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Season One
Red Moon

Season 1
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Summary: NASA is in crisis as the Soviets land the first man on the moon in 1969, the beginning of an alternate history.

On June 26, 1969 in Parras de la Fuente, Mexico, Aleida Rosales is called by her mom, who was watching the moon’s landing.

Other people are also watching the landing which was preformed by the Soviets. In NASA, and all over the USA, everybody is devastated watching the live broadcasts. The man who landed, Alexei Leonov’s first words were "I take this step for my country, for my people, and for the Marxist-Leninist way of life. Knowing that today is but one small step on a journey that someday will take us all to the stars."

Shane Baldwin is called by his mom in order to go to school. He says goodbye to his parents and leaves. After this, Edward Baldwin is asked by his wife what would happen since the USA was not the first country to land on the moon, and he says that there would be a meeting in order to discuss it, and leaves for work.

At the meeting, Deke Slayton mentions Apollo 11 is scheduled to fly in 2.5 weeks, and Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins would continue to train as had been planned. He
also said training for Apollo’s 12 — 20 would also continue, as there had been no instructions from the top. However, Deke told them that the training would not be continued that day, since it was time to be pissed about the events, suggesting they take the weekend off to get drunk and blow off steam.

The men raced to Outpost Tavern, declaring the last one to get there would buy the drinks. At the tavern, they sang and played darts while nailing a newspaper to the target. The men all called Pam Horton to throw a beer at the newspaper, and they all followed.

NASA chief was questioned by a representative sent by the president, demanding answers. The chief mentioned the CIA failed to tell them there was going to be a Soviet moon landing, but a representative of the CIA mentioned they did report two launches. The white house representative asks if they could move up the launching of the Apollo 11, and was told that the phase of the moon would not allow them to do this.

At a press meeting, Deke is asked why they didn’t land on the moon a month before when they had sent Apollo 10. Deke simply responded it was not on the mission plan, and Wernher von Braun supported him by saying the fuel levels on Apollo 10 were insufficient for a landing, and the spacecraft weighed too much for a landing, so it was never considered.

A man walks into Outpost, and asks the crew of Apollo 10 what they thought about the event, but they said they did not want to talk about it. The man tries to get them talking by telling them what happened to them must sting. They mention it wasn’t true that the spacecraft was too heavy and had too little fuel, but it was not on their mission plan. The man stays with Ed, and wonders why NASA didn’t have the guts to let him land, and he starts remembering his mission. He concludes NASA does not have guts anymore since the Apollo 1 fire. What Ed does not agree with is changing the culture of test flights just because men died since they all know the risk they are taking when they take test flights.

In Mexico, Aleida is mourning her mother, who died of her illness. She gets on a truck with her father.

At NASA, an alarm sounds. Margo Madison tells them the computer is rebooting, but they can still land. However, they do not listen to her, and decide to abort the landing. Wernher von Braun tells her the fault is hers because she hesitated.

At Deke’s office, the former is reading Ed what he had said about NASA not having guts anymore. Deke tells him von Braun wants him reassigned to the Apollo Applications Project effective immediately, telling him he was to blame for being taken off Apollo 15, even mentioning that von Braun wanted him off the project completely. Deke tells him Apollo 15 may not even happen since everything everything would probably be cancelled after Apollo 11.

Ed tells the news to his wife, who asks him if he would be sitting behind a desk, which he denies. She concludes he would then be returning to the navy and asks him where they would be moving. However, Ed doubts they would have an open slot on the flight test for him, which meant he would ask for carrier duty which meant he would be sent back to the Seventh Fleet, which means they would be in Oahu. Ed is not glad with the way the conversation is turning out, but Karen tells him there was a code, and can not believe all it took for him to say what he did about NASA were a few drinks and he would start saying everything to reporters. Later, as Ed sleeps on the couch, he wakes up and goes to his bed, where his wife invites him.

The next day he walks into a packed office where he is greeted by silence. Afterwards, he apologizes for what he did and confirms his trust in Neil, Buzz, and Michael who would all be going to the moon soon. Deke walks in and reminds them only two weeks were left until the launch.

After a month since the Soviet landing, Apollo 11 kept training until it was finally time for the departure. Flight director Gene Kranz was giving final instructions and told everyone involved in the control of the mission that this mission was about the future of the United States because if they failed, they would turn away from space and the future, which would belong to the Soviet Union. He also mentioned that if the mission proved to be a success, they would go to Mars and Saturn as well.

As Apollo 11 took off, Aleida, along with her father went to the Mexico — USA border. Karen and Shane went to a dinner party while Ed was at Outpost. A friend of his asks him what he would have said if he had been the first to land on the moon, and Ed mentions he never thought about it. Gordo says that the moon landing could have brought people hope since there was a
lot of hate in the world. When asked what he would have said, he mentions “I'm Gordo Stevens and I come in peace. Three times a night,” which makes Ed and Pam laugh.

As Apollo 11 reached the moon, everything seemed to be in order. Karen and Tracy Stevens were talking when Marge Slayton walked in. Karen went with her to talk, and Marge told her it would be best for Ed to make a public denial, stating that he was misquoted by the reporter. With that, there would be a possibility for Deke to reinstate him onto Apollo 15. However, Karen stated that duty and honor were things that mattered to her husband, so he would never agree to it.

Margo and von Braun are talking in the latter's office and go see if they can effectively land on the moon. At Outpost, everybody cheers for Neil and the rest of the crew. The three started reaching the moon’s surface, but could not find a good place to land, also with little fuel left. Asking Gene if they should abort, the director said it was up to Neil now. As they neared the surface, the crew became worried that they would hit something. As one of them warned, telemetric connection, as well as all other means of contact were lost.

NASA tried contacting them, but they were not reaching the crew. As time went by, NASA was still unable to reach Apollo 11. Von Braun concluded it was likely they had crashed. Since the Eagle had such thin "skin", Gene mentioned you could punch a hole in it with a screwdriver. They could have survived, as they had their suits on, but Deke mentioned there was no contingency plan, and von Braun mentioned it was impossible to perform a rescue on the lunar surface.

Mike, who was in orbit used a telescope and concluded Eagle was about six to eight miles southwest to the targeted landing site in a very rocky area, with no movement. Over four hours had passed, and Karen went with Marge, who told them to go to the Aldrin's and Armstrong's houses.

Deke went to von Braun and told them there was a problem since Michael Collins was refusing to return alone. All of a sudden, they received a transmission from Neil, who let them know that they had landed successfully. Everybody cheered, and Gene mentioned they would now focus on bringing them home again.
Gene Kranz does not feel confident about Neil Armstrong turning the Eagle to a vertical position as it would cost them a lot of fuel. He tells this to Wernher von Braun, but the latter is confident. Neil and Buzz Aldrin are authorized to turn the Eagle over, which they do by detaching the top part. They manage to fly again and reach Michael Collins, who was still waiting for them. They manage to fly again and reach Michael Collins, who was still waiting for them.

Edward Baldwin wakes up and goes to work, meeting up with Deke Slayton whom he asks when he can fly again. However Deke tells him the decision is not only his since he had pissed off a lot of people. Realizing what he was saying, Ed realizes he will never go back to space, and Deke confirms that would be the case as long as von Braun was director. He later loses his temper at his office and punches a hole in the wall.

Von Braun talks to Thomas O. Paine who is worried about blueprints. However, von Braun does not believe they are a threat, but the Thomas wants von Braun to make blueprints for a military outpost on the moon and wants him to unveil the plan in his testimony for the committee beginning with Apollo 12 due to instructions from the president. However, von Braun refuses, saying that NASA is a scientific program, not military. Asking Deke if he would be willing to
accept more men, he agrees, but mentions Apollo 12’s flight is soon. Thomas mentions they may need to move it up a bit, but von Braun refused since they were being encroached and could not allow space to become another battlefield, but Thomas argued it already was.

After this, Nixon is angry due to von Braun refusing his orders, asking for him to be removed. However, von Braun is defended, as he is quite untouchable since he is a loved figure throughout the United States. However, Nixon is determined and mentions they will need to get creative.

Talking to Margo Madison, von Braun considers retiring, but Margo does not agree. Von Braun tells her to maybe consider dating someone, but Margo reminds him she does not have time. Changing the subject, von Braun mentions an interview with Gene, and Margo mentions she had not told him because it was something she wanted to do herself.

At Outpost Tavern, Ed talks to a man who talks about the moon landing performed by Neil. He asks Ed when he is going back up, and Ed mentions it is unclear, so he had thought of rejoining the navy. The man does not believe he would want to do that since pilots become astronauts, not vice versa. Ed argues he has been doing nothing but desk work since the article, but the man tells him he is also one of the best aviators and the navy would be lucky to get him back, since they were close to winning Vietnam. He would also probably be commanding an entire air wing.

When he gets home, as they fold clothes, Karen Baldwin tells him she can not handle him going back to the navy and getting calls that his plane had been shot down. She mentioned she was under stress whenever the phone rang.

At Cocoa Beach, Florida, Gordo Stevens gets a call from his wife. As a girl leaves his bed, he tells Tracy he misses her and is tired. During the phone call, Tracy starts yelling at her son Danny, and as Gordo is about to tell her to tell Danny to pay attention to her, the girl he was with flushes the toilet, which provokes an awkward silence.

At her interview with Gene, Margo is asked how she can be sure she will not wilt at the first sign of pressure. She mentions she is different, and when asked how she knew von Braun, she tells Gene that her father used to teach at the University of Huntsville, and von Braun would come over for dinner and while she had never left Huntsville, he helped her believe that anything was possible and was the reason she became an engineer. Afterwards, Gene asked if she would like to have a family, which Margo denied for the time being. Gene replied by saying that not every woman was cut out to be a mother.

Octavio Rosales is now working at NASA as a janitor. He leaves the building and goes home, where he greets the rest of his family. He asks for Aleida Rosales, and is told by a woman that a girl had almost burned her hand thanks to his daughter. She tells him to control his daughter or to find someplace else to live. He finds Aleida outside and tells her to not play with matches. When Aleida speaks in Spanish, he tells her to speak English, but she refuses. Octavio asks her to talk to him and offers his support, but she asks to be left alone.

Karen goes to help Tracy out, who is doing everything to take Gordo’s things outside the house. Tracy is in a state of shock, but soon they relax and talk about problems with their marriage, and discuss divorce. However, when asking Tracy if she did not love him anymore, Tracy has to admit she still does.

At her office, Margo is joined by von Braun who says he is disappointed in him because she made him look bad. All this because he was the second to the moon, but she was the first woman in mission control. In a state of utter shock she hugs him, and von Braun congratulates her, giving her his ruler. With these news, Margo moves her things to mission control at her new station. When she arrives she is greeted with a hit dog, and all the men make fun of her, calling her Eva von Braun. When she sits down, a coworker tells her to not take it personal, as it was done with every new person.

Gordo is flying a jet, and flies over his house. When Tracy feels the house shake, she tells her children their father is home. When Gordo walks in, he finds his watch on the front lawn. When he kisses Tracy, they both say it is good to see one another, and get ready for the barbecue Karen organized.

At the barbecue, Ed is called by Neil. Joking, Ed asked if they made him go through customs when he returned from the moon. Ed congratulated him on his landing, and Neil confesses he can not believe he did not abort the landing. Asking why he had gone through with it, Neil talks about the risk taking that is involved in taking calls while flying.

Later, Thomas presents Ed to congressman Charles Sandman, who is looking into NASA and is a big fan of his due to his work on Apollo 10. Sandman asks him to talk to the committee and
see what he has to say about everything. However, when Thomas nods at him, Ed apologizes and mentions he has done enough damage. Thomas tells Ed that the president is not happy either about everything that is going on, and Sandman tells him to go to DC and tell his colleagues exactly what he had told the reporter at the tavern about von Braun being too cautious and costing them the moon. However, Ed mentions that although he and von Braun didn’t always see eye to eye, he still respected him since he built the Saturn V. They tell him that he has the president’s support, and have him think about it.

After some time, Ed goes to DC with Karen. In front of congress, Ed tells them that Apollo 10 and Apollo 11 had similar fuel levels. However, there was a worry concerning whether or not they would have enough thrust to back into lunar orbit, but he also mentioned taking risks was part of being a test pilot and during planning he had pushed for a moon landing with Apollo 10, but was overruled by von Braun. When the congressman asked him if he would have been the first man on the moon if it had not been for von Braun, Ed mentioned it was not that simple since von Braun had made the call on the ground, but in lunar orbit he had known he could bring Apollo 10 down safely into the moon and after the launch, it was his ship to command and asked for everyone to blame him for losing the moon, non von Braun or Neil.

At Outpost, Gordo storms in angry because Ed did not say anything to him about landing Apollo 10, since it was not only his decision and he had not ask him what he had thought. Ed told Gordo everything was a joke to him, but he owned what he did and told him he resigned from NASA and would go back to the navy. Gordo could not believe it and asked Pam for two whiskies.

At von Braun’s conference with congressman Sandman, von Braun mentioned NASA would be pushing to land on Mars, Jupiter, or beyond the solar system, but Sandman argued the Soviets were pushing ahead with plans of a military base on the moon. However, von Braun believed it was time to go to other planets, as it was NASA’s purpose. After Sandman told him he was being too cautious after the Apollo 1 fire, von Braun confirmed this, because unlike the Soviets, he cared about the lives of his astronauts. He quoted Neil Armstrong “we pick ourselves up and go back to work,” earning the applause of everybody in the room. However, Sandman retaliated that von Braun had built the German V-2 rocket, which had killed many people in London, and von Braun stated his regret that his rockets were used in killing.

When von Braun stated that the questions did not have any relevance, Sandman revealed that von Braun had been a part of the Nazi organization known as the SS, which von Braun mentions was something he was forced into. Sandman turned what the engineer had stated as “caring for the lives” of his astronauts against him, asking if he also cared about the people in concentration camps who had built his rockets. He proceeded to show him photos of the dead workers who had participated in the building of his rockets, but von Braun argued he had no authority and asked him to understand.

Back at Nasa, von Braun told Margo that apparently the Soviets had launched another N-1 right ahead of Apollo 12. She ignored him and simply asked if he had known the workers at his factory were slaves from Nazi concentration camps. Von Braun was surprised by the question, and stated he needed to move his work forward, and mentioned if he had done something, he could have been killed and everything he had done would be ruined. However, Margo told him he can not state what "could have been." Wernher stated that after the war, he chose the USA to give his life’s work, but now he was an old man and could be replaced. Margo once again asked him if he knew, and he simply stated that progress was never free, always having a cost. Margo left in silence.

At home, Aleida burnt a newspaper of von Braun, which caught fire along with a doll, which she threw to a blanket which also rapidly caught flames. Her father walked in and put the fire out, and asked her why she did that. She argued that she could have put it out, and that it was fine, but Octavio mentioned it was not and asked her why she was obsessed with fire, to which she responded that she wanted to be in the fire. Octavio hugged her and told her he wanted to show her something, taking her to a model rocket at NASA.

On the day of the Apollo 12 launch, the USA neared peace with Vietnam as well as a lunar base on the moon. Gene led the exploit, asking everyone their status as von Braun left the building. Apollo 12 lifted off successfully.

Deke payed Ed a visit at his home, where he asked the latter how he was. He also mentioned Nixon was all hands on deck for the military base. He also gave Ed a plaque which recorded the
landing of the moon. Deke mentioned presidents come and go, but NASA stays, and told him what he had said in DC took a lot of guts. He offered him his job back on Apollo 15, which made Ed excited and he accepted.

Karen interrupted the men, telling them the Soviets were now on the moon again, revealing that a woman, Anastasia Belikova had now landed on the moon, which now qualified as a historic moment for women across the world, since she was the first woman on the moon.
Nixon’s Women

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Summary: Deke must recruit female astronauts after Russian lands a woman on the moon.

Gordo Stevens gets off a plane and greets his coworkers, bumping into Tracy Stevens, who he had met earlier. He asks her why she is there, and she tells him she wanted to learn how to fly. She asks him for instructors, and he takes her flying with him in order to teach her, but she quickly shows a lot of talent for flying, later revealing she had been flying for 745 hours. After landing, both of them kiss.

Gene Kranz and Deke Slayton tell a general from the Pentagon that they were converting the third stage of the Saturn V into an orbiting workshop, also mentioning that von Braun called it Skylab. The construction was already underway in Huntsville, but it was early enough to change the trajectory of the process. The general asks Gene how many people could fit inside it, since it did not look big, and Deke replies that three astronauts could do it at a time for the first stages until there could be further expansions. However, Apollo missions were now being reassigned to survey potential sites for the military base.

Thomas walks into the room, and speaks to Deke and Gene alone, telling them that the president now wanted to land a woman on the moon. Gene finds this to be an issue, however, since NASA did not have female astronauts. Deke also adds that he can not just choose a random woman, they would have to be trained to be astronauts, and not all of them would pass his tests. However, Thomas does not want Deke to train them properly, which he opposes.

Deke was presented with 13 women who used to be called “Mercury 13”, of which only two were left who were still flying: Molly Cobb, who set aviation records for long-distance flight, won several racing awards qualified in single and multi-engine aircrafts and was first in her class in Mercury 13, but she was not what the president was looking for since she was not up to beauty standards. Patty Doyle was also a candidate, having passed the Mercury test with flying colors, and finished second behind Cobb. Deke agreed with both choices, and was presented with more candidates, of which Danielle Poole, who already worked at NASA was also part of.
Thomas walked in, mentioning the president had also loved the idea of Gordo flying with Tracy. Deke does not approve, but he was told Tracy was the only one who really looked like she could represent the USA.

When Deke told Gordo and Tracy the news, Gordo said they would need to discuss it in private, but Tracy did not wait and accepted, and shook Deke’s hand. Gordo got excited for Tracy, but she only asked if he really was okay with it, which Gordo confirmed, revealing that Deke had also given him a spot on Apollo 15.

The Baldwin family watched television when they found out Tracy was recruited for NASA’s female astronaut problem. Karen Baldwin thought it was ridiculous, but Ed mentioned he had heard a rumor that Deke had threatened to resign. However, Ed mentioned Tracy flying was none of his concern only to be told by Karen that these women were simply going to waltz in and go to space, ignoring all the training men like Ed did.

On January 6, 1970, Tracy walked into NASA and walked into the room where all other 19 candidates were. She was joined by Danielle Poole, while Molly Cobb was joined by Patty Doyle, whom she told she was glad would be behind her like in the old days, which made Doyle smile. Deke walked in and introduced himself, telling them this would be a vigorous training, during which he expected a lot less than the 20 candidates to stay. He explained they would be graded as they went along, which included pilot performance, academics, character, and motivation. He would be posting results every so often; if their names were not on the list, they were cut from the program.

The women talked while they waited to see Janice fly. Cobb mentioned the jet she was flying had too much speed, which was shown to be true when Janice did not land correctly. Next was Tracy’s turn: During her flight, Ed was helping guide her and instructed her on how to land. In the end, Tracy landed the jet smoothly, which Deke liked.

Later, Tracy picked up her kids from Karen’s home. While she was there, Karen congratulated her on making it through the first cut. Tracy gave Ed credit for this achievement, and Karen mentioned she hoped Ed would still be focused enough for Apollo 15.

On day 55 of the course, 15 candidates were left, and Margo was giving a class in which she explained how to safely return the crew. Since Molly was not paying attention, Margo helped her with her crossword puzzle in order to get her attention back. Molly defended herself by saying she understood the reentry equations, prompting Margo to give them a pop quiz. During the quiz, Molly got up and turned hers in, which Margo checked and found Cobb had gotten full marks on.

Later, while checking the list, Janice found out she was cut, while both Cobb and Doyle got in. When it was Tracy’s turn to check the list, she found she was in the 12th position, which was last.

At Outpost Tavern, Cobbs and Doyle played pool, while Doyle noticed all the men were pretending not to hate their presence. However, Molly was more worried about the other women who were participating in the program, since they have no idea how bad it will get when the program is inevitably closed.

While the rest of the women talked at Outpost, Tracy mentioned she had not flown anything too glamorous, and had not really considered flying as a career before. The conversation shifted to them talking about Molly and Patty. They agreed Patty was nice, but thought Molly would be more encouraging.

During a simulator, Tracy was assigned with Danielle and Molly. There, Tracy yawned while Danielle responded to a question. Molly snapped her fingers at Tracy, and told her to be ready; when it was Tracy’s turn, she was told to open all four helium iso valves, which she could not find until told by Molly.

As another exercise, Margo told the engineers to fail the guidance computer and have them come in manually, which the lead engineer mentioned they were too unexperienced to do. Margo, however, countered by saying they could not wait for them to be ready. While the engineer was doing that, he made a voice, which incited a discussion about a movie with a candidate, but Margo told them to flirt later.

Inside the simulator, Molly understood when there was a master caution alarm since primary guidance had failed, recognizing they needed to do it manually. Tracy was confused, but Molly told her to take manual control, guiding her on what to do. However, Tracy did not want to listen to Molly and ended up “killing” them in the simulation. Molly was annoyed at this, and reminded
her that a lot of exceptions had been made for her, so she did not see a reason to complain about anything, especially since she did not see why she had still made the cut up until then.

At home, Tracy realized Molly was right and told Gordo it was a joke for her to still be in the program. However, Gordo supported her by saying she had a real chance, and had been told that her jet scores had been among the highest in the class. Gordo told her to see the test program through, but Tracy said she should have been cut weeks ago, but Shorty wanted a space couple. When the argument started heating up, Gordo told Tracy to have guts, but Tracy retaliated by asking if he really thought she was the one with no guts. She told him to get out of the house while throwing things at him.

At a meeting in NASA, the possibility of ice being on the moon was discussed. However, this could not be confirmed. Ed mentioned they could find more about it on Apollo 15. Gene mentioned water on the moon could change everything, with Ray emphasizing that they could drink it, grow plants, and make rocket fuel. At the end of the meeting, Thomas asked Deke how "Nixon’s women" were doing, specifically Tracy. Deke told him that the women were doing desert survival training, which surprised Thomas. He told Deke there was no way they could haul a 40-pound pack 20 miles in the desert sun, but Deke argued that if they could not handle the desert, they could not handle the moon.

At desert survival training, Deke told them it was not a teamwork-building assignment, and they would each be timed and graded on their individual performances. They each had a walkie-talkie, but if they used it, they would immediately fail the must-pass test.

At one point, Tracy dropped her water while Molly made it to the finish line in ten hours and twelve minutes. She was happy with being first, until she found out Patty had come first.

While Tracy walked, she found Ellen who had fallen and hurt her foot, however, she mentioned she could not use the walkie-talkie. Tracy helped her and told her it was probably a bad sprain. In order to help with the sun, Tracy covered up with Ellen and got to know her a little better in the process, finding out Ellen’s family owned Cavalier Airlines.

After a while, Deke called out through his walkie-talkie, and told all remaining candidates to radio their approximate location. Since he got no response, he radioed again, but was responded by Tracy, who told him he did not need to shout. Paramedics received Ellen, and Tracy was given water while Deke reminded her it was not a team exercise: Ellen should have radioed and Tracy should not have stopped to help her, but Tracy told him that she was not going to leave her behind, and he would not have done it either.

Later, when results were posted, Cobb was angry that Doyle had passed her, while Danielle pointed out that there were letters written to them by fans all over the world.

Deke called Tracy to his office, where he told her he had a lot of respect for what she had done at the desert training. She mentioned it was nothing, but Deke told her he had gone through the same training on Mercury. He told her that what is coming is dangerous stuff, and that he did not think she had the skill set, and told her she should be proud of what she has done. However, he also said he would not cut her, but recommended she withdraw from the program, but she told him she would not drop out.

On day 200 of the program, Ed introduced the five remaining candidates to the LEM simulator, which would emulate the flight dynamics of the lunar module spacecraft. He told them it was sort of like a helicopter, with a few distinctions. He told them that the activity for that day would be to perform basic takeoff and landing maneuvers with each of them flying an altitude of 300 feet, hover 30 seconds, execute a 360 clockwise spin, hover for another 30 seconds, and land on a target.

Tracy’s turn was first, so she got in, and started flying, while Gordo drove his car. As he drove, he saw a fire at NASA and drove back only to see firefighters swarming the area. Ed intercepted him, and told him she was fine. Tracy saw Gordo and hugged him, telling him that Patty had crashed.
Prime Crew

Season 1
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Season Episode: 4

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Guest Stars: Matt Battaglia (Astronaut John Glenn), Chris Bauer (Deke Slayton), Teddy Blum (Shane Baldwin), Nicole Brimberry (Norma), Ben Burton (Murph), Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Arturo Del Puerto (Octavio Rosales), Dan Donohue (Thomas Paine), Laura Hunter Drago (Mary Jo), Nick Echols (Chaddie), Anita Finlay (Feminist), Spencer Garrett (Roger Scott), Michael Harney (Jack Broadstreet), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), Lenny Jacobson (Wayne Cobb), Eric Ladin (Gene Kranz), Meghan Leathers (Pam Horton), Tony Lewellen (Coop), Krys Marshall (Danielle Poole), Devin McCarthy (Janice), Tracy Mulholland (Gloria Sedgewick), Teya Patt (Emma), Daniel Robbins (Hank Poppen), Kate Rodman (Megan), Brian Stepanek (Shorty Reynolds), Mark Taormino (Barfly #1), Nick Toren (Tim 'Bird Dog' McKiernan), Krystal Torres (Cata Rosales), Olivia Trujillo (Aleida Rosales), Sonya Walger (Molly Cobb), Dan Warner (General Arthur Weber), Laura Siskoff (Astronaut Candidate)
Summary: A training accident spurs a national debate about women astronauts.

After the death of Patty Doyle, Molly Cobb sits at the bar in Outpost Tavern, where she is joined by Ellen Wilson, Tracy Stevens, and Danielle Poole, who tell her she missed the service. They try comforting her, as Pam serves drinks for the women, but Molly does not say a word until she mentions that Patty should have ejected, and that the program would probably be canceled.

Tracy gets home and finds Gordo sleeping with their kids. They discuss whether or not Tracy is doing the right thing, and Gordo tells her that their children think the world of her due to her training to be an astronaut. They both kiss and tell each other they love one another.

Edward Baldwin is on a phone call with Patty’s father, who is angry at what happened, but Ed only mentions he was Patty’s instructor on the day of the accident before Doyle hung up on him. Angered, Ed breaks his phone, and apologizes to Karen, who told him not to worry about it. She also told Ed the accident was not his fault, as Patty knew the risks involved in flying.

John Glenn goes to NASA, where he meets with Deke Slayton. Glenn tells Deke that there is a reason being a test pilot was required in order to be an astronaut, and told him that Patty had been out of her depth. Deke reminded him that a woman had already landed on the moon and that the women in his program had worked hard for what they had achieved. Glenn tells him that he understands his compassion after what he went through on Mercury, and remembers when he was grounded for atrial fibrillation. However, they had to consider the future of NASA,
and knew that Deke had been forced into the idea of women astronauts. Deke denied this, and told him he decides who goes up or not. Glenn recognizes this, and tells him that if he were to publicly state that the women were not up to standards, nobody would question it.

Gene Kranz gives a conference to Ed, Gordo, Margo, Thomas, Deke, and others, saying that a man had been buried on the moon, which the Russians were keeping quiet. It seems they were trying to land near water. Looking at some cylinders, Gene says they might be pressurized modules, which makes Ed realize the Russians were ahead of them once again. However, Deke mentions they do not even have a site, which angers Thomas, telling him to "just pick one." Margo tells him that the base have been predicated on proximity to water ice, and they had yet to identify where they could find water ice. She was interrupted by Thomas, who did not know who she was, soon realizing she was "Wernher's girl." Gene corrected him, telling Thomas Margo was a flight dynamics officer and was making a good point. Thomas was angered by how they were always losing to the Russians, and reminded them the election was coming up, which would probably be against Ted Kennedy.

At his office, Deke is joined by Thomas, who tells him his birthday present was the female astronaut training program being canceled. Deke, however, was not happy about this since he had been working hard to get them ready. Thomas tells him that he can now put his focus back on the lunar base, where it belonged.

On October 27, 1970, Thomas is confused as to who called a press conference. At the conference, Deke announces that Danielle, Ellen, Molly, and Tracy were the first women to complete all of NASA's required astronaut training. He introduces each of them, and shakes their hand, while the press claps in celebration. Deke goes to Thomas, who tells him he had not authorized what he had done. Deke was aware of this, and reminded him that he was the one who decided who goes up, and when. Thomas congratulated him on making Nixon's shitlist.

As Octavio Rosales cleaned everything up, he found a paper and saved it, asking Aleida Rosales if she had seen the news. He gave her the paper he had picked up, which was Deke's speech given to the press. She hung it up on the wall and smiled.

Danielle gets a phone call from Clayton, who in Vietnam told her his peers had painted a spacesuit on his helmet, calling him "Major Tom." Danielle laughed and told him she missed him, telling him she sees more people coming home from the war. She wanted to tell him something, but the call was interrupted and she could not contact Clay.

Ed tries teaching Shane to ride a bike, but he keeps falling. Shane apologizes, but Ed tells him he does not want to hear it, and simply wants him to ride the bike while following his instructions. However, Deke arrives at his house, and they discuss a change in his crew. Deke tells him that Gordo is out, since the crew member replacing Gordo would be one of the female astronauts. Karen gets involved and tells him he was making a mistake all for a publicity stunt, but Deke argued they had all earned their place in the program. He told Ed he can get drunk with Gordo, and watch it on TV or go on Apollo 15. He told Ed to have dinner with his new crewmate, Molly, along with Sedge so they would get to know each other.

At dinner, Ed told Molly that there would be a lot of expectations on her, but that she should not worry about it. Ed told her it would be her first time in space, but she pointed out it would be Sedge's first time as well. Ed told her that Ed used to fly Phantoms in Vietnam, and had been flying jets ever since the Air Force Academy. Getting to the point, Ed tells Molly that both he and Sedge have a lot of experience, so if she followed their lead, she would have nothing to worry about. Molly tells him she is not worried and tells them she had been flying longer than both of them, mentioning she had gotten into Mercury 13 before Ed got into Gemini.

At home, Gordo saw a gift baskets sent to Tracy, and opened a bottle. Tracy told him that dinner was in half an hour, and that Fred and Susie would be there soon. Gordo apologized, and told her that a few things had come up, and Tracy realized he was drunk, realizing he was not going to let her enjoy her accomplishments. Gordo, once again apologized, and told her that Deke had taken him off 15, replacing him with Molly Cobb. Tracy comforted him, and told him she could tell Sheila to go home, but Gordo told her that they were going to celebrate her for becoming an astronaut. He also told her they were going to be getting her a new corvette, but she told him that they would be sending her away the next week for maybe a week or more. Gordo did not like that, feeling they should discuss that first, but Tracy told him that he knew that she needed to go where they sent her.

At Outpost, Ellen talked Lar who told her that she would be Molly's backup. Ellen told him
that Molly was the best pilot in their class, thriving under pressure. However, the man told her that Ed is a no-nonsense man, and Molly "loves a shitstorm," which meant that Ellen could likely get bumped up.

At home, Ed told Karen how he offered to help Molly, but mentioned all she gave him was attitude as if she had already been in space. Karen told Ed that she did not how he had agreed to it, but Ed simply replied that she was on his crew and he had to make it work.

Meanwhile, at a tub, Molly told her husband that Ed did not respect women and probably thought she was a lesbian. Her husband mentioned that he probably did not know who she was, and Molly confirmed this and told him that the women were invisible to the "real astronauts." Molly pondered if she was made to fly solo, but concluded that Patty would think she was being an idiot, and her husband assured her she could be part of a team.

Larry Wilson was called early in the morning, and was told by Coop that they needed Ellen at 6A.M since the training schedule for the prime crew had just shifted. However, Ellen was not with him, but with Pam Horton, who picked up the phone and later told Ellen to get ready.

During the ride Larry gave Ellen, Ellen tried explaining that she had drank to much, and both Pam and she had decided that it was better if she did not drive. Lar, however, told Ellen that both of them were getting sloppy, and she could not afford to lie to officials or she could have her career terminated. He asked her to act the way everybody was expecting them to act, and everything would be fine. When they walked into NASA, they both held hands.

110 days before the Apollo 15 launch, Ed, Molly, and Sedge got their picture taken with their spacesuits on. However, they did not smile for the photo. Shorty asked for one with Molly alone, and tried to get her hair fixed, much to her annoyance. Shorty then told her that Americans want to see a free woman on the moon, not some Soviet puppet, and told her she should smile more. He asked her to smile, but after seeing her smile, he regretted it, and told her not to.

Margo was doing some math, but felt frustrated, and calmed herself down in order to continue. At night, she played the piano with a band at a bar. Molly watched her play, and Margo caught her eye. After her performance, Molly went up to her, and told her she finally saw a side of her that she liked. Wayne told her she did a good job, and Molly introduced him as her husband, which she scoffed at. Molly told Margo that she had to invite the other girls to the bar, but Margo asked her not to since it was her alone time, telling the astronaut not to mess with her.

During training, Molly was hitting a rock, which Ed told her she needed to use her full arm with. When she dropped her hammer, Ed also told her she could not just pick it up, since if she bent in her suit, she could not get further than 20 inches off the ground. He told her to just keep her eyes on the road, to which she responded that she had learned that in driver's ed. Ed clarified, telling her she was a pilot, and all pilots had tendencies, like Gordo, to look at an instrument panel, then checks his surroundings like he is in a plane. Ed also mentions that even at 8 kilometers an hour, accidents can happen quickly and the moon's terrain would be very irregular.

At another training routine, 18 days before the launch, Margo tells Molly that she went into the final trim 30 seconds late. She tells the other engineers that Molly still does not know the standard procedures. They asked both Ed and Molly to repeat, and Molly complained that Margo was a "pain in [her] ass." Molly told Ed that all she was doing was adjusting the locking harness out of the way, but she was ready. Molly started humming, and Margo asked her to focus; Cobb started entering numbers, but got a mistake, which Ed dryly confirmed was wrong. After that, Ed asked to have more under his control, which an engineer said was too late to be doing. Molly told him she had it under control, but he was firm. Margo asked Ed if he remembered why they had laid it out that way to start with, but Ed reminded her he was the commander of the mission.
After training, Margo asked Cobb what was going on. Molly told her to fuck off, since she was just messing with her. However, Margo told her that she was too busy joking to see that Ed does not trust her. Molly was confused, but Margo told her she was not good enough and she had to be in order to be the first American woman in space. Molly told her that she was who she was, and if people did not like it, then screw them, but Margo reminded her it was not about her, and that she was not just a pilot, but an astronaut.

Some time before the day of the takeoff, Gordo greeted Ed, telling him he would be going to Ellington. He apologized to Gordo for having not talked to him sooner, but Gordo told him it was okay. Gordo asked him how Karen felt about him spending a week in a little capsule with another woman, and Ed told him that his wife would be happier if his friend had been going with him instead and he would too. They shook hands, and said goodbye.

Octavio handed Aleida a bus ticket, telling her to get off at Cape Kennedy where she would be following everybody else, since they were all going to the same place. Then she would to the bus station and use the second ticket in order to get back to Houston. Octavio apologizes for not having enough for two tickets, but Aleida assures him she would be fine. They hug, and she gets on the bus.

On the day of the launch, Gordo asked Tracy where she had been the past night, but Tracy told him she had unplugged the phone in order to sleep right, but Gordo asked what would have happened if there had been an emergency with their kids and she told him that BASEOPs can get to her at any time. He asked her when she would return, and she mentioned that maybe a few days, and she might go out to celebrate in the night. Gordo replied by saying that he thought she might be worried about being a bad mother. She flushed the toilet, and turned on the shower, prompting Gordo to ask what had happened. She pretended nothing had happened, and hung up on him.

Two hours before the launch, Karen walked with Gloria Sedgewick, and mentioned she liked her seats for the Apollo 10 launch before. She greeted Wayne, who complimented her dress.

Sedge, Ed, and Molly got ready for takeoff, putting on their spacesuits. They were celebrated on their way to the Apollo 15, and Aleida made her way through a crowd gathered to watch the takeoff.

The three were strapped in, and Sedge mentioned that the send-off was big. Molly mentioned they were celebrating for nothing, since she had not done anything yet, but Ed countered by saying that she had strapped herself on top of a quarter million tons of high explosive for government pay, which was something. His joke made them all laugh. Moments later, the launch began, and was successful.

At mission control, Deke was called by the president, who congratulated him on what he was seeing on the news. As Deke thanked him, Nixon told him that if Molly screwed up, he was fired.

As the rocket began rising, Molly looked out the window, which was getting darker, and excitedly said 'I'm going to the moon!'
**Into the Abyss**

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**Summary:** Ed and the crew change Apollo 15’s landing site after lunar ice is detected.

Apollo 15 reaches the moon after 4 days, 3 hours, and 46 minutes, while Deke Slayton and Margo Madison work at mission control. Molly Cobb is told she is live on all networks. Shane asks Karen why everything is about her, and Karen tells him that she is the first woman astronaut, but Shane reminds him that Ed is her boss.

When asked what she thought about being near the moon, Molly mentions it is humbling and Deke reads a letter from a fan to her. After they were off air, the Apollo 15 crew was told that ice had been located on the moon, but the data would be used for later missions, since the ice was nowhere near their landing site at Mare Frigoris. Ed told them to land them at Shackleton Crater, but Gene Kranz refused since it was too big a risk, and they did not have the gear for that kind of exploration.

Ed turned off their comms, and Molly reminded him that he always told them to stick to the mission, and Ed told her the mission was to find ice. Asking Frank Sedgewick for his opinion, Sedge decided he was on-board.

Thomas called Deke and Gene and told them the CIA was worried that the Soviets would place military assets on the moon, and told them that if they could get Apollo 15 to Shackleton, they should do it. Deke told Thomas that the crew would decide and left.

