's drunk, and soon after she passes out. Sugar tucks her to bed, maligning the fact she was too drunk for him to get any information about the case from her, but he leaves his number. Outside, he finds that Kenny is the person tailing him on behalf of David, so Sugar just gives Kenny the information he needs (where he's staying) to get him to drive off.

Sugar doesn't go to the hotel he's staying at, though. Instead he goes back to Olivia's apartment and breaks into her car. He downloads her sat-nav's navigational information, so he can see where she's been... and then finds a dead body in the trunk!

Finally, Sugar goes to the hotel he's staying at, which he lives in when he's in Los Angeles despite Ruby wanting him to buy a home. He has his own bungalow, and he checks the gun into the safe and sets up security cameras so he can see when people approach the building.

The room service lady, who is friendly with Sugar, brings him dinner, and they talk in her languages (that's four different ones he speaks in the first episode alone!). She also has a letter that was delivered for him earlier, and it's an invite for a party that he doesn't seem enthused about.

Sugar begins to go through the suitcase he took from Olivia's flat to look at the newspaper clippings. He looks up Rachel online, seeing a monologue she performed at one point, and finds her obituary from when she died in a car accident 25 years prior. Sugar also looks up Olivia's social media profiles, and finds a video of her performing the same monologue her mother did.

Then in a secret compartment in the case, Sugar finds something curious: old polaroid pictures of Rachel topless.

However as he's wondering who took these, his arm wound from the knife fight in Asia re-opens and he gets blood everywhere. He staggers into the shower, all while having flashbacks of someone running in a field. Eventually he has to take an inject of something in his neck, and he goes to bed thinking of Olivia... while we see a mystery figure watching Sugar from his window.

These People, These Places

Season 1
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Guest Stars: Eric Lange (Stallings), Elizabeth Anweis (Mrs. Siegel), Jon Beavers (Carl), Cher Alvarez (Teresa Vasquez), Amie Raylynn Apodaca (Liz), Bernardo Badillo (Manuel Santiago Cortez), Hope Banks (Mira), Julia Belanova (Gayle), Jordan Bielsky (Dealer), Conrad Bluth (Will), Don DiPetta (Carlo Dibenidetto), Salma Khan (Female Server), Nanci Kellham (Amanda), John A. Lorenz (Manager), Jennifer Marshall (Roberta Anne Lynn), Nyree Neil (Jackie), Txunamy Ortiz (Patricia Vasquez), Andrea Salloum (Deb), Aketra Sevillian (Courtney), Carlos Solórzano (Juanito Vasquez), Anna Barraza (Claudia), Massi Furlan (Carlos), Darwin Shaw (Clinton)
Summary: Sugar suspects Melanie's not telling the full story. Meanwhile, he and Ruby may not be the only ones looking into the mysterious body in Olivia's trunk.



After a morning swim in his hotel pool John Sugar meets with missing girl Olivia's father Bernie Siegel, who's also a movie producer. He thinks Olivia will show up eventually and they shouldn't search for her — he goes so far as to accuse Sugar of wasting money in his hunt.

Bernie knows that Sugar met up with Melanie last night, and he thinks that Sugar doesn't know that Melanie is his ex-wife, until Sugar proves he does. Sugar asks Bernie about the polaroids of Rachel he discovered, and asks whether

Bernie took them — the producer denies it, and the detective believes him. Bernie says that he was truly in love with Rachel, and that Olivia is his only reminder of her. He's incensed that Sugar thinks he doesn't care about his daughter and storms away, and the detective decides that the man is still hiding something.

When Sugar returns to his hotel room, he sees with his security cameras that the room was broken into while he was out, by David Siegel and his assistant Kenny. They did some investigating and planted some bugs, but they were sloppily placed, and Sugar simply switches them off.

The next step of the investigation begins: Sugar talks to lots of Olivia's friends. Most of them haven't seen her in ages, and think she had a revelation which stopped her using drugs with them. We also learn that she had a string of lovers, but Sugar shows them the picture of the man he found in the trunk, and none of them recognize this man.

We spend some time away from Sugar: on the set of his movie, Bernie is worried about David, who's set to be the star of the film. Apparently, eight people are accusing him of something, with one of them not taking any hush money, and if the story comes out it could ruin the film.

Sugar meets up with Ruby to update her on the case, in particular a meeting he just had with Jonathan Siegel. Sugar told Jonathan about meeting Bernie and David, and Jonathan vaguely alludes to reasons that they're not a very close family.

The detective and client look through the location data from Olivia's car, and before her disappearance she made multiple visits to a particular house that stands out: it stands out because a Latina woman was murdered in the building during one of Olivia's visits. What's more, the culprit was the body in Olivia's car trunk, a man called Clifford Carter, which Sugar hasn't reported his discovery of to the police despite the law saying he should.

While Jonathan finds this interesting, Ruby doesn't as Sugar recounts it; she just wants the two to have a nice normal lunch. During it, we learn that Ruby has 19 clients that she hands like Sugar, and one of them is being called in to help with the case. As Sugar tries to open his car door at the end of lunch, his hand freezes, and Ruby again asks him to contact his doctor.

Melanie calls Sugar to meet, and he visits her at her Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. She tells everyone that she was 23 years sober until something rattled her two weeks ago, and she's spent the fortnight getting drunk, but a man took her home the night before and looked after her which she considers a wake-up call. This man was, of course, Sugar in episode 1.

