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Season One

Sacrificial Soldiers

Season 1

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Season Episode: 1

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Guest Stars:	Michael Kelly (Byron Westfield), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Graham Shiels (Drill Sergeant), Ariella Ezekiel (Isabel), Ethan Jones Romero (Edgar), Stevie Ray Dallimore (Colonel Dirves), Daniel Abeles (Captain Hansmuth), Ramon Nuñez (Cherub's Boyfriend), Mikaela Nina Secada (Cherub), Pascal Arquimedes (Punk), Anthony Ruiz (Manager of Tast E Burger), Martin Fisher (Recruiting Marine), Gabe Bowling (Police Officer), Aaron Matthews (Sergeant Hastings), Colt Bauder (Guard), Travis Roberts (Driver), David Neil Cohen (Homeless Man), Scottie Di-Giacomo (Patient), Joseph Giambrone (Homeless Man), Anita Moore (Police Officer), Zoryah Nomak (Pit Soldier), Scott Swope (SWAT), Scot Teller (Neighbor)
Summary:	Things go awry for Joe and her team during a mission out in the field; Joe is left devastated. Upon her return home, Joe's family life presents it's own challenges. Cruz tries to escape a dangerous situation. Joe must choose a new recruit.



The episode begins in Kobane, Syria, where Isabel, an operative of the CIA Special Activities Division frantically phones Joe, her boss. Joe is at a CIA/Socom forward outpost, 17 km away. Isabel tells Joe her cover is blown. Someone saw the cross on Isabel's ribs from when her brother died and her identity was revealed. They now have to extract her from the compound.

Just then, a huge explosion goes off near the outpost. The guy who had apparently missed tactics training (according to Joe's team) was carrying a detonator cord. Armed militia attacks in swarms. Joe calls air support who clear out the crowd, making way for her team to head on their way for extraction.

Joe calls Bobby, a member of her team, as the terrorists get closer to Isabel. Joe gets an estimate of the extraction time. Bobby reports that the team is facing heavy resistance from armed militia and it will take some time to get to Isabel. She hears screams on the phone and Joe asks the extraction team not to engage. Joe orders the place to be blown up. There is an eerie, unshakeable discomfort in her, despite doing the "right thing."

In Oklahoma City, four years prior, we meet our protagonist. Cruz works at a fast-food restaurant. She was formerly a stripper. She is in an abusive relationship with Edgar and tries to break out one day by hitting him and running away. Edgar catches her but she ends up in a Marine

office. Edgar and his thugs wait outside the restaurant that night and her manager calls the police. He then takes her to a shelter for the night.

Sometime later, Cruz takes the exam to become a marine and passes it. She creates a record in her ASVAB and PT tests. Her superiors are extremely impressed. Cruz explains that when her mother died, she lost the will to try. She became hateful of everything in the world, including herself.

We come back to the present. Joe debriefs her superiors about the drastic measure of calling a drone strike on the ISIS camp. Joe is struggling with her decision and with the fact that her instinct to trust led to Isabel losing her life. She goes home without calling her partner Neal and is almost clueless as she navigates her children.

Joe leaves for Fort Bragg a few days later to pick out a new asset. It is revealed that Joe heads the Lioness team working in the Special Activities Division. Their task is to locate female relatives and acquaintances of high-value targets and place operatives close to them. She asks Cruz to take off her clothes to show her that she doesn't have any tattoos (which led to Isabel's death). Cruz takes offence to Joe's methods but the latter is impressed.

The duo leaves on a plane for the camp. The target for this mission is Asmar Ali Amrohi, one of the leaders of the Iranian-backed Militia in Iraq. Cruz's mark is his daughter. She will be starting her mission in Kuwait. They head to Camp Arifjan in the city to get Cruz prepped. Joe introduces her to the team — Bobby, Two Cups, Tex, Randy, and Tucker. The team doesn't know the location of Asmar's house yet. He has an apartment in Kuwait where his daughter resides.

The next morning, a hungover Cruz gets ready for her new mission. Joe and she get down to intercept the daughter. Cruz is visibly apprehensive about going in without any background on her mark. She bumps into the target trying on new jewellery. Her cover name is Zara Adid and Aaliyah, the daughter, is quick to make friends with her.

The Beating

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Guest Stars: Matt Gerald (Cody), America Olivo (Dr. Elsa Ramirez), Michael Park (Dr. Gary Brown), Josh Crotty (Delta Captain), Gigi Grace (Soccer Girl), Nora Winer (Maddie Rawlins), Alex Podulke (Mike Rawlins), Marguerite Stimpson (Vickie Rawlins), Imani Love (Nurse Jenny), Jared Shaw (Delta Cruz Interrogator), Joshua Graverholt (Ranger QRT Residence), Michael Jibrin (Delta Operator), Sean Avery (SF Operator), Ericka Boston (Parent), Scott Swope (Bouncer)
Summary: Joe continues her training with Cruz, whose methods are questionable. Cruz starts to build a relationship with Aaliyah. Kate gets into a fight during her soccer game. Neal has to deliver difficult news to a patient.



The episode begins with a meeting between Kaitlyn Meade (Nicole Kidman) and Joe. Aaliya is now in New York having previously gone to visit Paris. Cruz has stood to her task by placing seeds of friendship with her.

Joe requests to put Cruz "through the grinder" with her CAG team to ensure she doesn't have any surprises waiting when push comes to shove. Kaitlyn agrees but asks her to displace Cruz from Fort Bragg immediately. They cannot afford to have Aaliyah and Cruz run into each other by chance.

We then get insights into Joe's family.

Her partner, Neal, is a doctor, who navigates a tough situation at work. The doctors discover that a six-year-old patient, Maddy, has cancer but Neal wants the family to know all options before being confronted with the hopelessness of the situation. Neal breaks the heart-wrenching news to the couple. He explains that, in his experience, Maddy will not be able to survive the surgery. The cancer is aggressive and gives her only 6 months to live. When Neal suggests they do not go ahead with the surgery, Maddy's father jumps at him with fists. While the doctor clearly understands having it would elongate Maddy's suffering, the father's emotions blind him.

Kate, Joe's daughter, gets suspended from school for beating a fellow student. Neal angrily confronts her in the car when Kate says that "A white man like you won't understand."

Joe comes home and takes note of the situation. Neal confesses to Joe that his job where most of his patients die before they come of age takes a toll on him. But he still finds hope because the remaining ones do make it. Joe embraces Neal to comfort him. Next, she deals with her brat-head

kid Kate, who has no measure of what her parents are going through. Joe's stick and carrot style sets Kate right for now. She asks her to show some love to Neal, whose day might get a little better with it.

We switch attention to Cruz, who is having a tough time sleeping. She goes out for a run in the wee hours of the morning and is kidnapped. As Joe and Neal get some "we time" together, their phones ring simultaneously. Duty calls. Even though it is heroic (what they do), that is the reason for the dysfunction in their family.

Cruz is brutally tortured by Joe's team. She is given the worst treatment but Cruz endures. She is livid with Joe, who explains that she wanted to test if Cruz was up to the task of escaping the clutches of the enemy when her cover is blown.

Joe mocks Cruz's life choices, informing her that Edgar, her abusive partner, is now dead. This seems to be part of Cruz's training exercise but Cruz squirms in her chair. Joe wants to know Cruz's breaking point and signs off on the torture to continue. Cody further piles on the pressure by asking Cruz invasive questions. It is revealed that her father, Josecito, had no one else in the house to take care of him. Cody pins her to the ground and restrains her when the man in charge calls it off. Joe doesn't want to but decides to call it off when Cruz is pushed to her limits. When Cody backs down, Cruz violently beats him and the other operatives. More men are needed to pull her back as she screams in anger and pain.

Joe brings Cruz to Fort Bragg. Before she leaves, Joe asks Cruz for insights she has gathered from Aaliyah. But Cruz says that she won't talk about her father. Joe explains that Asmar is driven by greed and not a religious agenda. Even though his family is obscenely rich, they do not share it with the country. When Cruz is able to make her way to Asmar, she must not hesitate to pull the trigger. And more importantly, she must endure anything and everything they put her through until Joe and her team can extract her.

Cruz comes inside to meet the team she will be staying with. These are the same operatives we met before — Joe's team. When they learn that Cruz was put through a S.E.R.E test alone, they gather together and head for the bar. They confront Cody and his mates, which materializes into a real bar fight. In the middle of it all, Aaliyah calls Cruz, who lies that she got into a car wreck. Aaliyah proposes they meet the next day and Cruz cannot say no.

Bruise Like a Fist

Season 1

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Guest Stars: Martin Donovan (Errol), Thad Luckinbill (Kyle), Clark Carmichael (Senator Palmer), Ray Corasani (Ehsan), Carla Mansour (Malika), Layla Mohammadi (Nashwa), Priscilla Doueihy (Nala), Adam Budron (Sami), Sam Asghari (Kamal), David Alan Basche (Dr. Brumley), Brandon Ocasio (Steakhouse Waiter), Jackson Dorfmann (Michael), Ryan Garbayo (Surgeon on Zoom), Aziz Attougui (Snitch), Richard Haddad (Asif), Karim Nematt (Guard #2), Avi Vichner (Guard #3), Fawad Siddiqui (Guard #4), Luis Arroyo Jr. (Bodyguard), Josh Giannarino (Pedestrian), Ray Steven Lober (Senator), Jordyn Rax (Kamal's Girl), Erich Reimer (Pedestrian)
Summary: Cruz is invited to spend the weekend with Aaliyah and her inner-circle. Joe keeps Kaitlyn informed of Cruz's progress. Kyle comes to Joe desperate for help with an asset.



The episode picks up from the previous episode, ending with Aaliyah inviting Cruz to a party. Cruz heads toward the location in Chesapeake, Maryland taking final instructions from Joe on the phone. The latter is particular about how and what Cruz should say to Aaliyah and her friends. Joe shores up her profile by asking Cruz to "answer questions with questions" and make the friends talk about their lives since that is the only thing they care about. She also warns her that her car would be planted with a bug and

tracked.

Joe meets with Kaitlyn to discuss the mission. They talk about Aaliyah and her access to Asmari's resources. Kaitlyn thinks it might be intentional; a ploy set up to catch the mole. Even the house Cruz is going to is owned by Qudrah Petrol.

Joe has an extraction team ready just in case something bad happens at the party. As she leaves the restaurant, Joe is approached by Kyle, who seems to be an old acquaintance from her days of service in Afghanistan. Joe is visibly unnerved seeing him. Her step is anxious because she knows he wants something.

Kyle's team is undertaking an operation where they will be stopping trafficked Syrian nationals at the border. His mark is in jail and is being transferred over state lines. But once the word gets out that the prisoner is a snitch, he won't survive prison. He proposes an unimaginable plan: halt the transfer midway and extract the mark. He asks for Joe's team for this purpose and she

looks at him incredulously. After a lot of consideration, she agrees to give him three members of her team but wants them back within 2 days.

As expected, Cruz is met with intense scrutiny from Asmari's team. They instantly do background checks and latch a man onto her for the party. Aaliyah warmly greets Cruz and introduces her to the friends group. Their reaction to Cruz is interesting. Actually, they aren't as interested because they think "Aaliyah has rescued another stray." They even call Cruz her next "project" when Aaliyah takes her for a dip in her wardrobe for a swimsuit. Aaliyah is shocked to see the bruises on Cruz's body (once she changes). She is more concerned than suspicious and immediately calls her doctor to inspect Cruz.

Joe informs her team about Kyle's side mission and three of them volunteer to go. There is nervous tension among the remaining members of Joe's team as they feel Cruz's cover is close to being blown. And they aren't wrong. Dr Bramley takes one look at her and is convinced she wasn't in a car wreck. He feels domestic abuse is involved and is obligated to report it to the authorities.

While the team gets ready to leave, Joe wants to give Cruz some time to convince Bramley otherwise. Joe's bet pays off as Cruz does well to slip out of the situation.

Aaliyah sends all her friends away to the city and takes a stroll on the beach with Cruz. There is clear disdain in her voice about the wound-up Middle East region. She hates their restrictive rules and lack of affluence beyond the premises of the palace she lives in. Her fiancé, Ehsan, works in Manhattan, and that is perfect for Aaliyah. She also warns Cruz to stay away from Malika and Nashwa (her friends) since they try to sabotage Aaliyah's new friendships.