Molly argued that landing at Shackleton would be half-baked and last minute, which Ed compared to her training. The men told her it was important because if they did not do it, then the mission would just be a publicity stunt. Mission control told them that it was up to them, and they eventually decided to go for it.
At the Baldwin home, people gathered to watch the live transmission of the Apollo 15 mission. Wayne Cobb arrived, and gave her a mezcal. They gathered to watch as Molly and Ed neared the moon’s surface. Margo measured their flight dynamics, during which everything seemed to be running smoothly.

Ed mentioned that the altitude at which they were, was as low as he had gotten during Apollo 10, and Molly told him to stick with her. They neared Shackleton, which was dark, but it was time for them to find a landing spot. They found a good spot, and were able to land successfully on the moon’s surface. Molly mentioned she had never wanted a cigarette more, and Ed told her she had come a long way as mission control, Karen, and Wayne celebrated their landing.

Danielle Poole greeted her husband, who had returned from Vietnam. She told him all she had really done was go to PR events as the token black girl for NASA. However, she also told him they wanted her to fly to the moon and she had been assigned to Apollo 18.

Karen congratulated Tracy on being assigned to Apollo 25, while Ellen was told by Gloria Sedgewick that she should marry Larry Wilson soon. Outside, Wayne looked up at the moon, and was joined by Karen and told her that he was very relieved to have learned that Molly had landed safely and had not been able to sleep much. He told her about a dream of his, and Karen told him it was probably best to put it out of his mind, but he tells her he needs to tell it to someone who would understand.

On the moon’s surface, Molly got her picture taken by Ed after they planted the moon, and was later told the president wanted to speak to her, which she could not believe. Nixon told her he was very proud of what she had done for the country and for women everywhere, and wished her a safe journey home.

Karen asked everyone to leave so she could sleep, since Ed would be sleeping. She coldly said goodbye to Wayne, and told Tracy he was weird and smelled funny. Tracy told her the smell was due to marijuana, and left, leaving Karen surprised.

The next day, Ed and Molly broadcast to mission control live, and drove the rover on the moon’s surface.

Danielle and Clayton went to have lunch with Gordo Stevens who welcomed her to the crew of Apollo 18, and told her they would get together with Deke to go over the mission plan. Clayton noticed how fast Gordo drank while Danielle mentioned she was surprised she had been assigned so quickly, but Gordo told her that Molly was kicking ass on the moon and had really put to bed the notion that women could not go to the moon.

Gordo noticed Clayton had no Vietnam ribbons, and Clayton told him he had thrown them in the sentry’s face on his way out, and Gordo told him he might have to do that as well as he downed another drink.

Karen visited Wayne, and told him he wanted to talk to him. She looked around at his paintings while Wayne got some tea and saw a joint next to a painting of his dream in which Karen and Ed were dead on the moon. They discussed marijuana, which Karen told him could get Molly fired. Wayne argued that it was a natural herb, while Molly reminded him it was illegal. Wayne was upset, and told her he thought she would understand that his wife could die on the moon, but while she could pretend everything was fine, he could not, adding that if he needed to smoke a joint or paint his nightmare to get it out of his head, that was what he would do. He starts crying, and Karen tells him he would not lose Molly since Ed would protect her.

On the moon, Molly wished they could find ice, not just rocks. They radioed mission control and told them that if there was ice, it is either down deep, or in the crater. Mission control told them that now the mission was to pack their things up and go home.

Gordo, Danielle, and Clayton take shots at Outpost. Gordo asked Clayton where he was posted in Vietnam, and Clayton told him that in Da Nang. Gordo told him he knew some chopper pilots in Da Nang, and asked that he was too young to serve in Korea, and space had kept him out of Vietnam. Clayton told him he played it well, and Gordo told him that his father had been a marine in the South Pacific and he had read of his experience, which he qualified as horrendous and was curious to see how he would handle it. However, Clayton told him that he had never been curious enough to give up his astronaut pin and try it himself. Gordo asked him what he meant, but Clayton told him he was better off not knowing. The conversation started getting heated, and both men stood up to fight one another, but Danielle told Clayton to leave. Once he did, Danielle told Gordo he had been out of line since the point of going to Outpost was for Clayton to get his mind off what he had been through.
Karen and Wayne sat at the latter’s home. Wayne thanked her for staying, but Karen dismissed it, saying Ed had been shot down in Korea, leaving her without knowing if he was alive or dead for a week. During that time she started having nightmares, which was still going on whenever Ed went to space. In the dream, Karen is running through a jungle where she is being chased by an animal until she reaches a clearing in which she sees a dark panther which is eating Ed, who is still alive and looking at her.

On the moon, Molly thanks Ed for vouching for her not to have a diaper as they clean their spacesuits. They get ready to go to bed, and Ed lets mission control know. He talks to Shane, who he tells he did something special for that day. He tells Shane he wrote his name on the moon’s surface, which would now remain there for many years.

Molly tells Ed what he did for his kid had been great, and Ed tells her that it was bullshit, since he was good for gestures, but on everyday things he was not so great. Molly told him that she never had a kid since it seemed like a lot of work. Ed told her he was not a good father, since he could not teach Shane how to ride a bike, which was different from teaching Molly. He told her about how he left Shane alone when Deke had come around, which led Molly to call him a selfish prick, which she also called herself due to her ignoring Wayne being afraid of her going to the moon. Ed told him Karen had been going through the same, but Molly concluded it was necessary to move the ball forward for mankind.

On day 3 of being on the moon, which was the last day, Thomas was confident Molly and Ed would find ice, but was surprised to hear the best bet was to send Apollo 16 with climbing gear. However, Thomas has having none of it since the Russians would beat them again. Gene stated they should waste time, and told mission control to get them inside, but Deke mentioned it was three times deeper than The Grand Canyon.

Molly and Ed looked down and said it was very steep, meaning they could go down, but they did not know if they would be able to go back up. They thought of using the rover in order to make a winch out of it. Ed told Molly to always keep both hands on the rope in case anything happened, but Molly mentioned she weighed half as much as he did, and asked him to trust her.

Karen opened the door for Wayne, who brought her a painting. The painting was of a panther like in her dream, which was over Ed. She thanked him for it, and told him they should go to the TV in order to see the impromptu events which were unfolding.

Molly was in place for descent, and started going down, now out of Ed’s sight and inside the crater. Her transmission was cutting out, but managed to tell Ed she would be slowing down, as she was now heading into the dark. She turned on a light and told Ed to go lower. She started hitting when she was thirty meters from the baseline, but did not land a good blow. Ed asked her if she was okay and she told them she needed to adjust, but had just found bedrock. She went down another 20 feet. However, in mission control they mentioned Molly’s oxygen consumption was greater than expected and would only be able to keep that rhythm up for another two minutes.

They reached the end of the line, but Molly was only able to find basalt. Mission control told her her oxygen consumption was too high, so she needed to head back up. She refused, but Ed told her he would be bringing her back up. Ed warned her not to make him drag her up, and mission control started getting worried. Molly was able to hit a rock and told Houston to look at what she had got, which appeared to be ice; also showing them a lot more where it had come from.

Deke told Ed to bring Molly up, which he did, and they managed to safely return to the LEM. When they were inside, the public was told, and Karen hugged Wayne, who was relieved they were fine.

Gloria told Wayne and Karen that the press was on the Baldwin’s front lawn, waiting for a statement.

On the LEM, Ed felt relieved to be able to breathe, and Molly told mission control that they did not know how lucky they were. Mission control told them that they did, since even Margo was smiling, which Cobb asked someone to take a picture of. They were instructed to rehydrate and breathe for fifteen minutes. During this time, Ed took pictures of Molly with the ice, which she mentioned was melting. They lifted off, and left.

Two years later, on October 12, 1973, NASA managed to land the Jamestown Base on the edge of Shackleton Crater, ready for Apollo 21.
Home Again

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Guest Stars: Chris Bauer (Deke Slayton), Colm Feore (Wernher von Braun), Eric Ladin (Gene Kranz), Wallace Langham (Harold Weisner), Krys Marshall (Danielle Poole), Olivia Trujillo (Aleida Rosales), Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Meghan Leathers (Pam Horton), Ben Begley (Charlie Duke), Leonora Pitts (Irene Hendricks), James Urbaniak (Gavin Donahue), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), Nick Toren (Tim 'Bird Dog' McKiernan), Ryan Kennedy (Mike Collins), Spencer Garrett (Roger Scott), Megan Dodds (Andrea Walters), Martin Grey (Scott Kraus), Tait Blum (Shane Baldwin), Mason Thames (Daniel Stevens), Michael James Bell (Principal Mike Russell), Arturo Del Puerto (Octavio Rosales), Mel Fair (Reporter #1), Michael Harney (Jack Broadstreet), Sonya Walger (Molly Cobb)

Summary: A launchpad accident leads to delayed missions and FBI background checks.

On August 24, 1974, Apollo 23 was almost ready to launch. Gene Kranz, the new director of Johnson Space Center, wished the crew good luck. The commander was Michael Collins, who told Gene he would land better than Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin had.

Deke Slayton was with mission control, contacting Jamestown Base, where Edward Baldwin, Gordo Stevens, and Danielle Poole were currently at. Administrator Weisner gave them a speech where he announced on behalf of president Kennedy, a new flight director, Irene Hedricks.

At Outpost, women were gathered, not so much to see Apollo 23, but to see the Equal Rights Amendment in the Illinois State Senate, which was a top priority by Ted Kennedy. When the final vote was cast in favor, Pam Horton and Ellen Wilson hugged, and Larry Wilson hugged Ellen as well.

Gene was told that there was a bad actuator, but he mentioned he had nowhere to be.

Deke had the prime crew of Apollo 24, which he read to Weisner in order of seniority: Ellen as mission commander. Harrison Liu, and Deke Slayton, which he seemed surprised to read. Weisner asked what he was doing, but Deke handed him his medical clearance for flight status. Since he no longer deemed his heart condition a problem, he believed he was ready, but Weisner was not sure, since the president would not like it. Deke stood up and declared that as chief of the astronaut office, he was assigning himself to Apollo 24, which Weisner had to agree with.

Karen is at the principal’s office, defending Shane and Tracy’s kid against the principal, who is suggesting they are psychopaths. Karen tells him that all they did was a prank and that they
would be punished for it, but the principal wants to get to the bottom of it, and would like to include Tracy in the conversation, which Karen mentions is not possible due to the nature of her work. Karen leaves the principal’s office and berates Shane and Tracy’s kid, telling them to not say a word until they got home.

At Outpost, Pam, Ellen and Larry talked about the Equal Rights Amendment, but Larry mentioned there was no way Americans would watch their daughters go to war, but Pam mentioned that they used to say the same thing about women and looked at Ellen. Larry told him equal rights does not mean the same as gay rights.

After a fix on the rocket Gene was working on, he walks away, mentioning he is hungry before a huge explosion engulfs him.

At mission control, Irene asks FIDO if they have updates on launch winds yet, which Margo confirms, telling her that they were within launch parameters. Irene asks her to keep an eye on the data, but they soon saw on their screen the abrupt explosion of the Apollo 23. All of mission control froze at the sight of the explosion, and Irene told someone to lock the doors.

60 days after the explosion, Ed, Danielle, and Gordo were still on the moon conducting experiments, while receiving supplies via unmanned Titan rockets while they waited for NASA’s board of inquiry to identify the cause of explosion.

At a meeting, the FBI told Irene, Deke, and Weisner that they thought the KGB was involved in the sabotaging of the Apollo 23, but Irene did not understand why they wanted to interview everyone. Deke told the director that they knew the cause, but the FBI told him that there had been breaches of security protocol at NASA before.

Margo was at her desk, and was told the Weisner was looking for her. Her colleague pointed out that they now had to look at a picture of Gene everyday, which Margo mentioned helped keep his memory alive, but the man said that it only showed how insignificant everybody in that room was, since if there had been an astronaut’s death, there would be a lot more than just a picture, so when they died, nobody would remember them.

Margo saw Aleida seated behind mission control, and asked her how she had gotten in there. Aleida explained that her father, Octavio had let her in after talking to a security guard. Margo put on her glasses and looked at the math Aleida was doing.

After that, she walked into Weisner’s office and was told that the board of inquiry wanted her to collect an outside report that was prepared on the Saturn explosion. She laughed, and wondered why she was being demoted to the mail room. Weisner reminded her that Irene had been the most qualified to be flight director, but Margo argued that she had been in NASA only five years, while she had started in 1966. Weisner apologized, but Margo told him that she was not a messenger. Weisner, however, wanted to restart the Saturn project and all they needed was the systems analysis report, which would only be given to her. Margo mentioned she did not want to see von Braun, but Weisner told her it was not personal and to go get it.

The Russians also set a lunar base on Shackleton Crater, called Zvezda, and would be sending three astronauts, which would be the first time that US, and Russia were on the moon at the same time.

At Jamestown, Gordo was talking to Tracy, who mentioned she had put down a deposit on an apartment, but had not told their children anything. Gordo asked Tracy why she would not move in to the apartment, but Tracy refused, because she did not want Gordo and Sheila to keep the house to themselves.

The FBI director interviewed Larry, where he asked him about the Montrose District and whether or not he had been to the Bayou Landing, which was a dance hall for homosexuals, which attracted many different people, and someone had mentioned seeing him enter the establishment. Larry mentioned he was a republican and did not hang out with many republicans, also saying that he was in bed at the time somebody had allegedly seen him. His alibi was his girlfriend Ellen, which he had not married due to his salary.

At Outpost, Larry told Pam and Ellen this, mentioning that usually the FBI gets these secrets out because the Russians can use these secrets to blackmail you. Larry told Ellen to be ready since what she was committing was a felony, but they needed it to keep working at NASA.

Margo visits von Braun, who asks her to come in to his house. She told him that she did not know why he wanted to see her. He changed the subject, telling her that she had left her father’s funeral without a word. Margo kept trying to get back on-topic, but von Braun distracted her.
Meanwhile, Tracy gets to the Baldwin home, where she finds out she is not really into her kid’s life, but Karen assures her she has it covered. She talked to Danny for a while, but then had to leave since she had an early day the next day.

At von Braun’s home, Margo and Wernher were having dinner. Von Braun could not believe Margo could not simply talk to him since they had known each other pretty much Margo’s entire life. Margo told him she forgave him, and to just give her the report, but von Braun told her that he wanted to tell her something her father never had, but that made no sense to Margo.

He told Margo about how he had met her father, and presented her with a suitcase, which contained something he mentioned he did not agree with. Before he started, he told Margo that her father loved her, which she did not see. However, von Braun mentioned that what he was telling her were facts that her father did not know how to tell her, but Margo did not agree since her father had been beyond "remote."

Von Braun told her that during the war, her father had worked on very secret work for the government, which involved the Manhattan Project. Margo denied it, but von Braun presented her the files where it was explained that he worked on compressing a plutonium core to a critical mass through a spherical implosion, which led to the creation of the weapon that was used on Nagasaki. The bombing had a profound effect on her father, and both he and von Braun talked about the moral ramifications of the bomb, but Margo’s father ended up retreating from the world, and Margo.

Pam and Ellen were hugging in bed, but Ellen tells Pam maybe they should take a break since the FBI investigation has her wound up and she also does not know where her relationship with Pam is going, since she was not sure it could go anywhere or if being a lesbian was a phase for her.

Margo asks von Braun if she can keep the files, which he agrees to. She thanks him for having told her, and asks him for the report so she could go. Von Braun told her it was a long drive, so perhaps she could stay, which she refused since what they had talked about did not just wipe away everything that had happened between both of them. Von Braun reminisced with her, and told her he had pushed her when her father had wanted to but could not. Margo thanked him, but von Braun told her she was wasting her talent, not doing as well as Irene Hendricks. He asked her what she wanted to be doing in ten years; she said she would be running NASA, but von Braun told her she would not since she was not a team player. Margo defended herself, saying that she was in mission control, but von Braun told her that that was because he was her mentor, and Gene looked kindly upon her, but even with all her credentials, she was passed over for flight director which Wernher blamed her lack of social skills for. Margo once again asks him for the report, and von Braun gave it to her. He told her she had the key to her success in her hands, and told her to evaluate why the valve on the Apollo 23 had failed. He told her when he reviewed the supply chain for the Saturn, he found out the LH2 valve was manufactured by Kirkland Aerospace, which means NASA had changed the contractors in early 1973, asking why the change had been made.

Margo was going to read the report, but von Braun told her it was not necessary. The change in contract was so that Illinois would back the Equal Rights Amendment, so that the governor would be re-elected. Margo sat down, and wondered if Gene had only died for a political vote, but von Braun reminded her that eleven other men had also died. She mentioned the report would cause a fire in NASA, congress and the White House if it was made public. Margo asked why it would not be made public, and von Braun told her that the reason was that it holds potential to do great harm to the president, so the report would be buried. So, von Braun asked her who would benefit from the situation since every bureaucracy was corrupt.

Shane did not want Karen to tell Ed about the water meters he had smashed with Danny, but she told him that she would, and ordered him to wait while she video-talked to Ed, who asked if she had spoken to the doctor. She mentioned she had, who had told her some good news about getting pregnant. Ed told her he was fine, but was working long days; he asked about Shane, who Karen told him was missing the astronaut. However, Ed told her that he had to follow orders until relieved. After Karen left, she told Shane he was grounded for three weeks.

When Margo handed Weisner the report, the latter mentioned that von Braun writes a compelling report. Margo asked what he was going to do with it, but he evaded the question and told her the board was thankful she had gone to von Braun’s home. She asked him if von Braun’s findings would be included in the final report on the explosion of the Apollo 23, but he told her
that he was classifying it as top secret on his authority as NASA administrator. As an oath she had taken, she was bound not to reveal any knowledge she had about the report. Doing so could open her to being charged with revealing classified information and spending 20 years in a federal penitentiary. She muttered what von Braun had said, "every system is corrupt," and told Weisner that she had made a copy which could be sent to The New York Times. Asking what she wanted, Margo told him she wanted what she deserved, and left.

Margo went to Aleida, and gave her a slide rule, telling her to go to her office in 20 minutes so she could show her how to use it. She asked Aleida if she could play the piano, and told her she would learn later.

As Gordo walked on the moon, he saw unrecognized lights from the distance.
For All Mankind Episode Guide

Hi Bob

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Summary: Ed, Gordo, and Danielle struggle with an extended Jamestown mission.

On Jamestown, Ed, Gordo, and Danielle are being told a new contractor was being used for the LH2 valve, but there was a mishap when the rocket was being built and were told that it would take time, so Apollo 24 would be delayed yet another two weeks. They were told that President Kennedy was doing everything he could, and wanted to apologize for the delays.

When they hang up, the three of them watch a show they had watched many times, while Danielle watched her ant farm and Ed tried getting signal. Danielle asked if they had ever seen a shrink when applying to the program, and Ed told her they needed to see about five, which was more than the women had to. Danielle told him that her shrink had asked her if she had ever dreamed of having sex with her father, and they told her that it happened to them as well. All of a sudden, Danielle’s ant farm fell and she cleaned it up.

On November 9, 1974, Danielle asks her husband how his interview went, but he mentions that he had a bad day and did not get the job. He tells her that he is not supposed to live off her since he can do more than just bag groceries and mentions that the man interviewing him was not even listening to what he was saying and mentions that a hole opened up for him, and he wanted to go in. Danielle comforted him, but he left and said that he would talk to her later, as he was all out of cigarettes.

Ellen is interviewed by the FBI officer, and mentioned that her claustrophobia was a childhood fear, which she got over. She said that she had been told that her medical information was confidential and it annoyed her that he was flipping through it. He mentioned that he did not want to annoy her and reminded her that he could kick her out of the program. However, she told him that she knew she was only there because he believed her boyfriend was gay, but he told her that they were not there to talk about her boyfriend since he could not figure her out since her profile made her much better than Larry Wilson since he was a homosexual. He pressured her into telling her Larry’s truth, but was not able to.
Ellen talked to Larry and Pam about this, and Larry mentioned that their phones were probably bugged. They watched the news at Outpost and kept drinking.

At Jamestown, the three astronauts discover a frequency which they find strange and cannot figure out. Gordo sees an ant and talks about seeing yet another one. Ed discusses spying on the Russians but mentioned that they would not tell Houston. Gordo loses his temper over the ants, since he is told to drop it, but Ed calms him down.

The school principal tells Karen and Tracy that the cost for their children’s damages was 150 USD, and told the women that he was concerned over the relationship the boys had. Karen and Tracy immediately told him that they were best friends, having grown up together. Tracy told the principal that perhaps the problem was the lack of discipline in the school since there was no spanking anymore. He told them that the friendship was becoming hurtful towards Danny since he was the follower if not for Shane, and they both got offended and stormed off.

The crew of the Apollo 22 call Houston to tell them they were going back to the base. Once they got there, Danielle told Ed that even though they had gone 30km out, they had not seen anything. Ed told Danielle that the Soviets were crafty and they were still on their part of the crater, which was theirs since they had planted the flag first. Gordo took a walk in the meantime and saw nothing in the distance.

When Gordo got back, he said "hi, Bob," which angered Ed. He asked him what he was doing since they had already discussed that he could not leave the base without his authorization, since if Houston found out, they would punish him. Gordo argued that they first had to bring him back to Earth and tried to make a joke about it since he thought it was bullshit. The argument escalates since they start questioning whether or not Gordo had actually seen blinking lights. Ed tells Gordo to stand down, but the latter challenges him, so Ed throws him against the base. They are separated by Danielle, and Ed tells Gordo that he could not leave the base until further notice. Gordo just laughs and Danielle tells him that everything is getting out of control.

Weisner tells Ellen that Agent Donahue believed that Larry was a homosexual, which could pose a security threat to the program; however, there was a new belief that Ellen was also a homosexual, which she qualified as absurd. Weisner told her that they do not believe that it is time for a sex scandal. She tells him that she could not control Donahue or the justice department and Weisner told her that both her and Larry could take an extra step in their relationship.

Ed, Gordo, and Danielle start getting desperate over a phone call with Buzz and were told that they were being told that they needed two more weeks and were being sent a surprise this time. A new plumbing assembly for the shower; Ed tells them that Gordo is feeling better after his cold. After the conversation with Houston, it appears that their "Hi Bob" tape was fixed, but the tape is ruined after a while. After a while, they all start reciting the tape since they know it by heart, even reciting the laughs.

On November 29, 1974, Ed tells Shane that an action of his was an embarrassment to his entire family since he was supposed to be the man of the house, while Karen listens. He tells his son he is disappointed in him, since he was now 11 years old and wanted to know when he would grow up.

Ed tells Houston that Gordo is still sick while they ascended from the mining site with new samples. Danielle asks him when Gordo would finally be allowed to go back outside, since she had been getting a bad vibe from him lately, but Ed told her that his friend would be fine. She looks out and is able to spot the Soviet base in the distance, so Ed immediately informs Weisner, who tells him that he would inform the White House and they were told to keep doing business as usual.

At Outpost, Ellen tells Larry that they cannot allow their secret to get out. Larry tells her that moving forward would put them at a safer zone, but Pam tells Ellen that if she proceeds, things would be definitely over between both of them.

Ellen gets home and opens her window, but sees a car outside, which leaves as soon as she sets her eye on it.

Gordo wakes Ed and Dani up so they could do the "Hi Bob" routine, but Ed tells him to quit horsing around since they had a busy day the following day and it was the middle of the night. He moved forward and did the routine himself which surprised Ed, but Gordo got mad whenever he was interrupted. Danielle told him that maybe it was time to call Houston, but Ed refused, saying that Gordo needed to go outside. Ed approached him and told him that they should go for a walk.
They walk across the moon’s surface and mention taking some pictures, but Gordo mentions he would never do that since no photo could ever really capture what they were seeing. Ed asks Gordo to explain what he was doing back at the base, and Gordo mentions that he was fed up being locked in with the food he hated, and said that he did not sign up for what they were going through. As they were talking, Gordo feels something strange, which he mentions is an ant; he soon tells Ed that there were many ants and they were getting all over him, but was calmed down by Ed.

At the base, Gordo apologized, but was told it was fine. Ed told them that he would tell Houston the truth, which was that they had a medical situation, which he should have listened to before, especially with Danielle’s warnings. He told them that he would not abandon the base so the Russians would not get it, but would send them both home. Gordo reminded him that if he stayed, then he had to wait for Apollo 24 to get there, and then the next crew, which Dani mentioned NASA would never approve, but Ed mentioned that he was commander. Gordo mentioned that he was too tired to argue and went to bed. Danielle asked what would become of Gordo, and Ed told her that he would be sent to the shrinks, but it was clear that his career was over and would never be allowed to fly anything ever again.

After a while. Danielle screams in pain, saying that she tried to change the battery, and it appeared she had busted her arm. Ed realized that she was doing that in order for Ed to call NASA and tell them that they needed medical attention. She told him that Clayton had left her and that if Gordo was grounded, he would not return either.

Ed told NASA this, and was told that Gordo and Danielle had been approved to go back home, and his new return date was another two weeks from then. He was promoted to Captain of the United States Navy by the president, with a salary increase retroactive to when the mission had started. He thanked his supervisor, and sent Gordo and Danielle on their way. They all said “Bye, Bob,” and left.

10 days later, on December 14, 1974, Karen berates Shane again since he had stolen baseball cards. He was grounded from going to his basketball game, which made him lose his temper. Karen slapped him across the face and sent him to his room. She got in her car, and Shane waited until after she left to get on his bike to go to his basketball game.

Danielle made it to NASA headquarters, while Gordo went home and watched television. Ellen and Larry got married.

When Karen got home, she saw a police officer parked on her driveway. Asking what her son had done, the police officers told her that there had been an accident involving Shane.
**Rupture**

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Karen is at the hospital, worried. A doctor walks up to her, and asks if Shane has a father. The doctor tells her that Shane was hit by a car when using his bike, but the person who had hit him had run off. The doctor tells her that Shane had sustained serious head injuries, fracturing his skull and had a bleeding brain, which meant he had to undergo surgery, which also worried Karen; she was in complete shock over what was going on. However, the doctor tried to make her feel better, and she tried to think Shane was strong and would overcome the situation.

Ed is alone on the moon and wakes up to country music. He greets Danielle, who tells him to hook up to the biosensors and to fix the aux tank coupling. He says goodbye and takes a shower, puts on his spacesuit and goes outside, taking pictures.

At NASA, astronauts including Danielle are watching Gordo being celebrated for having landed them back on Earth, as well as congratulating Ellen, who was now married to Larry on becoming the new commander for Apollo 24. Deke mentions that he was, in fact, part of Mercury and mentioned that he was able to fly, but assigned Ellen as leader because he knew she was very capable. The interviewer, however, mentions that Danielle’s accident at Jamestown had raised the question of having women living on the moon, but Ellen defended her fellow woman. Harry defends the interviewer’s obvious attacking of Ellen, saying he was not worried about serving under her.
Ellen, Harry, and Deke are later told at NASA that when they docked with the LSAM, they would need to perform a system test. Ellen asks what their cargo would be, but the woman told them that they still did not know. Deke asked what the mystery was all about, since it would probably just be 20,000 pounds of food and gas.

Gordo tells a man, his psychologist, that it feels good to be back, keeping in touch with Ed. His shrink asks him if he remembered what he had told him the first time he had been with him. He reminded the astronaut that he needed him to be honest, and Gordo mentions that he is worried about Tracy, who had been acting differently towards him, sending him to a different apartment when she gets mad at him. He tells the shrink that he had been away 145 days and mentioned that Tracy would be going with Molly up into space, going away for 14 days if everything goes as planned. He starts talking about things falling apart in space.

Aleida is holding hands with a boy, but they let go when Octavio approaches them. Gordo greets Tracy and tells her that work had been good that day. She tells him he is a son of a bitch, asking where he had really been. She assumes that he had been with a lady, and he tells her that he was seeing a psychiatrist. She tells him that the shit he came up with to save his ass was unbelievable, but he shows her the card, which shocks her. He said he started talking to the doctor because he needed to talk to someone. Tracy asked him what had happened to him on the moon, but he says that nothing had happened. Tracy picks up the phone and tells Karen she would be with her as soon as she could.

Ed tells NASA that the Russians were building something, guessing that they were doing something subterranean. Weisner mentions that they have also talked about subterranean did not mean anything, but Ed mentioned that they had been more aggressive lately, moving across the rim. Weisner reminds them that they are not in a military scenario and is berated by the general.

Karen is waiting at the hospital and is joined by Tracy, telling her that Shane was in surgery and explained what had happened. Tracy asks Karen if she wants her to talk to the doctor, but Karen tells her that Shane would be fine. Tracy tells her what she brought and looks at her friend, worried.

On the moon, Ed moves forward and moves down the crater, where he drills into the crater only to soon find out the Soviets had planted a camera in his working space. Weisner told him to leave it since they did not want any international conflict on the moon, but Ed disagrees since it was their territory. Weisner mentions that they would talk to the president and orders him to do nothing.

The next morning, Karen is joined by Tracy, who tells her she would not leave. The doctor walks in and tells them that he usually asks for both parents to be present, but made an exception. He told her that due to the amount of time passed between Shane’s accident and his arrival to the ER, he had lost a lot of oxygen in his brain, so he was now brain-dead, which meant that his brain was no longer functioning even though his heart was. He tells Karen that it was extremely unlikely that Shane would recover from the event, but she compared Shane living to Ed’s being on the moon. She refuses to listen to the doctor and wanted to ask for a second opinion. She told Karen that she wanted NASA’s best neurologist, so Tracy started calling Deke while Karen went to see Shane.

Later, Margo was at NASA with Deke and Weisner. Deke told Margo that the neurologist was taking a second look at Shane and that they needed to tell Ed what was happening. Weisner said no, however, since Ed was all alone up there. Deke mentions that knowing Ed, he would want to know, but Margo argued that there had been many studies on the effects of bad news in high-pressure situations. Deke told Margo that this was not an equation, it was Ed’s son and the astronaut had a right to know. Margo asked if anybody had talked to Karen, since she had heard a lot of opinions except for hers and it should be her call.

When Deke asked Karen, she said that it was not an option since it was possible that Shane could live. Deke asked her once again if she was sure, but Karen refused to do so until something else happened. Deke said goodbye and told her that he would bring Ed home. Tracy hugged Karen in order to comfort her while Deke said goodbye to his wife as well, who was excited for him to go to the moon.

Aleida apologized to Margo for arriving late a second time, but she had needed to run all the way to NASA. She asked Aleida about her necklace and her hickey. Margo told Aleida that she was looking forward to changing her life, but was not sure anymore since they needed to discuss
Aleida’s lies. She gives Aleida a letter from the Kennedy Math and Science Program, which she opened and found out she had been accepted for two advanced tracks. Margo told Aleida that that meant she would transfer to Kennedy school right after the first of the year, which was sooner than she expected and she had to leave all her friends, but Margo got angry since she was losing focus and she needed to work ten times harder than the men.

Aleida got home and got ready for dinner. She looked at her letter once again, but was excited when the boy she liked called.

Karen was walking in the hospital and was joined by a reporter who wanted to ask her questions, but Tracy grabbed the man and shoved him away. Tracy told Karen that it was time for her call with Ed, and she agreed. Karen asked Marge to look after Shane and left with Tracy to get ready.

Talking to Ed, Karen mentioned problems she had been having with a fence. Ed soon asked her how Shane's game had gone and she told him that it had been good, but when Ed started asking more questions, she started having a hard time answering. She told him that Shane had a good game, being nervous at first, but doing well in the end. They reminisce about Shane when he was younger and Karen mentions that nowadays, it always seemed like Shane did not have enough time. Ed told her that only ten more days and he would be down there, and they said goodbye.

Driving back with Tracy, Karen asks her friend if she had just done something unforgiveable, but Tracy mentions that she did what she had to and told her to just drive.

At mission control, Margo told everyone that she knew that everybody was thinking about Ed and Shane, but it was important for them to move forward with their work, so they had decided to not tell Ed so he could focus on Jamestown. This meant they needed to be careful with what they talked about with him especially since the press had gotten ahold of this information. Gordo and Danielle discussed the matter in private and told Margo that since they talked to him, they could not ask them to lie. Margo told them that if they did not lie, then she could find somebody else who would, telling them that this was at the request of Karen, so they would respect that.

While Ed worked out, he got a fax from the Soviets, sending him their condolences for what had happened to Shane. Ed asks Gordo what was going on, so the latter suggests that perhaps something had been lost in translation. Ed wonders if maybe the Soviets were monitoring his conversations since he had talked to Karen about Shane earlier. Gordo mentions that he has no idea what the Russians were up to and Ed starts getting angry, mentioning that what the Russians were doing was low, even for them.

Ed walks to the mining site as Karen walks through the hospital. She sees Tracy and NASA's doctor waiting for her; he told her that there was nothing else he could do for Shane. Ed grabbed the Soviet monitoring device and destroyed it filled with rage. Karen walked into Shane’s hospital room and started crying.

When Ed walks back into Jamestown, Karen calls him crying and tells him about what had happened to Shane, which visibly shakes him.

Tracy accompanied Karen to her house and comforted her friend. While they were inside, Karen told Tracy that she was starting with the funeral arrangements since Ed wanted to be buried with the navy, but only qualified for interment if he made flag rank and there was nothing there for children. Tracy told Karen that only a few hours had passed since Shane’s death, but Karen asked her to cry somewhere else.

Gordo calls Ed, but he does not answer and turns off communications while drinking a bottle of Chivas and starts banging his head.
**Bent Bird**

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Apollo 24 launched in order to bring back Ed, who had been stranded on the moon for 159 days. Deke called Houston, telling them they were ready for trans-lunar injection. Gordo confirmed they had received the message and asked Deke if he liked the view. And so Deke, Ellen and Harry moved forward. However, when they tried to ignite, it failed.

Karen walked through her house; they looked at the suit they had bought for Shane to be buried in and Karen realized that that was the last set of clothes she would ever buy her son. Tracy tells her that she would drop it off at the funeral home. The bell rings and Tracy tells Karen that Marge and a few others had come to join them, but Karen tells Tracy that she is not up for it and just wants to go to bed and wants to be left alone. Tracy tells them that they are not there to be comforted, but to help her in case she needs them.

On the moon, Ed receives a long fax; forcing himself to wake up, he looks out the window.

The crew of Apollo 24 tries to look for the problem. Gordo calls them and tells them that the flight control computer had a bad board in the control circuit that could not be repaired. They are told that they would be brought one soon by Molly Cobb.

Molly tells a crew about what they would be doing in order to help Apollo 25. Margo tells Weisner that they were the best people to do it. Weisner agrees and they decide to launch in two days.

Aleida walks in her house and finds her father with the Kennedy school papers. Octavio asks her why she did not tell him and she mentions that she was not sure that she wanted to go. However, her father found that ridiculous after all they had sacrificed and saw her as throwing
it all away, realizing that it was probably because of the boy she was seeing, but she argued that she only wanted to stay with her friends. Octavio asked Aleida if she believed Margo had gotten to where she was by chasing boys and she reminded him that they were not in Mexico anymore and people liked to have fun sometimes, telling him that he did not understand America, so he grounded her.

Danielle goes to Outpost and finds Gordo, who is drinking Ginger Ale. He tells her that he had good news and told her that he had decided he would not keep secrets anymore and wanted the world to know what had happened. He tells her that people should know that she was the real hero and not the other way around, but she told him that she knew and that was all that mattered. She told him not to reveal the truth or she would be grounded.

Karen is woken by Marge, who brought her cornbread. Marge suggested she take a shower and join the rest of the women, but Karen just switches sides of bed, so Marge tells her to call them if she needed anything.

On the moon, Ed rides the rover and builds a grave for Shane by placing a bunch of rocks together, also writing down his name.

Tracy reminds her son that she would only be gone for a few days and asks him if he did not want to talk about what had happened to Shane. Tracy tries getting Danny to talk about the situation, and tells him that they would both go to Galveston when she returned and the two hugged.

The FBI agent talks to Octavio, asking if he enjoyed working at NASA, which the latter called a dream. The agent told him that working at NASA had also done wonders apparently since he had been pronounced dead. Octavio mentions he does not understand, but the FBI agent asks him who gave him his social security number, then pulling out a photo of the man he suspected. The FBI agent asked him if he knew a man who sold NASA secrets, but Octavio mentioned he simply worked there, but the agent told him that he had stolen and found photos in his locker. He told him that he had only taken the photos to give them to a friend and did not know anything about the people he mentioned. Octavio was grabbed from his seat and handcuffs were placed on his wrists.

Karen watched as it was announced that Tracy and Molly’s spaceship reached the Apollo 24. She looked at herself in the mirror and took a shower, getting ready to go outside. When she opened her door, she saw Marge and other women, but she closed the door again. Across the hall, she saw Danny; she asked him what he was doing in Shane’s room and he told her that Shane had left his derby car at his house, so he returned it, asking Karen not to tell his mother. Karen told her that it was fine, and Danny told her that he had had the idea of breaking the water meters, but had let everybody think it was Shane’s idea.

Karen stormed off and went directly to Wayne Cobb’s house. He asked her what she was doing there, but she did not know. She smoked marijuana and the two had a conversation in which Wayne told her that he was into organic chemistry, but was expelled from it. He told Karen that his father had disowned him, but instead of feeling bad, he felt triumphant since he was free. Karen thinks back to her childhood, meeting Ed when she was twelve and falling in love with him pretty much at first sight. However, they were distancing lately and she did not know what her life was anymore since she did not even know who her friends were.

Apollo 24 and 25 started working together to fix 24. They installed the FCC they needed and then started a test, which Margo directed. Ellen mentions that the tank pressure had gone up. Margo realized what was happening and told them to get the remaining astronauts to get away from the booster since it was still armed. It was too late the booster ignited, making Deke slam into an steering nozzle, and Harry slid down the booster into the exhaust plume of the engine dissolving in the heat of the exhaust. Molly disconnected the tether holding 25 to 24 and then lost her grip and let go. Molly mentioned that she had almost no oxygen left and they tried to find her since they could not see her. Tracy managed to see her, but Apollo 24 was still uncommunicative.