Afterward Melanie, who's since discovered Sugar's true identity as a detective, and the man discuss Olivia. He knows that she visited Melanie loads before the disappearance, which resulted in a changed focus from her in her social media output. But then Melanie says that they should just wait for Olivia to return for rehab, echoing very similarly Bernie's words from earlier, which makes Sugar think that Bernie has got to Melanie. She doesn't give any more information, and the detective thinks that the woman is hiding more information.

Sugar goes to the cinema to see an old movie, and on the way back, he notices that he's being followed by someone. He also sees the dog belonging to the homeless man from episode 1, which he follows, but can't find the man. So he tracks the GPS of the phone he gave the man, which leads him to an old motel. The dog claws on a certain door, so Sugar gets the property manager to open it.

The room is filled with alcohol and cocaine and Carl, the homeless man, is dead from an overdose. Another man is in the hotel room, and he won't give Sugar any information when the detective asks what this stranger gave Carl. Instead, Sugar throws him against the wall and leaves, after taking the card and phone he gave Carl.

Sugar takes the dog with him, and goes to Ruby's house to ask if the dog can stay there. Ruby has a cat so it can't. He mentions to her that he was being trailed and he doesn't think it was by the Siegels; also she tells Sugar that he needs to go to the police about the body he found in Olivia's trunk.

However, upon returning to Olivia's car for the body, Sugar finds that someone has already removed it! We also see Ruby again, on the phone with someone, and she's discussing Sugar being followed. She says "Obviously they are watching him". But who's 'they'?

David and Kenny go to Bernie to report what they found from their investigation while Bernie distracts Sugar. They took a few pictures of things in his apartment, so know about the invite he received, and also stole some letters to Sugar from his mother. However since the bug was discovered, they have no audio from the hotel. Bernie is annoyed at his son for not discovering more.

Sugar returns to his hotel room, with his new canine friend. We learn that Jen (the girl Olivia reminds Sugar of, mentioned in the previous episode) was Sugar's sister, but the detective hopes that this case has a different ending.

We end by seeing a young woman and her two children returning home... to discover gangsters there. The kids are taken away while the head honcho reveals that he's Clifford Carter's boss, and we learn that the woman is the sister of the lady who was murdered (mentioned earlier in the episode).

The boss wants to know where Clifford is, so he can retrieve important information from the man's phone and also shows the woman the last text he received from Clifford. It's a picture of Melanie, asking the boss if he knows who this is, and the young woman who's being threatened clearly does!

Shibuya Crossing

Season 1
Episode Number: 3
Season Episode: 3

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Show Stars: Colin Farrell (John Sugar), Kirby (Ruby), Amy Ryan (Melanie Mackintosh), Dennis Boutsikaris (Bernie Siegel), Nate Corddry (David Siegel), Alex Hernandez (Kenny), James Cromwell (Jonathan Siegel)
Guest Stars: Anna Gunn (Margit), Eric Lange (Stallings), Jason Butler Harner (Henry), Sydney Chandler (Olivia Siegel), Scott Lawrence (Dr. Vickers (voice)), Paula Andrea Placido (Charlie), Jonathan Slavin (Everett Roberts), Cher Alvarez (Teresa Vasquez), Don DiPetta (Carlo Dibenidetto), Shirin Amini (Mariam), Monia Ayachi (Alice), Bernardo Badillo (Manuel Cortez), Jennifer Marshall (Roberta Lynn), Txunamy Ortiz (Patricia Vasquez), Alice Amter (Michel), Kalina Vanska (SPC Guest)
Summary: Melanie and Sugar get caught in a dicey situation — and make a new enemy. Sugar reunites with old friends, but he senses some are keeping secrets.



When John Sugar wakes up in the morning, he calls Ruby to ask for updates on the Olivia case. There aren't any. He also complains about the new dog.

Meanwhile Melanie receives a call from Theresa (the woman from the end of the previous episode) because an intimidating man had visited asking questions about Olivia. Melanie rushes over to provide support... only to find out that this was a ruse, to trick her to visiting so the mysterious crime boss could confront her. If you'll remember, this man is look-

ing for his associate Clifford Carter, who we know is dead. Melanie says she doesn't know where Carter is, but the crime boss doesn't believe her.

At home, Sugar receives a call from an associate called Charlie, who we've heard of but haven't met yet. Turns out she's a civilian that Sugar has hired to trail Melanie, and Sugar comes to visit her. He notices several very fancy cars with people watching the house, and knows something is up. He breaks into the building, noticing that one of the names on the door is for Vasquez (this is Theresa's surname, but it's important to Sugar as he remembers it's also the surname of the murdered woman Carmen).

In the apartment, the crime boss is preparing to put Theresa's hand in a blender to make Melanie talk... when Sugar starts banging on the front door. He pretends to be Theresa's probation officer, which nearly gets the gang to scarper, until they notice Sugar's fancy suit which suggests he's not a probation officer.

However just then Charlie sets off a smoke bomb under one of the trucks, so the gang leave to investigate. Sugar knocks out the one remaining henchman and they all escape — Charlie takes Theresa and her kid, while Sugar and Melanie go to Griffith Observatory to talk.

Melanie says that her and Olivia (the missing girl) volunteered at a women's shelter, where they met Theresa and Carmen. Olivia and Carmen got on particularly well... until one day Melanie

was summoned to Carmen's house. Turns out, Olivia had gone to visit her friend, only to walk in on Clifford Carter trying to dispose of her body. Olivia had taken his gun and shot him, and then freaked out — Melanie helped her dispose of the body, to avoid getting the family in any tabloid issues.

