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HE HAS SOLVING CRIME DOWN TO A SCIENCE.

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Psychology
Psychological evidence
Cannot assume logic or bias?
Never assume
is off
Body language / eye contact
Witness or suspect?
Can't trust the mind
Do they know?

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Season One

Pilot

Season 1

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Summary: Alec Mercer lends his unique expertise on high-stakes cases involving governments, law enforcement and corporations. His approach lead him and the team on a series of intense, unexpected journeys to solve illogical puzzles and mysteries.



The episode begins with Alec Mercer talking about how people are predictably irrational. He explains that people rely on instincts even though they're almost always wrong. One error in judgment leads to another which is why someone usually ends up calling Alec. Outside a barricaded suspect scene, Alec calls Clay who was smart with the baby and all. Clay says he wants what he asked for. Alec lies while telling the man they authorized a helicopter and asks what kind he wants. After helping Clay pick a helicopter, Alec tells him he is

going to need a plan for the baby.

Alec convinces Clay to throw away his gun. Once things calm down, Marisa asks Alec what he did back there. He begins telling her about paradoxical persuasion. He says it works around 95% of the time. Marisa argues that his ability to completely divorce emotion from reason is why she married him and why they split up. The next day, Alec goes to the psychology department at Wylton University where he works as a professor. He is introduced to Rizwan by Phoebe. Then, Alec goes to his class and welcomes everyone to Applied Psychology 101. He says he was burned on over 60% of his body many years ago and that's what happened to his face.

Alec tells them how he became intrigued with the idea that people repeatedly and predictably make the wrong decisions in many aspects of their lives. When one of the students asks how the

burns happened, we see quick flashes of the event in question. Alec claims he ran off the road while drag racing and a gas tank exploded. After the call, Phoebe asks why he didn't just tell the truth. Alec says he will when he remembers all of it. He receives a call from the mayor. Once he meets the Mayor, he is told that a young woman named Jasmine Curtland was murdered last night. The suspect is her ex-boyfriend, Dylan Hayes, who is the son of Senator Laura Hayes. The Mayor doesn't want the allegations to blow up Laura's campaign because she is a political ally.

Alec doesn't want to be involved because he believes Dylan is getting preferential treatment. The Mayor changes his mind by telling him that Dylan is a war hero. She explains she needs to find out whether he is guilty. If he didn't do it, she'll do whatever she can to keep his name out of the press. Otherwise, she'll tell the DA to move forward with full force. Dylan immediately says he killed Jasmine so Alec questions where his lawyer is. He reveals he was having a rough night because it was the anniversary of the attack that killed his friends. He got beers at several bars before ending up at Jasmine's place. Dylan claims they had sex. He thinks he used a condom.

They got into a fight with Jasmine saying it was really over this time. Dylan believes he must've snapped. Jasmine had a gun for protection because she had a stalker once. Dylan says the gun just went off. He can't remember anything else since he blacked out. Dylan claims he woke up in his car and was scared because he saw all this blood. When he went to Jasmine's place, he found her. Alec asks how it felt when he shot her. Although Dylan doesn't know, he remembers pulling the trigger. Outside the interview room, Alec tells Detective Bryan Chou why doesn't think Dylan did it. He wonders why someone would confess to a murder they didn't commit.

Next, Alec meets Marisa who learns about Dylan's case. When they enter the latest crime scene, they encounter DA Elise Bowen. Bowen says she shot in the chest at short range and probably knew her attacker. The bullet went through her chest and into a display of pressurized hair mousse. When Marisa notices an AA sobriety chip, Alec tells her that Dylan said he and Jasmine met in AA. He notices a camera and learns that Jasmine was an influencer. Elise Bowen thinks the case is cut and dry because Dylan confessed. Alec knows where he'd start investigating. Later, he watches Jasmine's videos with Kylie who says Jasmine has over 250,000 followers.

Alec does an experiment to show her how easy it is to trick people into remembering things. He tells her that the living arrangement is temporary. Kylie asks if he is waiting for Marisa to take him back. Next, Alec meets Bowen to say he ran an experiment to see how easy it'd be to convince someone they had committed a crime they hadn't. Alec tells Bowen about the experiment. If Dylan didn't do this, the murderer is still out there. Later, Alec tells Kylie that Wes Banning is up for parole. The suspected lone wolf attacker was suspected of two counts of federal hate crimes for possessing explosives and building the bomb that killed 13 people and injured one. Alec says they have to consider letting him out because he was never convicted of the murders.

Alec admits he couldn't place him at the scene. Kylie tells him he has to let that go after almost 20 years. She says alcoholics tend to lie, but Alec says there is one place where they don't. He meets Rizwan and prepares to attend an AA meeting. They're going to see if anyone knows who Jasmine's stalker is. Dylan's sponsor, Ray, introduces himself to them. Ray feels like he let Dylan down. Detective Chou calls Alec to say he might want to swing by Jasmine's place because there is another suspect in her murder. Once he gets there, he learns that a woman broke in because she wanted something of Jasmine's so she could remember her.

Alec notices that she took a different lip gloss brand than the one Jasmine endorses. He tries to get the woman to explain why she is really there. The woman, Lila, says Jasmine ruined her life. Alec watches a video of Jasmine talking about Lila who has a product line that is tested on animals. Alec tells Bowen that Lila wrote threatening notes to Jasmine so she broke in to get them. He suggests others were burned by Jasmine's influence before asking about the five-year sobriety chip found at the scene. Later, Alec visits Marisa to ask whether any prints were found on the chip. After she says she'll check, Alec is allowed to come inside. Marisa asks if the nightmares are back. Alec admits he's had one or two.

He tells her about Wes's upcoming parole hearing. Alec thinks he should be at the hearing because his injuries could sway the parole board. Marisa insists she will never regret the day they met or anything after that. She gets a message confirming they've found something on Jasmine's laptop. In a video, Jasmine says lives will be ruined when she reveals names. Then, she questions about her own life. She told him they weren't right for each other but he wouldn't accept it. AA saved her, but it wasn't safe anymore because of him. Marisa says it was on her

hard drive although she never got the chance to upload it.

Marisa believes it is the boyfriend. Next, it is confirmed that charges were filed against Dylan. Alec visits him at the jail and learns that he doesn't have a five-year sobriety chip. Dylan eventually says she stopped coming to St. Mel's because some guy kept hitting on her during the meetings. The guy came to every meeting. Alec and Rizwan attend another AA meeting. Alec admits he doesn't remember exactly what happened to his face. A flashback shows him leaving a campaign speech for Sanford. His friend goes back in to get his backpack just before the church explodes. During the meeting, Alec says the person responsible for the bombing could walk free because he can't remember.

Then, he talks to a man about a traumatic event from his past. Jeff hasn't reached his five-year mark yet. The only one he knows who is past five years is Ray. Alec returns the five-year chip to Ray who says he has been looking for it. Alec asks Rizwan to call his ex-wife and tell her to get there as soon as possible. Alec goes outside to keep Ray there by telling him about his visit with Dylan. When Alec tells Ray they never found the murder weapon, Ray pulls out a gun and points it at him. Alec suspects that is where it went. As Alec drives, Ray tells him not to start that shrink crap with him. Alec begins going through the pros and cons of killing him even though Ray tells him to shut up.

Ray says he just wanted Jasmine to go out with him but she kept saying no. She was going to go online and call him a predator. Ray alleges that Jasmine pulled out the gun. Alec believes he tried to pin the crime on Dylan since the police would blame the ex-boyfriend. He suspects Ray planted all that stuff in Dylan's head and Dylan didn't have a beer or go to Jasmine's place. Ray admits he got everything right, but he is wrong about him going to jail. When the car crashes, Alec remembers someone fleeing in a van after the church explosion. He wakes up in the hospital. Marisa tells him that they took Ray alive. Bowen arrives to tell Alec that Dylan has been released. She asks if he'd ever consider doing work for their department.