Joe goes back home and walks in on Kate making out with a boy. She calls his mother and informs her about what he has been up to. Kate throws typical teenage tantrums at Joe, not realizing the folly of her argument.

Joe listens patiently, not reacting to Kate's provocation. Neil is out on the porch instructing on a surgery via video. Joe informs him about Kate and Neil surprises her with the "rules" he has established with Kate about such indulgences. Joe wanted him to consult with her but he rightly points out she is never home.

Meanwhile, tensions in Maryland also run high. Cruz isn't able to fall asleep and runs into a drunk Sami in the kitchen. He tries to force himself on her but she fends Sami off effortlessly. He does not give up and ferociously pounds at her door.

Cruz arms herself with a pen but security spots it on the CCTV and takes Sami away. Kyle and Joe's team wait to execute their mission in Texas. They're flushed when they learn that the mission isn't authorized by any agency. But they still go ahead with it. The mission goes smoothly as they are able to extract the mark. The men dump their car and gear in a barn, switching to another car. Kyle assures the men that the media will not pick up on this news as the administration would prevent any broadcasting of it. This makes them look weak and incompetent.

The next morning, Eshan sends Sami home. His actions from last night have ensured he is no longer allowed in the group. The episode ends with a tense Joe writhing in the aftermath of learning Aaliyah is surprising Cruz by taking her to a fixed base operator. These are companies that provide charter services for private jets. The destination as of now is unknown. But Cruz smartly intimates the plate number of the plane and Joe makes sure they are trailed by a jet.

The Choice of Failure

Season 1

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Season Episode: 4

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Guest Stars: Michael Kelly (Byron Westfield), Thad Luckinbill (Kyle), Ray Corasani (Ehsan), Carla Mansour (Malika), Layla Mohammadi (Nashwa), Priscilla Doueihy (Nala), Sam Asghari (Kamal), Michael Tow (Dr. Hammond), Daniel Reece (Paul), Hazel Graye (Daisy), Ruby King (Jasmine), Richard Haddad (Asif), Karim Nematt (Guard #2), Avi Vichner (Guard #3), Fawad Siddiqui (Guard #4), Lily Sondik (EMT 1), Kevin Sebastian (EMT 2), Matt Consalvo (EMT 3), Paige Herschell (Hostess), Kimberly Dodson (Nurse (Kate's OR)), Crystal Chau (Physician), Shanna Bess (Trauma Nurse), Casey Schryer (Waitress), Stephan Godleski (Bouncer), Jack Herholdt (Charge Nurse), Chris Lindsay-Abaire (Dr. Shipley), Eunice Bae (Nurse (Neil's OR)), Amalina Ace (Tami), Jada Bivins (Cheerleader #1), Angelina Boris (Cheerleader #2), Ellie Kim (Cheerleader #3), Andrew Haserlat (Anesthesiologist), Mike Heslin (Polo), Wayne Johnson (Surgeon Assistant), Erich Reimer (Pedestrian)
Summary: Cruz is put in a compromising position in the Hamptons; causing Joe and Kaitlyn to doubt her. Kaitlyn and Westfield confront Kyle over what happened at the border, complicating things further for Joe and her team.



The episode begins in East Hampton in Long Island. Cruz has progressed well in her friendship with Aaliyah. The two have been spending a lot of time together lately. So have the people keeping track of them — Joe's team and Asmari's men.

While out on a casual swim in the ocean with Cruz, Aaliyah confesses that she doesn't want to get married. Although Ehsan is kind and a great prospective partner, Aaliyah feels there is more for her in life.

Joe's team is still trying to figure out the underlying transaction in Aaliyah and Ehsan's marriage. There has to be some logic about a Saudi royal marrying a Kuwaiti national in the present circumstances. Joe wants to nab Asmari at the wedding, feeling it is the perfect setting. But if it happens on foreign soil like the Emirates, the team would have a nightmare keeping track of Cruz.

While talking to one of the members of her team who did the job with Kyle, Joe is furious to learn there were casualties. And that the lawlessness was to such a level that her team could be in trouble. She immediately phones Kyle and tells him off for his carelessness. With everything going on, she can't afford to have such distractions.

Kaitlyn Meade (Nicole Kidman) and Byron Westfield (Michael Kelly) question Kyle over his off-grid operation. Footage obtained from authorities clearly shows them driving up to the scene in a car. He is forced to divulge that he used Joe's team for the job, which invites more distress from his superiors. Kyle saves the day somewhat by telling them that his contract agent (the one he rescued) is bringing over five Al-Qaeda operatives to San Antonio, where the CIA can nab them.

In a rather distressing scene, we see Kate, Joe's elder daughter, get into a vicious car accident. Neal is informed of her arrival and he instantly drops everything at the hospital to be with her as she is treated. Kate will be fine but one of her friends didn't make it. He informs Joe over the phone, who is in New York. After he keeps the phone, Neal suffers the shock of her life when he discovers that Kate is pregnant. To prepare her for surgery, she will have to be aborted to avoid fetal injuries.

Neal has a sombre conversation with Kate about her situation. He seems heartbroken that his daughter broke the promises she made to him. Trust is the hardest to win back once lost and Neal's eyes give away his pain.

Cruz accompanies Aaliyah and her friends to a high-end club. Joe and her team are keeping close track of her movements. When no one volunteers to get closer to Cruz in the club, Joe takes it upon herself to do so. She struggles to reconcile Kate's reality when Neal calls her about it. The duo promise to work this out together and meet the next day at the hospital.

Cruz spots Joe at the bar and purposely tries to rile her by flirting with a stranger. Unbeknownst to Cruz, he slips a rooie in her drink as Kaitlyn arrives outside the club to meet Joe. When the drugs start taking effect, the stranger tries to slip Cruz out to take advantage of her. Although Aaliyah's security was watching her, they are distracted by a brawl that breaks out. Joe loses sight of her as well and intimates to her team where the man is taking her.

In a tense sequence, they follow Cruz's tracker into the woods where the man prepares to rape her. Joe and the others get to her in time and save the day. Joe threatens him to keep quiet and also takes his DNA sample and ID as security. Cruz gains consciousness but is still struggling to come to her senses properly. Aaliyah keeps calling her as Cruz reveals the wedding will be in Dubai. Her position undercover is under scrutiny as Joe and Kaitlyn doubt she will be able to carry her cover.

The episode ends with another shock for Joe as Kaitlyn reveals her team is in deep trouble having been caught on the Border Surveillance footage along with Kyle.

Truth Is the Shrewdest Lie

Season 1

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Season Episode: 5

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Guest Stars: Michael Kelly (Byron Westfield), Martin Donovan (Errol), Thad Luckinbill (Kyle), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Michael Tow (Dr. Hammond), Erick Betancourt (Hernandez), Migs Govea (Jimenez), Ana Cruz Kayne (Means), Zach Appelman (Lt. Jennings), John Anthony Gorman (CIA Agent — AF Base), Noga Blum (Nurse), A.J. Franklin (San Antonio SWAT #1 (Van at House)), Jamie Guyer (San Antonio SWAT #2 (Hangar)), Logan Crawford (News Anchor), Essam Ferris (Alashka), Abraham Justice (Eyes), Mustafa Haidari (Suicide Bomber), Mike Heslin (Polo), Marisol Correa (SA SWAT Shooter #1), Robb Cremen (Politician), Brian Foreman (Congressman), Alexander Gineitis (Standby), Anthony Gullotta (Secret Service), George Ludden (Diner), Sam McCrea (Zeb), Mikeski (Doctor / Chef / Protester), Robert Olausen (Ex-Special Forces), Juan Szilagyi (Aaliyah's Security Team), William G. Tomek (Pedestrian), Scott Vogel (Hospital Patient), Tim R. Worley (Surgeon Assistant)
Summary: Joe and Neal deal with the aftermath of Kate's accident. Westfield and Kaitlyn deploy Joe's team to subdue a terrorist threat. Cruz's cover may be in jeopardy.



The episode begins with Cruz waking up in a CIA safe house. She has finally gathered her senses, contrary to what we thought in the dying moments of episode 4. Tucker briefs her about what really happened since Cruz has no clue about the night. Her voice has a sense of apprehension and terror as she asks about her missing underwear. But Tucker assures her that Cruz was not violated.

Meanwhile, Joe and Kaitlyn reach the hospital to see Kate. The latter gives Joe a couple of hours to be with Kate, beyond

which she must get back to her professional duties.

Kate's pregnancy has been rejected by her body, meaning they don't have to make a decision on abortion. Things are still dicey as far as recovery is concerned. They don't have assurances that Kate will be back to normal anytime soon. Joe emotionally confronts Kate about her life choices. It is arguably the best moment of the series as Joe pleads with Kate not to "take out her anger with Joe on herself." The CIA vet is completely vulnerable as she confesses she hasn't done her bit as a mother, among other things. This might turn out to be a turning point in their relationship and let's hope that materializes.

While Kaitlyn and Joe ride together in the car, the latter briefly advises Joe to "not turn out like Errol and her marriage," even suggesting Joe might be better as a station chief somewhere. She takes Joe to Langley, CIA HQ, for a meeting with Deputy Director Byron Westfield. Kyle is there too and Byron clearly establishes that they broke the CIA's rules of engagement with their unsanctioned illegal operation.

But despite the "grey area," the intel about Al-Qaeda operatives is actionable. Joe's team has already landed in San Antonio to nab them. Kyle will take the lead and Joe will run the tactical side of things. Westfield isn't done with Joe, though. He sounds out a warning: no deployment of CIA assets without his express permission. To ensure something like this doesn't happen again, Kaitlyn will personally oversee this mission.

During the briefing, Joe's team expresses their discomfort with the fact that they cannot return fire if fired upon. But Kaitlyn lays down the law clearly: "Only capture, and not kill." The stakes for this mission are high, considering that the team watches the terrorists arming bombs in anticipation of deploying them soon. There is a high possibility that the bombs will have to be discarded without disarming them because it won't be possible. This could mean casualties on their side. Since the team isn't large enough, Cruz and Joe will join the others in the field.

The mission schematics change at the final instance when Joe's team is allowed to kill the subjects (due to the bombs). Although they do it successfully, one of the subjects activates his suicide bomb vest, which means that it will go off. The police are told to evacuate the neighbourhood and a bomb squad is sent to take control of the site. It turns out that the mission was not kept under wraps at all as the media got wind of the operation and who the targets were.

Errol shows Kaitlyn — when she comes home — the news piece about the mission. She indicates that this will happen again with Mexican cartels sending people over the border again. Kaitlyn also declares that she is inviting their daughters for dinner that week, something that she might have been inspired to do due to what happened with Joe. We see Joe going to the hospital and to Kate and Neal, who informs her that their daughter has been administered morphine for the pain.

At the safe house, Cruz opens her phone and realizes Aaliyah has been trying to get in touch. When she calls her, Aaliyah asks Cruz to FaceTime her, indicating how tense she has been about their friendship. It is quite clear that they are attracted to each other.

The episode ends with a genius scene which shows Joe walking toward Neal in the hospital lobby with the news about the mission on the telly. But her stride is interrupted by a phone call and she turns the other way to attend it.

The Lie Is the Truth

Season 1

Episode Number: 6

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Sunday August 20, 2023
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Show Stars: Zoe Saldana (Joe), Laysla De Oliveira (Cruz Manuelos), Dave Annable (Neal), Jill Wagner (Bobby), LaMonica Garrett (Tucker), James Jordan (Two Cups), Austin Hébert (Randy), Jonah Wharton (Tex), Stephanie Nur (Aaliyah), Hannah Love Lanier (Kate), Nicole Kidman (Kaitlyn Meade)
Guest Stars: Morgan Freeman (Edwin Mullins), Michael Kelly (Byron Westfield), Martin Donovan (Errol), Jennifer Ehle (Mason), Bruce McGill (Hollar), Thad Luckinbill (Kyle), Narmar Hanna (Massage Therapist #1), Reem Raouda (Massage Therapist #2), Edward Brence (Punk Thief #1), Amit Barnathan (Punk Thief #2 (Damian)), Braxton Fannin (Punk Thief #3 (Driver)), Richard Haddad (Asif), Guy LeMonnier (Colonel), Alexander Blaise (Congressman Hay Adams)
Summary: Aaliyah bonds with Cruz over a spa day. Bobby, Tex, Two Cups, Randy and Tucker confront a threat at the Safe House. Kaitlyn and Joe are scolded for the San Antonio mission in a debrief.