David Siegel's henchman Kenny visits a man's house. They sleep together then Kenny asks him for a favor — turns out this man works for the NSA, and he provides Kenny lots of information on John Sugar. We learn that he was raised by his mother and trained at an army languages facility, and now his mom lives in Arizona.

At her home Ruby detects that someone has searched for Sugar's files, and does a reverse search to work out who this is. She also notices that they've looked up Sugar's mother's address.

David (and Olivia's) father Bernie Siegel talks to a woman called Margit about his upcoming movie, starring David. She tells Bernie that David's performance is great. However Bernie is nervous about the allegations raised towards David, and reveals that he set the young man "a task". This task seems to be to investigate Sugar, as David Siegel meets up with Kenny to retrieve the NSA information.

Sugar gives a gravelly monologue about how he thinks Olivia is being held by someone, then gets ready to go to the party that he was invited to in the first episode. He leaves his dog to watch *Double Indemnity* on TV as entertainment.

This party is being hosted by Ruby, for a collection of international language speakers, presumably connected to Sugar's training. Sugar doesn't want to be there, but he makes small talk, until noticing a woman. He follows this woman into another room, but is distracted by a friend called Harry who's just arrived. Soon after, we see that the room is really empty, and she must be a hallucination.

Sugar tells Harry about the Shibayu Crossing, and how he spent a long time there people-watching. They eventually talk about work, and Harry echoes what Ruby has been saying, that Sugar is getting too involved with the case.

Throughout the night, people have been summoned into a private room with Ruby, and soon it's Sugar's turn. It looks like an interrogation room, and in it, Ruby goes through Sugar's log-book. It's meant to be for the man's objective observations during his case, but it's filled with strange musings, notes on his musical taste and odd extras. Ruby uses this as evidence that Sugar is getting far too emotionally intertwined with the case, and gives him a new book.

Sugar also asks two more things. Firstly, he asks if Ruby has "heard from them" and wants to know what 'they' said, and Ruby responds that these people are "counting on us". Don't worry, we don't know who these people are yet. Secondly, Sugar asks about the license plates from the trucks earlier, and Ruby reveals that the gang leader is a man named Byron Stallings. She's going to give him more information once she cracks some necessary encryptions to access the police records.

Meanwhile David reports to Bernie some of his findings. He reveals that the party invite was from the Cosmopolitan Polyglot Society, ostensibly a group of multilinguists, but David recounts a rumor that Kenny has heard about a group of international spies who stopped fighting and teamed up to work together and do good. Bernie isn't convinced. David also reveals that he tracked down Sugar's mother, and despite Bernie's uncertainty, he undertakes a trip to Arizona to find her.

As Sugar is leaving the party, Ruby insists that he goes to see Dr. Vickers the next day. However after the party, Ruby calls this man to let him know that Sugar is onto Stallings, and will soon discover "the rest". Vickers tells her to tell "the others" especially someone called Miller. Afterwards, Ruby deletes the police records which she had told Sugar she couldn't access.

After getting back to his hotel, Sugar takes a night swim. Meanwhile Melanie pays a late visit to Bernie, though we don't know why.

Starry-Eyed

Season 1
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Season Episode: 4

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Guest Stars: Miguel Sandoval (Thomas Kinsey), Anna Gunn (Margit), Eric Lange (Stallings), Elizabeth Anweis (Mrs. Siegel), Sydney Chandler (Olivia Siegel), Scott Lawrence (Dr. Vickers), Jayne Taini (Ms. Sugar), Isabella Briggs (Taylor), Adrian Martinez (Glen), Don DiPetta (Carlo Dibenidetto), Eliza Blair (Dani), Bernardo Badillo (Manuel Cortez), Billy Budinich (Steve), Patrick Day (Wyatt), Massi Furlan (Carlos), Nicole Berry (Gardener), Ruby Lewis (Lorraine Everly), Elsa Marquez (EMT #1), Jennifer Marshall (Roberta Lynn), Cheyenne Perez (Cafe Manager), Brittney Baxter (Server)
Summary: Sugar and Melanie track down Olivia's friend, who shares disturbing information about Davy and his family. Davy and Kenny dig into Sugar's past.



As the episode begins, John Sugar is finally following his handler's suggestions by going to the doctor to get a check-up. He proceeds to tell this doctor the plot to *The Thing*. This man is Doctor Vickers, who we've heard about but never seen, and he tells Sugar that he's physically fine but mentally unwell.

David Siegel and his henchman Kenny drive to Arizona to try to get information from Sugar's mother, and she lets them in when she recognizes Bernie from his movies. However once they leave, she

calls Sugar — he knew they'd visit her and he instructed her what to say, making sure that she didn't reveal any information.

In the early hours of the morning Bernie Siegel returns home, and his wife asks where he was the night before. He says he slept in their beach house to clear his mind, and doesn't make any mention of what we saw last episode, that Melanie visited him. He goes to his office and begins to look through family pictures of his previous wife, Rachel, the mother of the missing Olivia.

Sugar calls Ruby for more information on Stallings, the crime boss from the last few episodes. She doesn't have much information, and suggests he's lying low, but if you'll remember from episode 3 she's been deleting records from this man so she may be hiding something.

When Sugar returns to his hotel, Melanie is waiting for him. She lets him know that Teresa safely fled the city and also recounts something she forgot: before Olivia disappeared she bailed on plans with Melanie, but then the older woman saw the younger one having a heated discussion with a stranger. Sugar and Melanie decide to investigate.

