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Season One

Charlie Big Potatoes

Season 1
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Summary: When enigmatic genius Iris Nixon cracks a string of complex online puzzles, she is led to a piazza in Florence, where she meets charismatic entrepreneur Cameron Beck. He invites her to work with him to unlock a powerful and top-secret piece of technology.



The episode begins with a stand-off in Sardinia, Italy. A police officer called Teo, down on his knees, pleads with "Monica" to help here. Only, that's not her name.

This ruthless woman is Iris, an apparent genius and puzzle expert, who isn't really bothered that this guy is being beaten.

They clearly have a history but when businessman Cameron turns his attention to a young woman called Joy, Iris soon changes her tune.

We then cut to the day before in Sardinia. Iris is hanging out at a little cabin down by the lake in hiding. There have been false sightings of her all over the place, with a mad podcaster called Alfie keeping tabs on her.

According to him, there's a big manhunt currently underway to capture her and the current rumours are that her life is worth 4 million euros. His podcast, *Two Seconds to Midnight*, isn't exactly lighting the world up but Iris watches him regularly, which seems a bit narcissistic right?

Iris is hiding in plain sight though, working as a tutor for a rich family up at Ferrante villa. Their daughter, Joy, is a rebellious wildchild who doesn't really listen to anybody.

There's a Special Case Unit working tirelessly to track her down though, hired by Cameron to try and find her. One of these officers finds CCTV footage of Iris at a parcel pick-up in Cagliari six weeks back. She was picking up a telescope (which is important for later!) and using the alias of Myrna Loy.

She's also using the name Monica for an affair she's involved in with Teo, along with her tutoring gig too.

News of this reaches the authorities in Rome, who set to work trying to catch her. They don't have an address just yet but it would appear they're closing in.

Some of the reason the authorities are trying to find Iris stems from an online treasure hunt that she was following several years back. Iris has a real talent for solving puzzles and this latest world-hunting trip is linked to something called Nine Horses.

We then cut back 2 years earlier and see Iris herself wandering around Florence finding the puzzle pieces. This is also where she first meets Cameron, the guy from the start of the episode. He's a private investor that helps "brilliant people do brilliant things".

Iris has actually won the treasure hunt ahead of 17,000 other people, which includes crypto freaks and Oxford whiz kids. Her winning prize happens to be a lot of exposition for us, the audience, as Iris demonstrates her math knowhow and how intelligent she is.

She's a self-made woman and claims that she and jobs don't really mix. She doesn't divulge much about her parentage or how she's got the money to do this world-spanning trek, but I'm sure we'll find out in the episodes ahead.

For now, she's recruited to work for Cameron. She refuses initially, but when the enticing offer of solving a mutant-level puzzle that his company have struggled to decipher comes up, she can't resist.

Iris is intrigued and heads over to a strange base in the middle of Slovenia. This used to be a government listening post but has since been reworked into a base for Cameron.

Down in the depths, they've got a topological quantum device, operating at room temperature. The project is dubbed Charlie Big Potatoes and essentially involves a self-sufficient, super intelligent AI that's also growing an organic brain too.

It's using a huge amount of processing power and Cameron believes this could be the next form of evolution... but there's a problem. For some reason, this AI is asleep and Iris needs to wake it up.

Back in the present, Iris heads off to her lakeside cabin, where she happens to have her telescope. She has a big evidence board up with post-its that look similar to that of Charlie and the AI project.

Iris uses this telescope to check out the stars (which becomes important later on), but it also turns out she's boobytrapped the area with beartraps and various other obstacles to thwart potential assassins. Well, it doesn't take long for her to come under fire as an officer gets close and winds up getting stuck in the beartrap. However, she easily subdues the gunman that tries to take her out.

Threatening to cut off his member works to get his attention, and Iris forces the guy into submission. In exchange for helping him out so he doesn't bleed to death, Iris demands he reveal all information about who hired him and why he's there.

The man agrees and while Iris heads off to get a first aid kit, he quickly skedaddles out of harm's way.

When she returns out in the wild, this highly intelligent woman didn't bank on her subject fleeing. Iris heads into the woods alone with nothing but a torch to try and find him. Well, she finds him at the bottom of a large ravine, by a yellow car with a spare gun inside.

The man fires wildly at Iris, who eventually throws down a rock and it hits the guy square on the head, killing him outright.