Once Bowen leaves, Kylie tells Alec he is a magnet for powerful women in law enforcement. Later, Alec thinks about the bombing and tries to write down what he remembers. Dylan visits him to thank him. He admits he still remembers doing it. Alec tells him that your memory can lie to you. He explains how Dylan can possibly make those memories go away. Dylan says he has been meaning to go back to school. After that, Alec goes to the parole hearing for Wes Banning. Marisa enters near the beginning of the hearing. Wes apologizes to the family members. He notices something near the door and stops talking. When asked if he'd likely commit crimes again, Wes says yes.

Alec notices the door closing so he runs out. A vehicle speeds away before he can catch up. Marisa asks if he saw the face or place, but Alec admits he didn't see anything. He doubts Banning was a lone wolf.

Dead Woman Walking

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Guest Stars: Amy Aquino (CJ Wright), Fred Ewanuick (Gene Hadditch), Chris Cope (Brandon Schulz), Vanessa Walsh (Nicole), Riun Garner (Logan), E.J. Katz (Sophie), Andrei Kovski (Yuri), David Parent (Doctor), Jordan Danish (Police Detective)
Summary: Professor Mercer is approached by his old friend CJ, a prominent investigative journalist who asks for help after she's poisoned with a rare and deadly nerve agent; with time running out, Mercer pieces together scant clues.



As the second episode begins, Alec Mercer thinks about the explosion. Kylie catches him playing with fire. Alec says he smelled fire right before he blacked out. He is trying to recreate the smell to see if it'll trigger any memories. They talk about the man walking from the parole hearing. The FBI only got a shot of the man's back. Alec thinks Wes thought he was going to get out until the man in question showed up. Wes is refusing to talk and even got himself put into solitary. Marisa put together a list of logos

from 20 years ago that might help Alec narrow it down.

Kylie wonders if he is just trying to spend time with his ex-wife. Alec says they might not be married anymore, but they still make a great team. Alec asks for a ride to campus since he has someone waiting for him in his office. Once he arrives, he sees CJ and questions why she is there. CJ isn't there as a journalist. Instead, she needs Alec's help solving a murder. They sit down and discuss polonium-210 which was used to kill Alexander Litvinenko. CJ is convinced she was poisoned by polonium. She explains why she thought she could trust him with her last request. CJ wants to talk about potential suspects instead of possible treatments.

She has been doing a piece on a Belarusian oligarch. CJ had lunch with an informant named Yuri recently. Ever since she experienced symptoms, she has been trying to contact Yuri who hasn't responded. Either Yuri did it or he was the target and CJ was collateral damage. The only one who may missed CJ is her writing partner, Gene. She hasn't talked to her daughter since the Obama administration. Once Alec agrees to help, CJ collapses. At the hospital, Marisa tells Alec that the CIA and NSA are also getting involved. Gene arrives moments later.

He was hoping CJ was wrong about it being polonium poisoning. Gene confirms he was at the lunch with Yuri, yet he hasn't had any symptoms. He told her not to meet with Yuri in public because people who poke around the oligarch usually end up dead. Marisa promises to speak to the department about getting him protection. When asked about Yuri, Gene says he remembers that he likes chess. Alec admits they don't know how long CJ has left. Back at his office, Alec

listens to Phoebe and Rizwan talk about CJ. Alec says they need to find someone who doesn't want to be found. Phoebe and Rizwan suggest getting Yuri to tell them where he is.

They find out that he is wearing a shirt from Pro Chess Fans. They send him a message pretending Pro Chess Fans is sending him a free gift. Once the message has been sent, they begin waiting for a reply. Phoebe questions whether they should speak to CJ's daughter, but Alec says she asked him not to. Alec receives a message from Yuri who is awaiting his free gift. He asks Phoebe to call Marisa and tell her to meet him at the marina. Once Alec goes there, Marisa messages him asking him to wait for her. He doesn't wait for her and instead begins looking for Yuri. Once he finds him, he notices that Yuri has a gunshot wound. Yuri yells for him to run before more shots are fired.

Once Alec finds cover, he yells at the shooter and tells them they're good at what they do. He tells the shooter to flee because it is the rational thing to do. Then, he suggests the person may not be rational. In the morning, Marisa complains that Alec didn't wait for her. She assures him that every cop in the city is looking for the shooter. There was nothing on Yuri's body so he probably wasn't the poisoner. Marisa suggests the poison was meant for Yuri and the killer came to the marina to finish the job. Alec says an oligarch would've hired the best. CJ was probably the target and Yuri was only a loose end so they didn't need to get fancy with him.

Marisa wonders what Yuri saw then. Phoebe tells Rizwan they're going to ambush CJ's daughter in the parking lot. Rizwan goes through the evidence that her daughter could be the killer, but Phoebe doesn't there think is enough motive. They approach the daughter to tell her about CJ's condition. Nicole isn't happy and suggests CJ just wants it to be about her. She thinks it is best to leave her mother to go in peace. CJ speaks to Alec and Gene about whether it was someone other than the oligarch. Alec talks to her about her pain and his injuries. CJ says the steak she ate was a little too rare so she initially told herself it was food poisoning.

A couple of tables away, a man got down on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend. She thought it was a little over the top. Alec watches the proposal video with Kylie at home. When she brings up Marisa, Alec says they're better off as work partners instead of love partners. Alec notices that the teapot is different in the video. Someone switched it out in a room full of people. When Alec speaks to CJ, she can't believe she missed a teapot being replaced. Alec does an experiment with CJ to prove otherwise. He calls Marissa because the couple had to be the poisoner's accomplices. When Logan and Sophie are brought in, they explain that they do PR stunts.

They never really told them what the proposal was for. They were offered two grand for an hour of work and never told why. Marisa soon learns that they do not keep digital records. They begin talking about the logo from the van. Alec says they could go over them together, but Marisa doesn't want to blur the lines. Seconds later, Alec notices that CJ and Gene did an expose on a tobacco company that showed they were marketing their products to kids. They get a picture of Brandon Schulz who is the VP of Publicity for Bramble Corp. Marisa reveals that polonium is naturally found in tobacco leaves. Alec meets Brandon and tells him that he was just doing his job.

He believes Brandon would've been a star if it wasn't for CJ's article. Brandon admits he approached and threw in some cash for fair reporting. The whole thing would've been a win-win, but CJ had a brand to protect. He was mad at first until he realized it was an opportunity to get in with more eco-friendly companies. Brandon tells him how Bramble extracted impurities such as tar and polonium-210. He says there was a lot of radioactive waste left over and exposing of it was expensive. Brandon found them a deal for half the standard rate. He eventually tells Alec that Gene helped him with that.

Alec catches up with Marisa to tell her the answer was right up in front of them the whole time. He asks for a ride so they can get proof. Nicole meets Phoebe and Rizwan to say she isn't sure she is ready. Phoebe tells Nicole about her relationship with her mom and how she stayed away from her for a while. She thought there would be time later until her mother died. Phoebe urges Nicole to see her mother. Alec visits Gene who offers him a glass of iced tea. Alec says the world may finally see Gene for who he is now. Gene asks if the tea tastes okay so Alec takes a sip. Alec says whoever did this was a criminal mastermind. He believes they left CJ alive because they were playing with her.

Whoever did this will never get the satisfaction of looking her in the eyes and saying they won. After a call, Alec tells Gene that CJ's condition has worsened. She has fallen into a coma and

they don't expect her to come out of it. Gene asks for some time alone. Outside, Alec smells of the flowers and remembers the explosion. Gene goes to CJ's hospital room. He is sorry it had to end this way although it'll be over soon. Gene admits it was him. He wants her to know that he beat her. CJ tells him he isn't that smart before showing him she has been recording his confession. Gene is arrested. Phoebe tells Alec that CJ is going to get the treatment and she'll get a second chance with Nicole.

Phoebe says her mother was late for a meeting, crossed against a light, and got hit by a car. Alec believes she is still playing the "what if" game. He thinks she should remind herself of the good times. If she can't remember the good times, she should call Alec and they can find them. Alec speaks to his students about Gene who couldn't stand the fact no one knew about him. CJ learns that her recovery is going well. Alec talks about the problem of looking three steps ahead. Nicole goes to the hospital to see her mother. Now, Alec tries to live in the moment while paying attention to every detail. He works on bringing his memories back. After remembering the logo, he tells Kylie that he remembered something.