The duo go to the café Olivia and this woman were spotted at, and go around the local area showing people Olivia's picture. One young woman, who recognizes Melanie as a former rock star,

also comments that Olivia was a friend of someone called 'Taylor'. Sugar gets Taylor's address and visits this young woman, along with Melanie.

Taylor has a story to tell: she's an actress who was up for a role in a Bernie Siegel film which she mentioned to David Siegel, and the son proceeded to get very creepy toward her. She even went to the police but the Siegel family was too powerful, and a lawyer tried to give Taylor hush money. Eventually Taylor contacted Olivia, who confirmed that this had happened before to other women, and befriended Taylor.

As David and Kenny drive home from Arizona, Margit calls the former. She tells him not to speak to his father Bernie until she's decided what the son should tell the father from the trip.

Sugar wants to speak to Jonathan Siegel and so is invited to a retrospective screening of a movie he produced called *The Winds of Change*, starring his then-wife Lorraine Everly. Jonathan wants to talk after the screening but this gives Sugar time to soak in the atmosphere (one could say it makes him 'Starry Eyed', hence the title of the episode).

Margit speaks to Sugar, and we learn that she's an actress as well as David's mother and Bernie's ex-wife. Bernie also talks to Sugar, and the investigator hints that he knows David's secret, however Bernie plays dumb. Bernie's current wife, Wendy, comes to distract him from the conversation.

Sugar notices Melanie arrive, and she's texting someone... as is Bernie. They both sneak out, so Sugar makes his way up to the projectionist's booth where he uses CCTV to see the two have a heated debate. He also talks to the projectionist about his love of film, which developed fairly late.

Later the movie screening takes place, and Jonathan is set to do a Q&A session afterward. However as the film ends Sugar gets a phone notification, as do many other people: a news site has reported on David's treatment of women, and the secret is out. At this Jonathan has a heart attack (though we learn later that he'll recover).

Still driving back from Arizona, Stallings calls David, threatening him not to mention his name at all. We then see Stallings and his crew as they prepare to go somewhere. He leaves one lady in charge of protecting something behind a locked door.

At home, Sugar realizes that the dress Lorraine Everly wore in the movie was the same one that Rachel was wearing in the blackmail photos (from the first episode). He ponders on this, and as he does, we see what's behind Stallings' locked door: it's the jewelry that Olivia was wearing in her last few Instagram videos before she disappeared.

Boy in the Corner

Season 1
Episode Number: 5
Season Episode: 5

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Show Stars: Colin Farrell (John Sugar), Kirby (Ruby), Amy Ryan (Melanie Mackintosh), Dennis Boutsikaris (Bernie Siegel), Nate Corddry (David Siegel), Alex Hernandez (Kenny), James Cromwell (Jonathan Siegel)
Guest Stars: Anna Gunn (Margit), Eric Lange (Stallings), Paul Schulze (Miller), Paula Andrea Placido (Charlie), Julie Dretzin (Producer), Don DiPetta (Carlo Dibenidetto), Jaime Alvarez (Chano), Dominic Anaya (Danilo), Bernardo Badillo (Manuel Cortez), Flor de Maria Chahua (Adella), Bianca Diezmo (Kaarina), Massi Furlan (Carlos), Jana Lee Hamblin (Psychologist), Elizabeth Liang (Nurse)
Summary: Melanie gets a surprise visit that unleashes Sugar's dark side. Ruby receives chilling guidance from a colleague. Davy makes a tragic decision.



Melanie is being followed by someone in a white van. Melanie goes to a recording studio and has a catch-up with her producer... and we learn that it's Sugar's friend Chanst him, which might mean he can't work in the town again, so his mother repeatedly tells him to "fuck this town".

Meanwhile John Sugar is looking for David, to speak to him about Olivia. He first visits Jonathan Siegel's house. There, he notices that Jonathan has turned one of his rooms into a shrine for

ex-wife

John goes to see Jonathan but he's still out cold from his heart attack the night prior. Bernie Siegel is also there, and he offers to foot the bill for the rest of the case since Jonathan is out for the count, but Sugar declines.

Next, Sugar goes to David's house, where Margrit speaks to him. She spins a yarn about how David is actually an empathetic person who's been accused of things he didn't do, but Sugar already knows that's not the case. Margrit asks Kenny to kick Sugar out, but at that moment David appears. He's ready to speak to Sugar.

We learn that David had a taste for women who were trafficked, and he used to go to Byron Stallings for these, whom he became friends with. When the allegations of wrongdoing first came out, David complained to Byron about Olivia, who was encouraging the women to speak to the press instead of taking settlements... and presumably he did something bad. Only David and Byron know about this, not the former's family.

Meanwhile, Melanie is being followed by someone in a white van. Melanie goes to a recording studio and has a catch-up with her producer... and we learn that it's Sugar's friend Charlie following Melanie.

Also meanwhile: Ruby drives into the countryside to meet someone called 'Miller' for advice about Sugar's investigation. Sugar is about to find out something they don't want him to, linked

with Stallings, but Miller just tells Ruby to make sure he doesn't find anything out. It's also implied that the investigation agency has started working with Stallings but Ruby isn't happy with it.

When Melanie gets home later, Charlie is still watching her, and she sets up cameras pointed at the house. What Charlie doesn't notice is that someone was already in the house: a man with a gun. He confronts her briefly, but she quickly distracts him and runs away, hiding in a room and locking the door. However the man finds a power tool and begins to destroy the door!