We then cut back 2 years earlier to this base in Slovenia. Cameron introduces Jensen, the guy who initially created Charlie, the super-AI. Unfortunately, Jensen has since lost his mind and been immobilized after trying to destroy the super AI, hacking at it and rattling on that it must be stopped.

Cameron explains here though that they need to enter a complicated password to get Charlie up and running, and the clues appear to be located in Jensen's diary, using encryption tech only he understands. So basically it's Iris' job to crack the code.

The reason all of this is being done under wraps is because nobody can know about the project. With Cameron having taken money from a "silent investor", all of this is very much off the books. This explains the treasure hunt and why the winner would have been recruited to this project, so they can prove to be "worthy".

If Iris doesn't play ball though, Cameron reveals that he may actually be killed.

Back in the present, Iris dispatches the assassin's body and car, setting it alight and pushing it over the cliff to the beach below. This occurs just as the authorities arrive in town, closing in

on her location.

When Iris heads back to her cabin, she spies guards outside sniffing around the place. They take pictures and easily track her safe, hidden in the floor, Iris stands outside watching.

The guards are specifically trying to find Jenson's diary, confirming that they're working for Cameron. It would appear that Iris has stolen this, hence the manhunt. The two men crack the safe, unveiling photocopies but not much else. However, when one of the men turns around and looks out the window, he spies Iris looking back and gives chase.

More Than Zero, Less Than One

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Summary: In a desperate bid to escape the island, Iris blackmails Teo to botch the police investigation and help her flee. But when put under pressure by Krauss and Baptiste, Teo is given no choice but to betray her location, forcing her to make a death-defying escape.



The episode begins with a fisherman finding the charred remains of the cop and his car on the beach. I mean, it's a bit hard to miss given the smouldering ruins!

Iris stays close to the action though and despite guards everywhere, she keeps a close eye on what's going on. Next, she contacts her affair partner, Teo. He works for the police and is currently leading the investigation into the car found on the beach.

Iris demands to know who the investigators were inside her house, and blackmails Teo into submission. She not only promises to expose the affair, but also a concocted story about killing his wife.

Iris has been planning this for a while, having sent messages off Teo's phone about murdering her then deleting them so it only shows on the server and on her side. She knows she can use this to incriminate him if he doesn't play ball. With little other choice, he agrees to help her.

Teo heads to the beach and finds the car for himself, alongside his partner Nico Casterman. It doesn't take long for the two shady officers from the Special Cases Unit to show up sniffing about. As we soon learn, their names are Commissioner Krauss and Deputy Baptiste. They're from Bruni's taskforce and very clearly looking for the deceased man in the burnt car, who was actually their associate.

The office show off a picture of Iris to Teo and he clumsily lies, claiming he's never seen Iris before. He doesn't have a good poker face, while Nico chirping up when Teo is frozen in shock and admitting he recognizes Iris as Joy's tutor up at the Ferrante villa.

Iris comes unstuck though when she realizes that her funds are gone. Her personal accounts have been completely cleared out and the penny drops for her. In fact, when Cameron sends over a quirky little graphic taking responsibility for hacking into her accounts, he follows up with a phone call demanding she hand over the diary she's stolen.

Iris refuses though, wanting to know why Jensen killed 5 people and what Cameron's hiding from her regarding Charlie's significance.

We do learn here that she's getting closer to cracking the puzzle, realizing the code has been changed every week, adding another layer of complexity to everything.

Apparently Jensen is convinced that this AI is the Lamentation of God, and could have acted out after realizing how awful this Charlie thing would be for the world should it be unleashed.

Elsewhere, Teo is grilled by Baptiste, who knows Iris has a habit of finding officers with troubled marriages and working as a homewrecker to worm her way in. The trouble is, Iris has no way out so she rings Teo while he's with Baptiste.

Teo pretends he's on a call with his wife, and points out that the assassin she killed was a cop. Iris is confused and eventually asks for his help, but Teo critically points out that her time is coming to an end and the noose is tightening right now.

For now, Teo and Baptiste head up to see Joy and the family but Joy refuses to divulge anything, taunting the guy. As for Iris, she hides in a hidden walkway under the apartment complex she's staying in and makes her way out when the cops storm the place, padlocking the doors with chains behind her before slipping away.

While Iris rushes up the street, it doesn't take long for police to chase her after getting a match on her description. Two cops find her and beat the woman down, calling her a cop killer while the others search through the apartment, tracking down clothes tags that they believe is linked to Iris.