The Barnum Effect

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Guest Stars: Brian King (Jace Richards), Jake B. Miller (Rory Taylor), Josh Blacker (Owen Kalagian), Mika Bantog (Emma Liu), Nikki Chohan (Brittany), Hannah Drew (Caitlin), Greg Delmage (Jason), Gui Fontanezzi (Ride Share Passenger), Kate Boutilier (Daisy), John Shaw (Dale Newhouse)
Summary: After a passenger plane crashes into the Potomac River, suspicions focus on the pilot; Professor Mercer and the team are asked to investigate the pilot's personal motivations, and piece together clues in the hope of revealing the truth.



Alec Martin walks in on Kylie playing with tarot cards. She tells him that the Tower is the creepiest card in the deck. Alec tells her about the Barnum effect which is named after PT Barnum. Kylie says he is like the behavioral scientist who ruined Christmas. Alec has a meeting with Marisa. Kylie pulls the fool card before saying she sees romantic disaster in the future. Alec says the meeting is at the FBI about the logo on the getaway van he remembered. Once Alec arrives, he says hello to Jace Richards and thanks him for

guest lecturing.

Then, Marisa tells Alec that they matched a company that matches his logo. The FBI is officially reopening the case. While driving a customer, Rizwan talks about Alec's work. The passenger uses the app to ask him to be silent just before a plane crashes into a tower nearby. Marisa shows Alec a logo on a van owned by JoJo's Dry Cleaners. It was located less than three miles from Methodist Church. After the bombing, the van turned left on 10th Avenue which is the same direction as the dry cleaners. After Alec confirms that is the logo, he learns that JoJo's went out of business eight years ago. The owner passed and his daughter moved to Iowa.

Marisa has to leave in a hurry. Rizwan gets out of his vehicle to look at the crashed plane. Alec sees a news report about the plane crash. He calls Marisa who is at the crash site and learns the plane was downed deliberately. She says the pilot was highly experienced with a perfect flying record, but he didn't follow any protocol after takeoff. His drug test was clean. Once Alec reaches the scene, he is introduced to Owen Kalagian and Dale Newhouse with NTSB. Dale is leading the investigation and Emma Liu is running point. Everything passed inspection so there is no indication of mechanical failure. After takeoff, the pilot switched to manual and changed course to clip the bridge.

No one would make that kind of mistake. They're looking for the black box so they'll know what was said in the cockpit. It is a miracle that there are up to 25 survivors. If he wanted to kill himself and others, Alec doesn't know why the pilot would crash the plane in a way that would leave half

the passengers alive. Later, Alec tells Phoebe that there have been zero commercial plane crashes in the United States in the last 10 years. Rizwan catches up with them and confirms he saw the crash. They go through the evidence with Alec explaining the NTSB is ignoring bad facts. If this was intentional, it was sloppy. Records show that the pilot was anything but sloppy. Alec gets in touch with Marisa so he can gain access to the pilot's home.

Marisa admits to Jace that she hasn't told him yet. She was going to until they got interrupted. Jace says there is no pressure because it is all new to him as well. He was reviewing possible targets. Every plane out of DC had prominent figures on it, but this one had 34 members of the World Women in Leadership Association. Alec, Phoebe, and Rizwan look through the pilot's house. In private, Phoebe tells Alec that Rizwan gets freaked out every time she tries to talk to him about the crash. Alec tells her to do nothing and let him come to her when he is ready. They find fresh produce in the refrigerator so they suspect the pilot planned on coming home. They're shocked to find a man in the bed with a woman. Alec soon learns he is Lucas's brother.

Rory introduces himself and says his friend is Daisy. He tells them how crazy today has been. Alec tells him about bereavement sex before Rizwan explains it. Rory is confident that his brother didn't commit suicide. As for his recent divorce, Caitlin tried to make it work until she left him. Being a pilot is hard on relationships. Caitlin told him it was either flying or the marriage. Lucas picked flying. At the office, Jace tells Alec that Lucas signed up for a daylong seminar with Mastery Select two weeks ago. The group teaches classes on how to be attractive to women. Marisa says it is incels for divorcees. They're targeting prominent women who are seen as destroying the patriarchy.

Flight 118 was carrying 34 members of the women's global leadership conference. The group often says, "I took the black pill." Someone says that on the flight recorder. Caitlin says she never felt threatened by Lucas although their entire marriage could've been a lie. Others are interviewed about him. One man doesn't believe Lucas was a member of the Black Pill Group. Alec isn't convinced Lucas committed mass murder. Marisa says it was his voice on the recorder though. Marisa breaks the news that she is seeing Jace. At home, Alec learns that Kylie broke into the Mastery Select's database and found out that Lucas left after the second session before the Black Pill Group even spoke.

Lucas deleted all his emails because it was filled with spam from the Mastery Select, porn sites, and sex shops. He signed up for them the day after he attended the Mastery Select. On the Red Flag Forum, Lucas posted "These guys are a bunch of impotent losers." They retaliated by doxing and spamming him which is why he deleted his emails. Alec tells Kylie about Marisa seeing Jace. Alec goes to the university to do an experiment with his students. One student has been working on her pilot license. She explains what ATMOS is and what she'd do if something went wrong with ATMOS. Alec goes back to the others to say it is an auditory illusion. When he didn't give the students any context, only about 20% of them heard the words "back pill".

Almost half of the class heard something like "ATMOS". Dale says he just proved they can't be sure what Lucas said. They've never had an issue with ATMOS before. Alec says there could be hundreds of lives at risk if he is right. Dale says okay before Marisa wants to know what they find. Emma Liu gives Alec something discreetly before leaving. Rizwan is thinking about putting the pilot's commands into a flight simulator. He tracked one down and they're going to deliver it tonight. After he says they need a pilot, Phoebe suggests asking Rory. When she speaks to Rory, he admits he is worried about losing his job when flying is all he has. Alec tells Jace that Emma didn't feel comfortable talking at the crash site. She gave him a card with an address so they could speak privately.

Someone broke a window to unlock the door and seemed to be looking for something specific. Emma's phone is off and no one has seen her since she left the crash site. They visit Owen who agrees to answer their questions. He says they went back to the office and Emma left before he did. He admits he is going to San Pedro to check on Hollette's factory. When Jace threatens to arrest him, Owen says he wants a lawyer. Jace joins Alec and Marisa to say he doesn't think they'll find Emma alive. Alec says he can speak to Jace if they cut him loose. Rory admits he finds it weird that he is about to retrace his brother's final flight path. They begin going through the flight simulation.

They wonder why Lucas would've veered toward the river. They hit a vertical wind shear and lost altitude. That triggered ATMOS although Lucas shut it off. Then, he pitched the nose down again before leveling off over the bridge. They agree to run it again and follow protocol this time.

Phoebe says the plane wouldn't have crashed. Rory wants to run it again because he has a few ideas. Rizwan begins panicking and shuts off the simulator. Phoebe checks on him. She urges him to talk to someone even if it isn't him. Rizwan doesn't want the boss to know anything although Phoebe thinks she already does. Rory interrupts to say he thinks he found something. Alec speaks to Owen and says he wants to help.

Alec knows Owen is loyal to Hollette, but he wonders if the company is loyal to him. Marisa and Jace listen from elsewhere as Alec mentions Owen sponsored a membership for Emma to Hillvale Golf Club. Marisa tells Jace about the Barnum effect and how Alec will use it. Owen says it was a firmware update and they found it quickly. The engineer swore it would take less than a week to patch. Owen says grounding the planes would've cost hundreds of millions. When Dale came to them, he said he wouldn't report it if they paid him off and fixed it. Emma didn't know about that part. When Alec calls Phoebe, she says Rory found some irregularities in the sim and wanted to speak to someone at the NTSB.