While this happens, Sugar goes to Charlie to bring her some food. He's planning to confront Stallings the next day, and thinks he's got the night off so he's going to catch a movie. He drives away... but notices an odd van outside Melanie's house.

Just as the stranger is about to break down the door to Melanie's room, Sugar appears, pulling the man away but then beating him up a lot. He nearly kills the man, until Melanie and Charlie stop him.

Melanie is upset that Sugar was so violent towards the man, but she agrees to go to the hotel with him as her home is unsafe. She sleeps on the couch while Sugar takes the bed.

That same evening, we see Byron in Tijuana on business... however this business is picking girls to traffic across the border. He splits up some families and forces the girls onto a van.

Also that evening, David and Margit are sharing a wine and talking about a past film the former worked on. He seems happy talking about the film, but unhappy once they stop. He goes upstairs, opens a secret compartment in a jewelry box, and pulls out a gun... which he promptly uses to shoot himself, after repeating his mother's words "fuck this town".

Some time later, Bernie goes to the house, as ambulances show up too. David is either dead or close to it.

That same evening, Sugar writes in his journal about the events of the day. Then instead of going to bed, he gets a pillow and lies down on the ground next to Melanie's sofa. He tells her he has a secret, but he can't say what it is.

Go Home

Season 1
Episode Number: 6
Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Friday May 03, 2024
Writer: Donald Joh, Sam Catlin
Director: Fernando Meirelles
Show Stars: Colin Farrell (John Sugar), Kirby (Ruby), Amy Ryan (Melanie Mackintosh), Dennis Boutsikaris (Bernie Siegel), Nate Corddry (David Siegel), Alex Hernandez (Kenny), James Cromwell (Jonathan Siegel)
Guest Stars: Miguel Sandoval (Thomas Kinsey), Anna Gunn (Margit), Eric Lange (Stallings), Jason Butler Harner (Henry), Elizabeth Anweis (Mrs. Siegel), Paula Andrea Placido (Charlie), Darwin Shaw (Clinton), Bernardo Badillo (Manuel), Emil Beheshti (Surgeon), Massi Furlan (Carlos), Elizabeth Liang (Nurse), Jennifer Marshall (Roberta Anne Lynn)
Summary: Sugar thinks he's made a break in the case. When a double cross forces him to do the unthinkable, he turns to Melanie and Henry for help.



After David's actions at the climax of the last episode, Bernie and Margrit go to the hospital. The doctor tells them that David has survived physically, but has sustained trauma to the brain and so won't recover mentally.

The next morning John Sugar gets ready for work, and he considers bringing the gun Ruby gifted him, but decides against it. He's waiting for a call from Charlie, who's waiting at Byron Stallings' house for the man to return so that Sugar can visit him.

Eventually Stallings does return, much to the excitement of his guard dogs. He prepares his two henchmen to discuss something but receives a message on his phone, and states that there's been a "change of plans".

Sugar drives to Stallings' house, and calls Ruby on the way. She tries to talk him out of the visit but he doesn't listen. He visits Charlie, who's parked down the hill with some binoculars, and then walks up to the house.

Stallings' guard dogs run to attack Sugar but he calms them down and befriends them. He begins to snoop around Stallings' house... but at the same time, we see someone drive behind Charlie's van to stop her driving away, and then bash on her window.

In the house, Sugar comes across a whimpering woman with a bag on her head... but when he removes the bag, he discovers it's just one of Stallings' lackeys. Stallings is there too, and he begins to beat up Sugar. The detective insists that he doesn't want violence, much to the bemusement of Stallings and his crew, and that he's just there to get Olivia back.

However Stallings orders one of his men to shoot Sugar, so the latter jumps into action, seemingly letting out some demons that he'd been trying to hide. He fights the three, killing both of the henchmen but only after one of them stabs him. Sugar begins to interrogate Stallings, but sees the text the criminal got which alerted him to Sugar's visit... and it's from Ruby! Stallings refuses to give any more information, so Sugar kills him.

Sugar goes to the locked door we've seen in Stallings' home and opens it, but in the basement are just lots of locked dogs in cages. He lets them out and goes back upstairs, where another of Stallings' henchmen has arrived. Sugar lets the man go in exchange for his phone, and uses it to call Charlie, but there's no response. Instead he calls Melanie.

We see the blood-soaked Sugar stumble from Stallings' house and drive to where Melanie is staying, while giving an upset monologue on Ruby's betrayal.

At this time, Bernie goes to visit his bedbound father Jonathan. He tells him about what happened to David, and recounts a story about how, as a parent, he prioritized making David happy instead of teaching him important life lessons. Then Bernie reveals that him and Margrit have decided to let David die.

Sugar finally gets to Melanie, and he won't tell her what happened and won't let her call an ambulance. He asks her to call Henry instead (who, if you'll remember, is the man from the Polyglot society whom Sugar had a talk with earlier in the season).

Henry uses medical knowledge to fix up Sugar, yet he also doesn't tell Melanie anything extra about what's going on. He tells her to keep Sugar in bed, and that he'll be back tomorrow to check up on the detective.

Later that night, Sugar wakes up, with Melanie asleep next to him. He looks unwell but decides to drive to Ruby's house. He makes no secret that he knows she alerted Stallings, but she won't tell him why she did it. Sugar wants to know whether Charlie is okay, but Ruby doesn't know.

Sugar tells Ruby his hypothesis: Olivia has been trafficked for someone, and Ruby is protecting that person. Ruby just tells Sugar to stop looking for the girl.