Despite her matching the exact description of the woman they're after, the cops on the beat are called back to search for woman matching the exact same description but wearing a dress instead. They rush off and leave Iris alone.

Baptiste is no fool though, and he knows Teo has been lying to him. He confronts the guy out on the road and makes a play to lure Iris into a false sense of security.

Baptiste is confident that he can use Teo because when Iris calls him again (and he's certain she will) then they can bring her out into the open and capture her.

However, Iris actually brings Joy in to help her. Back at her cabin, she uses the girl to uncover a second, hidden safe underneath the first one. After giving her the codes, Joy finds a silver briefcase and Iris tells Joy to hide this inside a hollow tree 200 meters from the cabin.

Joy does just this and it seems like she's not spotted doing so either... for about 3 seconds. Turns out someone has been watching her the whole time and it's the other guy from the Special Cases Unit, Krauss. He grabs the suitcase and takes off, as Joy laments her luck.

Joy Ride

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Summary:	Joy is taken captive by Baptiste, while Iris contacts conspiracy theorist Alfie and asks him to meet her in Rome to help her with the next phase of her plan. But with Teo being directed by Krauss, both Joy and Iris are delivered into the hands of Cameron for an explosive showdown.



The episode begins with us in Slovenia, 18 months ago. Iris watches Jensen's old videos, including how he used LSD on his terminally ill wife. He gave her so much that it caused her to think of death in a very different way and in the end, she passed with no fear.

Cameron catches up here as, armed with Jensen's diary in hand, the pair prepare to crack into Jensen's mind. The experiments go ahead with Iris trying to dig into the man's psyche, picking up on intense brainwave activity as a sort of lie

detector to track down the truth.

Iris reiterates the code changes and believes it could be linked to a DNA sequence for the world's toughest bacteria. Jumping down this rabbit hole leads Iris to another potential lead, coming in the form of the astronomical coordinates to an area of space known as the Bootes Void. And wouldn't you know it, this code seems to do the trick. Charlie awakens!

As soon as Charlie wakes up, there's a problem. Alarms wail, the facility goes on lockdown and Jensen suddenly wakes up. He launches out of his seat and kills the guard in his room.

Iris is frozen in fear as she watches Jensen speak directly to the camera, asking Iris just what she's done. When he leaves, he kills a fair amount of people in the facility and rushes for the control room Iris is currently in.

Iris decides to delete everything off the server, including all pictures and references to the right code to unlock this thing. She grabs the diary and flees from Jensen, who's catching up to her.

Iris escapes the facility just as the lockdown procedure is activated. On the other side of a large containment door, Jensen is shocked into submission but not before telling Iris that the diary should be burned and destroyed.

Iris realizes there's something wrong with the machine, hence the warnings and the way Charlie looked to be spiralling out of control. Iris decides to flee when Cameron is flaky over what's happening, taking off with the diary. This is what starts her misadventure, managing to move from Slovenia and eventually making it to Sardinia.

Back in the present we catch up with Joy, who shoulder-barges Krauss and snatches up the briefcase and takes it for herself. Unfortunately she doesn't get far and the element of surprise is gone.

With Joy captured, Nico Casterman, the cop working with Teo earlier in the season, fronts the investigation to try and get her back. They've also found the bloodied bear trap in the woods, along with Iris' cabin, and believe this all may be linked to Joy. Interestingly, we also learn here that Joy's father has actually embedded a tracker in Joy's jacket.

Meanwhile, our genius Iris is out in public again, but due to the lack of CCTV in the streets, she's doing reasonably well to stay out of sight. She rings Teo and organizes a meet at a nearby abandoned watchtower, which is just what Baptiste needs to spring his trap.

Over in Croydon, England, Alfie receives a call from Iris. She decides to work with him and give the guy a perfect story and cover... but in exchange for working with her. Iris sends over a video of Charlie as proof, and Alfie is shocked when he sees it. Just before she hangs up, Iris sets up a meet with him in Rome for the following day.

Iris shows up to see Teo, who's on his own now, and begrudgingly helps her out to escape... or does he? When Teo opens the boot, the grinning face of Baptiste and the end of his gun is there to greet her.

This catches us up to the moments at the start of episode 1. Joy is held at gunpoint just like before but eventually Iris concedes before the girl is killed. Screw Teo though I guess, he can just die.

Anyway, Iris gives over the password and as the briefcase is opened... it explodes. Cameron is still alive, because he's our main antagonist and it's only episode 3, while Iris and Joy are absolutely fine.