The episode starts with a glimpse of Cruz's scenic drive to the Hamptons. Aaliyah invited her to stay at the beach house in the last episode, where she is currently alone. The "surprise" that is waiting for her at the house is a luxurious, relaxing spa day, something Cruz is completely unsynced with.

Byron, Kaitlyn, and Joe have been called for a debriefing at the White House. Kaitlyn learns from Errol that Secretary of State, Mullins, will also be present. This a huge development as Mullins rep-

resents the President directly in the debriefing.

All the noise made with the border extraction and the San Antonio executions is catching up with them. Kaitlyn also gives Errol a leg up by revealing to him that Qudrah Petrol has a mole; a large conglomerate that controls almost \$80 billion worth of oil. If that could somehow end up on the open market instead of the black market, it could mean a huge opportunity for the US. Before Cruz goes in, Joe advises her not to tell lies to Aaliyah since she won't be able to keep up.

To be sure that Cruz remembers what she says to her, Cruz should use real-life events with changed names and locations. It is a clever ruse by Sheridan to embolden both the storytelling and character arc at the same time. Cruz goes through a foreign experience with the spa treatment. But what matters here is that Aaliyah trusts her completely. Her naivety is surprising but significant for the Lioness team. They are closer than ever and this also means inroads to Asmari, the real target.

Joe's QRF team has a scare when they hear a break-in at their safe house. But it turns out to be petty teenagers looking to make quick money. Joe and Kaitlyn are mad to wait for 11 hours before being called in. Kyle is also present at the meeting to explain his actions. The White House

is livid with the CIA's emboldened carelessness and recklessness. The official stance of Kaitlyn, Kyle, and Joe is denying any involvement in the concerned actions. They toe the same line: that the San Antonio PD saved the day and a terrorist attack was averted.

Mullins and the others push back which prompts Byron to accept that the CIA's QRF team was indeed involved. But he slights them by saying they will never be able to prove it. The evidence is already dispensed with. It seems Mullins and the others are convinced. They also touch upon Cruz's mission and order Kaitlyn and Byron to take an active supervising role from now on. They are taken aback by Joe's admission that Cruz will be sacrificed for the mission if that would ensure its success. The operation is officially called "Yellow Jacket" and the codeword to order the strike on Asmari to neutralise him is "Mabel."

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Wish the Fight Away

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Guest Stars: Michael Kelly (Byron Westfield), Martin Donovan (Errol), Thad Luckinbill (Kyle), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Richard Haddad (Asif), Mad-die Moore (Hillary), Jacob Heimer (Analyst), Michele Ammon (Mindels Manager), Erich Reimer (Cab Driver)
Summary: While shopping in Manhattan for the wedding, Aaliyah and Cruz get closer. Kate returns home only to say goodbye to her mom once again. Joe guides Cruz through internal struggle and doubt in completing the mission.



The episode starts with a glimpse of Cruz's scenic drive to the Hamptons. Aaliyah invited her to stay at the beach house in the last episode, where she is currently alone. The "surprise" that is waiting for her at the house is a luxurious, relaxing spa day, something Cruz is completely unsynced with.

Byron, Kaitlyn, and Joe have been called for a debriefing at the White House. Kaitlyn learns from Errol that Secretary of State, Mullins, will also be present. This a huge development as Mullins rep-

resents the President directly in the debriefing.

All the noise made with the border extraction and the San Antonio executions is catching up with them. Kaitlyn also gives Errol a leg up by revealing to him that Qudrah Petrol has a mole; a large conglomerate that controls almost \$80 billion worth of oil. If that could somehow end up on the open market instead of the black market, it could mean a huge opportunity for the US. Before Cruz goes in, Joe advises her not to tell lies to Aaliyah since she won't be able to keep up.

To be sure that Cruz remembers what she says to her, Cruz should use real-life events with changed names and locations. It is a clever ruse by Sheridan to embolden both the storytelling and character arc at the same time. Cruz goes through a foreign experience with the spa treatment. But what matters here is that Aaliyah trusts her completely. Her naivety is surprising but significant for the Lioness team. They are closer than ever and this also means inroads to Asmari, the real target.

Joe's QRF team has a scare when they hear a break-in at their safe house. But it turns out to be petty teenagers looking to make quick money. Joe and Kaitlyn are mad to wait for 11 hours before being called in. Kyle is also present at the meeting to explain his actions. The White House is livid with the CIA's emboldened carelessness and recklessness. The official stance of Kaitlyn, Kyle, and Joe is denying any involvement in the concerned actions. They toe the same line: that the San Antonio PD saved the day and a terrorist attack was averted.

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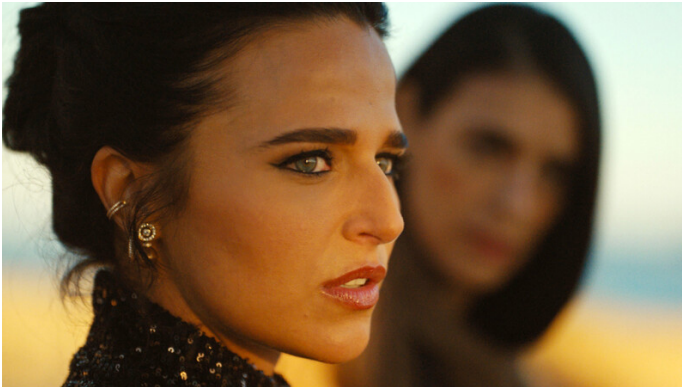
Gone Is the Illusion of Order

Season 1

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Summary: Unforeseen circumstances leave the mission in jeopardy. A suspicious Ehsan confronts Cruz before his wedding day. Joe and the team prepare for the worst.



The episode begins at the Barcelona airport. The CIA charter plane has landed and now Cruz will depart for Mallorca. Joe prepares her for the task at hand with two emergency bracelets. Since Amrohi's security will use signal jammers at the wedding, Cruz will not be able to make contact with Joe and the QRF team using conventional means.

The bracelets will allow Cruz to trigger a distress call to them whenever she needs to be extracted. Kyle will track Cruz until she is taken by Amrohi's security

detail from the airport.

Kaitlyn will be with Joe and the QRF team on a boat as the extraction point for Cruz will be in open waters. Byron is placed in the Situation Room at the White House along with the three politicians we saw in the previous episode to oversee the mission. Contrary to what we expect, they ask Byron to call off the mission. This comes on the back of Amrohi's importance in the oil world. He provides 10% of the global oil supply, mainly to Russia and China.

The US President's political leadership is not trusted to meet the challenge in the wake of Amrohi's assassination as Russia will retaliate. Byron makes it clear that it is impossible for them to make contact with Cruz; only she can initiate it from her end. The only other alternative is to send in the QRF team which would mean a blood bath as they clash with security.

We see a different side of Ehsan as he greets Cruz with hostility. He has a sense of what went down at the hotel in New York. Ehsan is livid with Cruz and threatens to kill her if she keeps contact with Aaliyah after the wedding.

Cruz does not hold back and stands firm, surprising Ehsan. He becomes suspicious given her brazenness and runs her photo through some databases and cross-references it with web pages. To ensure that Aaliyah does not "close up" on the wedding night, he instructs security to allow Cruz to meet with her.

Aaliyah is delighted to see Cruz once again, perhaps for the final time in a long while. She tries to introduce Cruz to her mother, who is visibly indifferent. The two talk privately and Aaliyah once again confesses her fears of facing a different tomorrow than she has ever known.

The most important bit is Aaliyah's revelation that Amrohi will be present at the wedding. Earlier, she had indicated that he could not risk it. But a contrarian decision has been taken, giving Cruz a clear-cut chance to complete her mission.

Aaliyah trembles at the prospect of becoming a mother and a wife to Ehsan. She longs to retain her freedom and way of life but knows that it is not possible. There is apparent tension between the two because of their feelings. But Aaliyah leaves after dropping Cruz off at her room and breaks down in tears.

Satellite images confirm that Amrohi has arrived at the location. Meanwhile, Kate's nightmares about the accident keep getting worse. She wakes up screaming in the middle of the night when she has another one. Neal comforts her as Kate requests to talk with Joe. She picks up the call, still waiting for Cruz's signal.

Kate feels guilty over her friend's death and the fact that she couldn't make her funeral. Joe does a great job of calming her down but lashes out at Neal for ambushing her with the call. The two have a brief shouting contest but come to terms with the situation like adults.

Aaliyah comes into Cruz's room at night. She is distressed after telling Ehsan she doesn't want to marry him. But he remains unfazed, knowing that this is purely a transactional arrangement. Aaliyah leans in to kiss and Cruz kisses her back. But she pulls away moments later and goes to the kitchen outside to blow off steam.

Ehsan is shocked and prompted into action when he finds a match to Cruz's photo on a news piece that identifies her as a Marine. Cruz meets Amrohi in the kitchen, who is charming and tries to have a conversation with her.

It seems to be going well and Cruz does not try to kill him yet. But when Ehsan rushes in screaming "Marine! She is a US Marine," Cruz springs into action. She stabs Ehsan in the neck, killing him. Amrohi tries to neutralise her but Cruz slits his neck without hesitation after stabbing him multiple times. She activates the distress signal right then, alerting the QRF team who scamper to extract her. Aaliyah discovers the dead bodies in the kitchen a while later and starts screaming. That is when the security is alerted to the situation and chases Cruz through the location.

She keeps running for cover through a barrage of gunshots to end up in the back garden. She is cornered but the QRF team arrives just in time to save her. The extraction mission is successful as Cruz finally informs Kaitlyn that she has eliminated the target. Byron relays the message to the Situation Room as the politicians cry out in frustration.

Joe and Cruz have a fistfight as the latter accuses Joe of "turning her into a monster." Their ideological differences will never be reconciled and both are right in their places. Joe gets back to her family the next morning to perhaps start afresh with Neal.

Season Two

Beware the Old Soldier

Season 2

Episode Number: 9

Season Episode: 1

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Guest Stars: Bruce McGill (Hollar), Jennifer Ehle (Mason), Martin Donovan (Errol), Taylor Sheridan (Cody Spears), Czarina Mireles (Congresswoman Hernandez), Jay Huguley (JSOC Commander Dixon), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Brandon Muirbrook (Dean), Max Martini (Tracer), Todd Gable (Marine Colonel), Paul Diaz (Agent Alan Marshall), Justin Titus (State Trooper), Ace Ng (Hernandez's Son), Josue Canales (Punk), Aaron Uribe (Punk #2), Jose Vasquez (Punk #4), Oliver Avila (Mexican Border Agent), Matt Dillon Drikas (JSOC Commander), Costas Goldstone (Soldier), Ben Hicks (Border Patrol Agent), Nick McAmis (Border Patrol Agent)
Summary: Joe, Kyle, and the QRF team embark on a timely extraction after a high-ranking government official is kidnapped by a cartel.



In the dead of night, men in tactical gear stealthily enter a house, guns drawn. When a man wanders out into the hall they quickly kill him, as well as his young son when he opens the door. They continue to search the house for their real target, US Congresswoman Hernandez. Having heard the noise, she tries to make a run for it but is ultimately captured and taken off into the night.

This issue quickly comes to the attention of Joe who sees a news alert that details Hernandez was pushing for legislation that would allow the US military to be deployed on US soil to battle illegal im-

migration. Zoe knows her extended and peaceful time with her family is over, but she doesn't know how messy of a situation she is about to dive into.

Kyle arrives at Hernandez's home to assess the situation. He learns the congresswoman was able to get a tracker on herself before being taken, so they know she is being held just over the border in Mexico. However, the US can't just storm in and get her.

That's why Kaitlyn is called into the White House to go over the situation and how her and Joe's team can assist. As she leaves, her husband Errol tells her to be careful, a Mexican cartel wouldn't kidnap a congresswoman on their own, telling her to look at Mexico's oil exports.

At the White House, Kaitlyn meets with Bryon, who gets her up to speed on the info Kyle shared before they're brought in to meet with Secretary of State Mullins and his team. The

administration wants a visible, "messy" operation, but one that falls on the CIA and Kaitlyn's team. The reason this can't be an official military operation is because they believe the criminal organization behind the kidnapping did so with the backing of the Mexican government, which must have been pressured by an outside force, likely China. Byron notes that a US military operation would weaken their stance and ability to punish China if they invade Taiwan.