On the moon, Ed saw something strange. He saw a Soviet rover nearby and saw a Russian using his lift. The two looked at each other and the Russian brandished a hammer threateningly. Ed backed away from the Soviet, who then moved off towards his rover.

Margo blind to the possibilities of Apollo 25 saving Molly and safely returning and made the call to leave Molly and come home. Gordo disagreed and refused to do so, so she did so herself. Tracy also disagreed with Margo even though Cobb had agreed and asked for Gordo to be put back in communication. Margo told Gordo to not make her regret letting him attempt saving
Molly.

Gordo guided Tracy through the process, while Margo asked about Apollo 24, but was told that they would know in two minutes. Tracy was losing fuel, but Molly was getting closer to them. In the end they managed to get to her and bring her back on board.

Mission control got the trajectory on 24, but did not know if they were dead or alive. Apollo 24 was not heading for the moon at all and could not communicate.

Ed got a knock at Jamestown base from the Soviet. Ed sarcastically asks if his rover had broken down and he did not have enough oxygen to get back to base. The Soviet lifted his visor and Ed told him to come in. The Soviet entered the base and put his suit down, showing Ed he had no weapons as well. However, Ed removed the oxygen from the room Ivan was in, and suffocated him till he lost consciousness.
A City Upon a Hill

Season 1
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Season Episode: 10

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Guest Stars: Chris Bauer (Deke Slayton), Sonya Walger (Molly Cobb), Wallace Langham (Harold Weisner), Arturo Del Puerto (Octavio Rosales), Olivia Trujillo (Aleida Rosales), Krys Marshall (Danielle Poole), Mark Ivanir (Mikhail Mikhailovitch), Meghan Leathers (Pam Horton), Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Rebecca Wisocky (Marge Slayton), Lenny Jacobson (Wayne Cobb), Charlie Hofheimer (Dennis Lambert), Chris Agos (Buzz Aldrin), Leonora Pitts (Irene Hendricks), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), Nick Toren (Tim 'Bird Dog' McKiernan), Spencer Garrett (Roger Scott), Megan Dodds (Andrea Walters), Mason Thames (Daniel Stevens), Dan Warner (General Arthur Weber), Krystal Torres (Cata Rosales), Carin Chea (Penny Chen), Theo Iyer (Carl Reid), Brian McGrath (Sam), Ben Solenberger (LMSYS), Alex Skinner (Telex Guy), Mel Fair (Reporter #1), Stephen Jared (Reporter #2), Chi-Lan Lieu (Reporter 3), James Thomas Gilbert (Protest Man), Clint Culp (Guy at Bar), Kevyn Bashore (Rotary Club Leader), Zakary Risinger (Jimmy Stevens)

Summary: Ed handles a trespasser. Ellen and Deke chart a new course without Mission Control.

Ellen comes to after Deke calls her. He tells her that she needs to abort the burn and also tells her he does not have much left in his OPS and he has a puncture in his suit. However, her abort handle is non-responsive, and Houston can not be reached. She pulls on a chord only to find out Harry had been lost in space. She pulls on Deke's chord and is able to bring him into the ship. They close the hatch and are able to remove their helmets, but Deke had been stabbed by the smashed steering thruster, so Ellen tells him to apply pressure on the wound. She tries reaching Houston once again, but they remain uncommunicative.

The Soviet astronaut wakes up, bound to a wall by Ed. Ed orders him to speak English: Ivan asks him why he had cut off his oxygen, but Ed ignores the question and asks him what he was doing in his mine. The Soviet tells him he was not looking for anything there, and Ed asks him what the device he had left there since it was his territory. Ivan, however, tells him that the moon belongs to everybody and counters the fact that if it depended on who was there first, then a Russian man had landed on the moon first and had even said that the moon belonged to everybody. Edward remembered it differently, but Ivan told him that there was enough ice for everyone. Ed asks him what he had been doing, but Ivan told him that he could not tell him and should be let go since his compatriots would be looking for him. However, Ed told him that he knew they only had one rover and walked away.
Mission control celebrates the landing of Apollo 25’s crew, while Margo asks how 24 is doing. GUIDO is unable to communicate with them and all they knew was that they were headed for deep space.

Ellen put stitches on Deke’s wound, who complained that their communication problems were most likely due to their comm systems having been updated. Ellen told him to calm down and also reminded him that they were risking losing lunar orbit, also asking if he was up for another burn, which he nodded to. Deke told her that Harry had been dragged into the plume, which swallowed him whole. The CSM separated and they kept moving.

Aleida is in bed, but is called by her dad, who tells her that he would be sent back to Mexico because if he was caught again, he would be sent to prison. He told her everything would be okay and hung up. Aleida left the house while Harry was mourned and Buzz Aldrin told reporters what was going on with 24.

It seemed Ellen and Deke were now heading towards the moon and were moving very fast. Ellen switched to manual, but depleted the SPS and they did not make it by thirty feet. However, in mission control Margo stumbled upon everybody celebrating since they now knew they were alive. Aleida went to NASA and saw Margo, who was still working.

Margo explained to Weisner why it was troubling that 24 had wasted all their fuel and why what they had done had not worked. Weisner comments that he will call the president so he knew that everything was going badly once again. However, Margo mentions that there was something that Ed could do.

However, it turns out Ed was not answering NASA’s messages. Ivan requested water, which Ed told him he would give him when he told him what the Soviets were building. Ivan asks him what his plan was since he knew that he had not been communicating with NASA. He reminds Ed that he had been there for 37 hours and tells him that everybody would believe he had died. He told Ed of problems with his child, but Ed made fun of him for simply following orders. Ivan asks him what he did since he did not follow orders, and was a real American cowboy. He also tells him that his name is not Ivan, but Mikhail and reviewed Ed’s options. Ed told him that he would not kill him and Ivan told him that he had also seen the bad parts of America and slapped him, which he told him was the real America.

Aleida goes home, but stumbles upon a notice of seizure. Walking in the home she finds it is empty and trashed with even most of her photos removed. The phone rings and she talks to her father. She tells him what had happened and he tells her that she did not want to live with the woman, but Margo told her that it would only be temporary. Aleida asked her if she could stay with her and would not be a bother. Margo told her that they could still do their sessions, but living with her was a lot to ask at the moment.

Karen was in her house alone, smoking. She looked at her hands, took off her fake nails and went to bed, while touching Ed’s pillow.

Deke tells Ellen that their death would not be the worst way to go. He also tells her that he kind of wants to see how far they get, but lets out a cry of pain. Ellen looks at his wound and notices internal bleeding; Deke tells her that he had always thought he had seen a bit of John Glenn in her since whenever she wanted to walk into a room, people saw her and listened to her. He tells her that his “in case of death letter” was bad since he was distracted and only had two minutes to write it. He tells Ellen that Marge deserved better and still could not believe Marge had said yes to him. He asks Ellen for her story ad she tells him that it was nice how Larry had proposed. He tells him that Larry had taken her to Memorial Park, but did not finish the story and said that she did not know what she was doing since she was heading towards nowhere and tells Deke that she had to hide parts of who she was and told him that she did not love Larry, but Pam. Deke realized Pam was the bartender and laughed until he realized she was serious and was disgusted.

Ed was awakened by Mikhail, who was singing. He asked the Soviet if he had done anything
and asked him to stop singing. Mikhail told him that Elvis was banned in the USSR, but people found a way to listen to him, and called the singer fantastic. Ed told him that he had wanted Sinatra played at his wedding, but ended up playing "Love Me Tender" at his wedding. He told him that they went to see him a year ago, but that Elvis was a joke now, but Mikhail told him that Elvis would always be king, but Ed mentioned that Sinatra would always be the one. Mikhail noticed that the lights were flickering in a pattern, which they read as morse code. Ed then called NASA and contacted Gordo and Danielle. Ed told them that he needed some alone time, but was back.

Karen went to Outpost, where Pam was told that Ellen was alive by Larry. He did not tell her anything else. Karen asked her if she was Pam and told her that Ed went there a lot. She asked Pam to surprise her and she told her that Ed always spoke highly of the place, but it was a shithole. Karen told her that it was understood that wives do not go to Outpost, and Pam complained that men had a lot of rules, which Karen called bullshit. Pam told her that the country looked up to them and told her that she would not feel sorry for her, but apologized, saying that the last few days had been rough since she knew some of all of astronauts. She told Karen that she had become "good friends" with Ellen, but was not being told anything by anyone. Karen told Pam that Ed was her husband, and told Pam that it was okay, also telling her that she should go to JSC with her.

Margo told mission control that they would have a 33 minute window during which 24 would be within lunar orbit range. Ed watched the transmission as well. Margo told everyone what to do and told them that if they did not play their cards correctly, Deke and Ellen might be lost in space. Gordo mentioned they might have another problem: the distance that Ed would be flying was pushing the LSAM's range. Ed asked about Apollo 15, since the descent stage still had fuel in it. They started working on it, and Margo told them that they did not have a lot of time.

Tracy and Molly walked back into mission control and were celebrated by everybody. When Gordo saw Tracy he ran up to her and kissed her. Molly told them to get a room, and then told everybody to settle down. She went to Margo, who tried to apologize by saying that she had to consider the safety of two astronauts over just her, but Molly told her that she had done the right thing and was not what she wanted to talk about. She proceeded to tell Margo that she thought that when their ship slammed into the side of 24 it may have knocked their antenna loose, which was the cause of their communication problems, but their short-range radio might still be working. Margo thanked Molly, and Gordo told Tracy that she was not in uniform since she needed to wear gold. He gave her his pin, and she cried tears of joy.

Deke asked Ellen if she was aware of the security risks, since she was opening herself up to blackmail, manipulation. Ellen told him that that was not fair, but Deke told her that she was putting everybody at risk. Ellen said she believed that he would understand because he had pushed for the women when nobody else had, but Deke told her that that was because they were good pilots and being women was beside the point. Ellen told Deke that the world was changing and that he helped do it. Deke started letting out a cry of pain, and Ellen told him to breathe.

Margo told everyone to focus and was handed a paper which prompted her to tell Danielle to call Ed so they could send him the fueling procedures.

Ed received them and Mikhail told him that he would require the Soviet’s help since he did not have enough time. Ed told him that he had it under control, but Mikhail told him that he was not in Korea anymore and told him that they had no choice but to trust each other, asking him to let him help. And so, Ed and Mikhail traveled to the Apollo 15 by rover and did as Ed was instructed by NASA.

Karen and Pam walked in to JSC, where she saw Larry. Karen hugged Tracy and asked her where everybody was at. She told Tracy that she was proud of her and invited Pam to sit next to her.

Gordo told Ed that there were ten minutes left to launch, Ed then thanked Mikhail and gave the Soviet back the part to the rover and gave him his monitoring device. Mikhail wished Ed good luck, and the American left. He radioed Houston and began the launch sequenced helped by Gord, Danielle and Margo.

Ellen fed Deke, who was now laying down. They suddenly heard Ed radio to them and Ellen responded, saying they were there to rescue him. He greeted Ellen and asked how Deke was doing, but Ellen told him that space had made Deke more soft and cuddly than usual. Ed said he was sorry to hear that and told them how the plan would go.
Larry told Pam that she should not be there and asked her what she thought people would think, but Pam told him that she did not care.

Deke regains his ability to talk and weakly told Ellen that she has great things ahead and that if they made it through, to not tell anybody else. He tells her to keep it to herself since there were too many people like him and it was all they would see.

Ed radios 24 and tells them that Houston was working on a fix, but Deke says that there would be no time for him to dock. Ellen suggests Ed throwing a tank. Weisner argues against it, but Margo tells him to shut up or fuck off. Ed removes the tank while Ellen exits 24; he throws the tank, but it went a little too high. Ellen removed her chord and jumped, successfully attaching it to the tank and barely able to hold on to it. Everybody at Houston celebrates, completely impressed by the stunt.

Ellen goes back to 24, asking Deke if he had seen her, but sees he is slumped and not moving. At Houston, everybody finds out Deke has passed and look at Marge. Weisner personally walks up to her and takes his glasses off, breaking the news to her. Karen hugs Marge, who starts crying.

When Ellen makes it to the moon, they stand in front of Shane’s grave and drop Deke’s pin on the ground, also burying him next to Shane’s grave.

Ed tells Ellen that she should probably rest since during the next few days, they would start digging, but Ellen tells him that he would be returning on Osprey. Ed tells her that they can not expect to hold the mission then, since she would be alone and could not leave the base after everything that had happened. He mentioned another relief mission that would be there in a few days, but Ellen tells him that she would send him back home. Ellen tells him that she relieves him as commander of Jamestown and Ed nods.

Later, Ed leaves the moon and heads back towards Earth, crying as he entered the atmosphere. When he got there, he went to Shane’s room with Karen.

Ellen is interviewed over what had happened with Deke. Ellen tells them that Deke had been a pioneer and a stubborn man, having helped everybody get to space. A reporter tells her that travelling to space now seemed like a dangerous endeavor, but Ellen says that everybody knows the risk and it was worth it because things could get better. In order to say goodbye, she said she loved Larry. After she hung up, she found an ant running on the floor of Jamestown.
Season Two
Every Little Thing
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Guest Stars: Brad Beyer (Carl Cartright), David Chandler (Jimmy Stevens), Dan Donohue (Thomas Paine), Maetrix Fitten (Astronaut), Gregory Garcia (NASA Scientist), Sahsha George (MOCR Military Tech), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), Yakov Kolontarov (Russian Guard), Marianne Lu (Astronaut #2), Penny O’Brien (Doreen Campbell), Steve Olson (Astronaut #1), Kalina Vanska (MOCR Console Tech), Gerren Hall (Charlie)

Summary: Nearly a decade later, technology and lunar exploration have taken huge strides — but a solar storm threatens the astronauts on Jamestown.

On May 21, 1983, at what is now known as Jamestown Colony, Ellen asks Larry for no more parties, but he tells her it was not his idea. She accepts and tells him that she does not want a birthday party, but would be fine with a welcome home party since she did not want to be reminded she was 40 now. She told him that she was handing the base off to the new commander, who was outside with the rest of the crew, so she had the base to herself for probably the last time, which she wanted to enjoy. After they said goodbye, Ellen moved through the base and looked around.

Meanwhile, astronauts walked outside with flashlights. Wubbo tells Molly his team that he was positioning the rover so that they could see the sunrise. They all turned off their flashlights and were soon illuminated by the sun. Molly told Wubbo to stop staring at his screen and look at the sun, which he did. The astronauts started singing, joined by Ellen at the base.

Margo wakes up at her office, which has a sofa bed and puts her glasses on. She takes a shower and gets ready for work. She calls Emma and asks her for messages; her assistant tells her that she had sent flowers and food to her aunt, who was expected to make a full recovery from her surgery. She gave her more messages and handed her an envelope and they leave, while Emma still gives her updates. She is told that there was possibly lithium near Jamestown, and she asks if the Soviets had been informed, which Emma confirms.

Margo enters a room, where she tells a worker that she can get him a new printer. She asks how the tests had gone and he responds that thirty pages of data told them they missed. She mentions that is bad luck, but hands him the envelope, which excites him since it contained Army-Air Force tickets at the 50-yard line. He thanks her and asks what they would cost him. She tells him they are a gift, but also tells him that now he might consider allowing the Kon-Tiki
to land at Edwards and also freeing up space for a couple of polar launches form Vandenberg. He tells her the former is possible, but the pentagon did not like the latter, especially after Berlin. He tries handing the tickets back, but she tells him to keep them; as she left, he told her that he now owed her a favor.

Margo asks Emma to keep going and is told that a general wanted to keep pressuring her into the Pathfinder idea, which makes her sigh. She greets Gary and Helena, who discuss whether or not Margo hates him. Helena tells him that if administration hated him, he would not be in the program, but he mentions that he knows when people were out to get him. Helena told him that that would change on that day since he would achieve his goal and would not take no for an answer. She tells him that he needed to into the admiral’s office, which he does nervously.

Gary greets Ed, who is putting in his office. Ed asks Piscotty what he can do for him and Gary says he wanted to talk about his career, which he realized was a big deal. Ed knew he wanted a prime crew slot on Pathfinder, which made Ed laugh since it was ambitious wanting to be prime crew on the vehicle which would take them to Mars and beyond. Ed tells Gary that he likes ambition and would be one hell of an astronaut, but would let him know when he was ready. Gary tells Ed that he had been there for three years and had many achievements, but no space time. Ed tells him that he does not like redheads and tells him to trust him. He tells Gary to take his foot off the golf ball, and asks for the door to be closed when he leaves. Ed laughs after the encounter.

Gordo is giving a conference as a guest speaker for the Rotary Club and says that new technologies were approaching. He was drinking while answering questions such as how to go to the bathroom in space. He is asked how he saved Danielle when she broke her arm on the moon; Gordo smiles and tells them that sometimes equipment and people fail and it all falls apart.

Ed is visited by Thomas, who tells him that the president had some concerns about Pathfinder, and Ed tells him that he does not need his approval since he only works with crew members. Thomas tells him that the White House wanted it to be a unanimous decision, but Ed realizes that all they wanted was for the press not to say that they had decided to do a little saber-rattling over the objections people at JSC had. Thomas asks him to work with him since they needed to send a message to the Soviets since they were already testing their own shuttle. He also tells him that Margo was protecting her turf when Ed mentioned they had tested second generation shuttles and was worried that they would put weapons on the shuttle and it would become a military asset. Ed tells him that Margo is not wrong, since he had needed to go to the Pentagon more than he would have liked to and knew that they would love to add Pathfinder to their fleet. Thomas asks if he turned Margo over to his side if Ed would join and Ed tells him that if he is able to do so, he would not stand in his way.

Ed makes it to Outpost and goes directly to Karen’s office, who tells him that thanks to her work, she would be able to pay off the second mortgage on the house the following month a full year ahead of schedule. He congratulates her and they are brought spaghetti by their adopted daughter, who mentions that she had not been able to look at the college catalogue Karen had given her. Karen mentions that one of the colleges had a great theater program, but Ed tells her that engineering, physics, computer science or any of those careers, which were “the future.” However, Karen reminds him that they would not push her into studying something she did not want, and Ed agreed.

Karen worked the bar at Outpost, while Ed mentioned that that Tracy would be on television. On the program, Tracy greets the host and tells him that she had returned from being in Rio and Aruba, also stopping at Vegas before returning. The host asks her if she has a new ring and she tells him that it is a ring Sam Cleveland had given her when they got married in Vegas.

At home, Gordo asks himself why she had gotten married without even a phone call, but Jimmy tells his father that she had left a message on the machine the day before, but had not mentioned she was getting married since she sounded “loopy,” which was typical of Tracy. As Jimmy left, Gordo asks him how he felt about his mother getting married again, but he mentions he does not know. The phone rings, and Ed asks Gordo if he was watching, which he mentions he was. Gordo asks his friend if he knew about it, but Ed mentions he did not and asks if Gordo is okay and if he needed some company, but Gordo says he would be fine.

At Skylab, an Italian astronaut named Doreen communicated with Houston. She mentioned she was at the ATM panel starting a run. She observed that the emissions were rising and a big solar flare had begun. At mission control, a woman mentions that they would have interference
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across the broadcast spectrum. At that moment, a worker mentions that JPI had lost contact
with the Mariner 14 probe, having gotten fried by proton radiation. However, they mentioned
that it could not be related to the flare since the plasma clouds never moved that quickly, but
Bill says that maybe they had never seen them move that fast.

On the moon, the astronauts still sang while watching the sunrise.

Margo, Ed and Thomas got to mission control, where Margo told them that life on Earth
was safe, but everything outside of the Earth’s atmosphere was in danger, so they told different
orbiting satellites to get closer to Earth, also ordering the Jamestown astronauts to get back to
the base as soon as possible.

Ellen told all the astronauts to head back to the base, so they headed to the rover. However,
Molly Wubbo were too far out to make it back to the base, so Molly told Ellen that they would
find shelter in place. Molly told Wubbo that there was a lava tube next to base camp where they
would meet inside. Wubbo agreed and they started moving.

Margo is called by the general she talked to earlier, who tells her that nobody knew how the
satellites would react to the solar flare and asked if they could shield them. Margo, however, told
him that for now the best plan was to wait, but they would lose sight of the Russians. Margo
mentions that the Russians would also lose satellites, but Bradford was not convinced. He called
and recommended DEFCON 3, which Margo mentioned was close to declaring a nuclear war and
reminded that it was just a solar storm. Margo thought what Bradford was saying was crazy, but
the latter just left.

Ellen instructed everybody to lock everything down and headed to an underground bunker,
where they would stay for at least three hours. Meanwhile, Molly reached the lava tube, but did
not hear back from Wubbo when she talked to him. She looked through a powerful camera lens
and found that Wubbo's rover had flipped and the astronaut was not moving.

Earth was hit by the solar flare, and they lost all forms of communication. Margo asked Ed
what the last headcount was, and he mentioned that ten minutes ago 14 were in the shelter
and three were within visual sight of the base. He told her that Molly was a survivor and that
they would be okay. Thomas told them that the White House would be explaining the storm and
revealed that Raegan was on Air Force One since they were worried that the Soviets would make
a move during the satellite blackout.

Thomas asked Margo how much radiation a human could take, and she mentioned that it
varied and people could even develop cancer over time. She also said that each astronaut had a
dosimeter badge which measured their radiation while on the moon.

As the storm reached the moon, Molly went inside the lava tube and was told by Ellen to stay
inside at all times. She looked out as the sand on the moon’s surface started moving and took
off her dosimeter watch. After that, she headed outside in order to reach Wubbo and ran across
the storm. When she reached Wubbo, she found he was injured and unconscious, and carried
him back to the lava tube, which was not an task for her. She looked at Wubbo’s dosimeter and
found it was red; when she held hers, she was still green.
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The Bleeding Edge

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Guest Stars: Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Dan Donohue (Thomas Paine), John Marshall Jones (Nelson Bradford), Michael Benz (Gary Piscotty), Lenny Jacobson (Wayne Cobb), Teya Patt (Emma Jorgens), Garrett Reisman (Garrett Reisman), Björn Alexander (Wubbo Ockels), Scott Michael Campbell (Alex Rossi), Linda Park (Amy Chang), Charlie Schlatter (Paul Michaels), Dave Power (Frank Sedgewick), Justice Leak (Peter), David Chandler (Jimmy Stevens), Kayla Blake (Dr. Kouri), Tyler Lofton (Corey), Mindy Montavon (Waitress), Ian McQuown (Photographer), Jim Tooey (Fred Decordova)

Summary: Margo must lead a seemingly impossible mission. Danielle wants to return to the moon. Gordo grapples with life on Earth.

Molly tells Ellen that she took shelter in the lava tube, trying to reach Wubbo, but when the two finally reached Jamestown, she was not feeling very well herself. Ellen tells her that she made the right call and a doctor says that it is uncertain how bad Wubbo would be, but would likely develop cancer in the next few years. Ellen tells Molly that she would be returning to Houston with her, but Molly complains since her dosimeter was green. Ellen tells her that her decision was final.

Margo talks to Ellen through a video communicating device and asks her how the power situation was holding up. Ellen says that they were recuperating and told Ed that life support systems should be doing fine, but the Mars program would have to be put on hold, also mentioning that the fuel rods were damaged. Margo takes note that they would need to send more plutonium and says that she would alert Guam to implement nuclear transportation guidelines, only to be told by Bradford that they would need to ask the Pentagon first. Thomas walks in with news that the president wanted to ease tensions with the Soviets, mentioning that putting missles on Pathfinder was on hold for now and that they needed an American astronaut and a Soviet cosmonaut to come together for a handshake in space. Margo laughed, but Thomas told Ed to prep the crew. Margo said that it would never be done, but Thomas told her to relax and to figure something out.

Ellen looks around Jamestown and remembers how long she had been up there in total, preparing to leave and assigned Al as commander of Jamestown. She got into the LSAM with Molly and more people who were ready to go back to Earth.
Gordo played a videogame, but was told by Ed that he would never win. After he loses, he goes to Ed who is manning the bar. In the meantime, Danielle was unsure about leaving her car; she read a passage from the Bible, but still did not get out. Gordo said that he could not imagine what Danielle was going through. As soon as Danielle got to them, they all said “Hi Bob” to each other. They discussed changes made to Outpost like a plant Karen wanted to put there and the removal of the pool table. Ed asked Danielle how she was and she said she was okay, but missed Clayton, who had struggled during his last nine years. She tells them that she wants to go back to Jamestown since none of them had been up there in nine years, but neither of them want to go back. Gordo tells her that there was more to being an astronaut than just going to space, but said she was tired of reminiscing. Ed tells her that he would start the paperwork the next day, and they all celebrate.

In Los Angeles, Tracy gets pictures taken. She gets a phone call from her husband and answers.

Gordo tells people about his story in Jamestown while drinking. Everybody laughs at what he has to say. Afterwards, he has sex with a woman.

Molly and Ellen make it to Earth, where the former is not feeling so good. They are received by many people, and Ellen thanks the crew. Wayne greets Molly and hugs her; he gets her out of there and tells her nobody would notice.

Karen makes Kelly and Ed breakfast; Kelly is in her room, but leaves to have breakfast with her family, hiding an Annapolis brochure she was reading.

At Ellen and Larry’s house, they both watched the news, joined by another man, who told Larry he needed to go, and kissed him. Ellen tells Larry that he had “trained” the man well. She asks him if it is a serious relationship, but he says he does not know. Ellen says that she is not ready for any romance at the moment since she was busy, and asks Larry if he had been promoted, but he says he had not since Boeing only gave people promotions in December. They say goodbye to one another and leave.

Ellen makes it to NASA, where she greets Margo, Thomas, and Bradford. Margo tells her their first meeting would be concerning budgets and they begin talking. Margo says they need more money for Jamestown and they would need to get it from the Mars program. Ellen says that the Mars program was very delayed and said that there had to be another way, but Thomas says that they need to pick their battles. Margo looks through index cards and finds Aleida Rosales listed, and asks for a minute.

Margo walks up to Emma and asks her what the flashcard meant, but Emma asked if she was supposed to know who that was. Margo said that it was fine and went back to the meeting distracted by the name she had read.

Ed looks at his board and gets visited by Tracy, who gives him Ed McMahon’s mug. She mentions that Johnny wanted to shoot a few segments in Jamestown, but Ed tells her that he needs her more focused on the program and even though it would give kids more insight on what they are doing on the moon, Ed reminds her that she had missed her third SIM and launched in a month. Tracy apologizes because she had gotten her schedule mixed up after celebrating with her new husband Sam; she mentions that she would go to SIM, but after noticing he was being cold to her, she asks him if there was a problem, but he says there was not. She asks if he could not be happy for her, but he tells her that she did not have to announce her marriage on national television and Gordo deserved to know before. However, Tracy mentions that he was never concerned with her knowing about Gordo having sex with women in Cape and leaves.

Ed greets new NASA recruits, welcoming them as astronaut candidates or ASCANS. He tells them that everything would be graded and he would be in charge of doing so. As he gives the introduction, Molly is reciting it as well, word for word.

Later, Ed plays golf with Karen, Molly, and Wayne. None of them do a very good job, except for Wayne, who hits a perfect drive. Molly makes fun of Ed for having to use reading glasses and says that she sometimes felt that being on Earth felt like being in outer space. Ed tells her that he read the incident report and knew that there was no way she had waited in the lava tube for the storm to pass and asks if she is okay. She tells him that she is fine and asks if he misses being on the moon. He says he does, but not as much as he thought he would. Molly asks him if he was okay with someone taking “his baby,” the Pathfinder to space, and he says that he had had all the time he needed up in space. She says that when she first met him, she never expected to see him happy behind a desk, and he agrees. He says that he found himself happy, even though
he did not expect to find himself where he was before. He smells marijuana, and Molly says that
Wayne and Karen would deny having smoked it.

Gordo is cooking a steak, but just keeps looking at it while Jimmy hangs party decorations. Danny, who is now a soldier, greets his father as Captain Stevens, saluting him. Gordo smiles
and tells him to hug him instead. He tells his son it was good to see him. Jimmy greets his
brother and the two hug; when Tracy makes it, she looks at Danny and holds him, while proud
to see him. She hugs Jimmy afterwards and greets Gordo awkwardly. Gordo decides to make a
toast, saying that Danny had made sticking out in Indianapolis easy, also mentioning that he
was proud. He also congratulates Tracy on her marriage and tells her he is happy for her.

Danny tells his family about his life in Indianapolis, and Gordo smiles while looking at ev-
everyone having a good time. Tracy gets up and says she has to go. They both say goodbye to one
another and Gordo grabs another beer. He tells his kids that he had snacks and more alcohol,
but Danny says that they were going to see some friends. Gordo says that it is fine, and tells
them to have a good time.

Margo tries getting a sandwich from a vending machine, but has to hit it in order to get it
out. Finally, she sees that she can cause negative pressure within the machine, by opening and
closing the "push" flap, and gets it out, screaming triumphantly.

Danny and Jimmy are hanging out with their friends, where Danny tells them all that after
the first month, everything was easier. Kelly asks him if he had been able to ride on an aircraft
carrier, and he says that he had, saying that the best part was seeing a Tomcat come in for a
landing since it was a cold stop.

Ed works on painting a small biplane, when he gets a call. He picks up and is called by Karen
to Outpost, since Gordo was drunk and making everyone uncomfortable. Ed makes it to the
bar and tells Gordo to go for a walk with him. They walk and Ed tells him to forget about Tracy since
they had been divorced for nearly five years and she had moved on. He says that he cannot leave
the past behind because he had left something up on the moon and felt like he did not exist
on Earth and did not know what he was doing. He recognizes that Ed had been through worse
things, like Shane’s death, but he had found a way to make peace. They sit down and Ed told
him that his kids worshipped him; Gordo asks Ed if he remembered what it was like for them,
and his friend said he did. Gordo said that before everything seemed possible, but not anymore,
and starts crying. Soon after, Gordo tells Ed he would sleep and wishes Ed a good night. Ed looks
at one of Gordo’s pictures, one where he stood with him dressed in his space suit.

Molly makes it to mission control, where Wubbo greets her and tells her that he would be
heading back to The Netherlands since he was leaving the program voluntarily. Molly told him
that he was taking the easy way out, but he said that if he only had a couple of years left, he
tells her for everything

Gordo is woken up by a woman at JSC, who tells him that a weekly staff meeting had been
moved to that day. She hangs up and Gordo gets up and heads to NASA. He makes it to the
meeting room, where he immediately grabs a cup of coffee. Danielle tells him he looks like hell,
but Gordo says he feels excellent. He asks Danielle why the meeting had been moved up, but she
did not know. Ed enters the room, and wishes everybody a good morning. He tells them that there
would be a Jamestown 81 debrief and that he had a new flight assignment to announce. He tells
them that Danielle would be joining the crew of STS-83 Romeo. After everybody congratulates
her, he says that Gordo would join her as well. When he goes to congratulate him, Gordo tells
him that he would not head back up and reminds him that he knew it. However, Ed reminded
him that he was the one who decided.

Molly is smoking a cigarette outside, joined by Gordo who asks her for one.
### Rules of Engagement

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On the moon, astronauts are moving towards Jamestown, but stop to take a look at gear they found on the way. It seems that they took their mining site, which they report to the base.

Ed tells Bradford and Margo that the only way that the Soviets knew about the lithium on the site was because they had cracked their code, despite NASA changing the encryption keys every month. Thomas tells them that Raegan had decided not to tell the United Nations, instead taking the mining site back by replacing the gear the Soviets had placed and holding the area. This was due to the fact that if they did not do anything, nothing would stop the Russians from taking other sites from them. Margo agrees, but Bradford is not very sure until Thomas tells him that the Russians cannot stay there forever, while Ellen tells them that they could have three teams monitoring the site at all times. Ed mentions that the security detail would need weapons, but Thomas says that nobody had mentioned weapons. Bradford and Ed can not see any other solution to the problem, but Ellen reminds them that even if they could modify guns in order to be used on the moon, no astronaut was qualified to use them. However, Ed and Bradford agree that if they sent marines to the moon, it would be possible. Margo says that there has to be another way, but they simply can not see another choice.

Tracy wakes up at her home, but realizes she had to be in SIM in an hour. She grabs a bottle of beer and tells Marta, her maid to call JSC and tell them that all their cars had flat tires.

Gordo puts on his NASA suit only to find it does not fit him anymore due to his weight. He gets to NASA, where he apologizes for being late and sits next to Danielle, who points out he is not wearing his uniform. He tells her about the malfunction and has a hard time using his laptop until Danielle helps him.
Karen talks to Kelly and talks about different places they could visit while looking for colleges. However, Kelly interrupts her and asks if they could go to Annapolis, the naval academy since she wanted to apply. Karen is surprised, but Kelly insists that she had thought about it for a long time now since she wanted to fly Tomcats and F-14’s, but Karen is not happy with her decision.

Margo drives and gets out of her car when she makes it to a trailer park. She knocks at a trailer and is asked to come in since the person inside needed help. She is asked to grab some toilet paper, which she does and hands the toilet paper to a girl who stretches her hand and has several aggressive looking bracelets on. She tells Margo that she is Aleida Rosales and tells her to leave if she was collecting bills, until Margo introduces herself once more. Aleida leaves the bathroom and looks at Margo in disbelief, greeting her once again.

Aleida asks Margo what she was doing there, so Margo explains that she had gotten a call from her boyfriend, Davey, telling her about the young woman being deported. Margo looks at a small keyboard and asks Aleida if she still played, but she says that she does not. Margo said that she wanted to apologize, but Aleida asked not to do that. Aleida mentioned that she was being deported since she had to have a job to stay in the United States, but she was a bad coworker and team player. Margo defended her, however, stating that she had called her former employers and they had all mentioned that she was a brilliant engineer despite her behavioral issues. Aleida asks Margo what she wants, and Margo says that she cannot explain why she did not take Aleida in ten years ago, she could now offer her a job as systems engineer, working on a low priority mission. She mentioned that it was not charity and was offering her a way out of her problem, but Aleida was not listening, so Margo told her that if she wanted the job, she should go to NASA.

At NASA, Ed and Bradford discussed whether or not the Russians had had ears on their communication to Jamestown all along, since cosmonaut Vasiliev had remained at Jamestown alone. He asked Ed if it was possible that Mikhail had planted a bug at Jamestown, but Ed said that it was not. However, Bradford reminds him that he was emotionally vulnerable at the time.

At NASA astronauts tell Margo that they had not noticed any abnormalities at the time. Bradford tells Margo to ask about the overhead lights, so the astronauts check and find that Mikhail had managed to plant a bug at Jamestown when he was with Ed. Ed looks disappointed, while Thomas mentions that the president would not like that.

Tracy visits Karen at Outpost, but finds it strange that Karen had not congratulated her. When she points it out, Karen rushes behind the bar in order to hug her friend. Karen is surprised by the size of the ring, and pours herself a drink as well. Tracy tells her that she was the only one who actually seemed happy for her, since everybody at JSC was looking at her funny like she needed Gordo’s approval. She tells Tracy that Kelly wanted to go Annapolis, which she should not find strange since she grew up around Ed and Tracy, telling her friend that she had inspired a lot of young women. Karen tells Tracy that she had shut her daughter down, but Tracy tells her that her daughter had told her something that was a big deal. However, she also points out that if Kelly really wanted to do it, she would do it with or without Karen. However, Karen mentions that if anything happened to Kelly, she would not know how to live without her.
Pathfinder

Season 2
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Guest Stars: Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Dan Donohue (Thomas Paine), John Marshall Jones (Nelson Bradford), Michael Benz (Gary Piscotty), Ellen Wroe (Sally Ride), Yaani King Mondschein (Rae Poole), Charlie Schlatter (Paul Michaels), Linda Park (Amy Chang), Justice Leak (Peter), Carolyn Crotty (Coral Hiscoe), Andrew Gonzalez (Leland Davis), Troy Metcalf (Troy Zellner), Jeff Denton (Pendle), Alex Alomar Akpobome (Paul DeWeese), Meghan Leathers (Pam Horton)

Summary: With a little help from Molly, Ed plans a career change — as his old Jamestown crewmates Gordo and Danielle struggle.

Karen prepares breakfast and is joined by Ed, who reads over a paper she wants him to sign. He asks why she was canceling their trip to the Bahamas and she says that she did it since he would be going back to space, which confuses him, but she says that he would be going on Pathfinder. He tells her that he would not be going back up, as he was happy where he was, but she tells him that he obviously was not. He said that he was very upset and had overreacted, but she says that he has a special look when every launch goes up or when he talks about Pathfinder. She tells him that things would be different since she would be running Outpost and would not be sucked into being worried about him all the time, but tells him to go.

Ed makes it to NASA and looks at his board and eyes his Pathfinder model with a smile.

Gordo gets into a space suit and is asked if he feels comfortable. He says that he does like it, when they put the helmet on and lock it, he feels his heart pumping faster and breathes heavier, but manages to tell the people helping him that everything was alright. He goes to the bathroom, breathing heavily.

Ed is poured three shots by Danny Stevens at Outpost. He tells him not to let anyone harass his daughter. Ed is joined by Danielle and Gordo; and they all drink their shots. He tells them that he has decided to go back to space and command Pathfinder. When Danielle asks why, he tells her that she inspired him and that they had been doing great on their performance tests. Gordo does not look so good, and says that he had a weird moment in his suit where he felt trapped and mentioned that he had to take his helmet off. Ed mentions that Gordo had changed a lot in 9 years and Danielle says that he had gone to therapy. Danielle says it is good to be back, but mentions that she has to take care of family business in Dallas. Danielle asks who would be taking command of the astronaut office, and Ed laughs.
Molly smokes in the bathtub and is joined by Ed, who laughs at her appearance. She asks what he was doing there and offers him a beer. He grabs one and tells her that he was there to put her back to work. He tells her that he wanted her to run the astronaut office since he would be commanding *Pathfinder*, but she tells him that she was missing with him. She tells him that she did not want to run the astronaut the office since she wanted to fly, but he tells her to take the office until her medical leave finished, when she could assign herself to any mission she wanted.