He is meeting Dale at Gravely Point. Alec tells Marisa to get a team there or Rory will go missing too. Rory tells Dale that ATMOS was forcing the nose into the ground and that's why Lucas switched to manual. Lucas was going to try a water landing. Rory says no one else knows about this. Alec gets in touch with Rory who tells him to stay at Gravely Point. Alec tells Dale that the FBI is coming. They know he didn't mean for anyone to get hurt. Hollette Aviation assured him they could fix the firmware so it wasn't his fault. Rory realizes what happened before Dale is apprehended. Marisa says they found Emma. She was someone breaking into her house so she was hiding at a friend's place. She is going to cooperate.

Marisa admits she is glad she called Alec on this one. Alec is glad she told him about Jace even though it is none of his business. Rizwan and Alec go out to eat and talk about the crash. Alec tells him about the shadow self. He insists what Rizwan is feeling is normal and he just needs to let himself feel it. Alec explains how he managed to remember the explosion without reliving it. Rizwan thinks this gave him a chance to expose an NTSB cover-up. Alec says there is a cost if he buries himself in this work. A news report says six senior executives at Hollette Aviation have been arrested. There is a vigil for everyone on board and Lucas is exonerated. Rory says he wants to honor his brother. Alec believes he already has.

Zero Sum

Season 1

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Guest Stars: Karen David (Rose Dinshaw), Jerod Haynes (Keith Moore), Brian King (Jace Richards), Ben Cockell (Trey Akehurst III), Vincent Gale (Ted Akehurst), Ben Cotton (Wes Banning), Alec Carlos (Corey Gibson), Rhinnan Payne (Veronica Moore), Wonser De-Gbon (Tara Moore), Nickolas Baric (State Trooper), Angel Echávez (Wu (Unimpressed Student))
Summary: Alec and the team take on a kidnapping case at the request of a desperate father; their investigation is hampered by a complicated family dynamic that slowly reveals everyone's hidden motivations.



As the episode begins, Alec Mercer tells Kylie that she has missed messages including one about a meeting starting now. Kylie doesn't seem worried in the least and argues that time is a construct. Alec asks about the emergency texts and calls he has noticed lately. Kylie insists only 1% are real security threats. The others are PEBKAC or "Problems Exist Between Keyboard and Chair". Alec has a book signing today. While he is signing books, a man comes up to him to say his daughter is missing and he needs his

help. Keith Moore begins telling Alec more about Veronica.

The police don't care because it hasn't been 24 hours. Keith is adamant that his daughter wouldn't run away. He believes Alec is his best hope for finding his daughter. Alec agrees to help him free of charge. They meet Tara Moore. Alec is shown a video of Veronica getting into a vehicle that her parents can't identify. He believes Veronica wasn't sure whether she wanted to get into the car based on her movements. Veronica's parents show him her sketchbook. Someone calls using a concealed voice to say they have Veronica. They want \$2.7 million. Veronica is also heard during the call. The parents are told they have 48 hours.

Tara confesses that they don't have that kind of money. Alec questions why they'd kidnap someone whose family obviously can't afford the ransom. Marisa Clark tells Jace Richards that she has been digging into the dry cleaning van and contacted the owner's daughter. She is bringing her kids to DC in a few weeks so they're going to meet. Alec contacts Marisa because they need to talk. Phoebe interrupts Rizwan to tell him that Alec has an emergency. Rizwan is going to teach Psych 30 this afternoon. As for Phoebe, she is going to be researching kidnapers. Marisa arrives and tells Veronica's parents that kidnappings are an FBI specialty.

She promises they'll get Veronica back. One of the parents will need to come back so they can tap their cell phones. When a car pulls up outside, Marisa says they're not her agents. Ted Akehurst and Trey are outside. Tara tells Keith that she had to call him because he can help. They're introduced to Rose Dinshaw who is from VSC. She is an expert on corporate security

and crisis management. Alec studies their behavior to realize that Tara and Ted had an affair. Although it was ended, it still causes tension between Tara and Keith. Trey tells his dad that is messed up even for him. Keith confirms that Veronica is his daughter since he checked.

Trey says Veronica may not be his sister, but she is still family. He asks Keith to let them help. Later, Rose tries to convince Keith to minimize FBI involvement and let her firm handle it. Marisa argues that Rose's skills aren't going to translate here. Alec says the \$2.7 million ransom is reasonable if the kidnapper knows about Ted's concern. He wants to know who knew about the affair. Keith says Veronica knew because she heard him and Tara talking about it. He knows that Veronica told Corey Gibson who was her ex-boyfriend. She dumped him because he was dealing party drugs. Alec suggests they can set up a drug deal. Rizwan tries to teach Alec's class. Alec and Rose wait for the dealer while the police watch in the background.

Corey uses a drone to find the cops hiding in the woods so he leaves without speaking to Alec and Rose. Alec and Rose chase him. They manage to stop him a short time later. Rizwan is worried about his performance in the classroom. When Kylie arrives, she learns that he only got a 1-star rating. Phoebe confirms she just sent the research Alec was expecting. Alec wants Rizwan to handle the lecture again this afternoon. Marisa asks Corey if he is ready to talk yet. He warns her that he can afford a good lawyer. He thinks she should let him go to avoid a lawsuit. Marisa says no one has seen Veronica since Corey picked her up at her house. Either he did something to her or he is their best hope of finding her alive.

Corey thought she wanted to get back together when she called, but she only wanted money. He just told her how he felt upset and used. By the end of it, she apologized to him. She texted someone for a ride and left his place. Corey denies knowing who she went with. He explains that she asked for 200 Gs. It was for the New England School of Design which is some fancy private art college. Her family couldn't get aid and her father wouldn't let her take out student loans. Corey refused to help her too. Rose suggests to Alec that Veronica might've kidnapped herself because she is in desperate need of money. Alec is convinced Corey still cares about Veronica so he is likely telling the truth. Jace interrupts the interview to say the father just got a call from the kidnapper.

Keith receives a video call from his daughter. Veronica is supposed to say he knows about the FBI so Keith has to stop working with them. He wants the money by sunrise tomorrow. If they don't follow his rules, he is going to kill her. The call ends abruptly. During a group meeting, Rose pitches her theory that Veronica kidnapped herself. Alec says Veronica's eyes kept looking to one side so he suspects she was looking at a gun. Ted says Veronica could've asked for money since he always supported her. Keith gets upset so Alec takes him out of the room to calm down. Alec asks if anyone else feels like that about Ted. Keith says anyone who has ever met him. Kylie finds out that Ted is bad before showing Alec a list of people who hate him.

She will check the databases at her job to see if Ted screwed anyone out of \$2.7 million since that is a specific amount. Kylie reveals that she has three jobs and it is normal for techies today. Rizwan apologizes to Alec for tanking his lecture. Alec admits he expected that because Phoebe's first big lecture was atrocious. He urges Rizwan to learn from the experience. Kylie interrupts to say she found out that Ted founded a company to develop micro-solar panels, but the startup had a high burn rate. He went looking for a capital infusion to the tune of \$2.5 million. His investors are going to lose their shirts if he doesn't get it. Alec notices that the startup belongs to Theodore Akehurst III. It belonged to his son Trey instead.

Alec suspects Ted is willing to give Veronica whatever she wants but he won't do the same for his son. He asks Rizwan to pull up every study they've done on zero-sum bias. Alec calls Rose to tell her not to do the exchange because Trey is the kidnapper. During a group meeting, Rose explains she had to think fast so she said she'd found tracking chips hidden in the money. She asked the kidnapper to reschedule the drop. They have until midnight now. Marisa pulled Trey's cell records and his phone has been going on and offline for the past two days. The downtimes match the ransom calls. Alec says \$2.7 million is what Trey needs for his business and what Veronica needs for school. They discuss whether Trey came up with the idea and thought Veronica would go along with it.