Cameron realizes how valuable Joy is here and kidnaps her as a bargaining chip, taking the girl onboard a helicopter as they flee. However, not before Iris bargains and tells Cameron that if he kills her or harms Joy in any way, he won't find the journal.

Cameron dumps Joy's jacket out the helicopter, while Iris is left to flee the scene before Nico and the others arrive. When they do show up, all that's left is Teo's dead body and the remains of the Special Unit.

Collider

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Summary:	Iris is stripped of everything she's built. She escapes the island and contacts online conspiracy theorist Alfie, who arrives in Rome.



The episode begins with us back in Slovenia 18 months ago. The base is a bloodbath of the recently deceased, and Cameron shows up to see Jensen, who's bloody but very much lucid.

Jensen chalks up these deaths to being an obligation, and claims he's trying to help Cameron understand. But of course this guy's brain is a puzzle unto itself and not so easy to unravel.

Back in the present, Cameron speaks to Joy and tries to understand what her part in all of this actually is. He's unsure

whether Iris actually cares about her or if she's just selfishly using her. Beyond the tutoring ties, there doesn't seem to be very much so Cameron decides to bargain with her.

Joy is not persuaded by him though and is adamant Iris does care about her. This gives something for Cameron to work with, and of course it keeps Joy alive for longer too.

Meanwhile, Nico organizes traffic and doubles down on trying to find Iris. With two cops dead, and a string of chaos behind her, the authorities are determined to track her down and stop Iris leaving Sardinia no matter what.

Drones are deployed down on the docks to try and find Iris, who hides underwater until they pass by. Over in the police headquarters though, Nico catches wind of Alfie's podcast.

It turns out our perfect little mathematician can also drive a boat too, along with navigating the stars on her own, and so she takes a ship and heads out into the water, keeping the lights on low and navigating by the stars, heading right for Rome. En-route though, Iris is shocked when she realizes that Jensen may have actually used his own DNA with Charlie, explaining why he was so torn up over this being turned back on.

Over in the National Police Headquarters in Rome, word reaches the Special Unit of the deaths on Sardinia. Nico questions the chain of command, admitting she's checked the official records and there doesn't seem to be any word of Iris' warrant here.

The Captain, Bruni, waves this away though and demands she work with her team to find Iris no matter what. Well, unfortunately they're looking in the wrong place because Iris manages to slip out and make it to Talamone, on the Italian mainland, in the morning.

Iris ditches the boat and swims to shore, a fair distance from where she's dumped the boat too. She steals a lot of gear from innocent people, including a bag, slippers and a good deal of money. She also manages to grab a phone too.

Iris organizes the meet with Alfie in Rome here, but it also comes right off the back of Nico Casterman contacting him and trying to find Iris. Alfie doesn't give up much, but he's twitchy enough for her to suspect something fishy. It also doesn't help that there are church bells clanging nearby, helping Nico track down where he is.

Joy is brought to Slovenia into the secret base with Cameron. For the time being she's going to hang here. As she gets settled in, Cameron receives a call from Hugo Pym. This guy is the acting Head of the Intragroup Committee, and the dangerous people behind the Charlie Big Potatoes project.

Hugo threatens Cameron when he stalls with results, and decides to come over and oversee this Joy situation personally in the morning.

Over in Tor Bella Monaca, Rome, Iris dons her stolen clothes and watches a quick video on YouTube over how to beat people up. Just like in *The Matrix* with uploading kung fu to Neo's brain, the video helps Iris effortlessly thwart a drug dealer with barely a scratch on her.

She beats this dealer down and steals his motorcycle, before arriving at an apartment and turning off GPS tracking.

Iris then rings Cameron, who apologizes for taking off with Joy. However, he warns that Pym and his cronies are not quite so forgiving as he is and this situation could turn ugly very quickly. Well, Iris decides to work with him and organize a trade — Joy for the journal. Whether this is just another clever ploy or a genuine bargain though is up for debate.

Iris decides to connect with Joy by logging into her Spotify and crafting a playlist for her. She uses song titles to get her message across. It's lucky that Joy is actually listening to Spotify at this exact moment, and she even uploads a live recording too. Within this, Iris asks Joy to obtain a DNA sample from Jensen.

Meanwhile, the Special Unit learn about the bag stolen from the beach, the abandoned boat and the bus that Iris boarded without a disguise. They've got CCTV footage of her and realize she's heading for Rome.