Ruby goes to get aspirin for Sugar, and while she's gone he takes something from her kitchen drawer and leaves. As he drives home, he realizes that his decision to rescue Olivia and kill Stallings have put a big target on his back.

Back where he was staying, we find out what Sugar took: it's a case with some kind of drug in it. The detective injects himself in the neck, and seems to relax. However in the mirror he watches as his skin turns blue and textured (which is, presumably, just a drug-induced vision).

The Friends You Keep

Season 1
Episode Number: 7
Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Friday May 10, 2024
Writer: Donald Joh, Sam Catlin
Director: Adam Arkin
Show Stars: Colin Farrell (John Sugar), Kirby (Ruby), Amy Ryan (Melanie Mackintosh), Dennis Boutsikaris (Bernie Siegel), Nate Corddry (David Siegel), Alex Hernandez (Kenny), James Cromwell (Jonathan Siegel)
Guest Stars: Miguel Sandoval (Thomas Kinsey), Anna Gunn (Margit), Jason Butler Harner (Henry), Paul Schulze (Miller), Elizabeth Anweis (Mrs. Siegel), Sydney Chandler (Olivia Siegel), Cameron Cowperthwaite (Ryan Pavich), Matthew Arkin (Rabbi), Christopher Carrington (Campus Security Guard), Zachary Cowan (Skeevy Guy), Massi Furlan (Carlos), Christine Hassay (Rouged Woman), Devielle Johnson (Zack), Courtney Lin (Lena), Maeve Whalen (Djen), Lana Danielyan (University Administrator)
Summary: Sugar's fears for the safety of his friends lead him to a clandestine gathering where he learns a dangerous secret — and the truth about Olivia.



The episode begins in Ruby's house, as her and Miller enter the debriefing room. She takes out a strange typewriter-looking device and types a message onto it — and presently a message comes back. Miller sets out, seemingly to capture Sugar.

Sugar awakens on the floor of the motel, with Melanie sitting near him. She looks worried, and she tells him that when he was asleep, he was calling out to someone in a foreign language. Melanie wants answers but she steps out to fetch

them a coffee first. As she does so, a convoy of mysterious-looking cars approaches the motel.

At the same time, the funeral for David is going on. Afterwards, Jonathan pays his condolences to his son Bernie. Bernie is concerned that Olivia didn't show up for the funeral, and it's clear that he's starting to come around to the idea that something has happened to her.

We also briefly see Olivia, alive, for the first time in the show. She's locked in a small space, and someone opens it up to peer at her.

Sugar notices that the phone he took from Stallings' associate in the last episode has been blowing up with messages and missed calls. Then Melanie returns with the coffee, but Sugar realizes that foes are also at the door. Miller knocks asking to speak to Sugar.

Miller's henchmen bash down the motel door but Sugar has gone... however Miller notices that he slipped into the neighbouring room, and confronts him. Then Melanie hits him and they run away to escape.

Melanie and Sugar drive to a rooftop parking lot, and Sugar tells her something new: while being a private investigator his day job, he's also part of a secret group that he doesn't want to talk about, and this group is now apparently after him. Melanie gets him to confirm, though, that he's a spy who's there to observe. But a spy from whom?

Then Sugar realises that Miller will next target his ally Henry so they rush over to the university that Henry lectures at. They're too late, and Henry has already gone.

Instead of tracking Henry, Sugar and Melanie go to the house of Moss, whose phone Sugar still has (Stallings' associate). Sugar has a theory that people linked to Stallings are being rounded up, and this is proven right when they get to Moss' house and find him dead on the floor.

Sugar returns to his hotel to freshen up, and takes the gun that Ruby previously gave him. Melanie stays at the hotel, and Sugar promises that he won't return without Olivia. Then, he goes to tail Miller.

Sugar follows Miller to a meeting of their group, which is also the polyglot club from several episodes ago. Sugar demands to know what's going on, and where Olivia is.

Ruby, Miller and the other members of the group tell Sugar that their mission is being called off, and soon they'll be off-planet. Henry is there, and he explains to Sugar that some powerful humans discovered the existence of the aliens. These humans have been blackmailing the aliens into performing nasty deeds for them, and threatening to expose the aliens' existence if they don't comply. While Sugar doesn't like this, Henry points out that it's the same as how Sugar killed people in self defense at Stallings' house.

Olivia was kidnapped by the son of a politician, and the alien group is keeping it quiet, even trying to stop Sugar discovering her. However Henry gives Sugar the address of where she's being kept. He thinks that the longer the aliens stay on Earth, the more human they become.

Sugar drives to the address provided, which is a fancy house. He sneaks around to investigate, and finds a basement, but before he can open it the neighborhood security guard discovers him. Sugar is arrested and taken to the guard's car, before convincing the man that he's a PI looking for a missing person.

The guard agrees to look around the house for Sugar, but says he can't find anything... but he starts acting overly familiar about the property. Sugar also notices some campaign posters about the place... and realizes that this guard lives at the house, and is also the son of a politician.

The guard prepares to kill Sugar, but the detective fends him off. Sugar's gun comes out, and the detective decides not to kill the man... but then the man uses the gun to kill himself.

Sugar investigates the basement and finds some creepy stuff including a big shower, an operating table and lots of instruments and microphones. He also finds a locked closet and opens it... to find Olivia inside.