Alec begins telling everyone about zero-sum bias. Meanwhile, Rizwan does a lecture on the same topic. He connects with the students this time. Alec believes Trey thinks Veronica stole his father's love. They try to figure out where Trey would've taken her. Rose did some preliminary security workups on his company that included a vacant factory in Sheraton. After Alec calls,

Rose called Ted and told him they suspect Trey. Now, his phone is going straight to voicemail. Alec says they need to reach the factory before Trey does. Veronica pleads with Trey to let her go. Ted enters and asks his son what he is doing. Alec comes in later and tells Trey he just came to talk. He tries to use absurdism to try to get Trey to correct him and ground himself in reality.

Alec tells Trey his options. He reminds Trey that he wants his father's love and thought Veronica stole it from him. Alec says Ted hired Rose when he thought Veronica was in trouble. When he thought Trey was in trouble, he came himself. Trey confesses to shooting his father but says he didn't mean to do any of this. Alec pleads with him to put the gun down so he doesn't lose his father's love forever. Once Trey puts the gun down, Veronica is released and Ted is taken out in an ambulance. Rose offers to buy Alec a fancy dinner to celebrate. Jace congratulates Marisa before telling her that Wes Banning has finally agreed to speak to her. Phoebe reads the ratings to Rizwan who learns he is doing better. He thanks her for her help and admits he wasn't expecting it.

Keith brings Alec a gift later. Alec gives him a signed book in exchange for it. Keith believes he has to let Veronica make her own mistakes now. He is glad Alec called out the affair because it helps them remember where they went wrong and where they went right. Keith questions why Alec and Agent Clark didn't have kids. Alec says the whole endeavor seemed entirely irrational. Although having Veronica derailed their lives, Keith wouldn't trade her for the world. At home, Alec learns that Kylie quit her jobs so she'll have time to figure things out. Marisa visits Wes because he is ready to make a full confession. Wes admits to bombing the Methodist Church in April 2002. He says there was a big boom and then fire. He likes fire. When asked if he worked alone, Wes says yes.

Marisa questions why he'd admit to this now when he gets a chance to walk free. Wes claims he found religion and doesn't want to sin again. Marisa was at the hearing and believes someone walked in that caused him to change his story. He laughs at the idea of a dangerous mystery man. Marisa wonders if the mystery man drove the stolen FedEx van that he used to get away. Wes says he drove the stolen FedEx van. Marisa argues he would've known it wasn't a FedEx van if he'd been at the church. She says he might've made the bomb but he didn't plant it. Wes asks the guards to get him out of there.

Lucky Charms

Season 1
Episode Number: 5
Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Monday October 23, 2023
Writer: Lydia Teffera
Director: Amanda Tapping
Show Stars: Jesse L. Martin (Professor Alec Mercer), Maahra Hill (FBI Agent Marisa), Travina Springer (Kylie Mercer), Molly Kunz (Phoebe), Arash DeMaxi (Owen Rizwan)
Guest Stars: Brian King (Jace Richards), Jocelyn Hudon (Camille Lawson), Curtis Lum (Ethan Steele), John Murphy (Steven Smith), Debbie Podowski (Linda Fields), Rick Dobban (Sylvio), Patrick Sparling (Jack), Stew McLean (Hank Riddle), Blaine Nosworthy (Jason Tremble), Dale Hunter (Slot Machine Woman), Haley Victoria Hunt (Bride-To-Be), Joanna Gaskell (FBI Agent #1)
Summary: Alec and the team head to Las Vegas to help Camille, a former colleague turned expert poker player who's been lured into danger; they must take some risks to solve a gambling mystery before Camille gets hurt; Marisa makes a significant discovery.



Announcers at a casino commentate on a game between Ethan and Camille. Ethan is on an impressive streak and wins against Camille. She thinks he's cheating.

Camille is in trouble, so she calls Mercer and asks for his help to ascertain how Ethan is cheating.

Camille was a former TA for Mercer.

Mercer brings Kylie, Phoebe, and Rizwan to Vegas, where they meet with Camille to discuss Ethan's winning.

Marisa turns down a dinner with Jace

to focus on the church case.

Mercer talks to Ethan and asks about his secret, and Ethan says it's his lucky charm. Mercer doesn't believe him.

Kylie steals Ethan's lucky charm.

Phoebe gambles on a slot machine and wins.

Mercer learns that loan sharks were harassing Camille after she took a loan out with them. She was on a winning streak, and when she played Ethan a few weeks prior, she lost all her money.

Mercer alerts the tournament organizer to the fact that Ethan might be cheating. She refuses to disqualify him.

Ethan drops out of the tournament. Camille advances.

Camille loses another game.

Mercer thinks someone from the media team is reading Camille's cards and leaking them to another player.

Marisa and Jace find a lead in the church bombing case.

The loan sharks abduct Mercer and threaten to break his legs, but he talks them out of it. He asks for their help in finding Ethan.

Ethan reveals how he knew the cards. Some people had approached him and guaranteed him to win. He shows them the device they used.

Mercer and the team make a plan to throw Hank off his game and catch the people running the scam.

Camille wins the tournament.

Camille apologizes to Phoebe for ending their friendship when she left abruptly.

The team leaves Vegas.

Mercer learns about Marisa's discoveries. She has a suspect.

On visiting the guy, they find he'd committed suicide.

Point and Shoot

Season 1

Episode Number: 6

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Monday October 30, 2023
Teleplay: Kirk Moore
Story: Kirk Moore, Jordan Rosenberg
Director: Ernest Dickerson
Show Stars: Jesse L. Martin (Professor Alec Mercer), Maahra Hill (FBI Agent Marisa), Travina Springer (Kylie Mercer), Molly Kunz (Phoebe), Arash DeMaxi (Owen Rizwan)
Guest Stars: Joy-Ann Reid (Joy-Ann Reid), Brian King (Jace Richards), Emidio Lopes (Mason Hill Jones), Donald Sales (Nathaniel Wingo), Malcolm-Jamal Warner (Dustin Atwood), Garry Chalk (Bob Clovis), Theresa Wong (Leanna Nance), Michael Querin (Judge Thaddeus), Dolores Drake (Pamela Shelby), Karyn Mott (Hannah Styles), Don McLeod (Sgt. Lawrence Powell), Howie Lai (Officer Wiggins), Adam Kirschner (Officer Lambert), Kate Gajdosik (News Reporter), Robert Egger (DA Carlos Navaro), Chris Pereira (Officer #2), Regan Ross (Bailiff), Grace Chin (Judge Jane Yuen), Rhys Williams (Bryan Hill-Jones)
Summary: Alec agrees to testify as an expert witness in a wrongful death trial for a friend of Kylie's.



Mercer, Marisa, and Jace brainstorm the bomber case, and Alex notices discrepancies in the facts. They decide to follow some leads. Marisa kicks Mercer off the case because he's too close to the case.

Kylie asks Mercer to help her friend whose husband was killed by police.

Mercer learns that the opposing council is someone who cherry-picks psychological aspects to get cops off the hook for killing innocent people.

Mercer sits on the proceedings, and witnesses are questioned. Many claim

that an error saw cops end up at the wrong address.

Mercer testifies to the nature of kill squads once they get to killing.

Atwood testifies and counters Mercer's claims.

Mercer notices that the jury is leaning a certain way.

Marisa and Jace visit the bomber's mother.

Mercer introduces the bias theory from paid experts who testify to certain sides of cases.

Mercer says he is not getting paid for Mason's case.

Cops stop Mercer and Kylie in a targeted stop.

Marisa learns that the bureau is aware of her and Jace's relationship. They are also aware of her involvement in Mercer's case.

Kylie refuses to talk about her feelings arising from the stop.

Kylie learns from Mason that the defense is looking to settle for \$3m.

Mercer thinks Mason's husband was murdered because he was looking into city violations.

Mercer and Atwood have a live interview with Joy Ann-Reid.

Marisa and Jace interview Jason's mother. She offers essential information.

Mercer learns that the judge who signed the arrest warrant was involved with the development company Joshua was investigating.

Mercer and Atwood set a trap for the judge, and he is arrested.

Mason spends time with Kylie and Mercer, watching *Housewives of Potomac*.