Danielle visits someone, telling her that she had a box of Clayton’s belongings, which the woman looks at. The woman thanks Danielle for bringing her those, and Danielle tells her that she hoped they could make a fresh start. When the other woman asks why, Danielle says that because they had both had sex with Clayton, but she tells her that she knew the truth about what had happened on the moon. Danielle leaves annoyed, but the woman gives her one of Clayton’s medals, which he did not throw away. She tells her that Danielle had filled with ideas with patriotic ideas, which turns out he did not like.

Ellen visits Thomas and tells him that the moon had sucked up a lot of funding, but Mars could give them an upper hand. He tells her that she has a problem — she did not fool anyone and he told her that she needed to be a better poker player, revealing that he had written a speech in which a senator attacked their lunar costs. She asked why, and he said that the senator needed to demonstrate independence, which had in turn granted NASA the ability to self-fund and would give them enough money to explore Mars as long as the democrats did not win. She tells him that it must have been difficult for him to have lost his job once Kennedy had gotten elected. He says it was part of the job, which he had lobbied his way into during the war after being impressed by the stars. Ellen mentions she was surprised that he actually loved space and was not just some politician, but he says that it was fine if people saw him that way since they were the ones who made everything happen. He tells her that she would help him greatly since she was very genuine, but tells her not to lose track of who she really was.

Larry is having dinner with another man when Ellen gets home. Larry asks her how her day was, but they told her they would head out. Larry asks her to join them, but she declines. He hands her her mail and leaves. As Ellen opens it up, she stumbles upon a package sent by Pam, which was her book. On the front page Pam asks if Ellen knew which poem was about her, and Ellen starts reading the book.

Tracy’s launch was about to begin and she was interviewed during the launch. Gordo watched while Tracy mentioned that she kept to Stevens since she was known by her last name. Gordo changed the channel, but could not find anything he wanted to watch. He returned to Tracy’s launch, saying “see you soon.”

Ed stumbles upon Gary, who got a sandwich from the vending machine. He gives him a navy hat, but Gary tells him that he was air force. Ed told him to put the cap on, which he does, but pulls it down when Ed tells him to. Ed told him to meet him in Palmdale California, since he would be joining him on *Pathfinder*.

As Ed cleaned up his office, Danielle joined him. She closed the door and told him that she appreciated the assignment to Jamestown, but she mentioned it was not good enough since she wanted a command slot since she had risked a lot and was still riding in the back. She said she wanted to be the first African-American woman to command a mission since she did not want to be seen as weak. Ed mentions that skin was not everything, but she tells him that out of the 205 pilots, they only had 11 black pilots, of which only one had commanded a mission. Ed tells her that the pilots just were not ready, but she tells him that that was not good enough. She tells him that the program could change the way people saw the world, but he told her that he had to get to a meeting.

Ellen, Bradford, Margo, and Thomas congratulated him on his nine years of service as head of the astronaut office. When Ed asked if he had to make a wish, Margo told him that it had already been granted since he would be commanding *Pathfinder*. Ed blows out the candle and the meeting begins. Thomas tells them that the Soviets had agreed to mount a mission with them on the moon, which nobody likes. Bradford says that the only reason they accepted was so that they could get a closer look on American technology, but Ellen says that they have old technology which they could use. Everybody likes the idea of that, and Thomas asks Ed to choose a crew. He says the commander would be Danielle, but Thomas says that they might want to consider different possibilities since they only wanted the best. Ed asks what that was supposed to mean,
since what had happened to Danielle’s arm was not her fault; Ellen agrees with Ed and Margo does as well. Everybody likes the idea and Bradford mentions that this would be a powerful message, and after Thomas says that he would let everybody know, he asks him to tell him if anybody gave him any trouble so he could call the Secretary of Defense so he would support it.

Ed looks back at his office one last time and just as he was about to leave, Thomas asks him what had happened, since he thought they were friends. Ed says that it had not been premeditated, and Thomas mentions that lately nothing had been with him since Gordo’s mission and assigning himself to Pathfinder had come out of nowhere. Ed defended Gordo, but Thomas counters that everybody knew he had a drinking problem. Thomas says that he hopes there was reason to his actions as opposed to nepotism.

Later, Ed wakes up and heads into the bathroom. He leaves dressed up in his suit and makes himself a cereal. As he left his house, he decided to use his corvette he had in the garage. However, as he left, the car broke down.

Gary wore his cap and was nervous since Ed was late. His colleague asked him about his hat since he was from the Air Force, and he says that he had lost a bet which he could not remember since he had been drunk. The woman found it strange that NASA had picked him to fly right seat in its first nuclear spacecraft. Ed arrives and tells them that he had car trouble. He tells them that he wanted them to supervise the sim mods while he flew out to the Cape to check out the launch control center upgrades. First, Ed shows them Pathfinder and tells them that it would help them reach Mars faster. He mentions that they needed to test the ship, and reminds them that he had chosen them since they were the best. He tells them that they could not fuck up, so they would train a lot.

Danielle walks into a room with a security guard, who takes her to a storage room, where she saw the ship she would be commanding.

Gordo sits at Outpost and yells at the TV while a wrestling match is on display. Karen smiles, and is joined by Danny, who is surprised she knows about wrestling. Karen asks Gordo if he was going to Ellington since he would fly down to the Cape with him. Gordo mentions that he could not miss the fight and would drive fast.

Gary tells a Helena that Pathfinder was amazing, but almost died when Sally made fun of Ed’s car. She tells him that he had to call Ed out if he fucked up, but Gary interrupts her saying that she was ruining the excitement for him. She pretended to greet Ed, and Gary rushed to put his cap on again, which made him realize he was scared of him.

Gordo looked at his Pepsi can, but saw a bunch of ants, which made him lose his concentration. Danny asked if he was okay and mentioned that he too could see the ants since they were hard to miss.

Later, Gordo meets up with Ed, who asks him if he is ready to go. Gordo told Ed that he had seen ants while watching TV at Outpost while sober. He mentions that Danny had been there, but that the ants were real. Gordo tells his friend that he had thought he was losing it again and wonders if it would happen on the moon again, but Ed told him he was fine. Gordo told Ed that his father was a very tough man, and had never backed away from anything until he got cancer, which scared him. Gordo says that that had been too much for him and says that maybe his father had always lived in fear. He asks Ed what he needed to do, and Ed told him to act like a man since he was an astronaut and started mocking him. Gordo told him to cut it out lest he do something about it. Ed walks out and Gordo follows him. They flew and Ed told Gordo he would test them to see if they had any balls.

Danny worked the bar at Outpost, but as he took out the trash, he saw Karen who was smoking weed. He told her that he would not tell anybody if she did not. Karen said it was fine, but did not want him smoking with Kelly as she passed him the joint. Danny took it and agreed.

As Gordo and Ed flew, Ed showed Gordo a few tricks, but Gordo told him that he had seen it coming. Ed’s jet caught fire and he was forced to eject. He opened his parachute and headed straight for water.
The Weight

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Season Episode: 5

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Director: Meera Menon
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Summary: Ed’s reckless behavior at NASA shakes the foundation of the Baldwin family. Tracy attempts to readapt to life in space.

Tracy’s shuttle makes it to the moon and as she looks around, she smiles and calls the place beautiful. However, her fellow astronaut tells her that he had not been recording, so they reenact the scene.

Karen wakes up at night to a phone call. She and Kelly sit at the breakfast table, and she tells her daughter that she was devastated by the phone call and could not live like that. Although Kelly tries to comfort her mother Karen is not convinced. The phone rings and Kelly picks up, and is told that Ed was fine. Karen says that it was good for Kelly to know what it was like when situations like this happened.

Later, Ed arrives at the house, they both worry since he looks terrible, but he mentions that all that happened was that he had gotten wet. Ed apologizes, but Karen seems a little off, and says she would go to work even though it was 6 A.M. Ed turns to Kelly, who tells him that it had been a long night for both of them.

Tracy walks into Jamestown, where she is greeted by fellow astronauts, who tell her that they are excited to see her and mention that they think it was a good idea of Tracy to show the experience. They take part in a welcoming tradition they do in Jamestown, and an astronaut takes off a patch, which they give her, naming her the new “Linus of Jamestown.” Tracy asks why she was the Linus and is told that it was because she was the newbie. The commander tells Nick to give Tracy the new orientation which he agrees to do. He shows her around while and tells her what they usually do in there. Nick tells her about the time he watched her save Molly on TV when he was in high school, which makes her feel old, but he tells her that it changed his
life. As they continue the tour, Tracy stops to look at a picture of Danielle and Gordo, which has "don't let this happen to you" written on it.

Gordo and Ed sit at NASA while listening to their recordings while on their jets. They are joined by Thomas, Margo, and Molly who pauses the recordings and asks them to give her a good reason why she should not pull their tickets. Gordo says that he takes full responsibility, but Molly asks him when he had ever done such a thing. Ed tells her that he cannot take him off Pathfinder, but she reminded him that she could. She tells them that they have one last chance and tells them to leave. Thomas asks Molly if that was it, since he wanted a harsher punishment, but Molly told him that it was not that big a deal since things had gotten out of hand, which happened all the time. Thomas reminded her that the jets were expensive; Margo also told Molly that she should set a certain tone, but Molly reminded them that she would handle them as she saw fit.

Aleida walks into NASA and looks around, going into mission control, where she always used to sit as a kid. She starts jumping up and down in excitement and looks at her employee card feeling happy. She makes into the big room, and greets a colleague, who she tells she does not have a story. She tells him that she is not much of a talker, but is welcomed to Apollo-Soyuz anyway.

Tracy is told that her job would be to take anybody rotating back home to their shuttle, also getting the new crew and bringing them to Jamestown. Her other job would be to retrieve unmanned cargo from various points on the surface. She tells the man that she understands that she was just a truck driver up there, and the man says that they get a lot of pilots who thought they were better, but tells her that the job was a dangerous one. When she tries to operate the shuttle, she runs into some trouble, but the man helps her get hold of it.

Ellen visits Pam, who is reading poems in front of several people. She sees Ellen in the crowd and smiles. When she finishes, she congratulates Pam, who tells her that she lives in Austin now. The two get to talking a little before a woman named Elise, Pam's partner shows up. Ellen greets Elise, who tells Ellen that they hear about her a lot. They leave and Ellen starts walking out of the library, but is stopped by Pam, who tells asks her if it would be weird if they grabbed a drink sometime, which Ellen agrees to.

Gordo watches Tracy's moon interview; at Jamestown, everybody gathers around to watch it as well. After the show, Tracy goes to bed while looking at a picture of her with her sons. Before she could go to sleep, the ventilation system turned on, which annoyed her and did not let her sleep very well. The next day, she got to work, and the same pattern repeated for the next few days, which started making her feel slightly depressed.

Gordo tried on his spacesuit and started working out, while cleaning up his house, and throwing away his alcohol. The next time he saw Tracy in an interview, he turned the television off. He tried feeling comfortable in his helmet and was found in the closet with one on by Jimmy, who asked him if he was okay. Soon enough, he started getting thinner, but still felt insecure in his helmet.

One night, Tracy grabbed a midnight snack. When she saw nobody was awake, she locked herself in a room and lit up a cigarette, while blowing air in order to get rid of the smoke.

At Cape Kennedy, astronauts are preparing guns, which would be brought to the moon. One of them complained that they did not even know when they were supposed to shoot them, and Molly tells him that it was their lucky day, since she had the rules of engagement for use with her. She tells them that they needed to understand that they should only fire if they were up against a hostile act or intent.

Danny is having dinner with Karen and Kelly. When Ed joins them, he salutes Ed, who tells him to stand down. As soon as Ed sat down, Danny left. Karen told Ed that she did not think he would be joining them, and Kelly brought Ed a plate, but also left. Ed tries to break the silence between him and Karen by saying he wanted to watch a movie, but she spoils it for him and leaves him to eat dinner alone.

As Tracy fell asleep, an alarm rang, and everybody grabbed their oxygen mask. The alarm said that a toxic atmosphere had been detected and mentioned that everybody should prepare for evacuation. However, it turned out to be a false alarm since it was only a blocked vent in Tracy's bed. Later, she apologized to the commander, telling him that she could not sleep, but he told her that they were a month in and she had five months left to go. The commander started offering some advice, but smelled alcohol, and asked her if she had been drinking. Tracy covered her mouth and shook her head, but he realized she was drunk and told her he would write her
up. She begged him not to and he agreed to give her one more chance. However, he told her that she would not be doing any more interviews or press, and would also be assigned to work a second shift in addition to her other one.

Tracy left and went to Deke's grave. She told him that she had finally made it to the moon, but said that it was just a big ball of dirt and felt alone. She started crying and said she missed her children, bed, and bathtub. She realized she should be happy, but now that she was on the moon, but felt everything was empty.

Gordo was underwater with an oxygen tank, when he was met with his kids. He told them he was training for the moon, and they told him that he had been acting weird. He told them that there was a lot to keep track of on Jamestown, and he needed to be prepared. Danny asked if what he meant was about what had happened last time he was there. He mentioned all he knew was what had been mentioned on television. Gordo tells them that up there he tried being strong and keep it together, but told them that it was not always going to be okay. He told them that on the moon he realized he was weak and was trying to burn it from his head before he went back up. Danny asked him how it was going, and his father answered that it was not going so good. Danny mentioned that maybe they could help, and shoved Jimmy into the pool.

Pam and Ellen grab their drink, where they talk about their lives. Karen told them that the next round was on the house, and Pam told her that she had done a good job making it not look like a shithole anymore, but mentioned the plants did not quite fit in. Karen told her that nobody liked them and offered her the bartender job whenever she wanted, but Pam told politely declined, saying she lived in Austin with her girlfriend. Pam asks if they wanted kids, and Ellen said that they had discussed them, but were not sure. Pam replies that Elise definitely wanted them, but she was not so sure. Pam asks her if Ellen had ever figured out which poem was about her, since it took her a while to write it, but mentions that she had now gotten her shit together. Pam looks at her watch and mentions that she had to leave and they say goodbye to each other. However, soon after, they were in Ellen's house having sex.

Astronauts bring the guns to Jamestown, where they're greeted by Al Rossi, the commander, and Tracy. An astronaut named Bernitz mentions it was his first time on Jamestown, and is granted the Linus patch. Al Rossi tells Tracy that she would be training Bernitz, which she agrees to.

Danny looks at a NASA ashtray at Outpost and realizes Karen had the same ashtray on her coffee table. Danny tells her that he remembers one night he and Jimmy were over at Karen's house misbehaving, which was annoying Ed, but when an adult went over to berate them it was Karen who did it, but was secretly relaxed with them, which made him realize she was the best mom ever. He also remembered one time he went to her house and heard her Elvis music, which she was dancing to by herself. He changes the mood by saying he still thinks about Shane pretty much daily, considering what happened to be the dividing moment of his life. Karen mentions that she felt it too and held his arm, telling him that he had done a good job that day. They wished each other a good night and he left.

Later, Karen played "Don't be Cruel" and started dancing to it.
Best-Laid Plans
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Summary: American astronauts and NASA leadership prepare for a new mission with unlikely partners. Ellen gets in touch with an old friend.

A ceremony is held, and Soviet cosmonauts are received by NASA. Margo tells Thomas that she believes if she can pretend to be happy, the Russians could pretend as well. They greet the cosmonauts, and Ellen greets one in Russian, but tells him she is not fluent, which makes Molly laugh. Danielle greets the cosmonauts happily, and they move forward.

Later, Margo explains how the mission will proceed, and does not receive any questions in the quiet room. However, when Margo referred to the cosmonauts as "astronaut three and four," the Soviet representative told her they preferred being called "cosmonaut one and two," so as to not sound like afterthoughts. Margo agrees, and Sergei Orestovich Nikulov tells her that they would also suggest naming the mission "Soyuz-Apollo" instead. Margo moves forward, saying that the astronauts and cosmonauts needed to get to know each other, and the Russian immediately asked for their RF encryption protocol. Margo glanced over at Bradford and Thomas for an answer, and told the Soviet that they would exchange the encryption protocols, but the Soviet demanded that they show them first. As Margo continued explaining, the Soviet interrupted her, establishing the Soviet Union as the active mechanism, which did not please the NASA team at all.
Later, Ellen asked how they were supposed to get anywhere if nobody wanted to share information, and Bradford simply responded that they would not get anywhere. Margo complained, and Bradford told her that he was confident that she would make things not move forward.

On the moon, astronauts are testing their new guns. When Paulson missed a shooting target, Tracy teased him, telling him that it was possible that the bullet was in orbit around the moon. They all laughed, and Tracy brought them to the canyon, testing to see how things would go if the Russians were there. She instructed a man on how to fly the LSAM, who was not able to control it as well as she could.

Aleida’s boss tells their team that they needed to design a new docking system from scratch. Aleida complains that they have no Soyuz structural interface data, but her boss ignores her and tells the team that he wanted new proposals in the morning. Aleida asks him why she had ignored her, and he tells her that the problem she had asked about did not even correspond to her team, also adding that she should stay in her lane.

Margo visits Thomas and asks him to make the Russians go away, but he tells her that he wants this to happen, telling her that the handshake in space was his shining city on a hill so that people spoke about this gesture for years to come. He added that she needed to find a win-win scenario, which she does not like.

The Baldwin family watches the news, which mentions that people are protesting the launch of the Sea Dragon, since it contained nuclear fuel. Karen says that it does not seem very safe, and asks what would happen if it exploded in the atmosphere, and Ed mentioned that was why the launch was in the middle of nowhere. The launch begins, and after it successfully lifted off, Ed reassured her that there was nothing to worry about, which did not convince her. Kelly asks Ed what he had written his essay about when he had gotten into Annapolis, but Ed said he did not remember, and told her to simply tell them who she was, which left her stumped. She asks Ed why they had adopted her, and Ed tells her that when they walked into the adoption center, they saw her help a kid with a puzzle, being kind and patient and tells her that they knew right away. Karen told her that it was love at first sight, and Ed agreed. However, Kelly asked why they did not have another baby. Karen tells her that she had some medical issues, and Ed had been living away from Karen for a while, since it was a difficult time after Shane died. They remember getting excited over adopting a Vietnamese baby, which makes Kelly think she only served as their band-aid, but Karen tells her that she was their heart transplant.

Danielle thanks the cosmonauts for the gifts they had brought from Russia, and tells them that she wanted to get to know them. However, since they did not respond, she started talking and told them about why she had started flying. The first cosmonaut tells them that he was in the Soviet Air Force and joined the cosmonaut program when he was selected. The food gets there, and Danielle tells them that they had gotten it from the best Russian restaurant in town, but the cosmonauts tell her that they wanted hamburgers, so she took them to Outpost.

At Outpost, the cosmonauts enjoyed their burgers. Karen walked up to them and asked if they wanted vodka, but the Russian asked her if she had Jack Daniel’s, which she agrees to bring. The Soviet looked at the bottle and poured them all a glass. When Danielle said cheers, the Soviet cosmonaut told her that they usually toasted to fallen comrades, which they did, followed by a shot. The other cosmonaut tells Danielle that if they had mixed nitrogen with their oxygen like the Soviets did, then the Apollo 1 might still be alive. She responded by telling him that if the Soyuz 11 crew had worn pressurized suits, then they might still be alive as well. They do the second toast, which they say is to the women of the world.

Ellen walks with Pam, who tells her that she does not know what will happen between them, and she could not toss her life aside for her again. Ellen told her that she was not asking her to, but wanted both of them to figure out what their relationship meant. Pam told her that it was an affair, but Ellen told her that it did not have to be just that, but Pam tells her that it was hard to trust her, and Ellen suggests that she did not have to be at NASA since she wanted her, saying that she was willing to do anything in order to keep her, but Pam tells her that since she was a public figure she did not want Elise to find out because somebody saw them holding hands in the park.

Ed, Gary, and Sally simulated flying the Pathfinder and they ran into a problem. Ed asked Gary to handle the situation, but he made a mistake, so Ed showed them how to handle it.

Margo knocks at the Sergei’s office, who tells her that his bosses loved getting reports, which she empathizes with. She recommends playing livelier music, but he says that it would not be
appropriate for him to listen to non-politically approved music at work, which surprises her. She tells him that they needed to find a way around the roadblock they had with the docking mechanism, but he told her that it was non-negotiable. She mentioned that the whole mission required them to be able to dock both ships together somehow, but he pointed his gaze towards the man who was outside and he told her that he believed that Soyuz-Apollo was a ruse in order to gain military advantage over the Soviets. Margo told him that if he really believed that, then he should head back to Moscow, writing on a sheet of paper that he should meet her at 11:59 at Club 11:59.

Margo plays the piano at the bar and sees the Soviet. He congratulates her on how she played the piano, and they sit down. She tells him that she was not sure if he would be able to get rid of the bodyguard following him, but he tells her that the Russians knew he would never defect. He asks her if 11:59 was a secret place for her, and she mentions that it is because she chose not to share that part of her life with many people, and they toast to their shared secrets. She explained the meaning behind 11:59, saying that it referenced the "doomsday device," which he mentions is not far from the truth, telling her that they had civil defense drills in all their major cities. She told him that she remembered doing them as a little girl and asks what they should do about the docking problem. They cut their coasters and represented the docking with them, which excited them both.

Jimmy talks to Tracy through video call. Tracy congratulates him on his birthday, which he mentioned had been the day before. They reminisced about when Gordo tried to make him a cake when he was six since he had tried it again and his other birthdays. Gordo overheard while Tracy said that he really made her laugh at times, sometimes just by looking at him. She tells him that she wishes she could go back in time, but is told she had thirty seconds left. However, Jimmy hung up immediately, which she did not like.

Kelly wrote her essay, but was having a hard time, so she grabbed a book and got the number of the Houston adoption center.

Danielle’s crew bonded, and the Soviet cosmonaut asked her if she liked Laika, the first living being to go to space. He tells her that he held her in his arms at the launch when he was still a boy. He mentions that she was very little and spirited, but balanced, and adaptable to new situations, which reminded her of them. However, he did not seem happy about her having to die, since everything she had heard had been a lie. In truth, Laika’s rocket did not separate as planned and thermal control failed, causing her to suffer and die a few hours later. However, Danielle told him to give Laika some credit, since she had done it all for the people she loved. They toasted to Laika and drank.

Margo and Sergei make it to NASA, discussing plans, only to find Aleida in the room. Margo was surprised, but introduced both of them. Margo asked what she was doing there, and Aleida mentioned that the universal docking system and needed some inspiration, so she figured it would be best to go to the source, which Sergei agreed with. Margo asked her if that was under her purview, but Aleida admitted that it was not. Sergei mentioned that engineers who liked to get their hands dirty were the best, and told Margo to keep her. Aleida thanked him, but Margo mentioned he was drunk. Margo showed the drawings, which Aleida described as beautiful; Margo agreed, but Aleida told her that it would not work since there was nothing to disperse the energy of contact and the hull could be ruptured if they were hit hard, which Margo agreed with. Aleida told them that they could place a ring and the three got to work.

The next day, Margo, and Aleida presented the docking system to Thomas, Ellen, Bradford and the Apollo-Soyuz team. Sergei talked to the Soviets and they agreed that it would work for them. Margo told Sergei that they would need to coordinate their approach while in space, and Sergei gave her the frequencies, with Margo returning the favor. Thomas told Ellen that the cat was out of the bag now, and Ellen agreed.

Tracy went to Deke’s grave and talked to herself. She mentioned Gordo was cocky at times, just like her, but they had changed now. She told Deke that he used to have a bad haircut, but would remain as he was forever.

Gordo visited Sam Cleveland’s house, who greeted him warmly. Sam poured them some wine, and asked Gordo if he would be going back to the moon. Gordo mentioned that he was and told him that he wanted to talk to him. He tells him that he would be getting Tracy back and told him that he wanted to tell him his intentions face-to-face. Sam laughed and reminded him that she was his wife now, also telling him that he had some balls. He told him that he did not think.
Tracy would be going anywhere since she had made her choice. He told him that he could try his best, but Tracy was free and would probably stay with him since she had made up her mind.

Ellen sat with Larry and he mentions that he knew she was with someone because she was glowing. Ellen tells him that she had found Pam again through her book, which surprised him. He told her that he was happy for her, but realized that she would be coming out. Larry was surprised, saying that he did not know that they had a specific time planned for coming out. Ellen mentions that they should start living their lives and getting a divorce, which freaks him out, since he believed they were sharing a life together, and he loved her. She told him that she felt alone since she had lost Pam the first time. Larry understood, and mentioned that he would do anything for Ellen. She leaves and tells him they would talk when she returned.

Danielle and the crew of Apollo-Soyuz make it to Star City in USSR, where they were checked for weapons as a man looked at them from a distance.
Don’t Be Cruel

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Summary: Ellen is challenged by her new role. Margo’s allegiances are put to the test. Karen explores new opportunities — personally and professionally.

In New York Ellen and Thomas have a drink before negotiating a space alliance with Korea. He told her that the Koreans were party animals, which she says exhausts her, but he tells her she will do great. She tells him that she had been meaning to tell him, but is interrupted by a phone call. When she takes the call, she thanks the caller and tells Thomas that her father had a heart attack. Thomas remembered he was in Connecticut, so he told her to use the limo and he would take a taxi to the airport.

On the plane, Thomas tells Margo, who sympathizes, knowing that Ellen wanted to go to Korea. Thomas wishes her father good luck so she could join him later. She asks him if he slept, but he mentions that he cannot sleep on planes. She tells him to read novels, but he makes a joke about it. He asks how Poole and Morrison were doing in Russia and she tells him that training was going smoothly. He liked hearing that and told her he wanted to check on negotiations for the EASA before he landed. As he asked, a jet behind the plane he was on shot a missile, and Margo lost connection to him.

Ellen’s father tells her he is sorry she missed her flight for nothing, but she tells him that he had a heart attack and needs to take care of himself. He reminds her that he is running a half-a-billion-dollar company, which she understood. He tells her that if she wanted him to slow down then she would need to help him, which would not happen soon, but she tells him that she is thinking of leaving NASA since she wanted to get to Mars and believed that private spaceflight would be the only way to do it. He wonders what Larry has to say, and she tells him that he only wants her to be happy, which gladdened him, since she would always have a solid man by her side, but he would like grandkids.
Ellen is interrupted and told that the White House wanted to speak to her. She went to the phone and received news that the flight Thomas was on had been shot by the Soviets, leaving no survivors. However, the Soviets had not confirmed this nor apologized.

At a meeting, Margo asks what the airliner was doing flying over Sakhalin and Molly says it could have been a navigational error, but Margo thought 400 miles was too much and wondered why a commercial airliner would be shot down. Bradford mentioned they had spy planes flying over Sakhalin all the time, so the Soviets were paranoid. However, he mentioned that it was more likely that they suspected that the plane was being used to spy, but said that it would be ridiculous. Molly was annoyed that she had not been able to reach Poole or Morrison, but Bradford told her that the FBI had shut down access to all Soviet officials in the US including the Apollo-Soyuz engineers. Ellen agreed and told everybody that she had spoken to the White House and until they found a replacement, she would be acting administrator. She mentions that their priority was contacting the astronauts, maybe contacting Sergei first.

Bradford asks if they will really ask for help after being attacked by the Soviets, and Margo tells him that Sergei will listen to reason. Ellen tells Bradford that they should consider all their available options before making the whole situation worse. Ellen tells Margo that she would contact him. When Margo leaves, she whispers something in Ellen’s ear and leaves.

In Star City, USSR, Danielle tries using the phone, but hangs it up after getting no signal. She asks to be let out of her room, but is not answered.

Margo walks to Sergei’s room, but is told that nobody could go in or out of the room. Margo tells him she is the director of Johnson Space Center, but the soldier tells her that she would not get in anyway. She asks him his name, and he introduces himself as Sergeant John Perkins. She sympathizes with his position, but tells him he has 15 seconds before she contacts his superior officer until General Bradford was contacted, which landed him getting a beer later, or being transferred to Thule, Greenland.

The officer lets Margo in and she tells Sergei she brought borscht. She goes in the room and she tells him about their situation. Sergei asks her if she tried contacting the embassy, but she tells him that she was met with silence. He tells her that he does not think anything will happen to the astronauts, but she is not comforted. She asks if he has a way of contacting Star City, but he says that he is trapped in there with no phone. She asks if she can arrange a call, since astronauts Poole and Morrison were not a part of what was going on. He reminds her that he is not part of it either, but he was being held against his will. She tells him that Thomas Paine had been killed along with over 200 others which is why they were where they were at. Sergei gives Margo his condolences and she tells him that Thomas was a good man. He lets her know that in his religion when someone dies, it is custom to make the first meal you eat after the funeral, since it was believed that the steam will carry the soul of the departed to heaven. They eat their borscht and he tells her that when she gets him the phone he will call Moscow and tell them that he was not being tortured other than eating bad borscht.

Margo tells a Senator over the phone that she was doing everything she could to contact the astronauts while Larry helps her with coffee. Pam walks in and asks if it was a bad time, but Ellen walks up and kisses her. Larry greets Pam as well and tells her that the phone had not stopped ringing all day. Ellen asks for money for NASA’s security and is told that she would get it.

After a while, Ellen was still on the phone while Pam got bored. Ellen hangs up the phone and apologizes, but Pam tells her it was fine and mentions she was good at her job. Pam gives Ellen a massage and they kiss; Ellen tells Pam she is fine, but was exhausted and overwhelmed since she would have been on that plane if her father had not had a heart attack. Pam tells her not to think about it, but Ellen did not like hearing that Thomas was meant to die and says that he was a good man, but mostly misunderstood. Pam tells Ellen that she is alive and with her, which she was grateful for and the two hug. The phone rings once again and Ellen is told that the president would be speaking to her.

She greets the president, which shocks Pam. Raegan tells her that he is sorry to call her under the current circumstances and mentions Tom was a great person and friend. He tells her that he was sure Ellen would do a great job for him since Tom was a big fan of hers. He asks her if she is a Christian, and she says she is, so he tells her to pray and to show strength.

Bradford asks Margo if he was able to get Sergei to help them out, so she tells him that he would do his best. Bradford says that he expected that, but she believes it was worth trying. He
lets her know that the Pentagon had received reconnaissance photographs in which it appeared that the Soviets had put their Buran shuttle on a launchpad, which they did not think was ready. He tells her that the photographs were from Sakhalin Island, where the Soviets had a secret military facility. She asks if the photographs were not taken by the commercial plane, and he denies it, but she did not buy it. He asks her if the Buran could be armed, but when she looks at the blueprints she asks where he got them. She does not get a reply, but tells him that it looked like their plans, so it could be armed. She sees their boosters and figures out that they were like their designs from two years ago, so they could blow up at any minute. She tells Bradford that they needed to warn the Soviets, but he says that smart Russians could figure it out. She tells him that if they decided to use Buran as a weapon it did not matter, since at the moment, they could save human lives, but Bradford refuses and tells her that the information was classified.

Danny asks Karen for an order at Outpost and sees there was a leak. He offers to take care of a clogged toilet. Sam Cleveland walks into the bar and greets Karen. Sam tells her that she hopes Danny was not giving too much grief, but Karen says that he was doing a good job. Sam tells Karen that he had not spoken to Tracy in a few days because she had been busy and asks her if he could buy Outpost now, but Karen refuses. He says that he could make the place grow by franchising it and making it go national, but accepts her answer. However, Karen changes her mind and asks him what he is offering. He offers her 250,000 dollars, but brings it up to 390,000 after Karen negotiates. They shake hands and he tells her that they could sign the paperwork the following week.

Danielle looks out her window when a Soviet soldier storms in the room. She stands back while he checks nobody else is inside when another man walks in. He introduces himself as an engineer and she tells him that she had been locked for nearly 48 hours with no explanation, but the man tells her to sit down. She sits after being told she did not have a choice and tells him that she is a pilot and engineer. He tells her that when he was a little boy he dreamed of reaching stars. They take a shot of vodka and toast to Soviet comrades. He asks her if she knows the names on the door. He tells her that they were symbols akin to the Russian flag on the moon. He tells her that the flag on the moon excites him and many others, also mentioning that when he first heard of Soyuz-Apollo he thought Raegan was a smart man since they had no choice but to agree, but hoping it could change the world. She tells him nothing would change if she could not leave the room and the man tells her that she finally went out, she should do it with her head up, and leaves. The phone rings and Danielle picks up, finally talking to Molly and tells her she is fine.

Margo hears Aleida struggling with the vending machine. She tells her to try negative pressure, which in the end works for her. She asks Aleida if she wanted something to wash her food down with since they had finally been able to reach their astronauts in Star City. Aleida thinks it is good and follows Margo.

In Margo’s office, she pours them some brandy. She teaches Aleida how to hold the glass and the latter mentions it is strong, and points out that she never thought she had seen Margo that happy. Margo admits she is happy and adds that she can still be surprised by humanity at times. However, Aleida tells her to say that to Bill Strausser since he was the biggest jerk of all time. Margo tells her that he was harmless, but lacked social skills, calling him complicated but a good engineer and committed to his work. She tells her about an incident in which he had been at his console for 23 hours and refused to leave it, even urinating there which earned him the nickname Peanut. Margo tells her that if she could find a way to get along with Bill since even she did it, also reminding her that she would face many difficult people in her career.

Larry helps Ellen with her coffee and they both mention they could not sleep. He asks her how she is doing, and she mentions she does not know since she was overwhelmed. He tells her that she would have to say goodbye to Mars for at least a decade since the military was taking control, but she did not like that, though she does not know what to do about it. He tells her that she is the acting administrator of NASA and needed to prove she had things under control so she could have everybody’s trust.

Margo, Molly and Bradford are called to a meeting along with other people who did not know what the meeting was about. Ellen walks in and greets everybody, telling them that the president had decided to arm Pathfinder. Bradford agrees with it since they were being left with no choice, but Margo mentions it is a defensive measure until it suddenly is not. Ellen ignores her and
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proceeds to say that they were moving up the retaking of lunar claim site 357 Bravo, which would happen within 48 hours. Molly says that the plan was to use lunar night in order to maintain the element of surprise and reminds Ellen that the astronauts had not finished training, but Ellen tells them that the president was comfortable with moving forward after her recommendations. Margo and Molly were left in shock.

Margo visits Sergei, who tells her he would be going back to the Soviet Union, and she thanks him for his help. She tells him that after everything got resolved she wanted to see him again to continue planning the mission together. Sergei agrees, but Margo tells him that it might be a good thing to take a step back and see if anything with the docking module specs was wrong. He asks her what she means and she replies that she was worried they might have overlooked something, telling him that they had discovered a flaw a year ago with their boosters. Sergei understands and smiles, saying goodbye.

Ed calls Kelly, who is looking at the mail. She opens a letter up which is from Vietnam which has all her papers, finding out she was declared as dead in childbirth. She looks at a picture of her real parents and starts to cry; after that she turns on her computer and starts asking about a soldier in the 18th infantry division.

At Outpost, Karen looks around and has a beer given to her by Danny, who would be leaving the following week. They toast to what is coming and Karen tells him she is ready to move on. He tells her to celebrate with him and he plays Billy Swan on the jukebox, who was singing Don’t Be Cruel. She starts dancing to the song and invites him to join her. They start dancing together and Danny kisses her. She kisses him back afterwards and leaves directly after that.

Karen makes it home and sees Ed sleeping. She joins him in bed and hugs him. He asks her if she had been drinking, but she gets on top of him and they start having sex.

Tracy is told to prepare the LSAM so that they could retake the claim. She asks her officer why he was telling her that and another astronaut asks Tracy if she thinks Charles could pilot the LSAM. She says no and is asked if she could do it, since she could not be ordered to do it yet. Tracy says she is in and prepares the LSAM.

Danielle leaves her room, which now has her name written on the door.

Kelly looks at a message sent to her, which gives her the address of Le Nguyen, who now immigrated to the United States.

Tracy and the armed astronauts get ready to retake the claim and fly on the LSAM. They approach it while humming a tune. Tracy says the landing site was not clear, but she found one after a time. Tracy lands the LSAM and the astronauts get into the claim with their guns in hand, which make the Soviet cosmonauts leave. Bradford celebrated while Margo remained expressionless.
The claim has been taken back by American astronauts and Ellen, Margo and Bradford inform the president about their success. Margo asks about Apollo-Soyuz and Ellen says that since they have the moral high ground, they should keep it and the president agrees, also noting her great work, nominating her to the Senate and naming her permanent NASA administrator and asks her to think about it. Bradford and Margo congratulate her and think it is ridiculous that she was thinking it over, adding that they could go to Mars now. Bradford tells Margo that the Soviets had delayed the Buran shuttle probably due to repairs and tells Margo that they had probably figured it out by themselves.

When he leaves, Margo asks Emma to call Sergei and tell him that they needed to get back as soon as possible. She is told Gordo’s flight Columbia would be taking off and she hopes he is sober.

At Kennedy Space Center, a nervous Gordo and his crew prepare for the launch. Gordo greets Ed, who tells him he wanted to take a look at the old shuttles before Pathfinder made them obsolete and tells him he is proud of him. Gordo thanks him and tells him he is ready; when his helmet is placed on his head, he smiles at Ed and the two shake hands before his launch.

Molly has her eyes checked and is told she has normal tension glaucoma. She asks if radiation causes it, but her doctor tells her she does not know. Her doctor tells her that the treatment to slow down the loss of vision would consist of eyedrops, oral medication and possibly surgery, but
would ultimately reach blindness at some point. She also tells Molly that flight surgeons would not miss it.

She gets on a jet and starts testing it, trying to get to a high speed and altitude while cursing. The jet started beeping, so Molly let it fall, but regained control over it.

Ed, Gary, and Sally are told by Bradford and Margo that the president had armed Pathfinder, so the mission would now be a joint mission between NASA and the Department of Defense. Ed asks if they would be firing missiles, and Bradford informs him that there would be a fire exercise to demonstrate the system, firing towards drones which would simulate Russian satellites. They are told that Pathfinder’s missiles were primarily for self-defense, which makes Sally question if they would be used for offensive purposes, but Margo tells them that that is not the mission plan.