Joe arrives in the situation room, where she is told what her part in all this is going to be. The administration wants to deploy a lioness or two to get "trophies," specifically ahead of the upcoming political conventions for a presidential election. Their target is the leader of the Los Tigres cartel. They want him dead and intel on his connections to the Mexican government. Joe notes that lionesses' jobs aren't to gather intel, but to hit hard targets, but she gets no sympathy from Mullins or Byron, told just to do her job.

But first, Joe must head down to Texas to assist in the rescue of Congresswoman Hernandez with Kyle and a bunch of freelance soldiers known as "gray men." Before she leaves she calls her husband Neal to tell him she loves him and their girls. Neal realizes that she must be going on a very dangerous mission.

Joe meets up with Kyle and their team of gray men in Texas, which includes Cody, someone Joe has worked with in the past. When she jokes that he's getting a little old for this line of work, he reminds her "beware the old soldier, he's old for a reason."

They get through the Mexico border with no issue, but when they pull over to gear up they're approached by a group of Mexicans who pull guns and attempt to rob them. Unfortunately for the Mexicans they don't know who they're dealing with and are quickly dispatched. Once team is ready to go, they see the congresswoman is being moved and head to intercept her.

Smashing into the car driving the congresswoman, Joe and her team kill all of the enemies and rescue Hernandez. The problem is that their planned exit route is now blocked by Mexican forces, so they have to find another way back to US soil. Adding to it all, Mexican authorities are aware of their attack and are coming after them.

As they are forced to engage with the Mexican forces, they're told to head toward a river to make their escape. But first, they have to take care of the caravan of opposing forces. So Cody stops the car and the team opens fire. Once that is taken care of they head back off.

Nearing the exit point, they're told the road to the river includes a big drop-off directly into a deep section of the river. There is an easier crossing point, but it would run them directly into more approaching Mexican forces. So they have no choice but to drive into the river. Unfortunately, once they do, they're pinned down by the Mexican forces firing at them from the ridge. They're saved though when air support arrives and drives the Mexicans back. This allows Joe and the team to swim for the US border.

Safely back on US soil (though just barely, as they regroup on the other side of the river), Hernandez asks Joe what happens next. "Now we play offense," she tells the congresswoman. Hernandez has a favor to ask, but Joe knows what it is without her saying it. She tells the congresswoman her team doesn't do courtrooms, they're goal is to kill whoever is responsible for this incident.

Joe then talks with Cody, apologizing that one of his team members was killed (apparently when the car crashed into the river). She asks if he is sticking around for the rest of the mission. He says no, but if the situation gets "f**ked" again then he may come and help out. Too bad for Joe, who is not looking forward to having to work with Kyle on the mission moving forward.

Stressing her point, she punches Kyle for leading them into the situation without a plan and almost getting them all killed. But Kyle says it worked, they got the congresswoman. When Joe brings up that they lost one of their team members Kyle reminds her that is the price they all signed up for. Joe makes it clear that if they're going to work together, he can't do this cowboy crap with her team.

With that addressed, Joe calls Neal. He was watching the news coverage but tried to hide it from their daughters, Kate and Charlie, though Kate does take more of a note of it. As she talks with her family, Joe struggles to hold back the tears after such an overwhelming experience, but she tells them she's fine and that she loves them. Once done, Joe wades into the river a bit, catching her breath from everything that happened and trying to ready herself for what's to come.

I Love My Country

Season 2

Episode Number: 10

Season Episode: 2

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Summary: After a new Lioness is identified, Joe and her team travel to Iraq to close the asset.



After the chaos that was the rescue mission in Mexico, Joe is back in the states to meet with Kaitlyn and other military officers. They have lined up three potential Lioness candidates, but Joe isn't having any of it. She runs the operation and she picks her assets. When they need the military she'll give them a call.

Joe stresses with Kaitlyn that she needs to figure out the way in before they identify a Lioness, as her skillset needs to support the mission, not the other way around. So Joe needs some time to do

that. Kaitlyn gives her time, then she'll meet her at Fort Bliss, reminding Joe that everyone is watching how this mission unfolds.

Before Joe dives into the mission, she returns home for a little bit. She first runs into Charlie, who is selling lemonade and some art with a friend. When a customer buys Charlie's art and invites her to see how she is going to hang them up in her van, Joe's alarm blares and she goes into CIA mode, drawing her gun and approaching the van. Thankfully, the customer is just showing Charlie how her art work will look in her van. Joe gives Charlie a reminder to not run off with strangers.

Back at her house, Kate quickly tells her mom that she saw her on the news with the Mexico incident and asks why this is the job she picked. Joe says her grandfather immigrated from the Dominican Republic and quickly joined the army when he was 17 after Pearl Harbor. Later, his son (Joe's father) asked why he risked his life for a country that he barely knew at that point. He said he didn't want to learn German or Japanese after he had just learned English. Kate laughs,

but to Joe it isn't a joke. She has the same feeling; she doesn't want her daughters to have to learn Chinese or Russian.

Joe then catches up with Neal, telling him that her next job will keep her closer to home. With that being the case, Neal wonders if they can break their rule about not talking about her work, as it's very possible that her work may end up on the news again. She just tells him not to watch the news.

After gearing up, Joe says goodbye to her family and that she loves them. Kate can't help but cry after she leaves, worried about what her mom is getting into.

Joe and Kaitlyn rendezvous with their team at Fort Bliss, which includes Kyle, Cody and, for some comedic relief, Bobby's last boyfriend before she came out as gay.

Kyle delivers a brief, detailing Alvaro Carrillo, the leader of the Los Tigres cartel, and his brother, Pablo Carrillo, an immigration attorney and former US soldier who has a \$3.5 million house on a \$110,000 a year salary. Kyle also notes Pablo's daughter, Captain Josephina Carrillo, is a helicopter pilot in the US army. Kyle clearly thinks Josephina should be Joe's next Lioness. Joe notes they couldn't hide Josephina's past, but Kyle thinks they should be steering into that.

Joe thinks about it. If they have her dishonorably discharged her background as a pilot could be appealing to Alvaro for delivering helicopter loads into the US. Bobby asks why not just have Josephina kill Alvaro? Joe explains because he's not the target, they're really looking for the Chinese agent that is pulling the strings.

Kaitlyn calls Byron and lays out the idea. As they figure it out, Joe has to confirm the asset will join the Lioness program. To do that they have to speak with her. The problem with that is she is currently deployed in Iraq.

Byron and Kaitlyn meet with Mullins, Hollar and Mason to discuss their plan. They detail Josephina's strong service record and her more than 800 kills (numbers tend to rack up flying an Apache). Mullins asks why she hasn't been promoted. Kaitlyn believes she is still a captain so she can stay in the action.

They then go into the plan. They can't fake Josephina's discharge, so her military career would be over, but Byron notes that could either go into witness protection or join the CIA if she wanted to continue to serve after the mission. She'd then go home where they expect her uncle would seek her out for her pilot skills so she can do runs for him and where hopefully her position as a family member will give her access that no one else can get. She doesn't need to be trained to kill a target, as she can simply fly the operators that would eliminate their target; Byron calls her a Trojan horse.

So what are the risks? The big one is interference from the cartels, DEA and Homeland Security. The preference is she's discovered by the cartel, who would just kill her. If she's caught by US agencies, it would lead to a public prosecution, exposing this was a CIA operation and let China know that the US engaged in an act of war. So Kaitlyn points out that if Josephina were engaged by the DEA, she would return in kind. They chase her, she runs. They fire, she fires back.

After Mullins and his team have a brief discussion, they give them the go ahead. But Mullins is sure to remind Byron that the buck stops within him, so don't get caught.

Joe is already in Iraq when Kaitlyn says they're a go, so now she needs to close Josephina. On their way to base, Joe's escort drives over a road mine and the convoy is attacked by a group of Iraqi militants. Pinned down, Joe orders in some backup, which quickly comes in the form of a helicopter that quickly eliminates the opposing forces.

Back at base, Joe goes to talk with the helicopter pilot, Josephina. However, Josephina comes out hot, blaming Joe for making a mess of the situation. Joe doesn't take being yelled at well, and the two get in a fist fight. When Josephina's commanding officer breaks it up, Joe asserts that she is in charge and demands that Josephina meet with her in 10 minutes.

Joe asks how well Josephina knows her uncle? But the soldier denies she has an uncle. Joe asks her how her Spanish is? Josephina doesn't speak Spanish. Her father's house? Josephina doesn't know anything about that. Josephina then asks what Joe wants with her. "Do you love your country," Joe asks?

Joe reveals she's CIA and has been tasked with finding the men behind the kidnapping of Congresswoman Hernandez. Josephina puts together Joe's part of the Lioness program. She tells Joe that she's a soldier, not an assassin, and she's never met anyone that has come out of the Lioness program alive. Joe just continues asking if Josephina loves her country, wanting a

simple yes or no answer. After a few attempts to deflect, Josephina, through tears, finally says yes, seemingly submitting to joining Joe for this mission.

Joe then asks if Josephina has any tattoos. She says no. But Joe wants her to prove it to her, closing the door to the room as the episode ends.

Along Came a Spider

Season 2
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Season Episode: 3

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Guest Stars: Bruce McGill (Hollar), Jennifer Ehle (Mason), Martin Donovan (Errol), Max Martini (Tracer), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Robyn Lively (Senator Albright), Patricia De Leon (Maria Carrillo), Sofie Calderon (Atzi), Chris Wang (NSA Analyst), Shane Andries (McConnell), Juan Luis Acevedo (Gas Company Employee), Arturo Gonzalez (Gas Employee Agent), Preston Paine (Chef), Camille Giuffre (Server), Demetrious Murray (Senator Fuller), Todd Terry (Ronnie Blackstone), Zarnell Downs (Bar-tender), Celena Rae (CBS News Anchor)
Summary: Kaitlyn works to drum up support for their plan. Meanwhile, Lioness training begins for Captain Josie Carrillo.



The mission against the Carillos is officially underway, as Joe and Kaitlyn oversee their team planting a device in the Carrillo home that gets them access to footage (not the bedrooms and bathrooms, Kaitlyn points out, but it's a start).

Joe has an issue though with their new Lioness Josephina Carrillo, as she doesn't trust her. She's skeptical that a second-generation Mexican doesn't have close ties to her family, doesn't speak Spanish and hasn't been to Mexico. Kaitlyn suggests Joe treat Josephina like an

agent she is trying to flip, reminding her that she can never trust any of the people they recruit to the Lioness program.

Joe gets some more time back home with her family before heading down to Fort Bliss. Though when she gets there no one appears to be home. This makes her nervous. She searches the house, calling for Neal, only to find him in the bath with headphones on. He jokes about how nervous she is, asking if they need to be worried about kidnapping; it's only when he doesn't get a straight denial that he begins to think it may be a real possibility. She acknowledges their target operates in the US and does do kidnappings, but says their family should be fine.

After Joe and Neal move from the bath to the bedroom, only to have Kate walk in on them, Joe gets a call from Kaitlyn to turn on the news. The story about Josephina being court-martialed following a friendly fire incident airs. Neal believes the story to be real, but Joe tells him not to believe everything he sees on the news. Her family time is up, she is heading back to work the next day.

However, the administration still has some concerns over the plan. Mullins, Hollar and Mason meet with Byron and Kaitlyn, saying the kidnapping of the congresswoman did little to convince

the politicians to support broader action, as they all remain divided. But Kaitlyn and Byron note this wasn't just a kidnapping, it was a probe; America's enemies (in this case China) seeing what the US's reaction would be to this situation and then planning their next move accordingly. Byron and Kaitlyn now need to convince some senators that this is the case in order to get full backing.

Kaitlyn brings Errol along for her dinner with a Democratic senator, hoping that his economic knowledge can help add some additional layers to her argument. The senator expresses her concern that Republicans are going to use the kidnapping as a bulldozer for their border agenda. Kaitlyn doesn't doubt that, but it would be much worse for the Democrats if there's another attack on US soil before the presidential election, just six weeks away; voters would likely run to Republicans in that event. Kaitlyn explains how the kidnapping was a probe and shares that it is China, not Mexico, pulling the strings, hoping to open a new trade route with Mexico while shutting the one with the US down. Errol chimes in with his notes that if the US suffers another 9/11-like event, they'll have an economic crash worse than 1929.

Having made her pitch, Kaitlyn meets up with Byron at the bar, then shortly after by Mason. They were successful in convincing the politicians and now have full access to their "war chest" to fund the mission.