The Real Deal

Season 1

Episode Number: 7

Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Monday November 06, 2023
Writer: Mira Z. Barnum
Director: Jesse Warn
Show Stars: Jesse L. Martin (Professor Alec Mercer), Maahra Hill (FBI Agent Marisa), Travina Springer (Kylie Mercer), Molly Kunz (Phoebe), Arash DeMaxi (Owen Rizwan)
Guest Stars: Karen David (Rose Dinshaw), Tiffany Dupont (Blair Dalton), Christopher Russell (Carson), Tosca Baggoo (Mr. Z), Oliver Rice (Evan), Andrew Kavadas (Colm), Milo Shandel (Max), Kwesi Ameyaw (Henry Gibbs), Araz Yaghoubi (Gerard), Ronin Wong (Officer Matsuda), K. Scott Malcolm (Art Auctioneer)
Summary: Alec's first date with Rose turns into a 24-hour excursion when they find themselves taking on an investigation involving a forged masterpiece.



Kylie and Marisa grab dinner, but the affair is awkward because of the divorce.

The client is a woman in the middle of a divorce who discovers that a painting – The Orchard – her ex-husband gave her is a fake.

Mercer and Rose visit the seller's gallery, who claims the painting is authentic, but think he is lying when he refuses to repurchase it.

Mercer and Rose stake out the gallery and see someone attack Henry. They rush in and find him dead.

They talk to the detective in charge of the murder case, and he asks that they stay in touch. Mercer asks Phoebe and Rizwan to conduct an experiment.

An expert authenticates the painting and maintains it's fake. They learn that a buyer called Mr Z bought the original painting, but he's dangerous.

Mercer and Rose learn that Mr Z is a money launderer.

They grab takeout and talk about Rose's past in a lecture hall.

Mr. Z's people find them and take them to Mr. Z. She's a woman.

She asks them to stop looking into her business.

Marisa visits Kylie, who realizes Marisa is feeling some way about Mercer's date.

Mercer and Rose's 24 hours end, but they agree to a second date.

Rose and Mercer find Henry's secret forgery room.

Someone broke into Blair's house, but they didn't steal anything.

Rose and Mercer visit Bridget, a known forger, but find her father, who says she died of cancer. He tells them of an accomplice of Henry's who found clients.

Mercer comes up with a plan to catch the killer, driven by sentimental reasons to track down Phoebe's work.

They catch Evan, the art expert, who admits he is in love with Bridget.

The client gives Rose and Mercer the painting.

Marisa and Kylie make up after having a heart-to-heart.

Rose heads to Paris for a job and promises to go out with Mercer after she returns.

Scorched Earth

Season 1

Episode Number: 8

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Monday January 29, 2024
Writer: Jordan Rosenberg
Director: Maja Vrvilo
Show Stars: Jesse L. Martin (Professor Alec Mercer), Maahra Hill (FBI Agent Marisa), Travina Springer (Kylie Mercer), Molly Kunz (Phoebe), Arash DeMaxi (Owen Rizwan)
Guest Stars: Dalmar Abuzeid (Young Alec Mercer), Megan Best (Izzy Coldby), Ben Cotton (Wes Banning), Dinetia Dean (Young Marisa Clark), Jocelyn Gauthier (Molly Rixton), Amy Goodmurphy (Caroline Rixton), Maria Hart (Cucumber Woman), Olivia Kate Iatridis (Kat Schmitt), Brian King (Jace Richards), Derek Lowe (Dr. Stuart Choi), Jana Mitsoula (Bandaging Nurse), Spencer Neville (Tyler Ford), Bronwen Smith (Gladys)
Summary: Alec takes a case involving a young burn victim and arson that forces him to confront some trauma from his past; Phoebe and Rizwan compete for an important research grant.



The episode finds Mercer receiving a call from his burn specialist, Dr. Stuart Choi, to comfort a recently burned patient Izzy Coldby. Mercer tries to counsel Izzy to get past the trauma. She confesses to killing her best friend Chris in a fire. He was able to pick apart Izzy's scattered memories of the fire, he realized that the vodka sodas they were drinking did not contain enough alcohol to start a fire. He and his young assistants Phoebe and Rizwan were able to deduce that whoever committed arson and homicide was still on the loose.

Mercer and his recently divorced wife/FBI agent Marissa Clark investigate the case with the help of Puck County Fire Marshall Tyler Ford. Their investigation leads to the three sisters, Anna Rixton, Caroline Rixton, and Molly Rixton whom were questioned due to their relation to Izzy and Chris. They apprehend Chris's ex-girlfriend, Kat Schmitt who turns out not to be the arsonist homicidal maniac. Three more fires broke out, all set with the same liquid paraffin that sparked the initial house fire.

With the further help of his assistants and his younger sister Kylie, they set up a bed and breakfast for the people of the local Episcopal church. Mercer was able to talk to a local staffer with his dog named King. He says that the church was going to buy off the land the three sisters currently own. Mercer, Clark, and Ford check out the nearby shelter and soup kitchen within the fires. They learn that the fires and the evidences set together were all planted by the arsonist to cover themselves.

Thanks to another behavioral experiment involving who profits from a business deal, Mercer began to look at the case differently. Instead of profiting from the fires, who is hurt by them? He then gets locked in by Molly whom set the office ablaze, and unintentionally reigniting Mercer's PTSD of the church bombing 20 years ago. He was able to escape through the fire with the use of a nearby fire blanket. Clark and Ford proceed to check up on Mercer with him thanking Ford

for his assistance in the investigation. Mercer tells his divorcee that she does not have to check up on him anymore now that he has Rose. He goes back to the hospital comforting Izzy that she has no part in Chris's death. He also confesses that he still hasn't gotten over a 20-year burn mark on his face. But he tells Izzy that she (and him) can get past the trauma and they both cry happy tears together.

Meanwhile, Clark and her partner/boyfriend Jace Richards, catch up on the 20-year-old church bombing case. Richards confirms that Matthias was the man who scared Wes Banning in court at the end of the first episode. Richards pulls a Mercer theory in which the candidate who was running then might have been using the bombing to cheat their way into winning the election. A theory that Clark and Richard decided to tread carefully in the next episodes.

Cheating Life

Season 1

Episode Number: 9

Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Monday February 05, 2024
Writer: Jordan Rosenberg, Mira Z. Barnum
Director: Carl Seaton
Show Stars: Jesse L. Martin (Professor Alec Mercer), Maahra Hill (FBI Agent Marisa), Travina Springer (Kylie Mercer), Molly Kunz (Phoebe), Arash DeMaxi (Owen Rizwan)
Guest Stars: Brian King (Jace Richards), Steven Allerick (Vincent Lee), Graeme Duffy (Derek Mitchell), Brittany Mitchell (Tori Lee), Paloma Nozicka (Morgan Hall)
Summary: After witnessing a hit and run during a friend's livestream, Alec and Kylie aim to prove it wasn't an accident. As Marisa and Jace continue their investigation into the church bombing, they turn their sights on a prominent senator.



The episode begins with Mercer's sister Kylie watching live streams of extreme health guru Vincent Lee. An acquaintance Mercer knew long ago and had a similar work-alcoholics behavior that had gone too far to the point when he had spread misinformation about the practices of Western medicine. He owns a new-age health supplement for long-lasting life known as Paradigm. During his latest livestream, Vincent suddenly gets run over by a car on film. He and his sister to get involved with Detective Morgan Hall assisting in the investigation.

Mercer and his sister attend Vincent's funeral and meet his wife Tori, explains that Lee may have rubbed a competitor the wrong way. A spokesperson for the competition was a man named Derek Mitchell. Mercer plans to learn more about despite his sister insisting that "it's always the wife" scenario. To learn more about Lee's bitter brawl between him and his competitor Mitchell, he enlists Phoebe to pose as a pharmaceutical company owner to squeeze more information about what happened before Lee's murder. He reveals that Lee had hired a bodyguard and believes he might have done the deed.