At the same time, Iris tracks down Alfie on a sightseeing bus and works with him to get the diary back for her. She's hidden it in plain sight though inside a library.

Alfie is tasked with getting the book its hidden inside of, but this involves talking to a librarian and acting calm. Unfortunately, it seems Alfie has never spoken to a real person before and despite showing charisma in front of a camera, when it comes to reality, he crumbles.

Alfie is jittery beyond belief and he's super paranoid that the security guard is watching him. Alfie eventually manages to take the journal and return the original book, but he certainly makes a meal of this!

Remember that drug dealer beaten down in the streets? Well, when Iris Nixon's face shows up on the TV and word of her 4 million euro bounty is made public, the head honcho of these dealers works with the kids in Rome to find Iris and track her down.

With the city's underworld on high alert, Alfie walks right into Nico Casterman, when he exits the library, who wants to talk. She intercepts Alfie and decides they should go and talk somewhere private, leaving Iris unsure how to proceed.

Ex Nihilo

Season 1

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Season Episode: 5

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Guest Stars:	Beatrice Fedi (Claudia), Daniela Scattolin (Daniela), Fabio La Fata (Lem), Gabriele Stella (Vittorio), Stefano Gianino (Ronny), Alessandro Pess (Frederico ‘Freddo’ Zonin), Dan Borduz (Hakim)
Summary:	Iris uses her wits to get herself out of a corner and enlist policewoman Nico, while Joy meets mysterious genius Jensen Lind.



The episode begins in South London, 18 months ago. Alfie shows up at a bar to meet with his publicist, who wants to know how he’s getting on with his work.

All Alfie has ever wanted to do is be a journalist and write for the big newspapers, but unfortunately he’s not having much luck. Some of this is due to his outlandish ideas about conspiracies and far-flung ideas. His latest, the Nine Horses puzzle, is his latest obsession.

Alfie talks passionately about how Iris is connected and disappeared after solving the puzzle. Unfortunately, Alfie’s publicist is having none of this and promises that he won’t be working on any newspaper she oversees in the foreseeable future.

With little other option, Alfie’s passion drives him over to YouTube where he tests his credentials and launches the Two Seconds to Midnight podcast.

Back in the present, Iris follows Casterman and Alfie through the busy streets of Rome. Iris is obviously a wanted woman and the gangs are on high alert to catch her. It’s here we learn that the ringleader for all of this is a man by the name of Freddo Zonin.

The Special Forces Unit catch wind of the manhunt and head over to question Zonin. He’s forced to give up information about the guys sending pictures of Iris, which leads them over to Alfie’s apartment.

In the secret base, Joy leaves her room and uses the elevator to make her way outside. She uses her key card and manages to breathe the fresh air before being harassed by drones. They’re watching her every move. However, as she looks up, Joy notices Jensen inside the base.

Cameron Beck is joined by Colonel Meski, a military woman who serves as Cameron’s head of security and fixer. Before Pym arrives on the scene, Cameron brings Joy over to see Charlie and how Jensen is connected to this machine. Joy wants to meet Jensen and asks Cameron tentatively to see him. Of course, she also has another agenda here to grab his DNA for Iris. Cameron refuses.

Meanwhile, Alfie leads Casterman over to his place while Iris continues to do a terrible job of remaining stealthy. She does replay the footage from Alfie’s jacket though to kinda redeem her

intelligence and realizes that he's over at number 20. Alfie is obviously incredibly nervous and this unsettles Casterman as she wonders just what he may be hiding.

Casterman shows Alfie what Teo looks like, including pictures of his children and details around how he was killed. Now that he's been murdered, Casterman is on the warpath. She's curious because Alfie lied to her about where he's situated.

Casterman shows off the crime scene photos for the dead officers and Alfie is shocked. This officer brings up how Iris manipulates good people into helping her and wants him to play ball.

Alfie counter-offers exclusivity to the case and shows off the diary... just as Iris rushes the room and pricks Casterman in the neck and puts her to sleep. Iris calls him a Judas, but he bites back and brings up how she's a murderer. Well, not yet anyway.

When Iris realizes she's surrounded and needs a way out, she injects Casterman with an agent to revive her. But time is very much of the essence here.

Meanwhile, Meski watches Joy like a hawk on the monitors, leaving all the doors unlocked to see exactly what she's up to. Well, she's obviously trying to find Jensen and while he's on the treadmill working out, Joy breaks into his room and takes hairs from his hairbrush.