Josephina is flown into Fort Bliss and picked up by Bobby. Right away, she is shown that working with the CIA is not going to be like her time in the army. Things get no better when she meets the rest of the team, who basically ignore her. She asks what they have to do to get past the awkwardness? But the team says nothing, they don't want to know anything about her aside from her cover, and she doesn't need to know anything about them.

The next morning Josephina gets a rude awakening to the team's living arrangements, as they all share a single latrine. She's apparently shy about showing herself naked, but Tucker tells her where she can get some privacy.

She doesn't have much time for that though, as Kyle arrives and tells her he wants to see what she's made of. He has her observe the team run a drill where he says they rely on "s**t hits the fan tactics." One watch and then it's her turn. But first, she gets a lesson in shooting, with her taking target practice as everyone else makes noise and yells at her, noting there is no such thing as a "peaceful gunfight." She then does the house drill, complete with loud noises and strobe lights to distract her, she hesitates in certain situations but ultimately completes the drill as instructed.

Joe arrives and asks Kyle how Josephina is doing? He says she doesn't know anything, but she learns quickly, follows directions and does what she's told without asking too many questions. A good place to start. Next Joe wants to have her run through the simulator.

Wearing a VR headset, Josephina is put through a simulated situation where she has to take out a number of enemies on a Mexican street. She comes upon a man holding a young woman hostage. She yells at the man (a simulation, mind you) to let the woman go, but instead, the man shoots at Josephina, ending the simulation.

Joe scolds her for her performance, telling her they're not a hostage rescue team, they're a kill team; eliminating their target is their only mission and any obstacle to that must be overcome. Josephina asks how Joe would suggest she overcome a 16-year-old girl with a gun to her head? Shoot the girl yourself and then the enemy, Joe answers. Josephina says that's murder, but Joe corrects her, it's survival.

Joe needs more time to train Josephina, but Kyle points out that they don't have it, she has to be embedded soon. It's time for Joe to get tough with her.

She tells Josephina the next part of her mission is going to have her go home to her parents. When Josephina argues she doesn't have a close relationship with her family, Joe rips into her on that. She doesn't believe she's oblivious to her father's cartel connections and wants to know what else Josephina failed to tell her. Kyle and the rest of the team come over to add to the intimidation factor. When they speak Spanish to her, Josephina breaks and reveals she can indeed speak Spanish. They now claim Josephina is a mole and will have military police take her.

Josephina pleads her case, saying she stayed away from her family because she didn't want to know their business. But Joe is confident she does know about it and that she could just be protecting her family. Josephina says she joined the Lioness program because she loves her country. Enough to put her father and other members of her family in jail, Joe asks?

Joe gives Josephina one chance, putting her phone in front of her. Through tears, Josephina picks up the phone and calls her dad.

Five Hundred Children

Season 2

Episode Number: 12

Season Episode: 4

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Director: Michael Friedman
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Guest Stars: Max Martini (Tracer), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Kirk Acevedo (Special Agent Gutierrez), Sofie Calderon (Atzi), Donny Boaz (Steve Cannon), Susana Gibb (Anesthesiologist), Althea Lee (Doctor), Jeff Wright (Sergeant Major), Samara Gonzalez (Hostess), Jessica Irvine Drake (Bailey Rogers' Mother), Matt Dillon Drikas (General Green / JSOC Commander), John W Heath (Politician)
Summary: Joe and Kyle make contact with a potential new source of intel. A newly expanded team conducts a hit with unanticipated results.



After learning that Josephina lied about her relationship with her family, Joe explains to Kaitlyn and Byron that she can't trust her new asset. Byron asks what she expected when she basically coerced Josephina to turn on her family. Joe argues Josephina was forced on her by Kyle and other agencies meddling in the mission.

Kaitlyn offers a solution: treat Josephina as a double agent and have a shadow on her who can monitor her and take her out if she ever flips. Josephina is a free

thinker used to being in a leadership position, what they need for the shadow is a blind patriot that can be pointed directly at her if needed.

Joe is driving and on the phone with Kyle when she notices she has a tail. With Kyle on his way to assist, they learn that the car belongs to a man who was arrested for money laundering and is currently put away, but with the case brought by the Drug Enforcement Agency they figure that it's a DEA agent pursuing Joe. Joe is able to maneuver herself behind the DEA agent and when Kyle arrives they box him in, cause a fender bender and come out guns drawn to ask him some questions.

The man is Special Agent Gutierrez. He says the DEA is concerned about the CIA operating in Mexico and making it look obvious, warning that if the DEA knows about it so do the cartels. But Gutierrez says he wasn't surveilling Joe, he was providing cover. He stresses how dangerous the cartel is but offers his 20 years of experience to help them in their mission.

Joe can't help but laugh at how Gutierrez thinks they need his help, but still she tells him to be ready to leave with them the next day.

But perhaps Joe shouldn't be so dismissive of the risks that Gutierrez was talking about. As we briefly check in with Neal, who is pissed after an unsuccessful surgery, he finds a note addressed to "Dr. Neal" lying about. He doesn't open it, but that can't be good.

Again, to likely few people's surprise, the shadow that Joe wants to add to her team is Cruz, the asset Joe worked with in *Lioness* season 1. Also to no surprise considering how things were left between the two, Cruz isn't thrilled to see Joe or with the prospect of rejoining her team.

Joe explains she doesn't trust Josephina, but she knows she can trust Cruz, who puts mission above all else to save lives. Cruz scoffs at the idea Joe is interested in saving lives, but Joe asks her how many mosques have been blown up since their last mission? Cruz then questions if Joe really thinks Josephina will turn on and potentially kill someone in her family? Yes, Joe says, and if she doesn't, Cruz will, calling her a true believer in the work they do.

Even so, Cruz says no. This isn't a discussion though. Joe doesn't have time to train someone else so she already had Cruz reassigned to her unit. Cruz's one stipulation, she's not wearing any dresses this time.

As Joe's team prepares for their mission — Bobby is upset at the camera angles they have in Josephina's parents' house while Josephina is frustrated that their plan to have her meet her father is delayed — they get tasked with something else.

Meeting again with Kaitlyn and Byron, Joe is informed their new DEA agent ally has a target he wants them to hit just south of the US/Mexico border. Byron explains that every agency wants to have a piece of this mission in order to make themselves look good and push for bigger budgets, so they're going to have to grease a few wheels or risk the entire mission. Joe dislikes the interference.

Kaitlyn then brings up Cruz, reminding Joe they need her to cooperate because she's the only thing from exposing the program's secrets to 60 Minutes. But the last thing Joe seems worried about right now is Cruz.

To that fact, Kaitlyn tells Joe to give the DEA agent the whole dog and pony show, but don't let him get a full sense of what they're doing. Joe's annoyed though, pointing out that he's not a soldier. In fact, she warns he could be a witness against them if something goes wrong.

As Guiterez goes over the mission with Joe's team, he admits the photos the DEA has are a month old, meaning they don't know what the situation at the warehouse they're attacking looks like currently. Unacceptable, Joe uses the power of the CIA to get a live feed, showing a large amount of enemies at the location. That's just one challenge, as they also need the operation to look like it was done by a rival cartel. They get the best bad plan they can and gear up.

Josephina quickly learns this isn't going to be like her army missions, as Joe tells her there is no radio and the only contact she has is with her. Then after dropping them off outside the warehouse, Joe tells her to hover at 2,500 feet. When Josephina points out the enemies will hear her, Joe says that's the point, to distract them.

Despite everyone complaining about the mission, they make it look easy on the ground. Even the unexpected arrival of police cars is quickly dispatched by Josephina (though she does need to confirm with Joe multiple times before pulling the trigger). However, the team is surprised by what they find inside the warehouse: hundreds of children being trafficked.

Though they can't bring these children to safety themselves, Joe appears to put a tracer in a girl's shoe so that they can be picked up. But the team is definitely shaken by what they saw.

Shatter the Moon

Season 2

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Season Episode: 5

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Guest Stars: Martin Donovan (Errol), Max Martini (Tracer), Robyn Lively (Senator Albright), Kirk Acevedo (Special Agent Gutierrez), Patricia De Leon (Maria Carrillo), Demián Castro (Pablo Carrillo), Sofie Calderon (Atzi), Newsha Sadri (Analyst), Justen Michael Roberts (Private), Ryan Barnes (DEA Agent), J.D. Leach (Pilot), Timothy Juhn (Co-Pilot), Mathieu Caviness (Immigrant Teen), Kirsten Kendall (Migrant Girl), Daniella M Reyes (Migrant Girl)
Summary: The warehouse discovery rattles the team. Joe is torn between two urgent missions.



The team is still reeling as they arrive back at base. Leaving those children in the warehouse, waiting to be trafficked across the US border to fates unknown is not sitting well with any of them. First Joe takes her anger out on Guterrez. When Kyle tells her to calm down, that all that was a detour and they need to stay on mission, Joe corrects him: those were children, not detours.

Joe calls Kaitlyn and Byron asking if they can conduct a rescue mission for the kids. They tell her that's not their job; au-

thorities are pushing their angle that the attack was a rival cartel, so they need to stick with that. It's time for the next phase of their mission: having Josephina go back home and begin her work as a lioness.

Joe's team voices their displeasure about leaving the children behind, then Josephina says she is not going forward with the mission before storming off; Joe sends Cruz after her. Kyle pulls Joe aside and tells her that if she lets her "tools" have opinions, then can start to decide how they want to be used. While she notes that she needs her team to think for themselves (something Kyle hasn't had to worry about with his grunts), she moves to reassert control. When the team is hesitant to move out on her command, Joe calls Byron and asks who wants to talk to him about their complaints. No one speaks up, so Joe tells them to go pack.

But Joe isn't just a tool either and has a plan. She tells Bobby she put a tracker on one of the girls. She then ask Guterrez what he could do if he knew when and where they were crossing the border. He can arrange for a team to intercept. That's good for Joe, who pulls Bobby, Tucker, Tracer and Kyle for the mission while the rest of the team will help imbed Josephina.

Of course Cruz has to convince Josephina to continue with the mission. Cruz gives Josephina some details on about her mission, how she lied to the only women she ever loved and blew her

world up, the exact thing that Josephina is worried about doing to her family. But Cruz learned that 5% of people in the world are saints, 5% are evil and 90% are sheep. Is Josephina's father a saint? No, Josephina admits. Is he a sheep? After the warehouse, she certainly can't say he is. So he's evil. That may not make it easier, but their job is to choose whether or not to fight, and not fighting is how you get warehouses full of children. Josephina is still not happy about it, but she stays on.

As the team flies to Dallas, Joe asks Cruz what she thinks about Josephina? Cruz says it'll be tough for Joe to trust someone who doesn't want to be there. Joe admits she doesn't trust Josephina, so their best bet is to have her believe her father has a chance to escape this situation. Cruz suggests they give him a real chance — offer him immunity in exchange for helping with their mission. Joe notes a cartel operative has never successfully flipped before, but Cruz points out he's doing this for money, not a cause, and they have his daughter making the case.

Joe pitches the idea to Josephina: if her father cooperates with their mission he'll be placed in witness protection. The alternative is what Josephina fears, her father getting mixed up and set to prison, or being killed. If Josephina wants her father to survive, she needs to make this offer to him. After that, the mission continues on as planned to find her uncle Alvaro and his Chinese contact. Josephina agrees.

After landing, Josephina and the team head out, but Joe stays on so she can head back to Fort Bliss. She gives Kaitlyn a call, giving her an update and saying Cruz is handling things. Kaitlyn notes Joe is putting a lot of trust in Cruz. Joe notes Cruz is better at this than even she was when she was in the same position. And because of that, Joe is beginning to see a way out of her role to spend more time with her family, something she talks about with Neal on the phone.

As Cruz and an anxious Josephina drive to Josephina's parents' house. Tex, Two Cups and Randy set up their base of operations. Looking at surveillance footage of the Carrillo home, they note that there doesn't appear to be a lot of security, which raises red flags. But they quickly figure out that the surrounding houses actually are where the security teams are stashed, adding to the complexity of the mission.

When Cruz and Josephina arrive at her parents' house, they are excitedly greeted by Josephina's mom, Mario Carrillo. As they get ready for dinner, Josephina admits she doesn't know how much has changed with her parents since she left home at 18; she wonders what she should talk about? Cruz says she can tell them "most of the truth," but eventually she has to get her father alone to talk to him and make the offer. Once she does to not let him out of her sight for fear he might inform his brother. Josephina is still nervous, so Cruz asks if she found out her dad was funding terrorists would she hesitate to turn him in? No, she admits, but she has a hard time forgetting the loving memories she has of him. Cruz tells her they're not changing memories.