With this new information, Mercer and Co. find out about Lee's bodyguard, Johan who was missing for a few hours after Lee's death. The car that killed him belonged to Tori who confessed that she had been sleeping with the bodyguard but had no intention to kill Vincent. After a brief cyber sleuthing, Mercer and Co. decided to go to Johan's apartment address provided by Tori during Hall's interrogation. They happen to find Johan's friend, Aaron who has Johan's information. It leads to the realization that he may not have left America but made purchases in Long Island. The gang discovers that Johan lives in a big mansion, suggesting he is receiving some money somewhere. Mercer used an old landline trick to learn that Johan was the last to make a call to a cancer hospital.

It is revealed that Vincent is alive in chemotherapy with Johan killed in the footage. He managed to hire him because he was a fan and, he looked like a younger version of him. He then uses Tori's car to run him over so badly that no one can recognize him. In addition, his Paradigm

health supplement failed and gave him cancer. His crime of shameful arrogance in disregarding regular Western medicine for a health supplement that might kill him. Mercer hands him over to Officer Hall to be arrested and the case is solved. Mercer convinces Kylie to spark a romantic interest in Hall as they slowly bond throughout the investigation. During the episode, Mercer's divorcee/FBI agent Marissa Clark, and her partner/boyfriend Jace Richards continue their investigation of the church bombing. Clark probes into the incumbent Senator Sanford who learns that he gained sympathy votes resulting in his victory. Unbeknownst to Clark, it appears she's being recorded by a suspicious person or persons who fear that the FBI agents know too much.

Bombshell

Season 1

Episode Number: 10

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Monday February 12, 2024
Writer: Mark Goffman, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Jesse Warn
Show Stars: Jesse L. Martin (Professor Alec Mercer), Maahra Hill (FBI Agent Marisa), Travina Springer (Kylie Mercer), Molly Kunz (Phoebe), Arash DeMaxi (Owen Rizwan)
Guest Stars: Brian King (Jace Richards), Ben Cotton (Wes Banning), June Laporte (Dahlia Banning), Matthew MacCaull (Agent Dennis Mackay), Garry Chalk (Bob Caswith), Steven Roberts (Belfast), Siana Bajwa (Grace), Will E. McDonald (FBI Sniper), Trevor Hinton (Spotter), Duncan Spencer (FBI Tech), Chloe McKinnon (Young Dahlia)
Summary: Alec and his team come face to face with the man who was put away for the church bombing 20 years earlier. Marisa and Kylie work together to save Alec, Phoebe and Rizwan. Jace makes a critical break in the case that changes everything.



The episode begins with Wes Banning and another inmate being transported to another prison facility. Until someone knocked over the transport prompting Banning's escape. Meanwhile, Mercer gets a call from his ex-wife/FBI agent Marissa Clark that Banning escaped. Mercer fears that Banning might attempt to bomb the FBI with his ex-wife as a potential target. The FBI then begins the manhunt for Banning and securing the building. However, it is revealed that Banning holds Mercer and his teacher assistants

Phoebe and Rizwan hostage as he plans to detonate the bombs at the school.

Mercer's sister Kylie alerts Marissa that Mercer doesn't usually turn off his phone indicating that something is wrong. She heads to the FBI staging area to help out and identify the hostages and Banning. Meanwhile, Matthias gets on the phone, threatening Banning to commit suicide or her daughter dies, which explains why Banning is panicking. Thanks to a picture of Banning's kid Dahlia, Phoebe and Rizwan manage to deduce the location of where the now adult Dahlias living. With his stress levels dropped, and knowing Matthias might be watching, Banning detonates Mercer's office as cover for both of them to find and warn Dahlia. Phoebe and Rizwan manage to get out safely to the authorities.

The duo finds Dahlia with her warmly welcoming to her estranged father. Banning pleads despite everything he has done by Matthias, his greatest success was her. As Mercer and Banning move Dahlia and her daughter Grace to a secure location, Matthias sends a sniper to kill Dahlia knowing that Banning failed. Banning takes the bullet protecting his daughter as he dies a redeemed person.

Marissa and Kylie were glad that Alex survived with the latter telling her not to do it again. Mercer goes to consul Dahila and her grief, hoping to talk some more with Mercer. As Clark returns home with takeout food, she notices that the house is too quiet. She ends up finding her partner Jace Richards on the floor unresponsive.

Reciprocity

Season 1
Episode Number: 11
Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Monday February 19, 2024
Writer: Arika Lisanne Mittman
Director: Ernest Dickerson
Show Stars: Jesse L. Martin (Professor Alec Mercer), Maahra Hill (FBI Agent Marisa), Travina Springer (Kylie Mercer), Molly Kunz (Phoebe), Arash DeMaxi (Owen Rizwan)
Guest Stars: Dalmar Abuzeid (Young Alec Mercer), Garry Chalk (Bob Caswith), Roark Critchlow (Douglas), Karen David (Rose Dinshaw), Francisca Dennis (Teresa), Micah Kelpin (Make Up Artist), Matthew MacCaull (Agent Dennis Mackay), Kareem Malcolm (Harrison Moore), Johnnier Mejia (Hipster), Thomas Nicholson (Roger Silmar), Steven Roberts (James Belfast), Millan Tesfazgi (Natalie), Hiro Thomas (10 Year Old Boy), James Tupper (Sanford)
Summary: Alec and Marisa follow clues leading to the bomber behind the church explosion. Kylie secures an FBI interview but her knowledge makes her an asset. Phoebe and Rizwan uncover evidence revealing the truth.



The episode begins with the funeral of Marissa Clark's FBI partner/romantic interest, Jace Richards due to the mysterious 'Matthias'. Alec Mercer, and his tech-savvy younger sister Kylie came to comfort Clark's time of mourning. Later, they get back to work on tracking down said mysterious person. Mercer not shaking the feeling that his friend Senator Kevin Samford might be involved in the church bombing.

Mercer calls in his new girlfriend/ex-MI6 agent Rose Dinshaw, to help with the investigation. She and Mercer track down a man named Silmar who was the under-

cover CIA agent at Samford's campaign event on a yacht. He reveals that Samford is a notorious womanizer who also made his campaign aide Natalie Price, come to his private room with him. Silmar discovers that Price is foaming at the mouth with Samford looking guilty.

Mercer attends Samford's campaign party to learn more about Samford and how he could be 'Matthias'. His research assistants Phoebe and Rizwan happen upon a photo of Samford's unit during the Gulf War. Clark learns that 'Matthias' is her boss at the FBI Intelligence Division, Bob Caswith. She becomes heartbroken at the man who trained her, and then decides to murder her boyfriend because they got too close. Mercer thought Caswith needed to repay his debt to Samford to save his life in the Gulf War years ago.

She and Mercer confront Caswith outside the rebuilt church to make him confess the truth. Caswith seems to drop his guard until Samford shoots Caswith, insisting that the former had a twisted sense of loyalty. However, Mercer ends up exposing Samford before he starts to announce his run for President of the United States. Thus closing the book of the 2002 church bombing case and resolution for the relatives of Natalie Price.

Phoebe gets a new research apprenticeship with Professor Rachel Myers whom Alec recommended. She does indicate that she needs to live a more predictable life and distance herself from

tracking criminals which affected her mental health in the previous episode. This leads Riswan to possibly look for his next research partner in the next season.

Kylie gets a job at the FBI cyber division, taking Alec's advice from two episodes ago to sometimes 'break the rules'. Maybe this will spark further character development between her and her new detective girlfriend Morgan Hall in the next season.

Mercer and Clark decided to remain as 'unique friends' with the former having a date with Rose. Before he does, he slips off his marriage ring and listens to his former acapella group as the last reminder of his friends who died in the church bombing that day.

Six weeks later, Rose appears to be ambushed by a couple of men who are up to no good posing as a towing company. They put a black bag over her head leaving audiences to wonder 'What is happening?'.