Elsewhere, Jensen manages to subdue the guards nearby and heads into his room... where he comes face to face with Joy. Their conversation doesn't reveal much, but Meski does realize that Iris has communicated with Joy in some way and has a use for Jensen. Quite what though, will remain a mystery to her and Cameron Beck for the time being.

Unfortunately, things get a lot worse as Hugo Pym touches down and makes it to the base.

Meanwhile, Casterman regains consciousness and Iris eventually hands the gun over to her. She promises to tell her exactly what happened to Teo in exchange for them getting out the building. But as Bruni's men close in, will she do it?

The Oblivion Suite

Season 1
Episode Number: 6
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Writer: Ian Scott McCullough
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Two Seconds to Midnight

Season 1
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Summary: Devastated by a setback, Iris makes a stand. Cameron’s benefactor steps up control of his project.



The episode begins with Cameron, Meski and Joy in possession of the diary after the latter betrayed Iris. Cameron sends a picture of the pages, which appears to be the activation code, to Hugo Pym. He gets his people to try and get Charlie up and running, but there’s a problem.

The top level needs deciphering and best estimates put this at days or weeks. That’s not a fitting timeframe for Hugo Pym, who accelerates that by beating Jensen and taking this “abomination” (his words) down to the dock in a

wheelchair.

When Jensen refuses to help with the machine, Pym throws him into the water and lets him drown. Well... almost. Pym checks his watch and brings Jensen back from the brink, restarting his heart so Jensen coughs up water and lies, afraid and shocked. Pym promises that this will be his future every day unless he complies.

Meanwhile, Iris decides it’s time for Alfie to make his mark with his podcast. After Joy’s betrayal, she’s decided she’s failed and isn’t going to be the one to try and stop these super dangerous government agents after all. In fact, Iris is wiping her hands of this whole affair and psyches up Alfie to take over where she’s stepping down.

Iris rings Cameron and pleads with him to destroy Charlie so nobody can use it. She threatens him too, promising that “Alfie and Nico can burn”. However, Nico happens to have overheard everything and holds Iris at gunpoint. She doesn’t trust that Iris won’t just drop them in an instant or use them for her own gain. Given what we’ve seen over the season, that’s not surprising.

Nico wants to move Alfie’s laptop to Interpol but the latter is too fixated on revealing the truth to the world. However, Bruni and his men are closing in. Realizing they need help, Iris beats down Nico and is prepared to leave her behind. Thankfully, Alfie helps her up but it doesn’t take long for a shootout to ensue.

In the middle of this, Iris apologizes for bringing Alfie into this but he's revitalized and thinks this is the right thing to do. In fact, he helps to give her a pep-talk, believing they should do a livestream right now.

He sets it up but unfortunately, as soon as he starts talking about corrupt cops, he's shot in the head and killed. Iris fights with Bruni, who decides not to use his gun and fight her on his own, eventually leading to Iris coming out on top, eventually shooting him dead.

However, the rest of Bruni's men grab her and take off, all the while unaware that Alfie's 'Two Seconds to Midnight' podcast is still livestreaming. Nico saves Iris at the last second before she's executed though, gunning down all the officers.

Iris hands over Alfie's laptop to Nico and decides she's going to finish this once and for all. She rings through to Cameron and tells him that she's on her way, unaware that Hugo Pym, now in possession of the diary and his phone after Cameron touches down, manages to turn on the machine and bypass the encryption. Charlie is up and running.

Charlie Says

Season 1
Episode Number: 8
Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Thursday November 13, 2025
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Guest Stars: Luna Aquilini (9 Year Old Girl), Taiyo Yamanouchi (Cipher Tech), Jimi Durotoye (Team Leader), Jane Alexander (Nurse)
Summary: Iris makes a potentially suicidal return to Caliburn. A showdown exposes the terrifying true purpose of the device.



The episode begins this finale in Numedal Valley, Southern Norway 6 years ago. Cameron talks about his past to Jensen, including his transformative experience with God. This is the pitch that convinces Jensen to come and work on Charlie to "prove" His existence.

Back in the present, Hugo Pym watches as the machine fires up and Charlie comes to life. It sounds like a whale booting up, groaning and creaking. This concerns Joy, but Cameron believes these sounds are normal and tries

to calm her down. Besides, it's not like the pair can leave anyway, so for now they're stuck twiddling their thumbs.