After getting notified by the housekeeper about Cruz (who she describes as a soldier), Pablo Carrillo joins his family for dinner, but doesn't say a word when he sits down. He does eventually ask Josephina if she lost her pilot's license when she was dishonorably discharged, but she says only civilian aviators need licenses, and thinks she could still likely get one. He then asks why she was discharged? With Cruz's encouragement she tells (most of) the truth: that a state executive drove through enemy territory, causing a fire fight that she provided air support for but was ultimately given the blame despite saving their lives. This sets Pablo off on a rant against the "woke" military and how it is a sign of the American empire beginning to fail. But after it is destroyed a new empire will rise in its place. Josephina realizes that convincing her father to cooperate with the US government may be harder than she thought.

Joe meets up with her team as they head out to intercept the children being trafficked across the border. They expect the actual escorts crossing the border to be just a couple, but more enemies will already be on the US side waiting to receive them.

When they get to the location, Tucker takes the high ground to scope out the area and provide cover. Joe's team and Guitierrez's DEA team split up and begin to engage with the cartel men. But the cartel has more than what they were expecting, including exploding drones. Tucker is able to take out a few, but one kamikazes the DEA team.

Joe and her team continue through, approaching the traffickers and the children. They order for the traffickers to surrender, but one comes forward and opens his vest. As Tucker watches from the hill a white light blinds him (and viewers). It was an explosion. Joe seems OK from the blast, but all of the children appear to be dead.

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Season 2

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Guest Stars: Bruce McGill (Hollar), Jennifer Ehle (Mason), Max Martini (Tracer), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Kirk Acevedo (Special Agent Gutierrez), Rob Mayes (Co-Pilot Mike), Annabeth Gish (Denise Westfield), Patricia De Leon (Maria Carrillo), Demián Castro (Pablo Carrillo), Sofie Calderon (Atzi), Paul Diaz (Agent Alan Marshall), Rylon Tartsah (EMT), Darius R. Booker (Pilot), Franke Kelly (Taylan Westfield), Greyson 'Queso' Kennedy (Pete Westfield), Rose Pond (Maddy Westfield), Charlotte Allen (Sam Westfield), Cody Easterbrook (Trauma Surgeon), Justin Newell (MP), Clayton Florio (MP 2), Krystle Gutierrez (CBS News Anchor), Tony Arbelaez (FBI — Special Agent in Charge), Craig D. Burrus (FBI Agent), Anthony Molinari (EMT), Eric Parkinson (DEA Captain)
Summary: Events come to a head at the Carrillo estate faster than expected. Josie makes her move.



Joe looks utterly lost after going through the failed rescue mission against the cartels. Bobby asks what they can say to the officers who responded to the scene? Since they still have agents undercover, Joe tells her to give no comment. While Bobby tries to comfort Joe that what transpired wasn't her fault, Joe can't help but wonder if the girl she placed the tracker on would still be alive if they didn't try to save her.

The fallout from the incident is quickly building. When Byron learns of it he demands Joe immediately get on a plane to debrief. Meanwhile the other agencies that have arrived on the scene don't seem as willing to sweep this story under the rug like Joe wants. Add in a potential mole inside Joe's team and all hell breaking loose at the Carrillo household, and the entire mission is becoming a s**t show.

The morning after their awkward first dinner at the Carrillo household, Josephina tells Cruz she doesn't recognize her father, Pablo, anymore, and that she's scared of him. She recalls a memory when she was 9 when her father rescued a baby falling from a horse, saying she thought he was immortal. Cruz explains daughters often think of their fathers as they are in their fondest memories, and see themselves as the age they were in that memory. But Josephina isn't 9 years old anymore and her father isn't who she thought he was. She needs to talk with him about why they're there.

After a little chit-chat with her father, Josephina starts the tough conversation. "They know," she tells him, the CIA; they know about his connection with her uncle's cartel. Pablo quickly becomes furious, slapping his daughter. He yells that the CIA doesn't care about drugs, so why would they look to destroy their family? He is about to hit her again when Cruz comes in and subdues him, confirming what Josephina is saying: they're CIA.

All of this was seen on security footage, which brings Pablo's men rushing toward the house. But Two Cups, Tex and Randy also saw it and are driving in as reinforcements. They take out the security team and secure the house.

Cruz tells Pablo he has two options: they can arrest him now for his role in helping the cartels, seize his assets and put him in county jail, where he's unlikely to last the night; or he can work with them, helping to ID a foreign asset and then place him in witness protection. Reluctantly, it seems Pablo goes with option two.

As the team continues to secure the Carillo house, Two Cups comes upon the maid, Atzi. While he searches her he finds she is wearing a wire. She's apparently an informant for DEA Agent Guterrez, something he failed to tell Joe and her team.

Two Cups calls Joe on her personal phone, explaining her work phone isn't working; she pulls it out and realizes it's been destroyed by a bullet, which surprises her and immediately worries her. Two Cup fills her in on everything, saying the mission is compromised and they have nine hours to come up with a new plan before the next Carillo security team comes in for their shift. Joe instructs him to get to a secure place and fill Kyle in on everything, especially about Guterrez.

Unsurprisingly, Kyle and the rest of the team aren't happy Guterrez could be a mole. They get him in the car under the guise they need to get back to base. But once he is in the car they start beating him and accusing him of being a mole, promising them they will find the truth.

After Joe gets off the phone with Two Cups, she removes her gear and sees she was indeed shot during the rescue mission, and with no exit wound the bullet is still inside her. She calls Kaitlyn, telling her she's been shot in the liver and needs surgery. Kaitlyn has the plane rerouted to land at a military base in 20 minutes, but Joe is quickly getting worse.

Joe calls Neal, who is with the girls at a soccer game. Through strained breath, she tells him the sun rises and sets with him and that he needs to take care of the girls; Joe seems doubtful she's going to make it out of this one. As Neal desperately asks what's wrong, Joe passes out.

Once the plane lands a doctor begins to treat Joe and transports her to a hospital for surgery.

Before they go into a meeting with Mullen and his team in the Situation Room, Kaitlyn tells Byron that Joe is in surgery, but whether or not she'll pull through is still unknown. She also informs him about Guterrez not sharing that he had an informant with the Carillos, which they can use to shift some of the blame off them for everything that has transpired.

As they enter the Situation Room, they are quickly shown a news report about the botched mission; apparently other agencies didn't follow suit with the CIA's desire for no comment. This sets off a shouting match with everyone pointing fingers at each other for how this mission has gotten out of hand and morphed so much from what they originally intended. Mullen gets everyone to calm down, asking how they move on from this. Is the mission still possible and what are the risks?

Kaitlyn informs them about how their lioness mission was compromised because of not being told about Guterrez's informant. They currently have Pablo in custody and Guterrez detained; they're permitted to do the latter even though Guterrez is a federal agent because of code 2831, which is for treason, saying Guterrez's withholding of information can be classified as aiding an enemy of the state. However, despite all the risks, Byron adds they're not in a position to stop; they need to shift the focus of the mission.

Instead of an undercover embedding operation, they change it to a hard target hit — killing Josephina's uncle, Alvaro Carillo, and hoping that the Chinese operative they're truly after is with them. Once the mission is over, they'll kill Pablo and Guterrez to make everything neater.

The dangers of this plan force Mullen to step out so he has deniability. While his associates say they can't authorize a black ops mission like this, it's implied that Byron and Kaitlyn have the green light.

Kyle and the team are torturing Guterrez at the base for information, but when Kaitlyn arrives on the scene she takes over the interrogation. She says they have all the information on

Guterrez's family, and if he doesn't cooperate they will release their information, putting them at risk from the cartels. This gets Guterrez to talk, but he maintains he's not a mole.

He's been on Carillo for years, including using the maid as an informant because she was his kids' former nanny; but he didn't have her wear a wire until the CIA showed up. Even after all of his years of surveillance, he says there's no hard evidence linking Carillo to the Cartel. His bank accounts are normal and he got his house because the person who built it left it to him in his will.

Kaitlyn wants Kyle to have Guterrez take a polygraph test to confirm all this is true; if he fails, she tells him to dump Guterrez in the river. Meanwhile, Kaitlyn takes Bobby and Tucker to Dallas to meet up with Cruz and that team.

Speaking of, as they hold Pablo in a secure location he simply looks at Josephina with rage in his eyes. While she can't quite hold back her tears, Josephina stares just as hard back at her father.

The Devil Has Aces

Season 2

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Season Episode: 7

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Guest Stars: Max Martini (Tracer), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Jay Huguley (JSOC Commander Dixon), Kirk Acevedo (Special Agent Gutierrez), Annabeth Gish (Denise Westfield), Demián Castro (Pablo Carrillo), Dawn Olivieri (Amber Whalen), Sofie Calderon (Atzi), Franke Kelly (Taylan Westfield), Rose Pond (Maddy Westfield), Charlotte Allen (Sam Westfield), Katie Dallas (Angela Weintraub), Matt Lyle (Dan Martinotti), Nicholas Madsen (Surgeon), Michelle Lee (Nurse), Cory Phillips (Pilot), Cameron Nichols (Nurse)
Summary: Despite Joe's weakened state, the team is forced back to Iraq to make a point.



After things went completely off the rails with the mission, it's time for a new plan. Mullen visits Byron at his home to discuss his strategy.

Once they get through a TED Talk on how America's ability to come together has been destroyed and all those in power (presidents, senators, congress, the media) played a part in it, Mullen tells Byron the enemy is at the gate, they need to slam it shut; it's time they go on the offensive. Mullen tells Byron not to seek official approval until after the mission has

started, but assures him that when it comes time to jump on the grenade for this, Mullen will be the one to do it.

Though Joe's fate was left open-ended last episode, we see she has survived her wound, which turned out to be from a fragment of her cell phone, not a bullet. Still, the surgery to save her requires Joe to take it easy for a week. When Joe asks what if that's not possible because of her job, the doctor says to just make sure she thinks before doing anything that could potentially reopen the wound.

Neal is by Joe's side to hear all of this. Despite Joe apologizing for calling him as she thought she was dying, Neal is pissed, saying if Joe dies in the line of duty it will kill him as well. Joe doesn't want to hear it. He knows she swore an oath to her country before she married him and what that meant; he needs to toughen up or divorce her. Still, she's looking for her way out, but hasn't found it yet.

Later, Byron comes to talk with Joe. Joe gives him more details about the ambush at the border, believing it was actually an attempt to protect a foreign asset, not just move migrants

across the border. Byron tells her they're going on the offensive, but that she'll run the mission from Langley. Joe won't have it, saying she decides how her team is run. But Byron reminds her that her team is expendable, Joe isn't.

Kaitlyn, Kyle and the rest of the team rendezvous in Dallas, bringing Guterrez to the safe house where they're holding Pablo Carillo. They have some interrogations to do. Kyle hooks Guterrez up to a polygraph machine, while Kaitlyn talks with Pablo's maid.

After asking some base questions, Kyle dives into the hard stuff with Guterrez: has he ever been offered payment from a criminal organization or a representative of a criminal organization? Guterrez admits he has, but he didn't accept the payment. Kyle follows up with why he didn't report the offer to his superiors or another agency? Guterrez won't say unless he's assured his answer won't leave the room. But when Kyle makes it clear if Guterrez doesn't answer they'll kill him, he finally spills the beans.

The reason he didn't report being offered payment was because the person who offered it to him was another DEA agent, who Guterrez killed. Despite everything, Guterrez is loyal to what he calls a lost cause, lamenting that no matter what they do, they can't make a dent in the cartels' business, in large part because they've infiltrated every level of the US that helps them bypass the guardrails against them. He asks if the CIA really thinks they can come in and fix the problem so easily?

Kyle informs Kaitlyn that Guterrez is telling the truth. The maid backed up his story as well. So what do they do now? They decide to move Pablo to a black site in Costa Rica, and then regroup in Langley. Flying him down to Costa Rica, Kyle notes Pablo has never once asked what all this is about.

Kaitlyn then goes to talk with Guterrez. He comments on how he realizes now the CIA does not hold back once they have their target in sight. The problem is, there's no way the cartel doesn't know that something is going on. She says that could be to their advantage, forcing the cartel to be reactive. She stares down Guterrez and ultimately decides they are back on the same team, giving him back his gun and phone.