Actor Appearances

A

Dalmar Abuzeid	3
0101 (Young Alec Mercer); 0108 (Young Alec Mercer); 0111 (Young Alec Mercer)	
Steven Allerick	1
0109 (Vincent Lee)	
Kwesi Ameyaw	1
0107 (Henry Gibbs)	
Amy Aquino	1
0102 (CJ Wright)	

B

Tosca Baggoo	1
0107 (Mr. Z)	
Siana Bajwa	1
0110 (Grace)	
Mika Bantog	1
0103 (Emma Liu)	
Nickolas Baric	1
0104 (State Trooper)	
Megan Best	1
0108 (Izzy Coldby)	
Josh Blacker	1
0103 (Owen Kalagian)	
Kate Boutilier	1
0103 (Daisy)	

C

Sara Canning	1
0101 (D.A. Elise Bowen)	
Ella Cannon	1
0101 (Lila)	
Alec Carlos	1
0104 (Corey Gibson)	
Garry Chalk	3
0106 (Bob Clovis); 0110 (Bob Caswith); 0111 (Bob Caswith)	
Soma Chhaya	1
0101 (Jasmine Curtland)	
Leo Chiang	1
0101 (SWAT Officer)	
Grace Chin	1
0106 (Judge Jane Yuen)	
Nikki Chohan	1
0103 (Brittany)	
Billy Christos Jr.	1
0101 (Child in Bowling Alley)	
Ben Cockell	1
0104 (Trey Akehurst III)	
Chris Cope	1
0102 (Brandon Schulz)	
Ben Cotton	4
0101 (Wes Manning); 0104 (Wes Banning); 0108 (Wes Banning); 0110 (Wes Banning)	

Roark Critchlow	1
0111 (Douglas)	

D

Jordan Dannish	1
0102 (Police Detective)	
Karen David	3
0104 (Rose Dinshaw); 0107 (Rose Dinshaw); 0111 (Rose Dinshaw)	
Wonser De-Gbon	1
0104 (Tara Moore)	
Masa DeLara	1
0101 (Nurse)	
Dinetia Dean	2
0101 (Young Marisa Clark); 0108 (Young Marisa Clark)	
Greg Delmage	1
0103 (Jason)	
Vincent Delorme	1
0101 (Frank)	
Francisca Dennis	1
0111 (Teresa)	
Rick Dobban	1
0105 (Sylvio)	
Dolores Drake	1
0106 (Pamela Shelby)	
Gabriel Drake	1
0101 (Student #2)	
Hannah Drew	1
0103 (Caitlin)	
Graeme Duffy	1
0109 (Derek Mitchell)	
Tiffany Dupont	1
0107 (Blair Dalton)	

E

Angel Echávez	1
0104 (Wu (Unimpressed Student))	
Robert Egger	1
0106 (DA Carlos Navaro)	
Kaj-Erik Eriksen	1
0101 (Ray)	
Fred Ewanuick	1
0102 (Gene Hadditch)	

F

Gui Fontanezzi	2
0101 (Ride Share Passenger); 0103 (Ride Share Passenger)	

G

Kate Gajdosik	1
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0106 (News Reporter)
 Vincent Gale 1
 0104 (Ted Akehurst)
 Riun Garner 1
 0102 (Logan)
 Joanna Gaskell 1
 0105 (FBI Agent #1)
 Jocelyn Gauthier 1
 0108 (Molly Rixton)
 Amy Goodmurphy 1
 0108 (Caroline Rixton)
 Teach Grant 1
 0101 (Clay)

H

Maria Hart 1
 0108 (Cucumber Woman)
 Jerod Haynes 1
 0104 (Keith Moore)
 Arran Henn 1
 0101 (Newscaster)
 Trevor Hinton 1
 0110 (Spotter)
 Lauren Holly 1
 0101 (Mayor Laura Hayes)
 Jocelyn Hudon 1
 0105 (Camille Lawson)
 Haley Victoria Hunt 1
 0105 (Bride-To-Be)
 Dale Hunter 1
 0105 (Slot Machine Woman)

I

Olivia Kate Iatridis 1
 0108 (Kat Schmitt)

J

Kaja Jean 1
 0101 (Woman)

K

E.J. Katz 1
 0102 (Sophie)
 Andrew Kavadas 1
 0107 (Colm)
 Micah Kelpin 1
 0111 (Make Up Artist)
 Patti Kim 1
 0101 (Parole Board Member)
 Brian King 7
 0103 (Jace Richards); 0104 (Jace Richards); 0105
 (Jace Richards); 0106 (Jace Richards); 0108
 (Jace Richards); 0109 (Jace Richards); 0110
 (Jace Richards)
 Adam Kirschner 1
 0106 (Officer Lambert)
 Andrei Kovski 1
 0102 (Yuri)

L

Howie Lai 1
 0106 (Officer Wiggins)
 June Laporte 1
 0110 (Dahlia Banning)

Bobo Le 1
 0101 (Student #3)
 Ash Lee 1
 0101 (Det. Bryan Chou)
 Emidio Lopes 2
 0101 (Mason Hill Jones); 0106 (Mason Hill Jones)
 Derek Lowe 1
 0108 (Dr. Stuart Choi)
 Curtis Lum 1
 0105 (Ethan Steele)

M

Matthew MacCaull 2
 0110 (Agent Dennis Mackay); 0111 (Agent Dennis
 Mackay)
 K. Scott Malcolm 1
 0107 (Art Auctioneer)
 Kareem Malcolm 2
 0101 (Harrison Moore); 0111 (Harrison Moore)
 Cameron McDonald 1
 0101 (Agent Barry Guilfoyle)
 Will E. McDonald 1
 0110 (FBI Sniper)
 Chloe McKinnon 1
 0110 (Young Dahlia)
 Stew McLean 1
 0105 (Hank Riddle)
 Don McLeod 1
 0106 (Sgt. Lawrence Powell)
 Johnnier Mejia 1
 0111 (Hipster)
 Jake B. Miller 1
 0103 (Rory Taylor)
 Brittany Mitchell 1
 0109 (Tori Lee)
 Jana Mitsoula 1
 0108 (Bandaging Nurse)
 Karyn Mott 1
 0106 (Hannah Styles)
 John Murphy 1
 0105 (Steven Smith)

N

Spencer Neville 1
 0108 (Tyler Ford)
 Thomas Nicholson 1
 0111 (Roger Silmar)
 Blaine Nosworthy 1
 0105 (Jason Tremble)
 Paloma Nozicka 1
 0109 (Morgan Hall)

O

Shaun Omaid 1
 0101 (Jeff)

P

David Parent 1
 0102 (Doctor)
 Rhinnan Payne 1
 0104 (Veronica Moore)
 Jesse Peachment 1
 0101 (Frat Guy)
 Chris Pereira 1
 0106 (Officer #2)

Debbie Podowski 1
0105 (Linda Fields)

Q

Michael Querin 1
0106 (Judge Thaddeus)

R

Shaughnessy Redden 1
0101 (Agent Jay Winston)

Joy-Ann Reid 1
0106 (Joy-Ann Reid)

Oliver Rice 1
0107 (Evan)

Steven Roberts 2
0110 (Belfast); 0111 (James Belfast)

Regan Ross 1
0106 (Bailiff)

Caleb Ruminer 1
0101 (Dylan Hayes)

Christopher Russell 1
0107 (Carson)

S

Donald Sales 1
0106 (Nathaniel Wingo)

Milo Shandel 1
0107 (Max)

John Shaw 1
0103 (Dale Newhouse)

Bronwen Smith 1
0108 (Gladys)

Jess Smith 1
0101 (Det. Erin Wolcott)

Patrick Sparling 1
0105 (Jack)

Duncan Spencer 1
0110 (FBI Tech)

T

Millan Tesfazgi 1
0111 (Natalie)

Hiro Thomas 1
0111 (10 Year Old Boy)

James Tupper 1
0111 (Sanford)

V

Malaya Valenzuela 1
0101 (Student #1)

W

Vanessa Walsh 1
0102 (Nicole)

Malcolm-Jamal Warner 1
0106 (Dustin Atwood)

Rhys Williams 1
0106 (Bryan Hill-Jones)

Ronin Wong 1
0107 (Officer Matsuda)

Theresa Wong 1
0106 (Leanna Nance)

Y

Araz Yaghoubi 1
0107 (Gerard)