Thankfully Iris is en-route. With a bag of goodies, which include several guns, a grenade and some pliers, she creates a makeshift explosive and swallows it to avoid detection. Unless they have a metal detector at the entrance of course, but thankfully they don't.

Colonel Meski is told to leave the facility with her personnel without Cameron. Well, she doesn't get far as she decides to circle back and head back to base in secret.

While this is going on, Hugo works to try and speed up Charlie's process. Jensen explains that Charlie is sentient, to a degree, and doesn't trust Pym. It's hiding data from him until it gets what it wants. And that, as we know, involves roaming free in the world.

Interestingly, Cameron's room suddenly shows off a projector that drops from the sky, which includes footage of Iris killing those officers on her way out from the warehouse last episode. The context is missing though as it's designed to make her look like a ruthless killer.

Iris shows up at the facility and is greeted by Hugo Pym, who invites her in. He brings Iris to Charlie, who then speaks to Jensen. Jensen explains that should Charlie get free, it would give them what they want and make humanity dependant on its technology. However, Charlie's true purpose would be to annihilate all of humanity to get what it wants.

Jensen believes that Charlie Big Potatoes is the Anti-God and certainly doesn't have our best interests at heart. Time is very much of the essence here. She lies to Pym about what she really

feels regarding Joy and Cameron, which Charlie decides to broadcast over to Joy. This includes drugging Joy and staging it to look like a suicide attempt.

Iris promises to get Pym the data he wants in exchange for a new life and new face. However, she's bluffing as she intends to destroy the machine.

In the toilet, Iris vomits up the explosive and wires it to her phone, ready to make her move. Cameron tries to convince Joy that Charlie is manipulating the situation, but she's hot-headed and a bit unpredictable.

Interestingly, Meski is also unpredictable too, as she manages to break into the facility with a silencer and go completely Jason Bourne on us, becoming a one-woman army.

Meski breaks Joy and Cameron out of their room, prompting a good number of guards to leave the main chamber and try to stop her. Meski locks a couple of grunts in the holding cell alone, while Charlie starts to crank up the pressure by lowering the temperature across the chamber it's being held in.

Cameron decides to stick around and wait, but Joy also rushes in too. She grabs a gun from one of the murdered guards and takes off, adamant that Iris destroys everything. Cameron manages to talk Charlie around to open the locked doors and he rushes in to try and get to Joy.

Joy shows and holds Iris up at gunpoint. With no guards left in the room, she forces all the scientists out and then has Jensen released. Jensen shows up and shoots Jensen in the shoulder, but then Cameron, sporting an axe, swings it into Pym's head and kills him outright.

Cameron realizes what's happening here, given Charlie is manipulating the situation to its liking. When Charlie enacts a jump scare, Joy pulls the trigger and shoots Cameron dead.

With Cameron gone, Iris plants her explosive and blows a hole in the doors, allowing them to leave. Iris grabs the axe and sticks behind while Jensen and Joy make a run for it. She smashes up the glass and destroys the machine.

With Charlie seemingly gone, Iris leaves the facility alone, looking up at the stars, which is, of course, a throwback to the opening of this episode.

However, the final frame of the series cuts back to the facility. We see Cameron, which the camera zooms into but it's unclear what this means.

During a mid-credit sequence, we catch another glimpse of Alfie. He confirms that there are coded messages spreading across the internet from Charlie. There are tons of them and speculation is rife that they could include scientific breakthroughs and the key to new technologies.

It's obviously doctored footage... to show how easily these images and videos can be manipulated.

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 Luna Aquilina 1
 0106 (9 Year Old Girl)
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 0108 (9 Year Old Girl)
 Mauro Aversano 1
 0104 (Freddo's Friend)

B

Daniele Balconi 1
 0102 (Assault Cop)
 Chiara Bersani 1
 0104 (Library Clerk)
 Dan Borduz 1
 0105 (Hakim)
 Paolo D. Bovani 2
 0102 (Officer Perreti); 0103 (Officer Perreti)
 Giuseppe Boy 1
 0102 (Man with Dog)

C

Marco Conte 1
 0101 (Post Clerk)

D

Alessia Debandi 1
 0102 (Carlotta Solinas)
 Jimi Durotoye 2
 0107 (Team Leader); 0108 (Team Leader)

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 0101 (Claudia); 0104 (Claudia); 0105 (Claudia); 0106
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