Pam asks Ellen if she is okay, so Ellen tells her about being offered to be NASA’s administrator. Pam congratulates her, but she says she would not take it and was waiting for the right time to tell her. However, Pam tells her that she could be part of Raegan’s cabinet and asks her if that was not everything she ever wanted since she could go to Mars. However, Ellen tells her that she is what she wants and they kiss.

Columbia makes it to the moon and Gordo and his crew are received and brought down. The first thing he does is feel the sand through his fingers and is brought to Jamestown, where he looks around and is welcomed back by everybody.

Nick Corrado tells him that the place must seem huge since the last time he had been there and Gordo tells him that there sure was not a lot of legroom. He is pointed to his old bunk and brought to the new one, which turns out to be next to Tracy’s, but she was out with the marines flying their LSAM’s.

Aleida talks to Bill, telling him that different teams should talk before having their preliminary designs, but he tells her that it was standard procedure. She tells him that as an engineer, what she was looking at was a bad design, but he mentions that the bad design was the one they had gone to the moon with when she was wearing diapers. She tells him that maybe he should have worn diapers during Gemini and he tells her to get out, which she does after calling him Peanut.

Kelly drives to Little Saigon diner, walking in and being seated right away. She looks around at other Vietnamese families and is comforted by the hostess, who tells her if she likes Chinese food, she would probably like Vietnamese food. The hostess tells her that her father was the cook and gives her recommendations on what to eat, which Kelly likes.

She enjoys the food and asks the hostess to sit with her. The hostess tells Kelly that her father had cut all ties to his mother when he had left Vietnam and does not talk about his family much, while her mother was not there that day. The hostess tells her she is American and gives her the check, but Kelly gets up to look at photos they had close to the back. She finds one and sees her parents on it, turning around to see the chef who looks her in the eye and turns. She pays the hostess and leaves.

Simulating the Pathfinder, Ed, Sally and Gary try firing it, shooting both targets successfully. Sally tells them she could use some air and leaves.

Gordo goes to bed and has no complaints before being scared by Tracy, who whipped his curtain open. They greet each other and he tells her that things were very different. He is introduced to Vance, who was a marine and compliments her flying. They tell him they would get some dinner, but he chooses to sleep.

Molly lays on her couch while drinking a beer, when she is joined by Wayne. She tells him she could use another beer, but when he hands it to her, she does not immediately see his hand until he gets very close. She complains about him creeping up on her, but he explains he had been there a while. He says that she had been acting weird and had not wanted to talk about anything but he now wanted her to tell him the truth. She tells him that she had gone out into the solar storm and had been on the surface for an hour in order to save Wubbo, but now has normal tension glaucoma.

Gordo gets up and sees his picture helping Danielle with her broken arm which said “Don’t let this happen to you.” He looks out a window and sees Tracy, who was smoking into a tube. She tells him that Jimmy was sending her cigarettes, which surprises him. They share it and she tells him that he looks good and happy. He tells her that the last time he had been up there he had lost his mind and tells her about the truth about Danielle. She sympathizes about it and tells him that the place can feel lonely. He remembers hearing about Tracy talking to Jimmy about
his sixth birthday and realized he had been afraid of moving out since he would be losing Tracy, which was the most important thing to him. He recognizes he had screwed up their marriage and says that he would not be happy until he had her back, revealing his intentions of getting back with her, also telling her that he had told Sam. She laughs about what Sam said about her and asks him what he thinks, and he says that she would only be caught if she wanted to. She tells him to catch her if he could and hands him the cigarette.

Emma tells Margo that she had done a budget analysis the night before for the Pathfinder while she picks out her clothes for her meeting. Emma tells her to wear red since Sergei liked it, so Margo asks her why what Sergei liked mattered and Emma dismissed her idea.

Margo greets Sergei with her red blazer, which he immediately compliments her on. He tells her that there was a new directive from Moscow, mentioning the politburo had determined that the symbolism of the first handshake was important and it should be equidistant so, that nobody is the host or visitor. They get into the model, where they practice the handshake, but discuss where the camera would be. They decide to flip a coin in order to decide who would be the host. Sergei flips the coin towards Margo and as they try to find it, his pants get stuck, so their faces get close together. They are interrupted by Emma who tells her that there was a situation she was needed for.

At her office, Margo tells Aleida that Bill Strausser had quit and she was the cause of it. Aleida says she had not done anything, but Margo reads that after their conversation, Bill had seen he did not have the respect of his colleagues. She asks what she had said to him and Aleida admits to calling him Peanut, which shocks Margo. She tells Aleida that Bill had worked at NASA for over 20 years and did not deserve to leave over something like that, adding that if Aleida did not convince him to come back, she would fire her. Aleida tells her that she does not owe her anything and tells her that if she wanted to fire her, she should do it. Margo realizes that when something gets rough for Aleida, she gets mad and left her job.

Aleida storms down the hall angrily and takes a deep breath. She goes to Bill's house, but he tries to shut the door. She convinces him to let her in and is surprised at all his models. She apologizes for what she had said, but he tells her that he had been dealing with that for nearly 20 years. He asks her if she knew what Gemini mission it was and he tells her that it had been during Gemini 8, which she understood nearly meant the death of two astronauts. He explains why he had not left his station, also telling her that they were uncommunicated with the astronauts during an hour. He complains that people still talk about how he had peed his pants.

Aleida reveals that she had been shot at with a shotgun with rock salt and bird shot. She tells him that during a time in her life, she did not know where to live, being homeless for a while. She reveals that she had no money and would scavenge behind restaurants for food, called a wetback by one particular owner. One day when she was getting food, the owner had a gun and shot her, which made her run and stop at a park when she realized that her shirt was full of blood. She tells him that at the hospital, they wanted to talk to the police, but since she was there illegally, she did not want to talk to them and just left. She reveals that she still has a bit of bird shot in there and has scars, so she does not wear tank tops or anything of the sort. She tells him that she has shame too and apologizes for making him feel his again. He hands her a beer and they watch jeopardy.

Karen counts Danny’s tips and gives them to him. He says he does not know what had happened the other night, but she tells him that nothing had happened, only two friends had had a nice moment. He apologizes, but she tells him not to be sorry, but to change the subject. They say good night, but he turns around and tells her he cannot forget and wanted to hold her in his arms. She tells him to stop talking, but then throws herself at him and they begin kissing each other passionately. She tells him to lock the door, turn off the lights and meet her downstairs.

The two hug after having had sex and Karen says that she really would be selling the place while he stroked her leg. He asks her if she was not having fun anymore, and she relates to it, but says that when people look at the space pictures, it was great. Danny looks at Karen and tells her he loves her, but she tells him he does not and to get a grip. He tells her that he could leave the academy and they could find a place to live, but she tells him that their relationship would not be going any further even if he had done a good job, but it was over. She tells him to call in sick, and adds that she would still pay him, but Danny tells her de does not care about
that. She kisses him and tells him to do an about-face and go.

Tracy takes Gordo and marines to 357 Bravo. Gordo drives the LSAM and mentions that it does not respond like it used to before, but successfully brings them down. The astronauts see movement, so they grab their guns. They tell Bradford that they had company, so he tells them to try to talk first. They see two cosmonauts, who were working on a sort of machine.

Bradford orders them to switch to Russian communication and tell them to leave. They change and they begin to tell them that the site was claimed. The Soviets started moving, but they open a box, so one of the astronauts shoots one. When the second cosmonaut reached inside the case as well, they shoot him. The astronauts look at the cosmonauts, who are screaming because they were on fire. They call Tracy so they could move immediately and ask Webster to grab the Soviets’ weapons. One of the astronauts tells Bradford that there had been two casualties, with one of the cosmonauts dead and the other one wounded. Bradford asks for the White House as Webster tells the team that the Soviets had been reaching for their communication card so they could talk in English.
Triage

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Summary: The rivalry between American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts intensifies as last-minute changes impact the Pathfinder mission plan.

Paramedics try helping the injured cosmonauts while Rossi, the commander, spoke to Houston on the line. The astronauts tell the commander that they had perceived a hostile intent, but the cosmonauts had only been reaching for their translation cards. Ellen asks them if they were sure that there were no weapons on sight before she took the incident to the president.

Ellen tells Bradford and Margo that the situation was not good, and Margo points out that wars have started over a lot less.

Gordo approached Tracy and asks her if she is okay. She tells him she is, but asks him how she could make her hand stop trembling. He tells her to give it time.

Ellen, Margo, and Bradford watch the news, where the Soviet Union mentions they would not be intimidated and knew that the United States had plans to bring nuclear weapons to the moon and said that they would get in the way and destroy them before they got there. Bradford tells them that there had just been a launch from Sakhalin island — the Buran shuttle, which the
CIA says was armed. Ellen mentions that was a problem since it could orbit space, shoot them down and they would never even see it coming. Margo takes her glasses off angrily once everyone leaves.

They track the shuttle at DODCOM, but after three hours, they find that they had done was dock it with their space station, which made Margo think that they were overreacting. Bradford would like to believe that, but mentions that they had been stockpiling fuel on that station. Suddenly, Buran launched and Bradford mentioned it could shoot Sea Dragon down before it entered lunar orbit, which worries Ellen since the moon was being blockaded.

Molly gets visited by Ed, who makes fun of her for having to use glasses, when she had made fun of him before. He teases her about getting old, but she tells him that DOD was taking over his mission and tells him about the Buran situation. She informs him that his new launch date would be in a couple of days and she tells him to be safe.

Ed tells Gary and Sally that they would be going up against Buran, which Sally mentions would be one hell of a test flight, since many things could go wrong. Ed acknowledges that, but tells them they needed to make sure Sea Dragon could reach the moon, escorting it to Jamestown. He tells them about their guns, since they might need to defend themselves returning, also having to destroy Pathfinder if they returned to hostile territory. He tells them that he understood if they wanted to drop out of the mission. None of them drop out but Sally asks if there were nuclear weapons aboard Sea Dragon 17, to which Ed sincerely responds that he does not know.

Nick gets a fax and hands it to Rossi in which the commander of Zvezda tells them that he wanted to send a team for the cosmonauts. Rossi tells him to answer that the cosmonaut was unconscious and his superiors would be consulted regarding his request.

Molly greets Wayne, who tells her that her injecting antioxidants into her eyes seemed a bit extreme, but she tells him that her glaucoma was too. He believed her doctor was only telling her what she wanted to hear, but she tells him that 92% of his patients recovered their sight but he told her that the doctor had no sources, but she defended the doctor, who was from Guadalajara. He worries about her and says that it is risky, but she tells him that she needs it and they get into the car.

Kelly watches the news while Karen cooks. While Kelly talks about what she sees, Karen does not pay attention and tells her to get everything ready for when Ed got home. However Ed walks in and tells them that he could not stay since he had to leave, but wanted to say goodbye to them both. Karen does not pay much attention to Ed, though and simply cooks until she interrupts Kelly to tell her that Ed could not promise them that he would be okay since it was unrealistic, which Ed says is right. They hug, and Ed asks Karen if she could walk him to the car.

When they go outside, Ed asks her if she is okay and she coldly tells him she is tired and tells him she would explain why she was behaving weirdly until he got back since he had to focus on Pathfinder. However, he told her that he would not be able to concentrate until she told him. She tries to avoid telling him, but he reminds her of the pact they had made to not keep secrets from one another. She reveals that she slept with someone else and she did it sober and knowingly. Ed asks who, since it mattered to him and asks her if this was a way of asking him for a divorce, but she tells him they need counselling, which angers Ed since he thought marriage was a thing where you either wanted in or out. She tells him that he does not like living in the gray, which Ed does not understand. He gets in his car and leaves.

Rossi calls Webster and they gather with the rest of the marines, who would be receiving the Russians.

Ed is at a bar and looks at a woman on the other side. He takes his ring off and after a while he goes into a room with the woman, who he starts kissing. He tells her he needs to slow down and after a while she asks him how long he had been divorced. She starts undoing his pants and tells him not to think about the divorce, but he tells her about the rough spot, which she tells him she does not want to know about. After a while, she leaves while he apologizes.

The cosmonauts walk into Jamestown, where they are received. Colonel Tsukanov is welcomed and told to wait while they Russian doctor looked at the injured cosmonaut, but Tsukanov insists on going with the doctor, which was not agreed upon. In the end, Tsukanov agrees to stay behind guarded by a sole marine.

The Russian doctor tells the Americans that they were doing many things wrong, and tells Webster that she had done an unprovoked act of aggression and should be charged before an
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international court.

At Sea Dragon launch control, everyone got ready for Pathfinder and Sea Dragon's launch, which worried Margo. Sea Dragon launched successfully while Bradford and Ellen watched Pathfinder's launch. However Ed was thinking about his conversation with Karen. They separated from a bigger plane and headed straight for space with a lot of power and made it into orbit. Ed tells them that flying into space had always been a wonder and now they had finally done it.

The Russian doctor asks the American doctor if she knew why the cosmonaut was not waking up and she mentions possible brain damage. He tells her that they would not know until he woke up, which he wanted to happen under his supervision and asks that they prepare the cosmonaut for travel. The American doctor tells him that he knew that the cosmonaut would not survive the trip. Rossi tells him that the could protest his government, but the cosmonaut would not leave Jamestown if he had a chance to survive.

The doctor asks to see the other cosmonaut, so he is brought to his fallen colleague, who had been burnt severely. The American astronauts offer to help carry him, but Tsukanov tells them that they would not touch him, while his voice cracked.

Molly tells Wayne that she was going to go to the Cape in order to help with the launch of Apollo 75, but Wayne knew she was lying. She did not care and he tells her that if she went to Guadalajara, he would not be there when she returned. She tells him that he would finally be free of what she had put him through and asks if he knew how much of a burden he had been and leaves when he questions her guts.

The Soviet cosmonaut wakes up, so Webster calls for the doctor. The cosmonaut realizes he is in Jamestown and tells Webster that he wanted to defect to the United States.

Ellen tells Margo and Bradford that since the cosmonaut had requested asylum, they would grant it, which is what the president had said. Ellen tells them that the plan was to get him to the United States on the next shuttle the next month. Margo stops Ellen and asks her if she had asked the president about Apollo-Soyuz. Ellen says that they had not, but would recommend that they cancel it if she was asked her opinion. Margo asks if they could wait to see if the Russians launched Soyuz and Ellen agrees to see how things played out.

Danielle and her teammate discuss whether or not they would actually be launching the Apollo 75. They sit while they wait for Soyuz to launch. At mission control, Margo tells Bill and Aleida that they had received no word from Russia yet. As they wait, Margo gets a call from Sergei, who happily tells her that Soyuz had launched. Margo thanks him and tells them that they were ready to launch as well.

Molly turns back from the airport and heads home, only to find out Wayne had already started picking up his things. She tells him that she hopes he had a thing for old blind ladies, so he tells her that white canes and dark glasses turned him on, and they kiss.

Larry talks to Lee about Ellen. Larry does not trust Lee because of his methods, but the man tells him that people liked drama more than truth, so people would love Ellen in congress since she was a hero and believed she could even be a president someday. Pam walks in and greets Lee. When Lee leaves, Larry tells Pam that he was Raegan's special assistant and wanted Ellen to run for congress. Pam asks if he really meant it and they both laugh, but Larry believes in her. However, Pam mentions that it was impossible since she was involved with Ellen.

Pam leaves Pam a letter in which she tells her that she still loves Elise, hoping she understood and leaves. Larry walks up to Ellen and she tells him about the letter. Larry comforts Ellen, who does not understand and cries.

Tracy gets ready to smoke a cigarette, but hears Gordo singing a song for her. She asks him to quiet down and tells him to stop. He tells her to enjoy wine, which she thinks is terrible. He tells her he knows her and knows she is always in control, which scares him, but he did not want to run away from her anymore. She opens the door to the place were they smoke and the two walk in.

In another room, John tells Nat that everything looked good. He asks her how much time would go by until they were back on nuclear power and she tells him that they were already using it since they new rods were in. She explains that they are currently calibrating the actuators, which was good since now they would be able to quit the power saving protocols. Outside, he sees a cosmonaut who has a gun and aims it at Jamestown, shooting until the window cracked.
Immediately, Jamestown went crazy, with everything being sucked through the broken window. The astronauts hold on to each other and make it into another room, except for one who was left behind and was thrown out of Jamestown and into the lunar surface. Now, three cosmonauts with guns walk in through the broken windows.
The Grey

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Summary: Tensions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union reach an all-time high on the moon, throwing multiple missions into jeopardy.

At mission control, Bill and Aleida supervise Apollo-Soyuz, when a man tells Flight that Jamestown was depressurizing, so he tried to contact them to no avail. Margo finds out, and Rossi comes in, saying that they had been having some issues with their sensors and pressure returns to normal.

At Jamestown, Rossi is held captive by the Soviet cosmonauts who infiltrated. Tsukonov asks for Rolan Baranov, but Rossi does not know where he is, so he gets punched in the face.

Ed flies through space and thinks about Karen until he is called by Gary, who tells him to sleep, but he does not accept. Gary tells him they are two hours away from the blockade line, which is where they would face Buran. Gary asks him if he is okay, but Ed tells him to get back to work.

Ellen makes it to mission control, where she is told by Margo that the Soviets were asking for more time before docking with no reason given. Margo is optimistic, but Molly tells them it has
to do with the lunar blockade. Margo asks about Buran, but Ellen tells her is classified which
Margo finds ridiculous since they would not be able to make informed decisions.

Gordo looks out the window of the room he was stuck in with Tracy. They realize the inside
was depressurized. Gordo realizes the Soviets had infiltrated the base, so he tells Tracy to hide.
Rossi tells the astronauts that he was being held by the Soviets, who were offering an exchange
between him and their cosmonaut Rolan Baranov.

Rolan tells the astronauts that they needed to do as they said, but Webster says that it was
not up for discussion since they were under the president’s order, adding that even if they gave
Rolan back, Rossi would probably be killed anyway. Rolan tells them the Soviets would not leave
until they had them, but a marine says that they would make the Soviets leave.

Karen walks to Sam Cleveland’s building, where he asks if she ever worries about Ed on the
moon, so she tells him that she tries not to think about it and tells him that Pot is a good solution.
Karen asks her what she would do next, but she admits she was not sure. Sam tells her that if
she was having second thoughts it was fine, but Karen tells her she was sure.

Ed tells Houston and his crew that they would pass the blockade point. They do not see Buran
on their radar. They ask Houston about Buran and are told that they were on the dark side of
the moon, which was a relief for Gary, but Sally tells him not to get confident.

Raegan speaks to the Soviet Union’s leader, who tells him that if the United States fired on
Buran, the Soviet Union would respond in a substantial way and threaten Raegan.

Sergei tells Margo that they would need to delay docking once more since they needed more
time, which Margo does not agree with. Sergei apologizes and tells her that the best he could do
would be giving her their state vector for their next docking opportunity, which Margo accepts.

Ellen tells Margo and Molly that they could not keep this up, but Margo does not want to give
up since they were on the brink of war. She asks Ellen for one more orbit, and she gives Margo
90 minutes. Molly tells Bill that they had one more orbit before they called it quits, which Aleida
protests since people had worked very hard. Molly asks Bill who Aleida is and mentions she likes
her when she sees her attitude.

Danielle is angry on Apollo, saying that they did not go that far just to wave at each other
from a window. She tells her partner to raise Soyuz. They copy and Soyuz tells them that Orlov
continued to struggle with space adaptation, which makes Danielle laugh since he was still
vomiting. Danielle tells him that she felt the handshake would not happen and Stefan says the
same.

Margo walks to a telephone and types the number that Sergei gave her. He picks up and
apologizes and she tells him to come clean with her. He admits that they were having avionics
issues, which Margo does not buy, but he tells her that if he told his supervisor that they were
having problems, then the mission would be called off. He tells her he was trying to do the best
he could, but she tells him that she could only do one more orbit.

Gordo watches the news and tells Tracy there was nothing on Jamestown. He tells her that
last time he was there he watched a lot of Bob Newhart, which he nearly memorized and tells her
that they would act them out. He tells her that the only thing he looked forward to was fighting
with her on the communication device. He tells her that there used to be an antenna which they
used which might still work.

The astronauts suit up and grab their guns, walking through Jamestown and depressurizing.

Gordo manages to connect the antenna and Tracy sees that the American marines were mov-
ing forward. She calls them and they recognize her, telling them that she was fine. A cosmonaut
approaches Vance from behind, so she tries to tell him, but to no avail. Vance is shot and dies,
which horrifies Tracy.

The other astronauts realize this and approach the cosmonaut, who shoots another one of the
American astronauts. The cosmonaut sees Tracy, but is shot by Webster. Webster approaches
her fallen teammate, whose suit was depressurizing. They got him into a pressurized room but
the bullet had gone through to a nuclear reactor’s primary coolant pump.

Margo tells mission control to contact Rossi, but they get no response.

Margo tells Ellen and Bradford and tells them that Jamestown was not responding. Margo
says that there was a backup, but Bradford tells her that it might not be that simple and reveals
that there was a second reactor in order to make weapons on the moon which meant there was
no failsafe. She tells them to forget that it was nonsensical to have nuclear weapons on the moon,
but to keep it from the people in charge was wrong. She storms out of the room after that.
Aleida gets a snack and hears a radio sounding. She walks into a small room and hears Gordo communicating. She reveals herself and Gordo greets her. Aleida walks up to Margo and Molly and tells them about Gordo, so both of them rush with her.

Molly asks Gordo and Tracy if they had been in contact with anyone, but Gordo reveals that the comms had been taken down and they had no suits. Margo tells them that in about 45 minutes there would be a massive nuclear meltdown which would kill everyone on the base and rendering Shackleton uninhabitable for a thousand years. Gordo asks what they can do and is told that they could swap out the cable connectors from the backup computer to the primary loop, but they had no way to reach them with no suits on. Gordo asks how far the cables were and says that he could get to them, but Tracy and Margo tell him it was not possible. Molly defends him, however, and says that if they gave him some sort of protection, he could last longer outside.

Ellen tells Ed about Jamestown and he remembers he put everybody on that base. Sally asks why they would attack Jamestown, but they do not know. Ed tells them that they saw a weakness in them and Bradford tells them that they were their last hope. They start losing signal as they reach the far side of the moon.

At Outpost, Karen pours herself a drink and is joined by Kelly, telling her that she had sold it. She tells her daughter that she sold it because it seemed right and tells her that she did not know what she would do now. Kelly tells her that she could not imagine her doing nothing and is told that maybe Karen would go to India or go back to college. Kelly asks her if she and Ed would be getting a divorce when a siren started sounding. An emergency broadcast started to sound and they both go downstairs.

In NASA’s mission control, the siren starts sounding, so Ellen tells them they’re in DEFCON 2 since the Soviet fleet off the coast of Panama is threatening the southern United States with ten nuclear bombs threatening Houston alone. Margo tells everyone where the bomb shelters are at, telling them that whoever wanted to go should go, but only one person leaves. Margo tells Bill that they would need to bring Apollo home.

Danielle is not happy about being called home and calls Soyuz, but does not get a response until Stepan tells her he has heard about the news as well. She tells them that she was tired of being used and being told what to do and tells Stepan that at least Laika got to do their mission. She tells Stepan that they should just go for it.

Gordo and Tracy start making an impromptu space suit and is told what to do by Molly. He is asked if he wants to change his mind, but he does not and shuts down their communication. Tracy tells him that she would be going with him since they had a shot at making it back together.

Karen and Kelly watch the news. Kelly tells Karen that she went to see her birth father after looking him up. Karen is in shock and says that she did not know her daughter wanted to meet him, but Karen tells her it is okay and asks her what she was like. However, Kelly tells her that she did not even talk to him since they both had their lives and families.

Pathfinder gets a radio in which they are told they were violating a space treaty and would be fired at if Sea Dragon did not leave immediately. Sea Dragon would be within missile range in five minutes, so Ed tells Gary to open the payload doors, which reveals their weapons.

Bill and Aleida tell Apollo how to get back down, but Danielle refuses and tells him they would proceed with the docking maneuver. Danielle tells him that she would not be going back down. When Margo tells her what her orders were, Danielle told her she was choosing to ignore her orders and told them to begin docking procedures lest they crash. Molly says that she does not care what Danielle had said since she had been given an order, which Makes Margo comment that maybe it was due to it being okay that she had not followed orders many times before. Before Molly could react, Ellen tells them that it was okay for them to proceed since at least one good thing should happen on that shitty day. Aleida does not believe it, but Bill lets her talk to the astronauts, which Margo encourages. Apollo begins approaching Soyuz and they ultimately dock.

American astronauts are being forced to move while Gordo and Tracy covered themselves up. Webster shoots at the Soviets, who fire back at her.

When Tracy and Gordo are covered in duct tape with their suits, Gordo tells Tracy he loves her, and she returns the words. They put their helmet on and run outside with time running. As they move, they start bleeding from the pressure as their suits started coming off. They manage to get it done and start running back. Gordo falls, so Tracy picks him up and they run together.
When Tracy falls, Gordo picks her up again and they start losing sight. They passed the fifteen seconds, but made it back into the room and managed to pressurize it once again.

Danielle opens Apollo’s door, and so does Stepan. The two of them face each other and greet one another, shaking hands successfully and smiling at the camera facing them.

Ellen is called by the president, who told her Apollo-Soyuz was beautiful and inspirational, which Ellen felt they needed. Raegan asks for the status of Pathfinder and Buran, who were still out of communication range.

In space, Buran tells them that they had two minutes to leave, but Ed tells them that if they were fired at, they would fire back. Sally wondered if they were bluffing, but Ed did not believe so. He tells her to lock weapons system on their target, but Sally says that there must be another way. Ed says that they have orders, but Sally reminds him that he is commander of Pathfinder and also reminds him of when he testified on Apollo 10. Ed tells her to lock weapons system on target once more, but when she does not do it, he tells her she is relieved of duty. Sally does as he tells him, but points her gun at him. He tells her to put it down, but she tells him it was not a joke. Ed gets up and tells her to shoot him, since he knew she would not shoot him. He points his gun at her as well, and Gary tells them to stop and tries to think of another way.

Buran had missile lock on Sea dragon 17, so Ed sits down again, telling her he would do what he had to and shoots Sea Dragon down. They look at the cosmonauts and turn back from the moon. Houston contacts them and Ellen asks if they had engaged with Buran, but Ed says they had not, which Ellen is relieved to hear.

Raegan flies to Moscow, where he and Premier Adropov decide to stop fighting one another. At Jamestown, the Soviets start going back.

With everything finished, Rossi and the rest go to Gordo and Tracy’s room. They’re found slumped over, having succumbed to their wounds and dying in each others arms.

The United States holds a grand funeral for the two heroes, where they are thanked by Raegan for their sacrifice, courage and service.


After the funeral, Ed and Karen hug and both go their separate ways after Kelly hugs him as well.

Margo gets a call from Sergei, who called to convey his respects. Margo understands and tells her that they were heroes for the entire world. He asks if she would be at the ICSE conference in the UK that summer and invites her for a drink if she goes. She says she would check if she would go, but tells him she would see what she could do.

After the call, Sergei is told he did a good job by a superior, who tells him that by the time Margo realized she was working for them, it would be too late.

Margo, unaware of her counterpart’s circumstances, silently reminisces at the grave of John F. Kennedy. The camera pans away into the atmosphere, then overlooking the entire Earth, then panning over to the moon, and finally zooms in on Mars.

The year is now 1995, and a pair of booted feet step onto the red planet, their identity unknown.
Season Three
For All Mankind Episode Guide

Polaris

Season 3
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Season Episode: 1

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Director: Sarah Boyd
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Guest Stars: Jeff Hephner (Sam Cleveland), Piotr Adamczyk (Sergei Nikulov), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), Arturo Del Puerto (Octavio Rosales), David Chandler (Jimmy Stevens), Teya Patt (Emma Jorgens), Sean Patrick Thomas (Corey Johnson), Justice (Isaiah Johnson), Justice (Isaiah Johnson), Ashley Jones (Yvonne), Jorge Diaz (Victor Diaz), Madeline Bertani (Amber Stevens), Sahana Srinivasan (Nuri Prabakar), Derek Webster (Commander Rich LaPorte), Andres Londono (Joaquin Asencio), Lev Gorn (Grigory Kuznetsov), Vera Cherry (Lenara Catìche), Patricia Mizen (Reporter 1), Jake Reiner (Reporter 2), Hailey Winslow (Karla Dunn), Matt Lagan (London Bartender), James Kang (Elevator Passenger), Ken Rudulph (Edward Kline), John Hartmann (Administrator Richard Truly), Fran de Leon (General Jeanette Masters), Tiago Martinez (Javier Diaz), Brooke Burgstahler (Chelsea), Thomas Crawford (Pastor Dirksen), Kyle Louis (D.J), Mariel Taren (Controller Whitney), John Ruby (Controller John), Sean Muramatsu (Controller Steven), Lola Paja (Polaris Crew Member), Keisha Mitchell (Campaign Staff), Ryan Keith Turner (Driver)

Summary: Nearly 10 years have passed. Danielle and Ed attend a celebration, where things take a terrifying turn.

The episode opens with a montage of real and fictional events that bridge the gap between 1986 and 1995 as the world moves past the hostilities between the USSR and the USA over the moon colony. Gordo and Tracy Stevens are celebrated as American heroes, and their son, Danny, also becomes an astronaut and spends time on the Jamestown station. Meanwhile, Ellen has ventured into politics, and space tourism is a reality, with Sam Cleveland and Karen Baldwin launching the Polaris orbital hotel.

Meanwhile, Margo Madison heads NASA and its various projects, mainly the Mars mission. However, she is disappointed with the progress of the technology required to launch a manned mission to Mars. Margo comes under pressure after the USSR announces their Mission Commander for the Mars expedition. Thus, she is forced to pick between Ed Baldwin and Danielle Poole. Simultaneously, Ed, Danielle, and their families arrive for Danny's wedding at Polaris. Ed is separated from Karen and has married Yvonne. On the other hand, Karen appears to be dating Sam.
As Danny and Amber’s wedding festivities commence on Polaris, Margo learns of a North Korean space shuttle’s debris floating in earth’s orbit. Later, Margo has a discussion with Molly Cobb, the Head of Astronauts at NASA, about the Mission Commander for Mars. While Margo prefers Danielle, Molly believes Ed is the right choice because of his ability to take risks and improvise. The discussion ends in a stalemate as Margo leaves for another meeting. Margo decides to send Aleida to Jamestown to hash out the issues with NASA’s new launch rocket. In the end, the debris from the North Korean spacecraft collides with Polaris resulting in a deadly situation. With the lives of his friends and families at stake, Danny ventures outside the space hotel to repair the damage.

Danny Stevens is the son of Gordo, and Tracy Stevens, the American heroes who laid their lives to stop a nuclear meltdown on the moon at the end of the second season. In his youth, Danny is distanced from his parents’ space exploration aspirations but follows in their footsteps after their deaths. He became an astronaut and joined the Jamestown colony on the moon, where his parents also served.

Danny marries Amber at the Polaris orbital hotel in the presence of his friends and family. During Danny’s wedding, the hotel is hit with debris, and one of its thrusters malfunctions. The artificial gravity on Polaris spirals out of control, risking the lives of everyone aboard. Sam bravely evacuates most of the hotel guests through elevators. However, the elevator also malfunctions under the increased gravitational pull resulting in Sam’s death.

Ed injures his leg while making his way to the elevators. Hence, he is unable to help fix the issue, and the responsibility falls on Danny’s shoulders. With several lives at stake and his loved ones stranded in the hotel, Danny decides to undertake the risky task of fixing the thruster. Danny manages to narrowly avoid the debris and spacewalks to the edge of the wing with a harness.

Danny repairs the thruster, and the gravity in Polaris returns to normal. However, Danny is unexpectedly hit by the debris and loses grip of the docket. As Ed, Karen, Danielle, and others rejoice in their safety, Danny’s fate remains unknown until the episode’s final moments. In the end, the harness saves Danny from floating into space. He is not only alive but also saves numerous lives. Thus, Danny proves that he is his parents’ son and becomes a hero in his own right.
# Game Changer

**Season 3**  
**Episode Number: 22**  
**Season Episode: 2**

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Guest Stars: Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), Arturo Del Puerto (Octavio Rosales), Sean Patrick Thomas (Corey Johnson), Justice (Isaiah Johnson), Randy Oglesby (Governor Jim Bragg), Teya Patt (Emma Jorgens), Sahana Srinivasan (Nuri Prabakar), Jessica Tuck (Christine Francis), Tiago Martinez (Javier Diaz), Milo Cragnotti (Scotty Wilson), Ian Bamberg (Byron), David Chan (Rin), Jarod Bainbridge (Dean Lyman), Erika Fong (Renee), Umberto Celisano (Hans), Cheyenne Perez (Heather), Manny Cartier (Ira), Ryan Keith Turner (Driver)

**Summary:** A commercial spaceflight company makes an announcement. The choice over who’ll command the Mars mission leads to a shift in personnel.

The episode opens with Karen meeting with entrepreneur Dev Ayesa. After the accident at Polaris orbital hotel, the reputation of Karen’s company is in peril. Moreover, Karen is shocked by the death of her business partner, Sam. Despite having the chance to acquire Karen’s company at a low cost, David offers her a generous sum. David reveals that his company, Helios Aerospace, is working on its own mission to Mars. The technology and equipment from Polaris, combined with Helios’ methane-powered engines, will help them reach Mars before the USA or its rivals. Karen is impressed with David’s plan and agrees to sell Polaris to him.

Elsewhere, Ellen Wilson is steaming into the presidential campaign but must select a Vice Presidential candidate to ensure her vote bank is secure. Ellen and her husband, Larry, contemplate the two choices in front of her. Meanwhile, Molly goes behind Margo’s back after a committee is appointed to decide on the Mission Commander for the Mars mission. Margo bypasses the committee and announces that Ed Baldwin will lead the mission. However, before announcing her decision, Molly secures Danielle as the head of the backup team. Ed is ecstatic to learn of his appointment and asks Kelly to accompany him on the mission.

After Margo returns to town, she is informed of Molly’s decision. Margo is unhappy with Molly’s choice and confronts the Head of Astronauts. The two women argue over the decision, and Margo decides to fire Molly. Thus, she overturns Molly’s decision. Later, Margo informs Ed that he will not be leading the Mars mission, and Danielle is chosen as Mission Commander. Ed
and Danielle speak about the sudden change of events, and a disgruntled Ed speaks harshly about Danielle’s skills. Ed visits Karen, and the two reminisce over their past. Ed mulls over his desire to find his next challenge and head to outer space, giving Karen a bold idea.

The decision about the Mission Commander for NASA’s Mars mission has been a contentious one. While the decision should solely rest upon the Head of Astronauts, Margo meddles with the decision and continues to promote Danielle as the more obvious choice. Moreover, Margo goes as far as overturning Molly’s decision and firing her. As Ed correctly points out, the decision should be made by someone who has first-hand knowledge about the dangers of such a mission. Nonetheless, Margo’s bureaucracy dashes Ed’s hopes of leading the Mars mission.

After hearing Ed’s sentiments, Karen comes up with a bold idea. The next day, she holds a meeting with David and proposes her idea to David. Karen’s idea gives a new life to Ed’s dream of becoming the first man to land on Mars. Karen proposes that David hire an experienced astronaut with a high pedigree and vast experience in leading risky missions to outer space. While the Helios mission is supposed to be automated, Karen insists that David will need an experienced commander to improvise if something goes wrong. Moreover, hiring someone with bonafide space experience will provide credibility to Helios’ Mars mission. When David asks whether Karen has a name in mind, she suggests Ed for the mission.

In the episode’s final moments, David holds a press conference where he announces that Helios has acquired Polaris. Moreover, the company will be launching its own privately funded mission to Mars. The announcement is in itself game-changing as the USA and USSR now have a new competitor in the race to the Red Planet. Later, David emphatically introduces Ed as the Mission Commander and states that Helios will launch its Mars mission in 1994, two years before NASA’s planned expedition.

The news shocks everyone, including Margo and Danielle. While most people associated with NASA view Ed’s decision as a heel turn, the general public embraces the news. Ultimately, Ed joining Helios provides a major twist to the space race. However, it brings Ed’s journey full circle as he was slated to be the first man to land on Moon but failed. Nonetheless, Ed is provided another shot at glory, setting up a riveting season-long arc for the senior astronaut.
The episode opens with a string of flashbacks detailing Margo and Sergei’s relationship. Initially contemporaries with a similar interest in space exploration, the two grew close over the years and shared information. Every few years, Margo and Sergei attended the same conference and stayed at the same hotel leading to some romantic tension between them. In the present, Margo shares the plan to compete with Helios and launch a Mars mission in 1994 with her NASA team. After some skepticism, the team quickly works on ideas to formulate a mission plan in a short time frame.

At Helios, Dev Ayesa and his team begin to reformulate the Polaris Orbital Hotel to use as their Mars mission spacecraft. However, Dev and Ed Baldwin disagree on the crew slots. After Ed explains that the safety and survival of the crew depend on the decisions, Dev gives him full control over deciding the crew slots. Meanwhile, Karen tries to recruit Aleida Rosales for Helios’ mission and offers to double her salary and a chance to step out of Margo’s shadow. However, Aleida refuses the offer.

On the other hand, Kelly returns to NASA and asks Danielle for a slot on her crew. She convinces Danielle that she is the best person for the job. While Danielle accepts Kelly on her crew, she is concerned about Ed’s reaction to Kelly joining his competitor. Danny Stevens goes
through an emotional downturn and finds himself in legal trouble. After learning about his state, Danielle removes Danny from her team. However, Ed swoops in and recruits Danny to be on Helios' side. The decision causes some tension between Ed and Danielle. However, Ed supports Kelly's decision to join NASA's Mars mission.