Farewell

Season 1
Episode Number: 8
Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Friday May 17, 2024
Writer: Donald Joh, Sam Catlin
Director: Fernando Meirelles
Show Stars: Colin Farrell (John Sugar), Kirby (Ruby), Amy Ryan (Melanie Mackintosh), Dennis Boutsikaris (Bernie Siegel), Nate Corddry (David Siegel), Alex Hernandez (Kenny), James Cromwell (Jonathan Siegel)
Guest Stars: Anna Gunn (Margit), Jason Butler Harner (Henry), Paul Schulze (Miller), Sydney Chandler (Olivia Siegel), Cameron Cowperthwaite (Ryan Pavich), Alex Borlo (Victim), Massi Furlan (Carlos), Alice Rivetveld (Kathy Pembroke), Maeve Whalen (Djen), Sami Acuna (Alexandra), Anna Barraza (Mother)
Summary: A shocking realization points Sugar toward a discovery that changes everything.



John Sugar has rescued Olivia Siegel, and he drives her away from where she was locked up. Melanie is exploring Sugar's hotel room, and has just found his mysterious vials, but then Sugar calls to tell her he's found Olivia.

Sugar brings Olivia to the flat and the girl and Melanie have a teary reunion. Sugar is almost ready to close the case... but he thinks he's missed something. He's also carrying a home-made CD created by Ryan Pavitch (the kidnapper), which he took from the home; it's

number 44 of numerous more, but it's the only one Sugar took.

Meanwhile, Miller is driving somewhere in the desert. A policewoman pulls him over about a damaged fender... but then shoots him and leaves!

Sugar goes to Ruby's house, which is being packed up ahead of their imminent evacuation from the planet at sunset that day (remember, they're aliens). They're hurrying since Ryan Pavitch's exposure has meant that they reneged on their deal (to protect people like Pavitch, in exchange for their alien secret not being revealed) and now people are after them.

In the garden, Sugar visits Henry who's writing in a notebook. Henry laments that Sugar didn't get more fanfare for rescuing the girl. Sugar is there to pick up a CD player, and he reiterates his belief that the case isn't cracked.

Sugar gets in his car and listens to the CD; it's an audio log that Pavitch kept when torturing his victims. While listening Sugar drives to the Siegel house, and watches a craft fly through the sky as he gets there.

At the Siegel's, Sugar first speaks to Margit to pass his condolences about David. She points out that Sugar never revealed his real motivation but that doesn't change here.

Next, Sugar speaks to Jonathan who asks Sugar to become his head of security, which Sugar obviously passes down. Jonathan says that Olivia hasn't spoken about her time in the basement yet, and Sugar watches the girl and Bernie relax in the garden.

Sugar has worked out a mystery from the beginning of the series: the polaroid pictures of Rachel belong to Jonathan, and he returns them (Rachel, if you'll remember, was the first wife of

Bernie, Jonathan's son). Rachel and Jonathan were having an affair and it's implied that Olivia is actually Jonathan's daughter, not his grand-daughter.

When leaving the Siegel's, Sugar gets another call from Ruby: she wants to know where Miller is, but our detective doesn't know. Then he continues to listen to the CD.

Next, Sugar visits Melanie, bringing the dog Wiley who needs a new owner. Melanie knows that Sugar is leaving for good, and asks if he's visiting his sister, to which Sugar tells us something that's been hinted: his sister was abducted when she was a kid, which is why Sugar hunts missing people now. When Sugar is bidding Melanie goodbye, he touches her hand and his eyes glow blue, and it's implied that he's psychically revealed his identity to her.

Driving away, Sugar gets another call from Ruby; she's figured out that the humans are literally hunting them, so they need to be away soon. Sugar listens to the ending of the CD, and the last thing Pavitch says is "don't you agree" to someone in the room. He also says it in a way that makes it sound like "don't Sugar".

Instead of driving to the evacuation point, Sugar returns to the Siegel house and he demands to speak to Olivia. She reveals that Pavitch wasn't alone in his actions, but the other person never spoke. They only wrote stuff down —and Sugar immediately works out who it was.

Sugar realizes that it was Henry, who's always writing stuff down. Sugar rushes off to Ruby's house, as he was meant to pick up Henry to drive him to the evac, but the house has been cleared out. All that remains is a ringing phone, and when Sugar answers, Henry is on the other end.

Henry explains why he joined with the kidnappers: the aliens' job on Earth was to observe and report, and he took it to its extremes. Henry says that he's not going to leave Earth with the others, and that Sugar should stay too. However when Henry hangs up, he's left another gift... the alien robes belonging to Sugar's sister are hanging up in the wardrobe!

Sugar reflects on his time on Earth and whether it's made him more human. He decides to stay on Earth and to find Henry, to stop him kidnapping and torturing more people (or helping humans to do so).

Sugar makes a trip to the evac zone to let Ruby know that he's staying, and Ruby admits that all the other aliens knew about Henry and Pavitch (though not about Henry being the person who abducted Sugar's sister).

A wormhole appears above the desert, and Sugar just drives away from the evacuation point, watching as he does a spaceship disappear into the sky.