Awaiting their next orders, Cruz has Josephina stay at her house on base. They get closer, emotionally and physically, with Josephina thinking Cruz could help her forget her shame and guilt, even if just for a moment. But before they can take the next step, Bobby and the rest of the team show up. With the base not having a house ready for them, they decide to crash at Cruz's. They recognize that they interrupted something but just push right past it.

That night, Cruz and Josephina share a room; Cruz tells Josephina it's OK for her to sleep in the bed with her. Josephina asks if the mission is over because of her? No, Cruz tells her. She shouldn't have stepped in, she should've seen if Josephina could have gotten things under control with her father.

Kaitlyn visits Joe in the hospital. After they squabble over the failings of the mission (Kaitlyn is upset Joe led the team into that ambush, Joe brings up her objections to how the mission was put together), Kaitlyn points out they need a new target and asks how soon Joe can be ready? She's ready to go now, Joe assures her.

Neal wouldn't agree with that, as evidenced by how he treats Joe when he brings her home. He tries to help her out of the car, but she refuses. She then finds Neal had a medical bed put into the living room so Joe doesn't have to climb the stairs. Joe says he's her husband, not her doctor, so she defies him and goes upstairs to take a shower.

After Joe gets out, Neal comes in, frustrated because there's a car outside to take Joe to work. He argues Joe can't be stubborn about the health risks, but before he can make his case she stops him. She tells him about the girl, about the age of their youngest daughter, who had been abducted and sold into slavery, then she witnessed a suicide bomber detonate a bomb and kill that girl in front of her. She can't and won't rest after that. She's going to make sure that never happens again.

When Joe arrives at Langley, Byron and Kaitlyn are being debriefed on two Chinese scientists set to be transported to Iran, presumably to help with their nuclear program. Byron says their new mission is to show Iran and China just how far the US can reach, striking the scientists' transport while they are in Iran. They'll deploy Joe's team, with Josephina flying them in to execute the strike. Joe insists she joins them. Byron orders her to observe and advise only, while Kaitlyn tells her to know her limits and not to become a liability. Meanwhile, Kaitlyn will go to Costa Rica to take care of the Carillo situation.

When Cruz and Josephina awake the next morning, another tender moment is interrupted when they get an alert about the new mission. They all head to the airport where Joe meets them, telling them things are going to get spicy. Josephina asks Joe what her part is in all this. Josephina's going to get to save the day by showing them how good of a pilot she really is.

Before takeoff, Joe calls Neal, who can quickly tell she is about to board a flight for a new mission. He asks what he is supposed to tell their daughters if she dies from her injuries or whatever danger awaits? Joe says he can ultimately tell them whatever he wants. Angry, Neal says if Joe does come home, she needs to decide if she'll ever be able to make her children a priority like they should be before throwing his phone and abruptly ending the call. Not the sendoff Joe wanted as she boards the plane.

The Compass Points Home

Season 2
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Director: Stephen Kay
Show Stars: Zoe Saldana (Joe), Laysla De Oliveira (Cruz Manuelos), Dave Annable (Neal), Jill Wagner (Bobby), LaMonica Garrett (Tucker), James Jordan (Two Cups), Genesis Rodriguez (Josephina Carrillo), Michael Kelly (Byron Westfield), Austin Hébert (Randy), Jonah Wharton (Tex), Thad Luckinbill (Kyle), Hannah Love Lanier (Kate), Morgan Freeman (Edwin Mullins), Nicole Kidman (Kaitlyn Meade)
Guest Stars: Bruce McGill (Hollar), Jennifer Ehle (Mason), Taylor Sheridan (Cody), Max Martini (Tracer), Celestina Harris (Charlie), Jay Huguley (JSOC Commander Dixon), Demián Castro (Pablo Carrillo), Dawn Olivieri (Amber Whalen), Matt Gerald (Cody J), Crew Wyard (Battalion Commander), Marcus DeAnda (Alvaro Carrillo), Stacey A Sheffield (US Army Computer Scientist), Lauren Mary Kim (Daiu Suen), Fernando Chien (Jun Hie Xiong), Padrick Shadeck (Security), Ranferi Salguero (Man), Bryan Chatlien (Pilot), Jonny Riojas (Medic), Melissa Chick (CIA Aide), Chris Herpin (82nd Airborne Ranger), Justin Hurr (82nd Airborne Ranger), Bob Pack (82nd Airborne Ranger), Cody Pennington (82nd Airborne Doctor)
Summary: Operation Sky Hawk is a go as Kaitlyn and Westfield pressure Pablo to side with them.



As a pair of camouflage soldiers keep eyes on the Chinese scientists who are the primary targets of the mission, Joe and her team arrive at the army base in Iraq, the same one they plucked Josephina from. Bobby starts handing out weapons to the team, but she's reluctant to give Joe one, as she is still recovering and has been told to serve in only an observe and advise role on the mission.

Meanwhile, Josephina inspects the helicopter she is going to fly for the mission, with Cruz serving as her gunner.

She says after the mission, the two of them should talk about what their situation is, though since neither of them is big into those kinds of talks, they agree to "not talk" together afterward.

Amber Whalen goes over the details of the mission, which has been dubbed Operation Sky Hawk. The Iranian forces they are going to be running into may not be as well trained as them, but they are well armed, making it a dangerous situation. It's noted that their backup is en route, but arrival is TBD. Now they just wait for the Iranian transport to move and get the official go.

Kaitlyn and Byron arrive in Costa Rica to meet with Pablo. Since the cartel has been working with foreign enemies, they've been labeled a terrorist organization, which has allowed the CIA to freeze all of Pablo's accounts. They remind him they're not looking to build a case to prosecute but to eliminate threats to US security. In this case, Pablo's brother Alvaro, who leads the cartel and has been working with the Chinese.

They offer Pablo a solution: he replaces his brother as leader of the cartel and forges a working relationship with the CIA, with him notifying them if any foreign enemies reach out in exchange for protection from prosecution and the freedom that comes from being in the US. Pablo accepts the deal and calls his brother to set up a meeting. When he asks if he can say that they're CIA, Kaitlyn says yes, telling him there can be no trust with secrets, something she stresses he remembers.

At the meeting, Pablo quickly kills his brother and assumes control of the cartel. His first act is giving the Chinese agent over to the CIA, with Kyle set to take him to Guantanamo Bay.

As Kaitlyn and Byron get ready to leave Mexico, Byron gets sick. Kaitlyn notes the longer you are away from the action the harder it is to be directly involved in someone being killed. That's not what has Byron sick though; he's sick about how despite all of this, little will actually change.

Mullins brings Hollar and Mason into an observation room, letting them in on the operation he has ordered without the president's approval. Mason quickly realizes this mission isn't about the Chinese scientists, Mullins just wants to send a message. He openly admits to that, but assures them that they get to bask in the win if it works, but all the damage falls on him if it fails.

In Iraq, as the Iranian transport heads out, Operation Sky Hawk is a go, with Josephina and Cruz heading off in the helicopter while the rest of the team remains at base. Assisting them in the field is Cody, who along with another soldier sets up a sniper away from the attack point.

When Josephina and Cruz arrive at the target they open fire, destroying most of the vehicles. However, a tank manages to get a shot off and hits the helicopter, causing it to crash.

At base, Joe tells the team the helicopter is down and they need to head out. Joe sure as hell isn't sitting this out though, suiting up and going with them.

Cruz helps Josephina, who broke her leg, out of the helicopter and takes cover as more Iranian forces are converging on them. En route, Joe is told that reinforcements will get to them in 19 minutes. Bobby points out that the six of them can't last that long against what the Iranians have. That's not their job, Joe reminds her, their job is to try. They come up on the Iranian forces and engage, with assistance from Cody.

But sure enough, Joe's team is outnumbered and getting hammered. They fall back to the crash site, shortly joined by Cody as his sniper spot was found and attacked by an armored vehicle, which he ultimately manages to take out single-handedly by climbing on top of it and killing the soldiers inside.

Joe and the team meet up with Cruz and continue to engage with the enemies. However, they can't stop their approach. As members of her team take a few hits, Joe tells Josephina to keep from using her pistol in case they need to use it on themselves to avoid being captured. She then takes a moment, closing her eyes and appears to mouth "I love you;" we have to assume to Neal and her family. Just then, the reinforcements arrive, driving back the Iranian forces.

In the observation room, Mullins breathes a sigh of relief that their mission succeeded. He is notified that the Chinese and Iranian ambassadors are looking to talk with him, but he decides he'll let them stew for a while.

Joe and her team return to base pretty banged up (though miraculously Joe got out of it all with barely a scratch and no lingering effects from her recent near-fatal injury). Cruz talks to Joe, telling her if she had a family and kids like Joe does, she would have just sent a missile to take care of their enemies rather than go in herself. Joe says no she wouldn't, recognizing that she and Cruz are of the same mindset. Cruz thanks Joe for rescuing them.

Cut to Joe returning home to the US. Neal is waiting outside for her. He says he wasn't sure if she was coming home. Joe wasn't sure she was still going to be welcomed. But Neal assures her that she'll always be able to come back to their home. They embrace and then head into the house to reunite with their kids.

Actor Appearances

A

Daniel Abeles	1
0101 (Captain Hansmuth)	
Amalina Ace	2
0104 (Tami); 0108 (Tami)	
Juan Luis Acevedo	1
0203 (Gas Company Employee)	
Kirk Acevedo	4
0204 (Special Agent Gutierrez); 0205 (Special Agent Gutierrez); 0206 (Special Agent Gutierrez); 0207 (Special Agent Gutierrez)	
Charlotte Allen	2
0206 (Sam Westfield); 0207 (Sam Westfield)	
Michele Ammon	1
0107 (Mindels Manager)	
Shane Andries	1
0203 (McConnell)	
Zach Appelman	1
0105 (Lt. Jennings)	
Tony Arbelaez	1
0206 (FBI — Special Agent in Charge)	
Alexandria Arnold	1
0202 (Kylee)	
Pascal Arquimedes	1
0101 (Punk)	
Luis Arroyo Jr.	1
0103 (Bodyguard)	
Sam Asghari	2
0103 (Kamal); 0104 (Kamal)	
Aziz Attougui	1
0103 (Snitch)	
Sean Avery	1
0102 (SF Operator)	
Oliver Avila	1
0201 (Mexican Border Agent)	

B

Eunice Bae	1
0104 (Nurse (Neil's OR))	
Amit Barnathan	1
0106 (Punk Thief #2 (Damian))	
Ryan Barnes	1
0205 (DEA Agent)	
Brett Bartholomew	1
0108 (Officer O'Malley)	
David Alan Basche	1
0103 (Dr. Brumley)	
Colt Bauder	1
0101 (Guard)	
Shanna Bess	1
0104 (Trauma Nurse)	
Erick Betancourt	1
0105 (Hernandez)	
Jadaya Bivins	1
0104 (Cheerleader #1)	

Alexander Blaise	1
0106 (Congressman Hay Adams)	
Brittney Bluitt	1
0202 (Sergeant Medic)	
Noga Blum	1
0105 (Nurse)	
Donny Boaz	1
0204 (Steve Cannon)	
Darius R. Booker	1
0206 (Pilot)	
Angelina Boris	2
0104 (Cheerleader #2); 0108 (Cheerleader #2)	
Ericka Boston	1
0102 (Parent)	
Gabe Bowling	1
0101 (Police Officer)	
Edward Brencce	1
0106 (Punk Thief #1)	
Adam Budron	1
0103 (Sami)	
Craig D. Burrus	1
0206 (FBI Agent)	

C

Sofie Calderon	5
0203 (Atzi); 0204 (Atzi); 0205 (Atzi); 0206 (Atzi); 0207 (Atzi)	
Josue Canales	1
0201 (Punk)	
Clark Carmichael	1
0103 (Senator Palmer)	
Demián Castro	4
0205 (Pablo Carrillo); 0206 (Pablo Carrillo); 0207 (Pablo Carrillo); 0208 (Pablo Carrillo)	
Mathieu Caviness	1
0205 (Immigrant Teen)	
Bryan Chatlien	1
0208 (Pilot)	
Crystal Chau	1
0104 (Physician)	
Melissa Chick	1
0208 (CIA Aide)	
Fernando Chien	1
0208 (Jun Hie Xiong)	
David Neil Cohen	1
0101 (Homeless Man)	
Katya Collazo	1
0108 (Amber Mills)	
Matt Consalvo	1
0104 (EMT 3)	
Ray Corasani	3
0103 (Ehsan); 0104 (Ehsan); 0108 (Ehsan)	
Marisol Correa	1
0105 (SA SWAT Shooter #1)	
Dion Costelloe	1
0108 (Officer Yeagers)	