Margo attends the conference with Sergei, and their romance finally progresses after Sergei kisses Margo. However, the moment is quickly ruined when Sergei speaks about work. Sergei asks Margo for NASA's engine blueprints for their Mars Mission. After Margo refuses to hand in the blueprints, a KGB Agent arrives in Margo's room. He threatens to leak Margo and Sergei's pictures if Margo does not provide the blueprints. After Margo returns to NASA, she learns that Bill Strausser is joining Helios to serve as its Mission Controller.

The episode forces several characters such as Ed, Danielle, and Margo to make major decisions that could be the deciding factors in the race to Mars. These decisions create a merry-go-round that leads to some exciting team-ups on the space crews. The episode's ending jumps a couple of years ahead and reveals the launch of NASA's Mars mission. Aleida serves as the Mission Director, with Danielle as the Mission Commander with Kelly on her crew. On the other hand, Ed and Danny are on the Helios crew, with Strausser heading Mission Control. Thus, Helios launches its Mars mission alongside NASA.

USSR also launches their spacecraft to Mars as Margo watches on the television. She is visibly distraught and seems emotional about the moment. The episode doesn't directly reveal if Margo shared the blueprints with the USSR. Sergei states that the USSR can't launch its Mars shuttle without the engine blueprints. The final moments show that the USSR successfully launches its Mars mission in 1994, simultaneously with NASA and Helios. Therefore, it is implied that Margo was forced to hand over the blueprints. Margo's facial expressions suggest that she did not do so willingly and was blackmailed into sharing the blueprints.

Nonetheless, the exact circumstances under which Margo succumbs to the blackmail remain unknown. In the end, Margo receives a call from the US President congratulating her on the launch. The President is none other than former NASA astronaut Ellen Wilson. Thus, the series departs from reality once again and reveals that Bill Clinton lost to Ellen in the Presidential elections.

Moreover, with Ellen as President, Margo was likely able to deal with the fallout from her association with the USSR. Similarly, Ellen's presence in the White House would have eased NASA's path to Mars. However, the race to Mars is just starting with all three parties taking off to the Red Planet. Therefore, it remains to be seen what challenges lie ahead for the crews in outer space and who becomes the first human to land on Mars, if anyone succeeds at all.
Happy Valley

Season 3
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Season Episode: 4

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Guest Stars: Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Tony Curran (Clarke Halladay), Noah Harpster (Bill Strauss), Alexander Sokovikov (Rolan Baranov), Robert Bailey Jr. (Will Tyler), Heidi Sulzman (Sylvia Kaplan), David Chandler (Jimmy Stevens), Taylor Dearden (Sunny Hall), Daniel David Stewart (Nick Corrado), Randy Oglesby (Governor Jim Bragg), Stewart Skelton (Speaker of the House), Lev Gorn (Grigory Kuznetsov), Pawel Szajda (Alexei Poletov), Vera Cherny (Lenara Catiche), Jessica Tuck (Christine Francis), Larry Clarke (Bill McGann), Larry Sullivan (Ryan Bauer), Amol Shah (Adarsh Sethi), Anne Beyer (Louisa Mueller), Nick Boraine (Lars Hagstrom), Mandy Levin (Sandy Bostik), Ayinde Howell (Benjamin Harmon), Debbie Pollack (Elizabeth ‘Zizzo’ Glover), Zac Titus (Charles Bernitz), William Cowart (Hal), Goran Ivanovski (Dr. Dimitri Mayakovksy), Alexander Neher (Davey Kowalski), Ken Rudulph (Edward Kline), Michael Charles Vaccaro (Jack Gould), Cheyenne Perez (Heather), Alexander Jo (Cal), Greta Gould (Helios Flight Controller), Jessica Galinas (Anne Baranov), Leo Marz (Peter Baranov), Christopher Ellay (Jonathan Adams), Diane Dehn (Jean Williamson), Wade Harlan (Sergeant Jamie O’Neal), Patricia Mizzen (Reporter 1), Bonnie Bailey-Reed (Mary Meineke), Frank Lui Geo (Albert Foster), Ilza Ponko (Isabel Castillo)

Summary: A surprise maneuver during the journey to Mars provokes desperate measures.

The episode opens with a look at the race to Mars. All three parties are trying their best to reach Mars first. Helios’ Phoenix spacecraft is in the lead, with NASA’s Sojourner-1 coming in at a close second. Roscosmos’ Mars-94 is lagging and scheduled to arrive on Mars last among the three spacecraft. While Ed Baldwin performs a maneuver to ensure Phoenix reaches Mars first, Danielle Poole congratulates him over comms. However, after the call, Danielle unveils Sojourner-1’s solar sails that will increase the spacecraft’s acceleration by 20%. Thus, Sojourner-1 takes the lead in the race, leaving Helios Mission Control disheartened.
On earth, Ellen comes under fire as the use of Helium-3 in space missions has left several miners of fossil fuels unemployed. Moreover, Ellen’s budget cuts go unapproved, and she must find more money for the fiscal year. However, she turns down the suggestion of utilizing the money NASA is making. Nonetheless, Ellen decides to visit NASA’s headquarters in hopes of gaining positive press buzz by returning to her roots. Meanwhile, Danny loses his cool on Phoenix while Kelly runs a space radio station to ease tensions among the three spacecraft.

At the Helios Mission Control, Dev Ayesa refuses to accept defeat in the race and urges his employees to find a solution to beat NASA’s solar sails. Nonetheless, all the suggested maneuvers are deemed too risky. Meanwhile, Kelly receives a broadcast from Mars-94. She is alerted about the Russians using their nuclear engine beyond capacity in hopes of remaining in the race to Mars. However, the reaction from the engine’s overuse causes the spacecraft to dismantle mid-flight. Thus, the Mars-94 crew is left in need of a daring rescue mission. In the end, either the Phoenix or the Sojourner-1 is required to perform the rescue. However, rescuing the Mars-94 crew would mean the end of the spacecraft’s hopes of reaching Mars.

In the episode’s third act, the space race is jeopardized after the Russians try to accelerate their speed to gain the lead. However, their efforts backfire, leaving the Mars-94 crew desperately needing help. The Mars-94 begins to collapse, and the nuclear engine radiation risks the crew’s life. Therefore, Ed suggests the Helios Mission Control that the Phoenix should perform the rescue mission. However, rescuing the Russian cosmonauts would ensure that the Phoenix won’t have enough fuel to reach Mars. Therefore, the space race would end, leaving Sojourner-1 as the only spacecraft standing.

Dev Ayesa refuses to sanction the Phoenix for performing the rescue mission. Nonetheless, Ed decides to bypass the Helios Mission Control’s orders and prepares for the rescue. The Phoenix is better equipped to accommodate the five Russian cosmonauts than the Sojourner-1. Moreover, the maneuver for the Phoenix is more uncomplicated as well. Therefore, it makes sense for the spacecraft to rescue the crew of Mars-94. However, Ed’s efforts are thwarted after the Phoenix receives a software update that stops the spacecraft from moving out of its course to Mars.

On earth, Margo and Dev have a heated argument, and Margo suggests to Ellen that she force Dev’s hand into ordering his crew to rescue the cosmonauts. However, Ellen insists that saving the cosmonauts is the right thing to do. Thus, Danielle is ordered to perform the risky rescue mission. During the rescue operation, Danielle realizes that Sojourner-1 might be able to use the fuel from Mars-94 to ensure it reaches Mars despite the detour. While the rescue operation is going smoothly, Aleida Rosales realizes that the Mars-94 is about to collide with Sojourner-1 due to the former’s engine failure. However, before Aleida’s warning can reach Sojourner-1, the two spacecraft collide, killing one NASA astronaut and leaving two Russian cosmonauts stranded.

The episode ends by leaving the fate of the rescue mission uncertain. Mars-94 collides with Sojourner-1 risking the lives of both sets of crew members. Thus, the space race culminates in a calamity. The Russians’ selfish desire to accelerate their speed leads to the falling apart of their spacecraft. On the other hand, Dev’s selfish desire causes the Sojourner-1 to perform a rescue mission outside their capabilities. Hence, the episode’s ending denotes the implications of pressing selfish desires and reaffirms how quickly things can get out of hand in space.
Seven Minutes of Terror

Season 3
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Season Episode: 5

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Guest Stars: Piotr Adamczyk (Sergei Orestovich Nikulov), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), Alexander Sokovikov (Rolan Baranov), Robert Bailey Jr. (Will Tyler), Daniel David Stewart (Nick Corrado), Lenny Jacobson (Wayne Cobb), Sean Patrick Thomas (Corey Johnson), Justice (Isaiah Johnson), Sahana Srinivasan (Nuri Prabakar), Lev Gorn (Grigory Kuznetsov), Vera Cherny (Lenara Catiche), Pawel Szajda (Alexei Poletov), Ilza Ponko (Isabel Castillo), Jessica Tuck (Christine Francis), Amol Shah (Adarsh Sethi), Anne Beyer (Louisa Mueller), Goran Ivanovski (Dr. Dimitri Mayakovsky), Ken Rudulph (Edward Kline), Diane Dehn (Jean Williamson), Blair Hickey (Richard ‘Dicky’ Hilliard), Geoff Nathanson (Reporter), John Forest (Jeremy Zielke), Debbie Pollock (Elizabeth ‘Zizzo’ Glover), Roman Mitichyan (Dimitri)

Summary: The race to land first on Mars brings together unexpected allies.

The episode opens with the NASA, Helios, and Roscosmos crews grieving the loss of the astronauts aboard Mars-94 during the botched rescue mission. At Helios Mission control, Karen expresses her dissatisfaction with Dev Ayesa’s decision and resigns from her post. In space, Ed regains control of his ship and prepares for the final leg of the Phoenix’s journey to Mars. Meanwhile, NASA and Roscosmos decide to finish the mission together, forming a temporary alliance.

In NASA Mission Control, Margo refuses to work with anyone from Roscosmos other than Sergei Nikulov. However, Margo learns that Sergei has been removed from Roscosmos and assigned a different project. Nonetheless, Margo gives Roscosmos an ultimatum and uses the situation to her advantage. As a result, Sergei is released from KGB’s arrest. He reveals that he was forced to blackmail Margo as the KGB threatened his family. Simultaneously, Aleida Rosales realizes the similarities between NASA and Roscosmos’ engine designs for their mars spacecraft.

On the Sojourner-1, Kelly learns that cosmonaut Alexei Poletov warned her about the engine failure of Mars-94. Danielle is forced to work with the cosmonauts to prepare the ship for the final stretch of its journey. Kelly and Alexei grow close and share a kiss. On earth, Karen ponders over her future after resigning from Helios. She sends Ed a video message which Danny also watches on his computer. Ed and Danny talk about Karen cheating on Ed. While Ed preaches forgiveness, he states that he would kill the person who slept with Karen. Sojourner-1 and Phoenix prepare to enter Mars’ orbit as the race to the Red Planet reaches the final lap.
The race to Mars concludes after several twists and turns in the final moments of the fifth episode. Helios’ Phoenix leads the way after the crew is locked out from helping the Soviet spacecraft. Ed stamps his authority on the ship and makes the decisions himself leading the spaceship close to Mars’ orbit. On the other hand, Danielle faces constant hiccups due to the joint mission between NASA and Roscosmos. Instead of focusing on winning the race, Danielle opts for securely landing on the Red Planet.

Both the spaceships must perform a risky maneuver to enter Mars’ orbit. However, the maneuver must be performed within a specified time frame. Moreover, a sand storm on the surface of the Red Planet makes it difficult for the astronauts to perform a landing. Nonetheless, Ed leaps into action and takes the situation into his own hands. He is resolved to undo his failure of being the first person to land on the moon years ago. Thus, Ed sets out in a capsule spacecraft with Danny that rockets towards Mars’ surface.

On the other hand, Danielle struggles to get the maneuver right due to the bulky nature of her spacecraft. Therefore, she must wait for the right to execute the maneuver and enter Mars’ orbit. As a result, it seems like Ed will win the race to Mars for Helios. However, Ed faces issues in landing on Mars due to the sand storm. As Ed’s spacecraft, Popeye gets closer to the surface, the sand storm becomes more intense, forcing Ed to perform a blind landing. Fearing for Danny’s life, Ed aborts the mission at the last second, and Popeye returns to the Phoenix. A brief shot of the planet’s surface shows that Ed and Danny were within touching distance of Mars.

Meanwhile, Danielle slowly brings her ship to Mars’ surface. Despite the difficulties, she executes the landing making the NASA and Roscosmos mission a joint success. However, the Head of the cosmonauts tries to trick Danielle and rushes to become the first person to step foot on Mars. Nonetheless, Danielle and the cosmonauts step foot on the Red Planet at the same time. On earth, the world views the mission as a rousing success for humanity.
The episode opens with Helios, NASA, and Roscosmos starting work on their respective research on Mars. However, NASA is concerned about the success of its space program after having to accommodate the Soviet cosmonauts. Meanwhile, the astronauts on Mars record a video message for those on Earth documenting their experience of landing on the Red Planet. However, during his testimony, Will Tyler reveals that he is gay, causing a massive stir in the United States.

Meanwhile, Margo speaks with US Air Force General Nelson Bradford about extracting Sergei Nikulov’s family from the Soviet Union. She believes Sergei would be a vital asset to the USA and is willing to defect from his native land. Bradford promises to look into the matter and make the necessary arrangements. Elsewhere, President Ellen Wilson faces a PR nightmare after Will announces his homosexuality. The laws prohibit homosexual army personnel from serving their country, leading to demands that Will be discharged from his duties.

Karen returns to Helios and makes deals with Dev Ayesa that will ensure that the CEO is also held accountable for the morality of his decisions. She reveals that Roscosmos’ director Lenara Catiche wants to meet with Helios about a joint mission. Thus, Dev sees hope in turning the Phoenix’s Mars program into a success. Catiche reveals that Roscosmos needs Helios’ help in
extracting the water they have found under Mars’ surface. However, Roscosmos cannot do so themselves as the engines of Mars-94 and Sojourner-1 are both out of commission.

Dev agrees to help after Roscosmos agree to split the water equally with Helios. On Mars, Ed grows concerned about Danny’s mental health after Dany becomes erratic and short-tempered. Ed starts to see parallels between Danny and his father, Gordo Stevens. Ed arrives on Sojourner-1 ahead of the Helios and Roscosmos joint mission.

However, Danielle and her crew are completely in the dark about the discovery of water on the Red Planet. On Earth, Margo questions Sergei about the joint mission between Helios and Roscosmos. While Sergei pretends not to know, he secretly tells Margo that the Soviets have found water under Mars’ surface. Aleida Rosales relays the news to Danielle leading to an argument between Danielle, Ed, and Grigory Kuznetsov.

President Ellen Wilson’s chair at the White House comes under a threat after Will announces that he is gay. The situation demands firm action from Ellen as both the Democrats and the Republicans are waiting for her to later. However, given that Ellen is herself a member of the LGBTQ+ community and does not want to take any action that hurts them, she scrambles for a diplomatic solution. Ellen brainstorms solutions with her husband, Larry.

During the conversation, Larry comes up with the perfect compromise to resolve the tension over the Will Tyler situation. Larry proposes that Ellen pass a bill with an executive order that will prohibit any homosexual members of the US Military from revealing their sexual orientation. However, the bill also states that any openly homosexual individual will not be able to serve their nation’s military. In the end, Ellen cannot help Will directly but resolves the political tensions stemming from his revelation.

The move puts the media’s focus back on the research happening on Mars. Moreover, it also brings Ellen out of a difficult situation, and she continues her term as President while preparing for the elections that are just two years away. In the episode’s final moments, a colleague of Larry’s from the White House tells his friend that he is having an affair with Ellen’s husband. The man relays the shocking revelation to a mysterious source. Thus, Ellen’s presidency is likely to once again fall in danger.
The episode opens in the aftermath of Helios and Roscosmos’ joint mission becoming public news. As a result, the Roscosmos mission control leaves the NASA facilities and aligns with Helios. Sergei is forced to return to Moscow, and Margo fears for his life. The duo shares a teary-eyed farewell as Margo tries to convince Sergei to buy her more time. Nonetheless, Sergei accepts his fate and returns to his homeland. In front of Congress, Larry Wilson is called to testify about assigning NASA contracts to independent contractors. Larry is accused of corruption and questioned about his affair with a White House aide.

While Larry dodges the accusation, he warns Jeremy to rectify the situation and ends their affair. Nonetheless, Ellen forces Larry to come clean about his affair and accepts lying to Congress. However, the husband-wife must find a way to address the scandal before it becomes a national sensation. On Mars, Helios and Roscosmos start preparation for extracting water from Mars’ surface. However, Kelly is displeased to learn that Ed will not give her enough time to study the microbes in the water. As a result, the father and daughter have an argument. Danny begins to act compulsively and receives a harsh warning from Ed.
On earth, Jimmy bonds with his anti-NASA friends and visits the JSC with Summer. They see the statues of Gordo and Tracy Stevens before stealing the id card of a high-ranking NASA employee. Later, Jimmy's friends enter the JSC and steal the statues. Aleida consults her ex-husband as she has gathered data on Roscosmos stealing her engine designs for the Mars mission. When she takes up the issue with Margo, Aleida's theories are shut down, leading her to believe that Margo may be behind the design leaks. Ellen and Larry manage to divert their political problems, but Ellen is forced to reconsider the sacrifices she made for her career. Meanwhile, Helios and Roscosmos start the extraction of water.

Ed leads the mission to extract the water from Mars’ surface. The mission is a collaboration between Helios and Roscosmos, who hope to share the water yield equally. Moreover, the mission is the key to laying the foundation of a sustainable human colony on Mars. Hence, the mission’s success is of utmost importance. While the extraction operation appears routine, the lack of knowledge about Mars’ surface is a difficult challenge.

Additionally, Danny Stevens, who is overseeing the mission control from the Phoenix base, is struggling with anxiety, and his mental health is deteriorating. As a result, he makes the fatal mistake of turning off communication with the drilling site leading to a massive error. Ed and a Soviet cosmonaut are injured during the drilling and need immediate medical health. Danny rushes outside to lend Ed a hand. However, as the duo makes their way to the med bay, a massive sand storm erupts at the drilling site.

The astronauts rush to find shelter but to no avail. The other astronauts get swept in the sand storm while Ed and Danny narrowly avoid the same fate. They hide inside a rover and protect themselves from the sand storm. The episode ends without clarifying the fates of the other astronauts. However, it is safe to say that the Helios-Roscosmos joint mission is a colossal failure.

After the accident on the drilling site, the infrastructure erected to extract water also falls apart during the sand storm. Moreover, it is implied that the ill-informed drilling attempt caused the sand storm in the first place. Ultimately, the mission’s failure proves that humanity is still not ready for the next step and must first understand the delicate ecosystem of the Red Planet.
The Sands of Ares

Season 3
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Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Friday July 29, 2022
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Guest Stars: Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), Meghan Leathers (Pam Horton), David Chandler (Jimmy Stevens), Madeline Bertani (Amber Stevens), Lev Gorn (Grigory Kuznetsov), Pawel Szajdla (Alexei Poletov), Alexander Sokovikov (Rolan Baranov), Robert Bailey Jr. (Will Tyler), Daniel David Stewart (Nick Corrado), Ilza Ponko (Isabel Castillo), Vera Cherny (Lenara Catiche), Randy Oglesby (Vice President Jim Bragg), Jessica Tuck (Christine Francis), Goran Ivanovski (Dimitri Mayakovskiy), Anne Beyer (Louisa Mueller), Amol Shah (Adarsh Sethi), Ayinde Howell (Benjamin Harmon), Nick Borraine (Lars Hagstrom), John Hartmann (Administrator Richard Truly), Mandy Levin (Sandy Bostik), Casey Feigh (John Blystone), Chris Gann (William Piltz), Vlad Pavlov (Pavel Zaitzev), Delaney Claire Evans (Avery Stevens), Parker Reese Evans (Avery Stevens)

Summary: After a sudden crisis, the Martian crews pull together.

The episode opens in the aftermath of the landslide on Mars that thwarts humans’ drilling attempts on the Red Planet. While several Helios astronauts and Roscosmos cosmonauts perish in the landslide, some are alive and make it back to the Soujourney-1 base in Happy Valley. The NASA astronauts are informed of the tragic turn of events and prepare to perform a search and rescue operation. However, they struggle to get a confirmation on the status of Ed Baldwin and Danny Stevens.

Elsewhere, Ellen meets Pam and the two talk for the first time since their breakup. Pam tells Ellen that she is proud of her, but their conversation is interrupted by the news of the landslide on Mars. Hence, Ellen is forced to promptly return to the White House. Helios informs NASA that their omnidirectional antenna is broken, making it difficult to track down the location of the survivors. At Helios Mission Control, Karen leaves the team with instructions to work with NASA on rescuing the missing astronauts. She then goes to Amber and Jimmy Stevens and tells them the news of Ed and Danny’s missing status.

Meanwhile, Ed and Danny are trapped inside a debris field as their Habitat rover is buried under 20 meters of rubble. Hence, their distress beacon’s signal cannot reach the surface. After realizing the same, Danielle Poole sends Kelly Baldwin and Alexei Poletov to perform a physical search of the debris field. The duo locates the distress signal from the Habitat rover, confirming
that Ed and Danny are alive. However, Alexei’s health suffers due to over-exposure to Mars’ atmosphere, and he needs a blood transfusion.

Danny patches up Ed’s wounds, and the two discuss their survival chances. They deduce that they only have six hours of breathable air. On Earth, Helios, Roscosmos, and NASA work together to find a way to dig into the debris field and save the stuck astronauts. Dev Ayesa formulates a plan to use the available resources and drill from the bottom of the debris field to free the Habitat rover. However, the plan is risky, and Mission Control must make precise calculations for it to succeed.

In the episode, Ed and Danny are trapped inside the Habitat rover underneath the debris from the landslide. Ed is severely injured, and shrapnel is still inside his abdomen. While Danny tends to Ed’s physical wounds, the difficult circumstances uncover some emotional wounds that Danny has been hiding behind his angsty facade. While waiting for the other astronauts to rescue them, Danny states that when he and Ed’s son, Shane, were teens, they would often get into trouble. However, Danny reveals that it was he who dragged Shane into trouble. Therefore, Danny considers himself responsible for Shane’s death. Moreover, because of these feelings, Danny struggles to face Ed leading to a difficult relationship between them. Nonetheless, Ed forgives Danny and encourages him to survive the mental strain of the difficult circumstances. The emotional conversation between the two men highlights the severity of Danny and Ed’s situation.

Ultimately, help does arrive, and an explosion rocks the Habitat rover. According to Dev’s plan, the astronauts must blow up the debris with explosives before rescuing Ed and Danny. Moreover, the odds of the rescue mission succeeding are bleak. Hence, the arrival of help ensures Ed and Danny’s survival. Viewers get a confirmation of their fate in the episode’s final moments. Karen receives a call that informs her of Ed and Danny’s safety. While the duo survives, Alexei does not. He dies due to overexposure, and the blood transfusion is futile. The episode closes with Ed consoling a grieving Kelly as humanity’s future on Mars looks bleak.
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**Coming Home**

**Season 3**

**Episode Number:** 29  
**Season Episode:** 9

**Originally aired:** Friday August 05, 2022

**Writer:** David Weddle, Bradley Thompson  
**Director:** Craig Zisk

**Show Stars:** Joel Kinnaman (Edward Baldwin), Shantel VanSanten (Karen Baldwin), Jodi Balfour (Ellen Waverly), Krys Marshall (Danielle Poole), Edi Gathegi (Dev Ayesa), Cynthia Wu (Kelly Baldwin), Casey W. Johnson (Danny Stevens), Coral Peña (Aleida Rosales), Wrenn Schmidt (Margo Madison)

**Guest Stars:** Nate Corddry (Larry Wilson), Noah Harpster (Bill Strausser), C.S. Lee (Lee Jung-Gil), Meghan Leathers (Pam Horton), Arturo Del Puerto (Octavio Rosales), Lev Gorn (Grigory Kuznetsov), Alexander Sokovikov (Rolan Baranov), Robert Bailey Jr. (Will Tyler), Goran Ivanovski (Dr. Dimitri Mayakovksy), Anne Beyer (Louisa Mueller), Vera Cherny (Lenara Catiche), Stewart Skelton (Speaker of the House), Michelle C. Bonilla (FBI Special Agent Victoria Rodriguez), Larry Clarke (Bill McGann), Jessica Tuck (Christine Francis), Larry Sullivan (Ryan Bauer), Allison Dunbar (Jenna Leigh), Amol Shah (Adarsh Sethi), Nick Boraine (Lars Hagstrom), Blair Hickey (Richard ‘Dicky’ Hilliard), Kristin Carey (Arlene — Board Member), Kaipo Schwab (Ex-NASA Astronaut), Ken Rudulph (Edward Kline), Frank Lui Geo (Martin Baker), Sonya Walger (Molly Cobb), Sam Vaghani (Wounded Staff)

**Summary:** Plans to leave Mars are complicated by an unforeseen issue.

The episode skips ahead in time after the death of Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Polivetov. The survivors dig out their buried MSAM from the rubble of the landslide. The MSAM is the stranded astronauts' last hope of safely returning to earth. However, the landing device is small for the nine survivors and is significantly damaged. Meanwhile, Kelly's pregnancy makes it difficult for her to accommodate herself inside the NASA space suits. As a result, she uses the Soviet suit.

The news of Kelly's pregnancy breaks on the earth, leading to various reactions. Several news outlets claim that the baby will be Martian causing a PR nightmare for NASA. However, NASA also receives some public support, and the news continues to gain media attention. The situation also affects Ellen's presidency. Moreover, the government also gets wind of Larry's affair. She is forced to sign a bill to give the government complete control of NASA. Ellen is threatened with impeachment, and it seems she has no option but to sign the bill.

Dev Ayesa continues his pursuit of building a colony on Mars. However, his new spacecraft idea is met with dismal reviews from the board. The board is unhappy with Dev's leadership, and the company loses a lot of money due to his decisions. As a result, the Helios board tries to push Dev out of the company and wishes for Karen Baldwin to become the CEO. Karen's proposal to sell Phoenix to NASA impresses the board. Elsewhere, Danny escapes blame for the drilling on the earth.
mission’s failure due to Nick Corrado’s death. Meanwhile, NASA works on solutions to bring their astronauts home, and Ellen must decide her future.

In the episode’s final moments, Larry decides to confess his affair publically. He sees it as a last resort to save Ellen’s presidency. A press conference is arranged, and the truth is about to come out. However, Ellen steps in and delivers a heartfelt speech. She reveals that she is a lesbian and urges the nation to be more welcoming and tolerant of the LGBTQ+ community.

She also changes the laws about gay people serving in the army and hails Will Tyler as a hero. Ellen’s speech appears to have a profound impact on the general public. Hence, it is likely that public opinion about Ellen’s presidency will change drastically in the coming time. As a result, it seems like Ellen’s presidency might be saved. Consequently, Larry’s affair will remain a secret, and Ellen could stay at the White House until the end of her term.
Stranger in a Strange Land

Season 3
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Season Episode: 10

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Director: Craig Zisk
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Guest Stars: Sonya Walger (Molly Cobb), Piotr Adamczyk (Sergei Orestovich Nikulov), Noah Harpster (Bill Straussen), C.S. Lee (Lee Jung-Gil), Meghan Leathers (Pam Horton), David Chandler (Jimmy Stevens), Madeline Bertani (Amber Stevens), Jorge Diaz (Victor Diaz), Lev Gorn (Grigory Kuznetsov), Alexander Sokovikov (Rolan Baranov), Robert Bailey Jr. (Will Tyler), Goran Ivanovski (Dr. Dimitri Mayakovksy), Anne Beyer (Louisa Mueller), Vera Cherny (Lenara Catiche), Zac Titus (Charles Bernitz), Taylor Dearden (Sunny Hall), Randy Oglesby (Jim Bragg), Teya Patt (Emma Jorgens), Sahana Srinivasan (Nuri Prabakar), Jessica Tuck (Christine Francis), Amol Shah (Adarsh Sethi), Nick Boraine (Lars Hagstrom), Mandy Levin (Sandy Bostik), John Hartmann (Administrator Richard Truly), Cheyenne Perez (Heather), William Cowart (Hal), Tiago Martinez (Javier Diaz), Aleisha Force (NASA Engineer Melanie Stanton), Christopher Ellay (NASA Engineer Jonathan Adams), Scott Rosendall (NASA Engineer Steven), Zedrick Restauro (NASA Controller Andrew), Selah Victor (NASA CAPCOM), Mark Weiler (NASA Security), Chet Dixon (Helios Engineer Geoffrey Keller), Cole Stratton (Helios Employee Ted), Leah Zhang (Helios Employee Gwen), Alysha Shareef (Helios Employee Sophie), Eric Satterberg (Helios Employee James), Jason Andre Smith (Helios Employee Ted), Vlad Pavlov (Pavel Zaitzev), Jason Her (North Korean Cosmonaut Park Choi), Shane Denil (American Neighbor), Hailey Winslow (Reporter #1), Andrew Ghai (Reporter #2), Frank Lui Geo (Martin Baker)

Summary:
The Martian crew debates how to save the life of one of their own.

The episode opens with a look at the arrival of the North Korean astronaut on Mars. After he spends some time in isolation, Danielle and Kuznetsov arrive near his spacecraft to collect a docking system necessary for their return trip to Earth. Danielle and Kuznetsov also take the North Korean astronaut with them to their base. Meanwhile, Kelly is a few months pregnant and must make it to Earth or risk losing her baby.

At the White House, the fiasco on Mars and the revelation of her sexuality increase the pressure on Ellen to resign as President. In Houston, Margo learns from Lenara
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Catiche that she is under investigation. Catiche offers Margo Soviet protection, but Margo turns it down. Catiche reveals that Aleida Rosales is the one speaking to the FBI about Margo’s ties with the Soviet Union. However, Margo encourages Aleida to focus on finding a solution to getting their astronauts back to Earth.

Karen speaks with Molly Cobb and seeks advice on her professional life. Later, Karen reveals to Dev Ayesa that the Helios board has asked her to take over as CEO. Dev reacts badly to the news and tries to spark a rebellion among the employees. However, Karen is quick to stop the uprising. On Mars, preparations begin for the astronauts to make a return journey. However, given the weight conditions of the MSAM, only a pilot and Kelly can be transported to the Phoenix. Meanwhile, Jimmy and his friends are about to stir trouble at the Johnson Space Center.

Kelly’s pregnancy poses a stern problem for Ed Baldwin and the NASA ground staff, who are trying to rescue their astronauts. The astronauts decide to remain back and send only Kelly to Earth as the MSAM cannot support the weight of nine people. NASA and Helios work together and create a plan that requires Kelly to board the Phoenix that is orbiting around Mars. The spacecraft has enough energy to reach the Earth.

In the end, Ed pilots the MSAM and launches Kelly into orbit, and she safely makes it to Phoenix despite the dangers of the maneuver. However, Kelly’s return trip to Earth isn’t depicted, and her fate remains unknown till the episode’s final moments. Later, viewers see Kelly and her newborn baby looking out of a window at the night sky. The scene confirms Kelly returned to Earth safely. Moreover, her baby is also healthy, and the pair is waiting for the return of Ed and the others.

In the episode, Ed Baldwin undertakes another dangerous mission. He flies the MSAM carrying Kelly to orbit. However, the MSAM only has enough energy to propel Kelly close to orbit. After the goal is achieved, the MSAM does not have enough energy to execute a landing for Ed to reach back to the surface safely. The mission appears to be a suicidal one, but Ed is resigned to taking the risk to save the life of his daughter and grandchild.

Ed requests Molly Cobb’s help in performing the tricky landing. Molly instructs Ed to focus on the horizon and wait for the precise moment to perform a free fall that will ensure that he crashes on the surface safely. However, when Ed tries to perform the free fall, the MSAM catches fire, making it difficult for him to survive. Nonetheless, Ed emerges from the wreckage alive. In the episode’s final moments, Ed and the remaining astronauts start forming a Mars colony. They must now wait for a few years before Sojourner-2 takes them back to Earth.

In the episode, Jimmy arrives at the Johnson Space Center with his anti-NASA friends. However, Jimmy quickly realizes that the group is planning something sinister. Before Jimmy can warn anyone, he is knocked out by the group. Eventually, Karen finds Jimmy inside a van. When she frees Jimmy, Karen realizes that the van is laced with explosives. The group triggers the explosives before Karen has the chance to alert security. As a result, a massive explosion occurs outside the Johnson Space Center that shakes up NASA’s mission control.

Karen is close to the blast, and she dies in the explosion. Molly helps rescue the survivors inside the Johnson Space Center while Aleida searches for Margo. When Aleida arrives at Margo’s office, it has been destroyed. Margo’s body is nowhere to be seen, and she is presumed dead. A newspaper report later reveals that Molly died while saving the bomb blast survivors.

In the episode’s final moments, the scene moves forward to 2003. Margo is revealed to be alive. Her situation is juxtaposed against Sergei’s, who is adjusting to life in America. Meanwhile, Margo is likely in Russia. Margo was set to be apprehended for her alliance with the Soviet Union and sharing NASA’s engine designs with them. While Margo gave up the designs to save Sergei’s life, it is unlikely that she would have escaped the FBI investigation and subsequent arrest. Hence, Margo likely took Catiche’s help and defected to Russia. Consequently, the bomb blast was used to fake her death in the USA.
Season Four
## Glasnost
### Season 4
#### Episode Number: 31
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<td>Summary:</td>
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The episode opens with a news montage that catches us up to 2003, starting with Ellen Wilson’s speech when she’s reelected President of the United States (George H. W. Bush is her VP). One notable piece of news includes the expanded Mars colony under the M-7 Treaty. We also see a job surge on the Moon, with companies like ExxonMobil and Shell at the fore. The Helios CEO unveils a new engine that’ll shorten the Mars trip to a few months instead of waiting for the “Mars window” for travel.
Then, another news article reveals Ed Baldwin, Danielle Poole, Lee Jung-Gil, Grigory Kuznetsov, Will Tyler, Lars Hagstrom, Rolan Baranov, Dr. Dimitri Mayakovsky and Louisa Mueller arrived home after 15 months on Mars. Hmm. Notice how there’s no mention of Danny Stevens.

The Hilton opens its first hotel on the Moon, so space tourism is back in business after the Polaris Hotel disaster. We see a news segment about Jimmy Stevens standing trial for the JSC bombing that resulted in several deaths, including Karen Baldwin and Molly Cobb. Hillary Clinton files for divorce after Bill’s public infidelity. In this timeline, he’s never president.

On a happier note, Ellen signs a bill for marriage equality. A new flick, Race to Mars, sweeps the theater circuit, with Clint Eastwood starring as Ed and Jada Pinkett (no Smith) as Danielle. And get this: Harvey Weinstein is charged with sexual assault in 1999. JFK Jr. kicks off a Senate run. Dev Ayesa spearheads a new robotics company. Al Gore becomes the 42nd President of the United States. Ellen and Pam Horton finally marry and settle in Texas. John Lennon performs at the 2002 Super Bowl (instead of U2).

Reality TV also takes this alternate timeline by storm, including Moon Miners, because why not? The USSR undergoes an economic boom. President Gore announces the end of the Cold War — roughly a decade later than in real life.

As for Happy Valley on Mars, it’s looking quite different than when we last left it. The Mars colony is booming. On Ranger 1, Ed, now looking older, still serves as XO. He sits next to Svetlana Zakharova while communicating with Colonel George Peters, who’s in charge at Happy Valley. They’re preparing to capture the asteroid Kronos with the hopes of mining it for invaluable resources for Mars. Grigory, now a colonel, is out in space. He makes contact with the asteroid, becoming the first astronaut to do so.

At NASA in the Molly Cobb Space Center, Director Eli Hobson chats with Roscosmos director Lenara Catiche regarding the history being made that day. Aleida Rosales still works in mission control but not as a flight director. Everyone on Earth and elsewhere celebrates this victory.

Later, we see Margo Madison waking up in Moscow to an overcast, wintry day. She leaves her apartment to find someone watching her from afar in a parked car. Then, Margo grabs a pastry from the local bakery and a newspaper from a man with a newsstand in the park. She sees the front page dedicated to Grigory’s achievement. In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Miles Dale returns to his wife Amanda’s home to visit his kids and find a suitable shirt for an interview. He hopes to join the energy boom on the Moon.

Amanda reminds him that she mailed the divorce papers. However, he hasn’t signed them yet. Miles insists that if he snags this lucrative job on the Moon, he can save their marriage and family. He can make things right again.

Meanwhile, Danielle celebrates little Avery Stevens’ ninth birthday with Amber Stevens, Danny’s widow. We don’t need to know precisely what transpired on Mars to know that Danny is dead. Danielle comforts Amber, who reveals some days are easier than others as far as grief is concerned.

Next, we see Helios employees Samantha Massey and Tom Parker hard at work on the crane that’ll transport the Kronos asteroid back to Mars. On Earth, Miles prepares for his interview at Helios’ headquarters. Realizing he doesn’t have an educational background, he copies another applicant’s answer for an alma mater. Miles’ interview is going well. He doesn’t have Moon experience, but a blue-collar worker like him knows his way around heavy-duty machinery.

Unfortunately, Miles learns he won’t head to the Moon for another two years. Desperate to mend his broken family, Miles asks the recruiter for an earlier slot. The recruiter claims he could place Miles on a flight to Mars. It would be a two-year contract on the red planet. Miles eagerly accepts the post.

Suddenly, Ed and the others aboard Ranger 1 notice trouble afoot regarding the crane. The asteroid is slipping out of the grappling hooks they have in place to secure it. Grigory decides to head outside to fix it. Tom Parker joins him despite Samantha’s protests. Unfortunately, Grigory gets his leg stuck between two metal bars while the crane falls apart. It kills Parker. Ed moves to put on his suit and save Grigory. However, Grigory urges him to stay put. Peters at Happy Valley also orders everyone on Ranger 1 to remain where they are. Grigory tells Ed his CO2 levels are low because there’s a hole in his suit.