Actor Appearances

A

Sami Acuna	1
0108 (Alexandra)	
Cher Alvarez	2
0102 (Teresa Vasquez); 0103 (Teresa Vasquez)	
Jaime Alvarez	1
0105 (Chano)	
Shirin Amini	1
0103 (Mariam)	
Alice Amter	1
0103 (Michel)	
Dominic Anaya	1
0105 (Danilo)	
Elizabeth Anweis	4
0102 (Mrs. Siegel); 0104 (Mrs. Siegel); 0106 (Mrs. Siegel); 0107 (Mrs. Siegel)	
Amie Raylynn Apodaca	1
0102 (Liz)	
Matthew Arkin	1
0107 (Rabbi)	
Monia Ayachi	1
0103 (Alice)	

B

Bernardo Badillo	5
0102 (Manuel Santiago Cortez); 0103 (Manuel Cortez); 0104 (Manuel Cortez); 0105 (Manuel Cortez); 0106 (Manuel)	
Avery Bagenstos	1
0101 (Bartender)	
Hope Banks	1
0102 (Mira)	
Anna Barraza	2
0102 (Claudia); 0108 (Mother)	
Brittney Baxter	1
0104 (Server)	
Jon Beavers	2
0101 (Carl); 0102 (Carl)	
Emil Beheshti	1
0106 (Surgeon)	
Julia Belanova	1
0102 (Gayle)	
Nicole Berry	1
0104 (Gardener)	
Jordan Bielsky	1
0102 (Dealer)	
Eliza Blair	1
0104 (Dani)	
Conrad Bluth	1
0102 (Will)	
Alex Borlo	1
0108 (Victim)	
Isabella Briggs	1
0104 (Taylor)	
Billy Budinich	1
0104 (Steve)	

C

Christopher Carrington	1
0107 (Campus Security Guard)	
Flor de Maria Chahua	1
0105 (Adella)	
Sydney Chandler	5
0101 (Olivia Siegel); 0103 (Olivia Siegel); 0104 (Olivia Siegel); 0107 (Olivia Siegel); 0108 (Olivia Siegel)	
Zachary Cowan	1
0107 (Skeevy Guy)	
Cameron Cowperthwaite	2
0107 (Ryan Pavich); 0108 (Ryan Pavich)	

D

Lana Danielyan	1
0107 (University Administrator)	
Patrick Day	1
0104 (Wyatt)	
Don DiPetta	4
0102 (Carlo Dibenidetto); 0103 (Carlo Dibenidetto); 0104 (Carlo Dibenidetto); 0105 (Carlo Dibenidetto)	
Bianca Diezmo	1
0105 (Kaarina)	
Julie Dretzin	1
0105 (Producer)	

E

Marisa Echeverria	1
0101 (Consuelo)	

F

Massi Furlan	6
0102 (Carlos); 0104 (Carlos); 0105 (Carlos); 0106 (Carlos); 0107 (Carlos); 0108 (Carlos)	

G

Anna Gunn	6
0103 (Margit); 0104 (Margit); 0105 (Margit); 0106 (Margit); 0107 (Margit); 0108 (Margit)	

H

Jana Lee Hamblin	1
0105 (Psychologist)	
Koya Harada	1
0101 (Yuma Kobayashi)	
Jason Butler Harner	4
0103 (Henry); 0106 (Henry); 0107 (Henry); 0108 (Henry)	
Christine Hassay	1

0107 (Rouged Woman)

J

Devielle Johnson 1
0107 (Zack)

K

Nanci Kelham 1
0102 (Amanda)
Salma Khan 1
0102 (Female Server)

L

Eric Lange 5
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0105 (Stallings); 0106 (Stallings)
Scott Lawrence 2
0103 (Dr. Vickers (voice)); 0104 (Dr. Vickers)
Ruby Lewis 1
0104 (Lorraine Everly)
Elizabeth Liang 2
0105 (Nurse); 0106 (Nurse)
Courtney Lin 1
0107 (Lena)
Natalie Alyn Lind 1
0101 (Rachel Kaye)
John A. Lorenz 1
0102 (Manager)

M

Yoshio Maki 1
0101 (Masaki Hashimoto)
Elsa Marquez 1
0104 (EMT #1)
Jennifer Marshall 4
0102 (Roberta Anne Lynn); 0103 (Roberta Lynn);
0104 (Roberta Lynn); 0106 (Roberta Anne Lynn)
Adrian Martinez 1
0104 (Glen)
Yumi Mizui 1
0101 (Machiko)
Taishi Mizuno 1
0101 (Hideo)

N

Nyree Neil 1
0102 (Jackie)

O

Txunamy Ortiz 2
0102 (Patricia Vasquez); 0103 (Patricia Vasquez)

P

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0104 (Cafe Manager)
Paula Andrea Placido 3
0103 (Charlie); 0105 (Charlie); 0106 (Charlie)

R

Travis Richey 1
0101 (Gary Bascomb)
Alice Rietveld 1
0108 (Kathy Pembroke)

S

Andrea Salloum 1
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Miguel Sandoval 4
0101 (Thomas Kinsey); 0104 (Thomas Kinsey); 0106
(Thomas Kinsey); 0107 (Thomas Kinsey)
Paul Schulze 3
0105 (Miller); 0107 (Miller); 0108 (Miller)
Aketra Sevillian 1
0102 (Courtney)
Darwin Shaw 3
0101 (Clinton); 0102 (Clinton); 0106 (Clinton)
Jonathan Slavin 1
0103 (Everett Roberts)
Carlos Solórzano 1
0102 (Juanito Vasquez)
Kazuma Suzuki 1
0101 (Handsome Man)

T

Jayne Taini 1
0104 (Ms. Sugar)

V

Kalina Vanska 1
0103 (SPC Guest)

W

Maeve Whalen 2
0107 (Djen); 0108 (Djen)

Z

Jamil Zraikat 1
0101 (Driver)