As much as it pains Ed, he honors Grigory’s wish and leaves him there. Ranger 1 flies away from Grigory and the asteroid. RIP, Kuz. Meanwhile, chaos ensues at NASA. Aleida is plagued.
with visions from the Johnson Space Center bombing in 1995. She excuses herself from mission control and heads outside to catch her breath. Aw, she has some trauma to work through.

Next, Danielle’s husband Corey calls Danielle into the living room to watch a breaking news segment. It’s about Grigory’s death. Naturally, Danielle is shocked. Meanwhile, Margo calls Roscosmos, asking to speak with Director Catiche. However, she’s firmly told that Catiche has been getting Margo’s messages, and she’s currently out.

In Baton Rouge, Miles puts his daughters to bed. Amanda voices her concerns regarding Miles’ latest job on Mars. It’s so far away. Miles insists he must do this for the family. It’ll all work out. They start making out. Amanda asserts this doesn’t change their marital status; she still wants a divorce.

Margo visits Roscosmos herself. She’s met by an employee who urges her to schedule an appointment in the future. Margo believes she can help them figure out what happened with Kronos. However, the Roscosmos employee claims it’s been too long since Margo spearheaded NASA. The technology has changed.

Kelly Baldwin watches a video from Ed. Initially, he was supposed to head home and move in with her and her son Alex. Now, Ed insists he must stay a little longer, at least for the sake of the new commander who will take Peters’ place at Happy Valley. Kelly sighs. He’s been in space for years now. Alexei’s mother has been staying with her. Kelly’s ready to send the latter packing.

Later, Danielle meets with Eli at NASA. He asks our fave decorated commander to lead the crew at Happy Valley — take over for Peters. Danielle reminds Eli that she’s retired. Eli knows Danielle will whip Happy Valley into shape. They must get the asteroid mining program back up and running and put the Kronos tragedy behind them. Danielle decides it’s best she remains on Earth.

Danielle reveals she only accepted Eli’s offer to talk this time to honor Grigory, who was her rock amid the worst of times on Mars — especially after Karen’s death. Elsewhere, Aleida’s home is bustling with her two kids and husband getting ready to leave for the day. Aleida tells her hubby Victor that she plans to work from home today. He notices NASA is calling her. She ignores it.

Then, Margo sits in the park with her newspaper, munching on a delectable pastry. Irina Morozova feeds the birds beside her, chatting with her in Russian before switching to English. Margo asks Irina if they know each other. Irina reveals she only wants what’s best for Margo. While it’s winter, spring is inevitable, and she’ll be there to give Margo what she needs. Irina’s cryptic words are punctuated by a business card with nothing but a phone number on its front.

As Danielle departs NASA, she runs into Will Tyler, who works in Astronaut Affairs. Will reveals he’s engaged to a wonderful man. They chat about the past and Danielle’s future with NASA. Happy Valley needs her. She appears to reconsider Eli’s request.

Sure enough, we see Unity on its way to Mars, with Commander Danielle Poole at the helm. The camera pans to the back of the ship, where Miles sits with his crew. He’s excited to see what the red planet has in store for him. On Mars, Ed sits in his quarters. We see photos of Kelly, his grandson Alex, his late son Shane, Karen, Gordo and others lining his desk. Aw. It’s a painful reminder of everyone he’s lost. At least he has Kelly and Alex. Ed smokes a joint while looking out at the darkened planet.
Have a Nice Sol

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Summary: New Helios employees arrive on Mars as NASA undergoes major changes.

The episode opens with Miles and Rich landing on Mars. Miles whips out his digital camera to snap a few pics during the descent. Oh, the digital camera — very 2000s. Upon his arrival at the Happy Valley base, he and Rich join Palmer, who answers directly to Ed, for a tour. Miles learns his quarters are underground, on the third level. He’s gonna need to up his Vitamin D intake.

Meanwhile, Danielle reunites with Ed. They exchange their requisite “Hi, Bobs,” and my heart breaks slightly. I was thinking about Gordo. Danielle notices Ed’s wearing a patch on his shirt with Grigory’s initials.

Elsewhere, Miles gets his bunk assignment and discovers he’s essentially working in maintenance, not on the Martian surface as advertised. Once in his quarters, he meets his bunkmates, including Gerardo and Ilya. He finds a photo concealed in his bed of the late Tom Parker with his wife and kids. Samantha snatches it from him.

Later, Danielle speaks to the senior officers, including Ed, her XO, and Lee. (Earlier, Lee’s reunion with Danielle was pretty tight-lipped and curt. He’s with the North Koreans.) Danielle honors Grigory, aka Kuz, and vows to work hard to improve Happy Valley. That includes restarting the asteroid project.
On Earth, Victor wakes up at 3:30 am to find Aleida deconstructing their living room TV. He reveals he’s worried about her. It’s been months since she walked out of NASA. She seldom leaves the house anymore. Her behavior is also affecting their kids. Aleida refuses to return to her therapist. My baby girl has been through so much.

Next, a montage shows Danielle and Miles going about their day-to-day in Happy Valley. It’s complemented brilliantly by “Clint Eastwood” by Gorillaz. Miles discovers there’s poor bandwidth for the below-ground workers, so the videos from Amanda and his daughters are slow to load. However, Danielle has zero problems with that access. We also see him drink subpar coffee while Danielle enjoys the best roast this side of Mars. It highlights the disparities between senior officers and lower-level employees. Plus, the editing is sleek and seamless.

At the Carl Sagan Center for Planetary Science, Kelly is hard at work on her robotics program. Hobson stops by and gets a demonstration from Spot, Kelly’s robot capable of locating microbial samples. This program will determine whether there’s life on Mars. After said demonstration, Hobson pulls Kelly aside. He reveals President Gore wants NASA’s resources allocated to the asteroid program. That means other science initiatives, including robotics, will have to take a temporary backseat. Understandably, Kelly’s upset.

Then, Ed and Danielle have delicious-looking pasta in the mess hall for the upstairs crew. Ed tells Danielle that Kelly hasn’t responded to him since he revealed his plans to prolong his stay on Mars. Danielle doesn’t blame her.

Elsewhere, Miles sits with Rich as he eats something that’s supposed to be meatloaf. Samantha chats with them. She reveals the world has been consumed with grief over Kuz that they’ve forgotten about Tom Parker, who also lost his life that day.

The trio also discusses the unfair conditions the lower-level employees endure while the senior officers and those above ground sit pretty. Meanwhile, Danielle mentions the bandwidth issue below ground and a host of other problems. Ed discloses the TV in the mess hall went kaput. It’ll take at least a year to repair it. Danielle orders her XO to push to get these repairs made ASAP. This would require fixing the satellite in orbit. Oh, and Ed pulls the “back in my day” shit when brushing off the lower-level workers’ concerns because they’re only on Mars to make a buck.

Next, Aleida meets with Hobson at NASA to ask for her old job. She apologizes for vanishing like that, claiming she had to step away due to a family emergency. Hobson reveals Aleida is more than welcome to return to work. He recommends she chat with a mental health professional before coming back. Aleida insists she’s fine — it’s all gravy. However, upon Hobson mentioning Margo, Aleida has a flashback to the day of the JSC bombing. She wanders through Margo’s destroyed office, thinking the latter fell to her death or died instantly.

Suddenly, Aleida stands up, asserting she made a mistake returning here. She declares her intention to quit before walking out. Naturally, Hobson is left bewildered. Aleida wanders into Julio’s Tex-Mex, which used to be The Outpost. She buys a shot before noticing Kelly sitting in a booth by herself. Aleida joins her. Kelly remembers Aleida as the flight director who catapulted her and her unborn child to the Phoenix in 1995. They sit together in commiseration.

At Happy Valley, Miles is taken aback by how many deductions Helios made from his first paycheck. He’s bringing in less money on Mars than his last job. He approaches Palmer to complain. Then, Ed gets involved. Ed urges Miles to show more gratitude and take responsibility. He’s just like everyone else. Okay, that’s easy for you to say, Ed. You make a decent living.

Later, Danielle and Ed watch while the satellite team makes repairs. They celebrate once said repairs prove to be successful. That means the bandwidth should be faster for the below-ground residents. Back at Julio’s Tex-Mex, Kelly and Aleida vent to each other about their sh*tty days while taking shots. Aleida reveals she quit NASA, while Kelly complains about Hobson cutting funding for the robotics program. Kelly insists they must confirm there’s life on Mars. Otherwise, what’s the point?

The following morning, Kelly wakes up on Aleida’s couch to Aleida’s daughter poking her in the arm. Kelly sports a wicked hangover. Victor makes her coffee while Kelly joins Aleida in the kitchen. Aleida declares she has the answer to Kelly’s funding problem. She could ask for private funding and run a robotics program by herself. Well, she won’t be alone. Aleida vows to work alongside her. They can make it happen together. Victor smiles. Aw, I love this duo already.

Then, with the bandwidth in working order, Miles watches the backlog of videos from his family. He feels overcome with emotion. Miles records his response, holding up Rich’s disgusting “meatloaf” and claiming it’s a Martian rock. Miles lies about how much he loves it on Mars.
Samantha overhears the recording while she tries to sleep in her bunk. She takes him to a secret spot — Ilya’s bar. Ilya can get you anything you need from Earth, from toothpaste and socks to porno. He also makes vodka. It’s a nice place for the below-ground employees to unwind. It reminds me of a Prohibition-era speakeasy.

Elsewhere, Margo wakes up to begin her day in Moscow. She watches TV but notices the program cuts out. Then, she picks up her usual order from the local bakery. The usually friendly baker brusquely suggests she head back to her apartment. We hear sirens in the distance.

Next, she notices a crowd around Artem’s newsstand. A few officers order him to shut down — only essential businesses will remain open today. Artem refuses. A bystander in the crowd demands to know where Mikhail Gorbachev is. He hasn’t been seen anywhere lately. The officers refrain from responding.

Instead, a host of vehicles appear. More officers shove onlookers into these vans. Margo attempts to defend Artem when one officer starts assaulting him. Unfortunately, she, too, is pushed to the ground. Her glasses fly off her face. Finally, the episode ends with Margo explaining she’s innocent in Russian as she’s led into one of the vehicles.
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### The Bear Hug

**Season 4**  
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The episode opens with Margo sitting in a truck with several bystanders arrested at Artem’s newsstand. Then, she and the others are shoved out of the truck and pushed against the wall of a building, where the soldiers conduct a pat down. Elsewhere, news outlets from around the world report on the Soviet coup. Tanks surround the Russian parliament building in Moscow. Another news anchor mentions that Mikhail Gorbachev’s days are numbered as the face of the coup, Fyodor Korzhenko, intends to reverse corrupt “Western-friendly policies” and restore the Soviet Union to “Marxist-Leninist principles.”

Next, we see Svetlana, Danielle and Ed watching a news segment about the Moscow situation. We learn Happy Valley cosmonauts haven’t heard from their loved ones in Russia. Svetlana mentions her father always sends her a video every week. Unfortunately, she didn’t receive one from him this past week. Danielle urges Ed to ensure that cosmonaut mail takes bandwidth priority. She understands if Svetlana doesn’t want to participate in restarting the asteroid program; however, the latter insists that business should continue as usual.

Later, Dev encounters a surfer on his private beach. They briefly debate whether the universe gives humans “signs” before Dev kicks her out for trespassing. He returns to his lavish estate. Meanwhile, Aleida and Kelly deliver a presentation at Helios to secure funding for their project. They propose their robot, S.E.E.K.E.R., will search for life on Mars. A montage plays out, featuring our new dynamic duo delivering the same pitch to various companies. Unfortunately, all of said companies reject them. As they depart Helios, Aleida suggests they visit one more potential backer — Dev Ayesa.
Then, Miles watches a video from his youngest daughter. Amanda reveals her friend has offered her a job in Boise that she's considering. She doesn't blame Miles for the money he sends, but it's not enough. His checks are much smaller than either of them expected. After Miles closes the vidmail, Samantha declares they're visiting Ilya's to knock back a few drinks.

While there, Miles asks Samantha how much Ilya makes with his side business. She assumes he makes bank. Miles approaches Ilya with a request. Why not let him join the operation? Samantha chimes in, claiming Miles would be an asset to Ilya. Miles boasts a green badge, meaning he has access to all levels in Happy Valley. He also spends his days repairing various things in the base. Ilya heartily accepts, shaking hands with Miles. No doubt he's seeing dollar signs with Miles on board.

Next, Ilya shows Miles the ropes, training him in customer service and how products make their way to Mars. Ilya has a contact on Earth who ensures deliveries arrive at Happy Valley in one piece. Then, Miles starts interacting with Ilya's customers, who range from senior officers to below-ground workers. He notices his bank account balance increasing significantly. Ilya's impressed with his work.

Later, Ed and Svetlana are in Ranger-1, orbiting above Mars. Ed attempts a docking maneuver, but his hands start shaking again. He allows Svetlana to do it, which she executes like a pro. In Russia, Margo is led to a dingy room where a soldier questions her. He asks her what she was doing at Artem's newsstand. Why did she interfere with Soviet officers doing their job?

Then, he dumps her purse, revealing the card she got from that mystery woman in the park. The officer asks Margo about the identity of Park Lady. He discloses that the card's prefix belongs to the KGB's Third Chief Directorate. Suddenly, they hear gunshots outside the room. The soldier arms himself before heading into the hallway, leaving Margo alone. She flinches upon hearing a thud.

Meanwhile, Kelly and Aleida visit Dev at his home. They pitch him Kelly's robotics project. Unfortunately, he doesn't bite. He feels the ROI (Return on Investment) isn't worth his finances and time. Kelly mentions her mother and how Karen sang Dev's praises when they first joined forces at Helios. Dev fires back that Karen stabbed him in the back, souring his viewpoint on people. They'll only let you down.

Then, at Happy Valley, Ed shows Svetlana his secret garden (not to be confused with the novel, movies or musical). Ed admits that gardening helps him feel close to Karen. However, that's not all on the gardening front — Ed reveals he has marijuana plants. He urges Svetlana not to disclose this secret to anyone. He explains he got the seeds from Wayne to help manage his aches and pains. We got a Wayne mention! I hope he's okay. He lost his bestie and his wifey on the same day.

Ed demonstrates his shakiness to Svetlana, who asks about his medical condition. Ed doesn't know what it is. They bond over pot. Old Man Ed is still pulling, apparently.

Margo's not having a good time. Colonel Kolikoff barges into her room. He throws the soldier who was originally interrogating her onto his knees. Then, Kolikoff breaks the dude's hand. He asks about the phone number on Margo's card. The soldier called that number. The person on the other end revealed it was a watch repair shop. Next, his call was transferred to another man, who claimed "Margaret Reynolds" was one of their most valued customers.

Kolikoff asks Margo who gave her the card. Of course, Margo states what she's been saying from the beginning: she doesn't know. Kolikoff claims the number reaches a trap line that redirects to the Second Directorate of the KGB. He emphasizes that homeboy was talking to "the KGB who watches the rest of the KGB" — the big dogs. Suddenly, Kolikoff shoots the other man in the head before returning his attention to Margo. He strings her up by her handcuffed wrists. She screams. Kolikoff plans to torture her to get the information he needs.

At Happy Valley, Miles repairs Ily's vodka tanks. Well, said repairs are short-lived because it all explodes. Ilya is furious. He needs the vodka for the bar. Miles reveals the thermostat is fried. Ilya reminds him he requires a cooling coil to condense the alcohol back to liquid. Unfortunately, the part he uses is outdated. Miles returns to his quarters, telling Samantha and Rich that Ilya must order a new thermostat, which means the bar will be out of order for a few months.

Rich scans the base to discover that, while newer ones have replaced that particular thermostat model, one place still uses what Ilya needs: the North Korean compound. Remember Palmer's rule? Nobody visits the NK compound. Rich and Samantha wash their hands of the situation. Miles decides
to stack the deck in his favor. He causes a cooling system leak in the North Korean compound, giving him a reason for them to grant him access.

Then, Lee is told by one of his fellow astronauts not to let Miles in. However, Miles persuades Lee that only he can fix their problem. He is a repairman, after all. While Lee is distracted, Miles accesses the compound’s refrigerator to extract the thermostat Ilya needs. Lee barges into the room after Miles conceals said thermostat in his bag. Lee demands to know what Miles put in his bag. Did he steal something? Or did he plant a recording device so he and the Americans could eavesdrop on their conversations?

Miles apologizes, revealing he took their thermostat. Lee encourages Miles to keep it. However, he must do something for Lee. Hmm. Later, on Earth, Kelly and Aleida return to Kelly’s home to find Dev playing with her son. He reveals he’s on board with their plan to send a robot to Mars to search for signs of life. But he doesn’t want to invest his money; he wants to regain control of Helios. They can take over and utilize the company’s vast resources. Dev gives Aleida and Kelly a list of shareholders. They must persuade these shareholders to divest their shares.

Aleida visits one Helios shareholder she knows pretty well: good ole Bill. Aw, I’ve missed Bill. Bill became paralyzed from the waist down due to the JSC bombing in 1995. We see him in a wheelchair, crouched over a project. Aleida cuts to the chase. She wants Bill to relinquish his shares so Dev can retake Helios. Bill’s okay with doing that. He’s more upset with Aleida for leaving NASA after 15 years.

They argue about her decision to do that. The conversation turns to the JSC bombing and how they both struggled to adapt during its aftermath. Bill remarks on the burning plastic taste that hits the back of your throat upon entering the building. Like Aleida, Bill, too, refuses to return to NASA.

Meanwhile, Kolikoff throws a bag over a rightfully terrified Margo’s head, hinting that it’s the end of the line for her. He ushers her out of the building and into a vehicle.

Elsewhere, Dev, Kelly and Aleida storm Helios. They’ve convinced enough shareholders on the board to hand over their shares, meaning Dev can retake the reins. He gives the current CEO the boot, kicks out the financial team and removes anyone else that could be a hindrance. It’s a new dawn at Helios Aerospace.

Then, Miles fixes Ilya’s vodka system with the required thermostat from the North Korean compound. He thanks Miles and reemploys him. Next, Miles introduces Ilya’s newest customer — Lee. Ilya’s over the moon to expand his clientele. Lee shows Ilya a picture of his wife, claiming he needs the latter to bring her to Happy Valley.

Finally, Margo arrives at her destination. Irina Morozova introduces herself as the new head of Roscosmos. Oh, and Gorbachev and his army have agreed to terms, meaning Korzhenko is now the president. Irina returns Margo’s shattered glasses from when they fell off her face at Artem’s newsstand. Then, she reveals she wants Margo to work for her at Star City. As it turns out, they’re standing in front of Star City. Margo follows her inside, in awe while still (understandably) traumatized.
### House Divided

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Summary: An accident on Mars strains relationships, while Miles embarks on a risky venture.

The episode opens with Svetlana and Vasily arguing over whether Korzhenko will make a better president than Gorbachev. Svetlana is a vocal Gorbachev supporter, while Vasily supports the current leader. Their argument transforms into a physical altercation on the Martian surface. Svetlana shoves Vasily too hard. He falls onto the equipment behind him, which punctures his suit. Svetlana urges him to empty his lungs so they don’t explode and promptly calls for a medical team.

Later, Margo arrives at Star City for her first day at Roscosmos. She spots Director Irina Morozova chatting with her advisors regarding the Martian incident. She overhears one of the advisors disclosing to Irina that Vasily may never regain consciousness. They flock into a boardroom to discuss the matter further.

Meanwhile, on Mars, Danielle and Ed brainstorm about what to do regarding Svetlana. As commander of Happy Valley, Danielle feels she must dole out some kind of punishment. She decides to revoke Svetlana’s flight status and confine her to the base for 60 sols without pay. Ed protests this, claiming Svetlana is their best pilot. They need her for the asteroid training program.
They bring Svetlana into Danielle’s quarters. Svetlana reveals that Roscosmos wants her to board Unity the following day so she can return to Moscow to stand trial. As it turns out, Vasily is the nephew of someone high up in the new Russian regime. Danielle doesn’t believe this is right — the incident occurred at Happy Valley, meaning it’s her jurisdiction. She sends a message to NASA Director Eli Hobson to communicate her opinion on the matter.

Will sides with Danielle and Hobson. However, there’s some opposition on the NASA board. After listening to Danielle’s message, the board learns more about Irina and her rise to power. She’s always been an avid supporter of Korzhenko and with Vasily’s connections to Korzhenko, Svetlana’s position is precarious. Plus, Irina has been weeding out Gorbachev supporters at Roscosmos. Hobson hopes to persuade Irina to reconsider her stance on Svetlana. Perhaps she can remain at Happy Valley.

Meanwhile, Miles presents a new business venture to Ilya. Maybe they can expand the operation by sending Mars rocks to Earth. Ilya’s contact can sell them for a pretty penny. Miles plays a message from Amanda, who reveals she sold the Mars rock Miles sent to Earth to a jeweler for five grand. Imagine the revenue they could rake in. However, Ilya’s not about that, claiming it’s best to limit their operation to as few people as possible. They must avoid detection from the senior officers; otherwise, they’ll get into trouble. On a separate note, Miles asks Ilya for an update regarding Lee’s request to bring his wife to Mars. Ilya claims it’ll take time.

Later, Hobson and Irina virtually chat about Svetlana’s fate. Hobson believes Danielle should punish her at Happy Valley, and Svetlana should retain her position there. Irina counters that this is an issue regarding Soviet law. Svetlana broke that law by attacking a fellow Soviet citizen. According to her, Vasily’s connections are irrelevant. Hobson cites the M-7 Treaty, with Irina responding that, as per said treaty, an individual can recall one of their own back to their respective country as they see fit. Irina hangs up. That crashed and burned spectacularly.

Next, Margo joins Irina and her advisors for a meeting. One man voices his opinion that perhaps Irina should concede to Happy Valley. Allowing Svetlana to remain part of the asteroid program is crucial for the Soviet Union. Of course, Irina protests, asking the man if he would return the knife after his attacker stabbed him in the back. Then, Kirill Semenov presents his accident report regarding the failed Kronos mission. Tatyana Volkova, his mentee, hands out copies to those present. Irina orders her to give one to Margo.

When Tatyana claims there aren’t enough copies, Irina nonchalantly demands Tatyana hand the aforementioned man’s copy to Margo. You know, the one who claimed they should cooperate with the US. Methinks that dude’s in hot water now.

Later, Margo sits in her office, pouring over the accident report. Irina wants the advisors to figure out why the Kronos mission failed. I love that a jazz soundtrack plays while she works, indicating she’s back “in the zone.” It would be even better if she had a piano to play.

Elsewhere, Miles, Sam, Rich, Gerardo and the other below-deck workers discuss the Svetlana/Vasily incident. Some have heard rumors that Vasily is brain-dead, while others claim he’s on the mend. Regardless, he’ll be in a hyperbaric chamber for a while. Miles pulls Sam aside to ask if she’d accompany him to the Martian surface. He wants to find more rocks to send to Earth, and she has access to the rovers. Sam refuses, claiming Miles is selfish for not considering that Vasily might die. Hey, Miles is in it for the money. He doesn’t want to get involved, and I kind of respect that.

Then, Margo leaves her office later that evening for coffee. She realizes she doesn’t have enough coins for the coffee machine. Tatyana gives her a coin hack for the machine before introducing herself. In turn, Margo offers advice regarding Tatyana’s problem-solving for the Kronos mission. Before Margo returns to her office, Tatyana reveals that Irina ordered everyone to inexplicably steer clear of Margo.

At Happy Valley, Danielle discovers that their interface is written in Cyrillic. She asks one of the cosmonauts why that is. The Soviet government ordered these systems to return to their older formats. Oh, and the Soviets no longer recognize Danielle as the Happy Valley commander. Uh-oh. Danielle organizes a meeting with Ed and her team to discuss this new development and the Russians’ attempt to usurp her position.

Ed asks Palmer to do a security sweep of the base and send a few officers to guard Svetlana’s door should the Soviets try to take her by force. Danielle urges her crew to keep watch on the cosmonauts. On Earth, Hobson has a chat with President Gore over the phone, who orders the former to fix this mess. They just got out of the Cold War; they don’t need a new one.
Next, Miles decides to trek across Mars alone for his money-making rocks. He watches a news segment featuring Dev Ayasa, who claims the Svetlana/Vasily incident won’t affect Helios’ mission to find life on Mars. Miles hopes to wear one of the newer suits, but his contact claims he must don the old-school Helios blue suit. Hey, it’s nice to see that make a comeback.

Miles smiles while plodding across the Martian surface as he collects rocks to ship back to Earth. He tries to grab one particularly hard-to-reach rock; however, he loses his balance and takes a tumble, falling into a crevasse. Oh, that’s not good. At the Happy Valley base, Sam confronts Danielle regarding Vasily. She believes Svetlana should be punished. Why does she get to wander freely through the base while Vasily fights for his life? Danielle reminds Sam that she doesn’t know the whole story or what Danielle plans to do.

Then, Danielle meets with Dr. Mayakovsky to get an update on Vasily’s prognosis. Aw, I’ve missed Mayakovsky. He’s a sweet soul. Mayakovsky claims arterial gas embolism is the concern, but it’s difficult to predict. Vasily is strong, though.

Rich asks Sam if he’s seen Miles. Miles should’ve returned after his Mars trek. Sensing he’s in trouble, Sam puts on a suit, snags a rover and ventures onto the surface to save him. Thankfully, she spots him in the crevasse. He can’t hear her, though, and his suit is losing oxygen. Sam tosses a small rock down into the crevasse to get his attention. Sam helps him climb out of the crevasse. Once Miles is topside, Sam smacks him in the arm for attempting this rock-collecting mission alone. Interestingly, the old-school suit could withstand a puncture without significantly harming Miles, but not Vasily’s newer suit.

Miles and Sam look like they’re about to kiss when Rich contacts Sam, asking if Miles is okay. They decide to return to the base. I knew this show would potentially shove these two together.

Meanwhile, at Roscosmos, Irina calls Margo and Kirill into her office. Margo has discovered a manufacturing error in the asteroid anchor bolts. Roscosmos designed and built these bolts, but quality control did not catch the error. Irina accuses Kirill of withholding this problem from his accident report.

He takes responsibility for it since his team ran the checks. After Irina escorts Kirill from her office, Margo lingers, looking at Svetlana’s files on Irina’s desk. Then, the framed poem on Irina’s wall catches her eye. Irina returns. She reveals the origins of the poem and why she loves it. The conversation turns to Margo’s immense capabilities and how Irina knew she was capable of greatness.

Margo asks Irina what will happen to Kirill. Irina states that Kirill will find “new employment.” Sure, Jan. Before Margo departs, Irina gives her a gift: a framed photo of the 1969 Roscosmos engineers, which includes Sergei. Irina reveals she and Sergei were quite close, working together as colleagues. Hmm. I wonder if she and Sergei were lovers at some point.

On Earth, Hobson gets an idea from his wife about what to do with Svetlana. Danielle relays said idea to Ed at Happy Valley. Svetlana will now stand trial in India, a neutral country among the M-7 nations. Even Korzhenko gave it his stamp of approval. Danielle’s position is also restored. It’s much better than her standing trial in Russia. Ed vehemently protests this, claiming Svetlana shouldn’t have to leave. The pair argue. In the heat of the moment, Danielle reminds Ed that he’s always let his emotions cloud his judgment.

When she brings up Danny, Ed fires back that what happened to Danny wasn’t his fault. She almost reveals Danny’s fate but stops herself. Ed urges her to finish her sentence. I mean, I’m pretty sure Danny committed suicide, but the show’s taking great pains to conceal it. Danielle puts her foot down, declaring that her decision is final. Svetlana will leave on Unity that night. That’s right, Ed—Danielle’s in charge.

At Star City, Margo sits with Tatyana in a bustling cafeteria. She notices that Tatyana is crying. That’s when Margo learns of Kirill’s fate. The KGB took him in view of the public. He’ll never see the light of day again. Margo sits in another meeting with Irina and her advisors. Irina informs the group that “the Americans have folded,” and Svetlana will stand trial for her “crimes against the state.” Margo looks at the empty chair where Kirill used to sit.

Lastly, at Happy Valley, Ed tries to persuade Svetlana to flee. He can hide her in the fourth level below ground, where it’s pressurized, but nobody’s there. They can brainstorm a way to save her. However, Svetlana doesn’t want Ed jeopardizing his career for her. She kisses him on the lips. Damn, Old Man Baldwin is still getting it.

He tries to go in for round two when Palmer arrives, revealing it’s time for Svetlana to depart. Ed escorts her to Unity, withstanding the glares from the staff watching Svetlana leave. After
they bid farewell, Ed gives Danielle the cold shoulder as he barrels past her.
## Goldilocks

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The episode opens with a gorgeous shot of the Paine Space Telescope as it sits on the outskirts of Earth. Then, we arrive at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. An employee notices something peculiar on a screen. She wipes at a particular spot, thinking it’s a smear. However, it’s a groundbreaking discovery for Earth and beyond — an asteroid, 2003LC, aka “Goldilocks.” Next, we see Hobson, Dev and Irina getting approached by their respective team members, informing them of this asteroid.

Margo joins Irina and the Roscosmos crew in dissecting Goldilocks, as does Aleida at Helios. We learn there’s a hefty supply of iridium in Goldilocks. In this alternate timeline, the Soviet Union is the leading supplier of iridium. However, mining this asteroid for its iridium could change everything for life on Earth. A newscaster reveals said iridium is worth trillions of dollars, making it a lucrative gold mine for the M-7 nations.
Then, we return to Mars in 1997 with Danielle labeling food rations for Danny. We see the old Mars crew, including Kuz and Lee. Danielle visits Danny, who was exiled to the North Korean capsule Lee arrived in after putting everyone in danger last season. There’s a photo of Amber and their daughter and a series of tally marks etched into the side of the wall. Suddenly, Palmer wakes Danielle to reveal the asteroid discovery.

Meanwhile, Hobson chats with President Gore over the phone, encouraging the NASA director to do whatever possible to capture Goldilocks. Gore’s administrator pushes Hobson to get Happy Valley everything they require to secure the asteroid. Naturally, Hobson is worried about the Soviet Union’s response and the other M-7 nations, but the administrator reassures him that Gore’s team will take care of the other stuff.

At Happy Valley, Danielle chats with her team, including Ed, about designing and launching a capture mission within the next 10 weeks; otherwise, Goldilocks will burn right past them. Danielle urges all personal matters to take a back seat. Ed proposes they shut down non-essential operations and stockpile argon. He butts heads with Danielle. She pulls him aside and reminds him who’s in charge. He’s her XO, and he’s been giving her grief ever since Svetlana was sent back to Earth. They must be a team and show a united front for the crew.

Elsewhere, Miles and Ilya chat at the latter’s bar. They watch Sam flirt with another worker. Ilya doesn’t believe this man is right for Sam. Miles asks Ilya about progress regarding getting Lee’s wife out of North Korea. After dragging his feet for weeks, Ilya finally says he can’t do it. It’s too risky. However, they must wait for the right time to update Lee on this.

Later, Kelly overhears an interview with Dev, where he admits his plans to travel to Mars in light of this asteroid discovery. She arrives at Helios, where she and Aleida confront Dev in his office. They feel he should’ve apprised them of this before revealing it to the world. Then, Dev reveals he wants Kelly and her robotics team to accompany him to Mars. He’s not abandoning the search for life — he believes Kelly should stay on that path. He assigns Aleida the monumental task of essentially being his substitute on Earth. Aleida objects, reminding him she’s an engineer, not a diplomat.

Next, Danielle isn’t too happy that Ed made himself commander of this asteroid capture mission. He claims he’s “mission essential,” while others, you know, not too much. While piloting Ranger-1, Palmer notices Ed’s shaking hand. Uh-oh. Meanwhile, Kelly and Aleida have drinks at Julio’s Tex-Mex. They vent about Dev’s choices that were sprung upon them. A TV plays President Gore’s speech, where he takes full responsibility for discovering 2003LC. So, there’s that.

Naturally, Hobson is furious. He chats with Gore’s NASA administrator about the president’s decision to go off script and claim he discovered Goldilocks. That wasn’t cool.

At Happy Valley, Palmer discloses Ed’s condition to Danielle. He shouldn’t be commanding missions or piloting, well, anything. We revisit the past with another Danny scene. Danielle gives him his food rations, revealing he needs to make it last the entire month. An emotional Danny asks Danielle if he can return to the base. He promises to remain in his quarters. Danielle gently reveals it’s not possible, and he knows that. She places a Bible in his hand and grasps it. Meanwhile, Kelly talks to Alex about her Mars mission. She tells him she’ll be gone for a year, but he’ll stay with his grandma. In tears, Alex runs to his grandmother, who embraces and calms him down in Russian.

Then, Miles watches a video from Amanda, who gives the former a tour of their new house. Amanda was able to purchase one following the Mars rocks side hustle they started. Afterward, Sam enters their bunk to reveal she was selected for the asteroid capture mission. However, she feels conflicted. Miles encourages Sam to join his Mars rocks side hustle. It’s proven lucrative. Miles wonders why she wants to work for folks who don’t give a damn about her.

On Earth, Dev visits his mother to bid farewell. He claims he’s leaving for Mars with no intention to return to Earth. Naturally, she’s emotional. Dev accuses her of not supporting his dad’s dreams before departing, leaving his mom in tears. It’s heartbreaking.

At NASA, Hobson and Irina discuss Gore’s mistake in claiming responsibility for finding the asteroid. The pair decide to stage a conference with the M-7 nations. Irina believes it should be in Russia. It’s the only way to appease President Korzhenko.

Later, Brandt, Aleida’s new Helios partner in the wake of Dev’s departure for Mars, informs her about the upcoming M-7 conference in Russia. She’ll have to attend to represent Helios. That means we’ll undoubtedly get an Aleida/Margo reunion, and it’ll be explosive.
Next, Kelly watches a video she saved from Karen. Karen reveals her excitement for Kelly's impending birth. She already purchased wallpaper for the nursery. Kelly sobs after the video ends. I love that we're seeing her grieve for her mother.

More videos! Danielle watches one from her husband, Corey, who asks her to record a speech for their son's wedding. Aw. She starts one but struggles to finish it as she's overcome with emotion. We get another flashback to Mars in the '90s. This time, Ed accompanies Danielle to the North Korean capsule. They have to inform Danny that they've run out of food rations. Unfortunately, they spot a blue suit sitting outside. It's Danny, and he's dead.

Kelly informs Dev of her decision to bring Alex with them to Mars. She spoke with Helios and NASA professionals who believe Alex's cardiopulmonary issues will improve on Mars. It makes sense, given that's essentially where he was born. Dev gives her the okay but doesn't turn to face her. Instead, we see him silently sob as Kelly states that she won't leave her son behind. This scene is gut-wrenching. Dev is obviously a Musk-type character who makes questionable decisions, but this episode makes me feel for him. That's thanks to Gathegi's incredible performance.

Later, Ilya finds a flyer for Mars jewelry among the latest supply shipments. Of course, Ilya rejected Miles' idea of selling Mars rocks on Earth, as he wants to fly under the radar regarding his business. Then, Miles went behind his back and did it anyway. We see Miles and Ilya drinking in the bar. Ilya looks like he's cooking up a way to retaliate.

Then, Danielle meets with Ed in his quarters. She informs him of her decision to revoke his flight status. He failed to disclose his condition to her. Ed believes he'd never put anyone in danger, denying that his "condition" is an issue. The discussion morphs into an argument, quickly building to an explosive monologue from Danielle. When she yells, "F*ck you," ... I felt that. Danielle is finally putting Ed in his place after decades of watching him act like he's "God's gift to the cosmos." Perfection. No notes. Marshall kills it here. What a performance.

Danielle fires Ed as her XO effectively immediately. Ed threatens that she'll regret this. Danielle replies that she has a lot of regrets, but this won't be one of them.
For All Mankind Episode Guide

Leningrad

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Summary: Unlikely partnerships are formed at a high-stakes international conference.

The episode opens with representatives of the M-7 nations arriving in Leningrad for the conference. Margo wears a headset while watching the scene on various TV screens in a back room. The plan is to feed information into Irina’s ear throughout the conference. Margo spots Hobson as he emerges from a black stretch limo. Then, she sees Aleida get out of a vehicle with a Helios flag. Margo looks pleased to see her even though it’s from afar.

Inside the conference room, Margo watches while the reps chat with each other. Irina discreetly asks Margo if the latter is ready. Hobson, Aleida and the others take their place around the table as Irina spearheads this session of the Mars Oversight Board. It’s on.

Later, Ed wakes up in his quarters at Happy Valley. We see a montage, complemented by Frank Sinatra’s “That’s Life,” featuring Ed as he goes about his day. Of course, he’s no longer the XO, so he has significantly more free time. He watches a video featuring Kelly and Alex en route to Mars. After exercising, reading and attempting to nap, Ed makes his way to Ilya’s bar. Ilya is shocked to see the admiral in his secret establishment. However, he supplies Ed with plenty of vodka.

Meanwhile, at the conference, Aleida speaks to the crowd. Margo feeds remarks into Irina’s ear while Aleida talks. Aleida reveals that Helios will require 2,500 vehicles and $2 trillion dollars to have the resources necessary to capture Goldilocks. The room seems incredulous, believing such financing won’t be possible. Aleida insists it’s worth the investment, considering that the asteroid’s iridium is worth at least $20 trillion dollars.

Elsewhere, Danielle and Palmer, her new XO, pour over documents pertaining to the M-7 conference. Palmer’s unsure they can capture the asteroid within the seven-week window Hobson
proposed at said conference. However, Danielle believes she can get this done. After all, she came out of retirement to turn Happy Valley around and nab this asteroid.

Next, Ed gets tipsy at Ilya’s bar. He claims he knew there was a secret watering hole because, well, he’s Ed Baldwin. He also gives Ilya tips regarding his alcohol supply. Oh, and he also knows about Ilya’s smuggling business, but he doesn’t care. Meanwhile, Sam chats with Gerardo and the others about unionizing. If they don’t take action to protect themselves, the higher-ups will have them working around the clock to execute the asteroid capture program. Gerardo’s not on board, but the others seem to be pro-union.

Later, after the conference, Hobson, Aleida and Irina discuss Aleida’s proposal. Irina and Hobson explain that the ROI (Return on Investment) isn’t worth it. They won’t see that money from the iridium for at least four decades. Suddenly, Hobson is struck with an idea. What if they bring the asteroid back to Earth? They could mine it in the planet’s orbit. That way, they’ll see the ROI in five years instead of 40.

Then, Miles runs into Faiza, Ilya’s contact on Phoenix. She reveals he’s not allowed to meet her there. Petros emerges from the shadows like a supervillain and orders Miles to leave. He’s not part of Ilya’s operation anymore. Petros emphasizes this point by putting his hands around Miles’ throat.

Meanwhile, Aleida, Irina and Hobson flesh out the latter’s idea about mining Goldilocks outside Earth instead of Mars. Margo gives Irina vital info about NASA’s programs and initiatives in the ’90s. Aleida accuses Irina of stealing that information from the US. She’s a bit sensitive after Margo gave the Soviet Union her Mars engine back in exchange for Sergei’s freedom. After she and Irina briefly butt heads, Hobson gently steers them back on track. Margo feeds more info into Irina’s ear. However, Irina becomes overwhelmed and asks Aleida and Hobson if they’re hungry. They can continue this later. Margo protests on the other end.

Next, Palmer wakes up Ed and reminds him that even though he’s no longer the XO, he’s still the senior project manager for Happy Valley. Palmer hands Ed Helios documents regarding the latest pay rate and bonuses. He needs our fave grumpy admiral to sign off on said documents before they go to corporate. Realizing he has the power here, Ed insists he needs to look over the papers before giving them his John Hancock. Palmer’s not happy about this.

Later, Margo and Irina chat about what’s transpired. Margo believes she should meet with Aleida to solve the asteroid capture dilemma. Irina knows what this will entail. The world will learn Margo didn’t die during the JSC bombing. Aleida will probably hate her. Everyone will regard her as a traitor and a spy. Oh, and she’ll have to defect to the Soviet Union publicly. So, there’s that. Margo claims she understands the risks. However, the work is more important.

Margo wanders into Aleida’s hotel room after finding the door ajar. She looks at the documents on Aleida’s desk. Then, Aleida herself enters her room after taking a shower. She’s utterly shocked upon seeing Margo — as if she’s seen a ghost. Aleida embraces Margo, sobbing. Elsewhere, Miles meets with Lee in the North Korean compound. He explains that Ilya cut him out of the business. He can’t bring Lee’s wife to Mars. Lee reassures Miles that he’ll take care of it. Not to worry. (Maybe you should worry a little.)

Next, Margo gives Aleida the lowdown regarding why she defected to the Soviet Union. After saving Sergei and his family, she was forced to leave the US. She escaped out of the back of the space center before the bombing occurred. Aleida can’t believe Margo feels so strongly that she did the right thing. Aleida reminds Margo that she was in the building when it was bombed. She looked for Margo. She emphasizes the lives lost, including Margo’s assistant, in the aftermath of the traumatic event.

Aleida realizes Margo’s there to propose they work together. She vehemently protests, insisting that Margo doesn’t know her anymore. However, Margo believes Aleida won’t rest until this problem is solved. Finally, Aleida reluctantly decides to brainstorm ideas with her former mentor.

At Happy Valley, Lee’s North Korean buddies beat the crap out of Petros. Ilya finds Petros in the med bay as Dr. Mayakovsky tends to Petros’ wounds. The doctor feels Petros’ injuries result from being overworked, but Ilya knows better. He meets with Miles in the bar. Miles states that Ilya gave him the boot and sent one of his friends to choke Miles. So, Miles had to retaliate. Ilya explodes, reminding good ole Milosh that he went behind Ilya’s back to sell the Mars rocks on Earth. He could’ve blown their cover.

Miles is officially taking over. Of course, he knows the bar is Ilya’s baby, so he’ll allow the latter to visit whenever he wants. Ilya leaves in silence, looking shocked. Someone’s the new
Kingpin of Mars!

Then, Sam rallies a group of folks to prepare to unionize. She delivers an impassioned speech about their right to fair wages and good working conditions. Ed wanders into the meeting. Sam believes he's there to scare them; however, Ed reveals he has information about Helios' pay/bonus rates. They've changed significantly. Now, the company will offer them much less for their efforts. Much, much less. Ed feels if they make a united front and refuse to lift a finger until their needs are met, the higher-ups will have to listen. They can't capture this asteroid without the lower-level workers.

Sam and the others, entirely on board with Ed as their leader and empowered by his words, shout in unison. It's time for the little guys to challenge the status quo. Meanwhile, Margo delivers a televised speech about defecting to the Soviet Union. Surprise, she's alive! Aleida watches while she packs to depart Leningrad. Danielle, Palmer and the senior officers at Happy Valley watch with disgust.
Crossing the Line

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Summary: A group on Mars takes drastic measures. Margo grapples with a new assignment.

The episode opens in Happy Valley, where we learn the Helios strike is one week strong. Then, we see a meeting between the Happy Valley senior officers and the below-deck workers. Sam and Ed speak on behalf of the Helios workers, while Danielle and Palmer lead the other side. Danielle can see right through Ed’s bullsh*t. She knows he’s only in this to piss her off. Sam states their necessary demands — fair compensation, health insurance and working conditions. Gerardo mentions that sending Goldilocks, the asteroid, to Earth would ensure they’re out of work.

So, the Helios workers are advocating for the asteroid to be in Mars’ orbit so they can mine the iridium there. Of course, Danielle instantly protests, citing that folks on Earth could use that iridium. Meanwhile, on Earth, Hobson chats with Irina about the ongoing strike. She views it as the strikers being in the wrong. If Helios won’t cooperate and the strike isn’t resolved in time, Irina believes they’ll need to take matters into their own hands.
Perhaps the engineers can restart the cryo center without the aid of the below-deck workers. After all, they must pump 125 tons of liquid argon to get Ranger out to Goldilocks to push the asteroid in the right direction. So far, Happy Valley only has 44 tons. Time is of the essence. Otherwise, good ole Goldie will be lost forever.

Then, Ed, Sam and the other strikes meet to discuss what’s to come. Miles and Ilya shoot glares at each other. One striker, Ronnie, informs the bunch that the higher-ups plan to start the “fuel gennies” themselves. Ed and Sam rally the group, claiming the senior officers can’t get that cryo center up and running without them.

Sure enough, Palmer and his team prepare to suit up to restart the cryo center. However, they find all the space suits outside, which is the opposite of helpful. Palmer and his crew meet with Danielle to find a solution. After brainstorming, the group wonders if they could go underneath the cryo center. Crawl through a tunnel from Happy Valley to the fuel gennies. Oh, that sounds like claustrophobia waiting to happen.

Meanwhile, at Roscosmos, Margo sits in on a meeting spearheaded by Irina. She refers to the Helios strikers as "transgressors." Then, Irina tells the team that Margo will lead the asteroid recapture mission for Star City. Margo credits Tatyana for the strides made to determine where the Kronos mission went wrong. After the meeting, Irina pulls Margo aside. She reveals that President Korzhenko wants a Roscosmos representative at NASA to ensure negotiations between the strikers and Happy Valley run smoothly. He selected Margo for that task.

Of course, Margo is taken aback. She feels this violates the terms of their agreement. She’s never supposed to return to America. Irina reassures her that she’ll have diplomatic immunity. They can’t touch her, even on US soil. Korzhenko believes Margo is the most capable to take on this role. I sense some awkward reunions and irate exchanges on the horizon.

Next, Aleida goes on Zoey Chase’s Eagle News show (For All Mankind’s version of Fox). Zoey opens the program with news of the bombing of Riyadh during the Saudi Arabia civil war (which happened in real life) and “Majority Leader Feinstein’s” remarks regarding Margo’s return to the US. Interesting how Dianne Feinstein has this position in the alt timeline.

Aleida doesn’t want to discuss "Moscow Margo" — she’d rather discuss the capture program for Goldilocks. However, Zoey corners her, asking her if she knew Margo was colluding with the Soviets in the ’90s. An incensed Aleida hurls expletives at Zoey before storming out. Victor comforts Aleida after the family watches her segment. Aleida reveals she was initially relieved Margo was alive. However, now she wishes Margo had stayed dead. Victor urges her to push back.

Later, we see Kelly grabbing Alex’s hand as they descend into the Martian atmosphere. Dev, who sits across from them, tries to distract Alex by rattling off facts about Mars. Say what you will about Dev’s business style, but he’s great with kids. Once they arrive at Happy Valley, Danielle reunites with Kelly and chats with Alex. Palmer greets Dev and offers to give the latter a tour. However, Danielle steps in, stating she has important matters to discuss with the Helios Aerospace CEO.

Ed arrives in time to reunite with his daughter and grandson. This is Alex’s first time seeing his poppy in person. He hides behind Kelly at the sight of the towering Ed. Kelly tells Ed that Alex is probably overstimulated. He needs to rest and acclimate.

Meanwhile, Danielle and Dev discuss the strike in the latter’s quarters. Danielle believes the onus is on Dev to remedy the strike situation. She feels the Helios workers have valid concerns that need addressing. Dev stonewalls Danielle, his signature move. Nobody does it better. Before she departs, she reminds Dev that this is her base. What she says goes.

Then, Dr. Mayakovsky checks Alex’s vitals and listens to his heartbeat. The good doctor tells Kelly he plans to do bloodwork, but when comparing Alex’s records, he immediately notices Alex is doing better here. The Martian atmosphere suits him. The doctor informs Alex that he knew his father. They talk about playing chess together. Aw, I love Mayakovsky. He’s such a sweetie.

Later, Palmer and the gang arrive at the cryo center and prepare to get the gennies running. At the same time, Ed, Kelly and Alex have spaghetti in Ed’s room. Kelly gives her dad a special gift — grated parmesan cheese. Naturally, Ed puts about five pounds of cheese on his spaghetti until you can’t see it anymore. Ed asks Alex if he’d like some. Despite Alex’s declining of the offer, Ed proceeds to bury the boy’s spaghetti in cheese. Alex walks away. Kelly urges her dad to try harder to connect with Alex. And maybe don’t ignore his requests.
Then, Gerardo knocks on Ed’s door, claiming the strikers are meeting. During the meeting, one woman reveals to Ed that she grabbed the primary gas flow regulator before she departed the cryo center. That’s a vital piece needed to run things. Unfortunately, the cryo center explodes before Palmer and the others can flee. Elsewhere, Aleida meets with Hobson to make her case for not allowing Margo back stateside. Hobson insists they must adhere to the M-7 charter. Nothing can be done about it. Once Margo is in America, she has diplomatic immunity. Hobson’s assistant interrupts the conversation to reveal the accident at Happy Valley.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mayakovsky rushes around the med bay as victims of the explosion are wheeled in. Danielle does what she can to help. One of the engineers dies from her injuries. Hobson meets with Will Tyler and CIA Deputy Director Robert Burks at the Molly Cobb Space Center. Burks is ready to categorize the explosion as an act of terrorism, calling the strikers “terrorists.” They also have weapons they can access at Happy Valley to retaliate.

The trio discusses how the KGB has assets concealed at Happy Valley, as does the CIA. Firstly, they land on deputizing specific individuals with the training to act as security. Side note: I love how the 1983 incident on the Moon, resulting in Gordo and Tracy’s sacrifice, is mentioned here.

Next, said deputized security personnel start searching below-deckers’ belongings for evidence that someone instigated the cryo center explosion. Dev meets with Ed, Sam and the strikers. He offers more stock options, better health insurance and a sizable pay bump, equating to a million dollars per person (or thereabouts). Suddenly, a wave of strikers crosses a line Dev made of sugar. Whoever crosses that line is now Team Dev. Sam and Ed watch in shock as Ilya and the others quit the strike. Afterward, only Ed, Sam, Gerardo, Ronnie and a few others are left.

Later, Aleida watches a news segment chronicling Margo’s arrival in the US. Hobson waits outside NASA to greet Margo as a car with the Star City flags pulls up. I love how you can see “Molly Cobb Space Center” in big, bold letters when they enter the building.

Then, we see Ed on his exercise bike, furiously pedaling away. Dev enters his room, putting Ed further on edge. Dev has a proposition for Ed. Sure, Dev squashing the strike was painful. However, he has a bigger plan on the horizon. How would Ed feel if they stole an asteroid? Dev wants Ed to help him bring Goldilocks to Mars so they can mine the iridium there. He hopes to create a thriving Mars colony; we know how much Ed doesn’t want to return to Earth. Ed grins from ear to ear as “X Gon’ Give It To Ya” by DMX plays.
The episode opens with Sergei waking up in Iowa beside his wife. She boasts a Southern accent and has hip problems — it seems our man Sergei has a type. Sergei goes about his day, driving to the school where he's an unappreciated science teacher. Then, after work, he enjoys peanut butter swirl ice cream with his wife. The following day, he hears a familiar voice on TV. It belongs to none other than Margo, who's delivering her "I've defected to the Soviet Union" speech to the world. Sergei's wife remarks on how everyone thought she died in the 1995 JSC bombing. Sergei did, too.

Next, Sergei stops his car before a turn. Does he go left and make a beeline for the school? Or should he take an impromptu road trip to Texas? After the driver behind him honks their horn, Sergei makes a choice. He's now en route to Margo. He looks elated. As much as I'm not a fan of cheating, I need Margo and Sergei to find happiness.

Meanwhile, at Happy Valley, Ed chats with Sam in Miles' bar. Ed has a proposition for Sam. She reluctantly decides to hear him out. Suddenly, Palmer barges into the bar and declares they all must vacate. This establishment is being shut down. So, Ed and Sam take their conversation elsewhere. They also spot a few Helios workers closing all access to the fourth and fifth levels. However, one of them lets Sam and Ed take the elevator anyway.

Then, Ed reunites with Dev. They discuss Sam's involvement in their asteroid heist shenanigans. They head into Ed's quarters to continue the discussion. However, Kelly and Alex are there...
waiting for Poppy. Ed had forgotten that he was supposed to watch Alex for three days while Kelly takes her seekers to Korolev Crater to get them up and running. She hands her father all of Alex's medications and their house rules. It's time for Poppy to put on his parenting pants! After Kelly departs, Ed whispers to Dev that they need to find a babysitter.

Meanwhile, at NASA, Hobson visits Margo in her makeshift office to check in on her. Then, he accompanies her to the boardroom, where they'll break down the game plan for sending Goldilocks to Earth. Aleida is also present. Hobson lets Margo take the reins as she explains how Ranger 1's engines will change the asteroid's trajectory (only slightly) to bring it near Mars.

Once there, Ranger will burn for precisely 20 minutes. Danielle explains the same thing to her crew at Happy Valley. Then, they'll slow the asteroid down just enough for Mars' gravity to bend its trajectory to send it toward Earth. Unless...

Ranger burns for 25 minutes instead of 20," Dev muses to his group, which includes Ed, Sam, Gerardo and Ronnie. This will slow down Goldilocks even more to be captured by Mars' gravity. Then, it'll remain in permanent orbit around Mars. Back at NASA, Margo tells the gang that Happy Valley doesn't boast the computing power on the level of NASA and Roscosmos, so they'll work out burn command on Earth.

Aleida adds that NASA will uplink the data to Ops-Com at Happy Valley. Danielle informs her crew that, upon receiving the data from NASA, Ranger will pick up the signal and confirm its validity via their discriminator box. This ensures they get that info from NASA, not an unknown source. Meanwhile, Operation: Asteroid Heist decides to build their own Ops-Com so they can send the signal. Danielle informs her crew that, upon receiving the data from NASA, Ranger will pick up the signal and confirm its validity via their discriminator box. This ensures they get that info from NASA, not an unknown source. Meanwhile, Operation: Asteroid Heist decides to build their own Ops-Com so they can send the signal. Aleida sets firm boundaries, declaring that they should only discuss work matters. Fair enough. Meanwhile, Ed loses Alex and rightfully freaks out. Thankfully, a fellow employee finds his grandson. Ed's knee-jerk reaction is to yell at Alex until he sees the boy is scared. Alex quietly explains that he was looking for his Poppy. They embrace.

On Earth, Margo cranks up the jazz music in her hotel room. She cracks open a can of Coke and settles in for her dinner. We see it's an American cheeseburger with French fries. Homegirl digs in like it's the first time she's ever eaten food. Margo is in heaven. Elsewhere, Dev and Ed approach Miles with a request. NASA makes backups of everything. So, they have extra Ops-Com equipment on Phoenix. They need Miles to utilize his Martian Mob Boss influence to smuggle the equipment onto Happy Valley.

Miles is unsure if he can pull this off. They've tightened security since the strike. Plus, most high-tech stuff that arrives at Happy Valley is put into a secure storage room. Nobody has access to it, not even him. However, Dev works his magic, persuading Miles to contribute to the cause. After their chat, Dev advises Ed on his relationship with Alex and how to bond with the little dude.

Later, Aleida receives an unexpected visitor: Sergei. Sergei reveals he needs help contacting Margo. Aleida invites him inside for a chat. Sergei explains everything, from his burgeoning bond with Margo to why she gave the Soviets Aleida's engine design. Aleida wonders why Margo didn't send them a sign that she was alive. Sergei reminds her that a Soviet Union defector lives in a glorified prison — a gilded cage. There's no way she could've contacted them, even if she wanted to.

Then, we see Ed reading silently in his quarters while Alex tries to sleep. He sits up in his bed and calls out for Poppy. Ed learns Alex is scared of him because he looks like a bear. Ed chuckles before catching his reflection in a photo of his younger self with Shane (aw, RIP). Ed tells Alex that he loves him. When Kelly was little, he read stories to her to relax her. So, he proceeds to read his book to Alex.

Next, Kelly and her crew are at Korolev Crater, setting up equipment to prep her seekers for their research. Big things are happening. At NASA, Aleida finds Margo watching the folks
in Mission Control do their thing. She’s munching on a cheeseburger. She’s stocking up on those before returning to the Soviet Union. Aleida hands Margo a folder of documents the latter promises to review. Inside, she finds a Post-it with an equation on it. Hm. Something tells me this is a code Margo is meant to crack.

Meanwhile, Rich, Gerardo and the others move the Ops-Com equipment from Phoenix through the storage facility at Happy Valley. They concealed said equipment among bags of cereal and dehydrated milk. When the Operation: Asteroid Heist gang arrives at their new meeting spot to set up Ops-Com, they notice the discriminator box is missing. Chances are it’s now locked up in storage.

Later, Ed and Dev pull Alex aside and ask him to climb through a vent to retrieve the discriminator box in the storage room since he’s small enough. Ed scrambles when it sounds like Alex has a nasty fall, thinking he might have to break into that room to save his grandson. Thankfully, Alex recovers quickly and pushes the discriminator box through the vent. There is nothing like committing crimes with Poppy!

Then, Margo finds Aleida’s Post-it equation among the data and research through which she’s flipping. Margo cracks it, uncovering a meeting time (10 PM) for her clandestine chat with Sergei. Margo flushes the Post-it down the toilet to cover her tracks. At the same time, Sergei decides to leave the diner he’s at, realizing Margo isn’t coming. However, she surprises him outside said diner as he’s climbing into his car.

Of course, he’s excited to see her. Margo tells Sergei they can’t meet like this. There are too many eyes on them. Sergei insists that Margo’s in danger. He adds context — Irina Morozova, her boss, used to be his KGB handler. She orchestrated everything from his first trip to the US to putting him in danger so Margo would fork up the NASA engine design. She’s the puppet master behind it all.

Later, we see the Ranger crew, including Palmer, preparing for the Goldilocks mission. While they plan to send the asteroid to Earth to mine the iridium, Operation: Asteroid Heist has other ideas. We see Sam among the crew. She spots Ranger’s discriminator box, realizing it’s smack dab in the middle of the action. She’ll have to publicly switch out their box for Operation: Asteroid Heist’s equipment.

"F*ck me," she says to herself, echoing the sentiments of every human who ever existed.
For All Mankind Episode Guide

Brasil

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Summary: Things start to go awry just as an important mission approaches a critical juncture.

The episode opens with the crew of Operation: Asteroid Heist in their Ops-Com hideout below ground in Happy Valley. Ed, Dev and Miles watch while the group attempts to send a signal to Ranger, hoping to connect with the discriminator box up there. Unfortunately, they're locked out with every attempt. Miles wonders why Sam hasn't switched out Ranger's discriminator box for their own yet. After all, she's been on board for a month.

However, Sam is in a precarious position. We see people surround her. Ravi Vaswani and Palmer run a simulation with Danielle, who's at Happy Valley. While they're distracted, Sam deactivates Ranger's discriminator box. In 48 hours, Goldilocks will begin its trajectory toward Earth (with the aid of Ranger) if Operation: Asteroid Heist doesn't stop it. Meanwhile, Sam tells Ravi she knows where the backup discriminator box is. She ventures into the area where her bag is, surreptitiously removing Operation: Asteroid Heist's discriminator box to replace the one she broke.

Kelly tells Dev about her findings in the Korolev Crater. The seekers detected specific methane concentrations during a lava tube test. She reveals the most significant methane was discovered in the Korolev Crater, but substantial signatures have come from Chasma Australe near the south pole. Dev plays with Alex but briefly pulls away from the distraction to inquire about
what’s producing the methane. Kelly surmises it could be deep subsurface volcanic activity. Or, better yet, life. This could be big, y’all.

Dev tells Kelly that he has to return to Happy Valley. He evades Kelly’s question about what he’s doing with her father. Instead, he encourages her to mend fences with Ed. Elsewhere, Ed and Miles chat with Lee about utilizing North Korea’s surveillance equipment. They need to ensure that nobody discovers Operation: Asteroid Heist. Lee asks Miles for an update regarding smuggling his wife out of North Korea. Miles admits that it’s a complicated situation. Ed persuades Lee to cooperate with them.

Next, we see the extra cameras from Lee set up in their Ops-Com area. Operation: Asteroid Heist sends a signal to Ranger, which the ship accepts. Ed and Dev realize Sam successfully deactivated the Ranger discriminator box and installed theirs.

Later, Hobson concludes a meeting at NASA with Margo, Aleida and the asteroid capture team. He orders the crew to minimize the time it’d take for Goldilocks to reach Earth. They need to mine the iridium as soon as possible. It’s all about money, baby. After the meeting, Margo asks Aleida to pass on a message to Sergei. Aleida claims she’s tired of playing the messenger — she’s been doing it for the past month. She suggests they all meet at her house even though Margo, in particular, is under intense surveillance from Moscow.

Meanwhile, at Happy Valley, Lee’s boss, Commander Cho Byung Ho, discovers a device planted on their surveillance equipment that’s the cause of its malfunctioning. He believes the Americans are spying on them. Lee accompanies the commander to confront Danielle about this. She vows to look into it, although she’s not too pleased that the North Koreans have been watching their every move. When Danielle hears the commander say “Miles Dale,” she realizes a larger issue might be at play.

Danielle records a video message to her son. We see a framed wedding picture beside her laptop with her son and his wife. Now, he and his wife are expecting a boy. Danielle’s excited to meet her grandson and to introduce him to Star Trek Bob Newhart Show, of course. She gets emotional while telling her son she regrets not witnessing his first steps.

Then, Aleida and Victor invite Margo into their home. Her security detail waits outside. She reunites with Sergei, who claims he avoided detection by parking far away and wandering through people’s yards. They all have dinner with Aleida’s kids while brainstorming ideas on cutting down Goldilocks’ travel time. Thanks to Sergei’s input, they find a solution.

After Aleida’s kids go to bed (Margo slips them some candy like the hip grandma she is), Sergei gives Margo a Duke Ellington CD. He asks if she’s considered his idea. They can flee to Brazil, where he knows someone high up in the Brazilian space agency. They can help build Brazil’s space program in exchange for immunity. Russia won’t be able to attack them on Brazilian soil. There’s a good chance they won’t see each other again if they don’t take this opportunity to run. Girl, you better say “yes.” Do it. Instead, Margo tells Sergei she’ll think about it. She wants to see this mission through first.

Danielle sends Hobson a message about what she found at Happy Valley. The component Commander Ho found in the North Korean compound was on Phoenix. It was scanned, but there’s no record of it leaving Phoenix. This discovery led to other findings, including missing equipment such as the Ops-Com backups from NASA. Danielle believes this indicates a significantly more serious problem for them. Someone is trying to sabotage the asteroid mission, and Ranger is, pardon the rhyming, clearly in danger.

Next, the North Korean commander watches Miles move through Happy Valley. He also sees Ed take the elevator. He notices a fourth level below ground that he can’t see via camera. Uh-oh. That’s where Operation: Asteroid Heist’s base is located. On Earth, Hobson meets with Will in person and Irina via video to determine their next course of action. Irina believes they should let the undercover CIA and KGB operatives in Happy Valley discover the saboteurs behind the thefts.

As it turns out, Mike Bishop and Timur Avilov are those undercover CIA and KGB operatives. Danielle meets with them to hatch a game plan. She believes they should start with Miles since the commander mentioned him. She’ll also approve another search of the employee bunks.

Kelly returns to Ed’s quarters after her trek to the Korolev Crater. She picks up a photo of Ed and Karen while the latter holds a baby Shane. It’s a reminder of how much the Baldwins have lost. Ed returns to his room to find Kelly waiting for him. Kelly confronts her father, wanting to
know the truth regarding his behavior. Commander Ho heads into the elevator, going to where Operation: Asteroid Heist meets, while Miles responds to a fake work order from Mike and Timur.

Returning to Ed and Kelly, we see the former open up to his daughter about his health and his feelings in the wake of Karen’s tragic death. Now she knows why he refuses to return to Earth. He apologizes profusely for missing out on so much of Kelly and Alex’s life while embracing her. Joel Kinnaman knocks this tender, beautifully vulnerable scene out of the park. However, Ed still doesn’t disclose his objective to hijack the asteroid mission. Kelly asks again about Ed and Dev’s business.

Mike and Timur interrogate Miles about his involvement in the various thefts. Miles claims to know nothing. The operatives start roughing him up, hoping the physical pain will get him to squeal. Elsewhere, the North Korean commander spies on Gerardo and Sparks as they chat about the upcoming asteroid mission and Old Man Mars’ (aka Ed) insistence on never going home.

Before the commander can make a move, Lee whacks him over the head. Gerardo and Sparks watch as Lee fights his boss. Lee wraps his arms around Commander Ho’s neck, squeezing the breath out of him. The commander falls unconscious.

Later, Margo and Sergei return to their respective hotel rooms to eat dinner. Sergei has McDonald’s, while Margo receives her fancy cheeseburger and fries on a silver platter. They even prepare their burgers in the same manner — with lots of ketchup. Margo pops in the Duke Ellington CD and pulls up an article about Brazil’s space program while taking that first delicious bite. Sergei also takes a bite ... and gets a bullet to the head. Admittedly, this moment made me jump. The man who killed Sergei puts the gun in the latter’s hand to make it look like a suicide before departing.
Perestroika

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Summary: Tensions on Earth and Mars come to a head.

The episode opens with one Helios worker, Tuttle, finding Lee's gun buried in the Martian sands. When he returns to his bunk, he conceals the weapon among his belongings. That's definitely not coming into play down the line. Then, we see Sam on Ranger as the crew prepares for the Goldilocks burn window. Palmer occasionally gives her the stink eye. Ravi gives Danielle an update, which Dev relays to the Operation: Asteroid Heist crew via, presumably, Morse code.

Then, in sub-level four, we see Ronnie translate what Dev sent her. She hands a note to Ed. He tells the crew the upstairs gang is checking the final plasma drive startup numbers. They only have two hours and four minutes until the final burn for the asteroid. Meanwhile, Lee tends to Commander Cho, who's blindfolded and unconscious. Lee believes he should take Cho to med bay, but Gerardo believes this would sign his death warrant. Cho already saw his and Sparks' faces.
However, Ed sides with Lee. Lee will tell the doctor that Cho got into an accident. Elsewhere, Mike and Timur get creative with their torture of Miles. They crank up the carbon dioxide levels in the room, causing Miles to vomit. He still refuses to give up Ed and the others. Mike and Timur relent, returning the CO2 to normal levels. They pivot to another method.

Later, on Earth, Margo wakes up on the couch in her office. She's summoned to Hobson's office, where a familiar face awaits her: Irina. Irina traveled to America to ensure the asteroid capture goes off without a hitch. She informs Margo that they'll depart for Russia once the mission concludes. Margo looks pleased as punch upon hearing this news.

When she ventures to the Mission Operations Control Room, Margo reunites with Aleida. She tells Aleida about Irina's arrival and to contact Sergei. He's not safe. Aleida says he won't answer his phone, so Margo asks her to hit up his hotel room. There are too many eyes on Margo for her to leave. Aleida obliges. Oh, she won't like what she finds...

Meanwhile, Danielle gets an update from Mike regarding Miles. She urges him to keep interrogating Miles until the latter waves the white flag. Then, Danielle orders her team to force all non-essential workers into a 36-hour lockdown. Tuttle refuses to go quietly, while Ilya watches silently as Danielle's crew gets rough with the former. One of the men who restrains Tuttle finds Lee's gun in his quarters.

Then, Aleida travels to Sergei's hotel, where she learns about his death. Of course, the public believes it was a suicide, but Aleida doesn't believe it. She sits in her vehicle and screams, knowing his death will crush Margo. Elsewhere, Mike and Timur adopt a new approach. They show Miles photos of his wife as she moves product, aka the Mars rocks, to be sold on Earth. Mike threatens to turn Amanda over to the authorities. He also claims his daughters will be safe in child services.

That last remark gets under Miles' skin. He lunges toward Mike while bound to the chair before falling flat on his face. He begs Mike to leave his family alone. Finally, he squeaks out that Ed, Dev and the others are on sub-level four. Miles sobs. Kebbell knocks this scene out of the park. Next, Dev discovers that Mike is leading a team to sub-level four to catch Operation: Asteroid Heist in the act of, you know, heisting. Thankfully, when Mike and the others arrive, Operation: Asteroid Heist is already gone.

Hobson paces his office while Irina and Will sit on a couch. Irate, Hobson wonders how one can steal an asteroid. Is it even possible? Will reassures him that Happy Valley has regained control of Ranger's discriminator and is back on track for an Earth-bound burn. Hobson urges Will to stay on top of this. While he, Dr. Seth Razack and the others figure out how to block Operation: Asteroid Heist from hijacking Goldilocks, Aleida returns from her trek to the hotel. She pulls Margo aside and discloses the news about Sergei's death.

Margo quickly moves into the anger stage of grief. She storms up to Irina and confronts her regarding Sergei's murder. How could she do this? Irina worked with Sergei for years. Hobson and other employees watch the display. Irina claims ignorance and orders Margo to control herself. Realizing she just had a public outburst, Margo excuses herself before fleeing. My poor girl. I can't imagine Irina will take this lying down.

Meanwhile, having been caught by Mike at the Ops-Com in sub-level four, Gerardo is shoved into a chair beside Miles. Now, they can be torture buddies together. Elsewhere, Danielle gets confirmation that everything is back to normal and that they're on track to send Goldilocks to Earth. We're now 20 minutes out from the burn window.

Next, Ed, Dev, Ronnie, Sparks, Rich and the others are holed up in the North Korean compound courtesy of Lee. Is this the end of Operation: Asteroid Heist? Not necessarily. Ed has an idea. As per the M-7 charter, North Korea can communicate with their team on a private line. That means they could feasibly chat with Sam without worrying about outside interference. Lee reveals his comrade is on Ranger. He could get said comrade to pass the communicator to Sam.

Lee's friend hands Sam a headset to communicate with Dev, Ed and the team. Dev asks Sam to go to Ranger's rear cargo bay. She will keep the engines running by manually disconnecting the flight deck from said engines. That will require her to engage the local command override switch and plug in a transceiver turned to their frequency. So, Dev would then be the only person in control of the burn.

Then, Sam dons a suit and heads outside. Palmer, Ravi and the Ranger team notice the back hatch is open. Sam finds the override switch, a yellow and black handle, and attempts to pull it out to engage it. However, it keeps springing back into place. Ed reveals they'll need something
to hold it in place. He asks Sam to use her tether to do this. Dangerous. Inside the ship, Ravi asks Palmer to stop Sam once they see she's outside the cargo bay.

Later, Mike informs Danielle that they've got it on good authority that Operation: Asteroid Heist is camping out in the North Korean compound. He asked Houston for permission to barge into the base but hasn't heard back. After he departs, Danielle decides to call Ed to try to help him see sense. When Lee answers, Danielle asks him to put Ed on the line.

After Ed's requisite "Hi, Bob," he explains why they're doing this. If Goldilocks heads to Earth, the Mars program is done. They won't need to find another planet to support humanity. Mining the asteroid on Mars is the only way to ensure their years of work won't be in vain. Ed hangs up on Danielle. He shares a lovely moment with Lee, where they declare in Korean that Mars is their home. I love Lee and Ed's friendship.

On Earth, Hobson learns Operation: Asteroid Heist is attempting to lock Happy Valley out of Ranger. Will, Seth and the team brainstorm ways to counteract Ed and Dev. How do they ensure they aren't locked out of their ship? Seth states they could upload a shutdown command that bypasses the nuclear fusion reactor controls' safeguards and turns off the engines. Seth starts writing a code to send to Ranger to ensure the engines shut off before the burn window.

Later, Aleida finds Margo watching the proceedings in MOCR. Aleida tells Margo that they could use her down there. She remarks this isn't the place for feelings; we know she's feeling a lot right now. She wonders if she's turning into her old mentor, Wernher von Braun. Margo mentions a tense moment she shared with Wernher all those decades ago when she confronted him about his actions during the war. I love this callback. She's reminded of what he said about progress never being free. That's when she tells Aleida they should send the asteroid to Mars.

Outside Mars, Sam secures the tether to keep the override switch in place. Then, with Dev's instruction, Sam connects the P13 connector, giving Dev access to Ranger's engines. Dev informs Sam that she must keep the override switch in the up position for the duration of the Mars burn after Dev inputs the timing for said burn. Unfortunately, Palmer floats out of the cargo bay and looks ready for a fight.

So, in Margo's office, Aleida and Margo concoct a plan to override the shutdown command to ensure Operation: Asteroid Heist gets a win, with Goldilocks making a beeline toward the Red Planet. Margo claims she'll put in the code right before NASA sends the uplink; however, Aleida volunteers to do it instead. Margo has too many eyeballs on her as it is.

Palmer and Sam struggle outside Ranger while Seth inputs the shutdown command beside Aleida, who surreptitiously cranks out a code to stop him. Well, under the guise that she's helping Team Earth, of course. We're now seconds away from the burn window. If anyone acts outside that window, the asteroid will be gone forever. After knocking Sam off the ship's side, Palmer works to sever the tether holding the override switch in place. Thankfully, she's holding on for dear life with one hand. She scrambles up the side (as fast as one can in space) and yanks on Palmer's tether, sending him flying outward.

There he is, dangling by his tether, as Operation: Asteroid Heist wins the day. With Ranger's engines going strong, Goldilocks is now heading toward Mars instead of Earth. Success. Dev, Ed and their crew celebrate while Danielle and her Happy Valley team look despondent. At NASA, Irina wonders aloud why their plan to shut down the engines didn't work.

Then, her eyes land on Aleida. She accuses Aleida of sabotaging the mission. Aleida vehemently defends herself, but Irina claims she knows when someone's lying. That's when Margo takes the fall for Aleida. Taking the heat off her, Margo declares she was the one who put in the code to override the shutdown command.

Later, Mike tells Danielle that he has the go-ahead to storm the North Korean compound. Danielle puts her foot down, claiming that this is still her base. However, Mike insists his orders come from the Department of Defense, and they supersede hers. Elsewhere, Ilya and a few others burst into the room where Miles and Gerardo are held captive. Ilya saves his Milosh. As they congregate in the employee breakroom, Miles declares they should protect the Operation: Asteroid Heist crew. They can't let Mike and his team take them down.

Emboldened with purpose, the Helios workers prepare to defend Operation: Asteroid Heist by launching an assault against Mike and his fighters. It gets bloody. Miles punches Mike hard, which must've been cathartic for him after his torture session. Seeing the horrifying skirmish play out, Danielle and Ed attempt to stop the fighting. Then, the one man who stole Lee's gun decides to bring it out. Unfortunately, he fires the weapon during a struggle. When you think Ed
is the one who takes the bullet, we see it’s actually Danielle. She collapses as the bullet wound in her chest bleeds profusely.

Ed carries her to Dr. Mayakovsky, who gets to work right away on saving her life. A crowd gathers as he plugs away. Kelly finds Ed and grabs his hand as they encourage Danielle to hold on. Meanwhile, the FBI arrests Margo at NASA. Since Russia removed her diplomatic immunity, she can be prosecuted. Aleida embraces her mentor as the officers lead her out of the building.

Then, we hear a voiceover from Margo as she pleads her case in court. She talks about how justice as a virtue attracted her to engineering. Amid her monologue, we see Irina return to Roscosmos. She finds men in suits rummaging through her belongings. One of them asks her to come in. Hobson reads an article in his office about how NASA allowed for the torture of detainees on Mars. He doesn’t look too happy.

On Mars, we see a transport vehicle make its way to Happy Valley. Lee is led to the cargo area, where he reunites with his wife, Moon Yeong. It’s a beautiful moment. A horde of people follow in her wake, refugees seeking a better life on Mars.

Danielle returns to Earth, having survived that harrowing ordeal on Mars. That’s my girl. She’s a badass. She finally meets her grandson and reunites with her family. Nope, I’m not crying; you are. Finally, Dev boasts a suit as he stands on Mars’ surface. He looks up at the asteroid as it orbits the planet.

2012 — It’s now 2012, and the song “Midnight City” by M83 plays to usher. As the camera lingers on the asteroid, we see it now has a fully functioning station — Kuznetsov Station.
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