Logan Crawford 1
 0105 (News Anchor)
 Robb Cremen 1
 0105 (Politician)
 Josh Crotty 1
 0102 (Delta Captain)

D

Katie Dallas 1
 0207 (Angela Weintraub)
 Stevie Ray Dallimore 1
 0101 (Colonel Dirves)
 Marcus DeAnda 1
 0208 (Alvaro Carrillo)
 Scottie DiGiacomo 1
 0101 (Patient)
 Paul Diaz 2
 0201 (Agent Alan Marshall); 0206 (Agent Alan Marshall)
 Kimberly Dodson 1
 0104 (Nurse (Kate's OR))
 Martin Donovan 8
 0103 (Errol); 0105 (Errol); 0106 (Errol); 0107 (Errol); 0108 (Errol); 0201 (Errol); 0203 (Errol); 0205 (Errol)
 Jackson Dorfmann 1
 0103 (Michael)
 Priscilla Doueihy 3
 0103 (Nala); 0104 (Nala); 0108 (Nala)
 Zarnell Downs 1
 0203 (Bartender)
 Jessica Irvine Drake 1
 0204 (Bailey Rogers' Mother)
 Matt Dillon Drikas 2
 0201 (JSOC Commander); 0204 (General Green / JSOC Commander)

E

Cody Easterbrook 1
 0206 (Trauma Surgeon)
 Jennifer Ehle 7
 0106 (Mason); 0108 (Mason); 0201 (Mason); 0202 (Mason); 0203 (Mason); 0206 (Mason); 0208 (Mason)
 Ariella Ezekiel 1
 0101 (Isabel)

F

Braxton Fannin 1
 0106 (Punk Thief #3 (Driver))
 Essam Ferris 1
 0105 (Alashka)
 Martin Fisher 1
 0101 (Recruiting Marine)
 Clayton Florio 1
 0206 (MP 2)
 Michelle Foard 1
 0108 (Flight Attendant)
 Brian Foreman 1
 0105 (Congressman)
 A.J. Franklin 1
 0105 (San Antonio SWAT #1 (Van at House))
 Morgan Freeman 2
 0106 (Edwin Mullins); 0108 (Edwin Mullins)

G

Todd Gable 2
 0201 (Marine Colonel); 0202 (Marine Colonel)
 Ryan Garbayo 1
 0103 (Surgeon on Zoom)
 Matt Gerald 2
 0102 (Cody); 0208 (Cody J)
 Joseph Giambrone 1
 0101 (Homeless Man)
 Josh Giannarino 1
 0103 (Pedestrian)
 Susana Gibb 1
 0204 (Anesthesiologist)
 Alexander Gineitis 1
 0105 (Standby)
 Annabeth Gish 2
 0206 (Denise Westfield); 0207 (Denise Westfield)
 Camille Giuffre 1
 0203 (Server)
 Stephan Godleski 1
 0104 (Bouncer)
 Costas Goldstone 1
 0201 (Soldier)
 Ashlyn Anderson Gomez 1
 0202 (Kylee's Mom)
 Arturo Gonzalez 1
 0203 (Gas Employee Agent)
 Samara Gonzalez 1
 0204 (Hostess)
 John Anthony Gorman 1
 0105 (CIA Agent — AF Base)
 Migs Govea 1
 0105 (Jimenez)
 Gigi Grace 1
 0102 (Soccer Girl)
 Joshua Graverholt 1
 0102 (Ranger QRT Residence)
 Hazel Graye 1
 0104 (Daisy)
 Anthony Gullotta 1
 0105 (Secret Service)
 Krystle Gutierrez 1
 0206 (CBS News Anchor)
 Jamie Guyer 1
 0105 (San Antonio SWAT #2 (Hangar))

H

Richard Haddad 5
 0103 (Asif); 0104 (Asif); 0106 (Asif); 0107 (Asif); 0108 (Asif)
 Mustafa Haidari 1
 0105 (Suicide Bomber)
 Narmar Hanna 1
 0106 (Massage Therapist #1)
 Celestina Harris 10
 0101 (Charlie); 0105 (Charlie); 0107 (Charlie); 0201 (Charlie); 0202 (Charlie); 0203 (Charlie); 0204 (Charlie); 0206 (Charlie); 0207 (Charlie); 0208 (Charlie)
 Andrew Haserlat 1
 0104 (Anesthesiologist)
 John W Heath 1
 0204 (Politician)
 Jacob Heimer 1
 0107 (Analyst)
 Jack Herholdt 1
 0104 (Charge Nurse)
 Chris Herpin 1
 0208 (82nd Airborne Ranger)
 Paige Herschell 1
 0104 (Hostess)

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Mike Heslin 2
 0104 (Polo); 0105 (Polo)

Ben Hicks 1
 0201 (Border Patrol Agent)

Jay Huguley 4
 0201 (JSOC Commander Dixon); 0202 (JSOC Commander Dixon); 0207 (JSOC Commander Dixon); 0208 (JSOC Commander Dixon)

Justin Hurr 1
 0208 (82nd Airborne Ranger)

I

Karen Izaguirre 1
 0108 (Danika)

J

Michael Jibrin 1
 0102 (Delta Operator)

Ryan T. Johnson 1
 0202 (Aspen's Boyfriend)

Wayne Johnson 1
 0104 (Surgeon Assistant)

Timothy Juhn 1
 0205 (Co-Pilot)

Abraham Justice 1
 0105 (Eyes)

K

Ana Cruz Kayne 1
 0105 (Means)

Franke Kelly 2
 0206 (Taylan Westfield); 0207 (Taylan Westfield)

Michael Kelly 6
 0101 (Byron Westfield); 0104 (Byron Westfield); 0105 (Byron Westfield); 0106 (Byron Westfield); 0107 (Byron Westfield); 0108 (Byron Westfield)

Kirsten Kendall 1
 0205 (Migrant Girl)

Greyson 'Queso' Kennedy 2
 0202 (Pete Westfield); 0206 (Pete Westfield)

Ellie Kim 2
 0104 (Cheerleader #3); 0108 (Cheerleader #3)

Lauren Mary Kim 1
 0208 (Daiu Suen)

Ruby King 1
 0104 (Jasmine)

Caleb Keith Kunkel 1
 0202 (Catcher)

L

Guy LeMonnier 2
 0106 (Colonel); 0108 (Colonel)

J.D. Leach 1
 0205 (Pilot)

Althea Lee 1
 0204 (Doctor)

Michelle Lee 1
 0207 (Nurse)

Patricia De Leon 3
 0203 (Maria Carrillo); 0205 (Maria Carrillo); 0206 (Maria Carrillo)

Chris Lindsay-Abair 1
 0104 (Dr. Shipley)

Robyn Lively 2
 0203 (Senator Albright); 0205 (Senator Albright)

Ray Steven Lober 1
 0103 (Senator)

Imani Love 1
 0102 (Nurse Jenny)

Thad Luckinbill 6
 0103 (Kyle); 0104 (Kyle); 0105 (Kyle); 0106 (Kyle); 0107 (Kyle); 0108 (Kyle)

George Ludden 1
 0105 (Diner)

Matt Lyle 1
 0207 (Dan Martinotti)

M

Carla Mansour 3
 0103 (Malika); 0104 (Malika); 0108 (Malika)

Max Martini 8
 0201 (Tracer); 0202 (Tracer); 0203 (Tracer); 0204 (Tracer); 0205 (Tracer); 0206 (Tracer); 0207 (Tracer); 0208 (Tracer)

Nicholas Massouh 1
 0207 (Surgeon)

Aaron Matthews 1
 0101 (Sergeant Hastings)

Rob Mayes 1
 0206 (Co-Pilot Mike)

Nick McAmis 1
 0201 (Border Patrol Agent)

Sam McCrea 1
 0105 (Zeb)

Bruce McGill 7
 0106 (Hollar); 0108 (Hollar); 0201 (Hollar); 0202 (Hollar); 0203 (Hollar); 0206 (Hollar); 0208 (Hollar)

Mikeski 1
 0105 (Doctor / Chef / Protester)

Czarina Mireles 1
 0201 (Congresswoman Hernandez)

Layla Mohammadi 3
 0103 (Nashwa); 0104 (Nashwa); 0108 (Nashwa)

Anthony Molinari 1
 0206 (EMT)

Anita Moore 1
 0101 (Police Officer)

Maddie Moore 1
 0107 (Hillary)

Brandon Muirbrook 1
 0201 (Dean)

Demetrious Murray 1
 0203 (Senator Fuller)

N

Karim Nematt 2
 0103 (Guard #2); 0104 (Guard #2)

Justin Newell 1
 0206 (MP)

Ace Ng 1
 0201 (Hernandez's Son)

Cameron Nichols 1
 0207 (Nurse)

Zoryah Nomak 1
 0101 (Pit Soldier)

Ramon Nuñez 1
 0101 (Cherub's Boyfriend)

O

Brandon Ocasio 1
 0103 (Steakhouse Waiter)

Robert Olausen..... 1
 0105 (Ex-Special Forces)
 Dawn Olivieri..... 2
 0207 (Amber Whalen); 0208 (Amber Whalen)
 America Olivo 1
 0102 (Dr. Elsa Ramirez)

P

Bob Pack 1
 0208 (82nd Airborne Ranger)
 Preston Paine..... 1
 0203 (Chef)
 Michael Park 1
 0102 (Dr. Gary Brown)
 Eric Parkinson 1
 0206 (DEA Captain)
 Maggie Parto..... 1
 0108 (Fariha)
 Cody Pennington..... 1
 0208 (82nd Airborne Doctor)
 Bobbie Peterson 1
 0108 (Night Nurse)
 Cory Phillips..... 1
 0207 (Pilot)
 Alex Podulke..... 1
 0102 (Mike Rawlins)
 Rose Pond 2
 0206 (Maddy Westfield); 0207 (Maddy Westfield)

R

Celena Rae 1
 0203 (CBS News Anchor)
 Reem Raouda 1
 0106 (Massage Therapist #2)
 Jordyn Rax 1
 0103 (Kamal's Girl)
 Daniel Reece..... 1
 0104 (Paul)
 Erich Reimer 3
 0103 (Pedestrian); 0104 (Pedestrian); 0107 (Cab Driver)
 Daniella M Reyes..... 1
 0205 (Migrant Girl)
 Jonny Riojas 1
 0208 (Medic)
 Justen Michael Roberts..... 1
 0205 (Private)
 Travis Roberts..... 1
 0101 (Driver)
 Octavio Rodriguez..... 1
 0202 (Corporal Rivero)
 Ethan Jones Romero..... 1
 0101 (Edgar)
 Anthony Ruiz..... 1
 0101 (Manager of Tast E Burger)

S

Newsha Sadri..... 1
 0205 (Analyst)
 Ranferi Salguero 1
 0208 (Man)
 Casey Schryer..... 1
 0104 (Waitress)
 Kevin Sebastian..... 1
 0104 (EMT 2)
 Mikaela Nina Secada..... 1
 0101 (Cherub)

Padrick Shadeck 1
 0208 (Security)
 Jared Shaw 1
 0102 (Delta Cruz Interrogator)
 Stacey A Sheffield..... 1
 0208 (US Army Computer Scientist)
 Taylor Sheridan..... 3
 0201 (Cody Spears); 0202 (Cody Spears); 0208 (Cody)
 Graham Shiels 1
 0101 (Drill Sergeant)
 Fawad Siddiqui..... 2
 0103 (Guard #4); 0104 (Guard #4)
 Lily Sondik 1
 0104 (EMT 1)
 Marguerite Stimpson 1
 0102 (Vickie Rawlins)
 Scott Swope 2
 0101 (SWAT); 0102 (Bouncer)
 Juan Szilagyi..... 1
 0105 (Aaliyah's Security Team)

T

Rylon Tartsah 1
 0206 (EMT)
 Scot Teller 1
 0101 (Neighbor)
 Todd Terry..... 1
 0203 (Ronnie Blackstone)
 Molly B. Thomas 1
 0202 (Aspen)
 Justin Titus 1
 0201 (State Trooper)
 William G. Tomek 1
 0105 (Pedestrian)
 Michael Tow 2
 0104 (Dr. Hammond); 0105 (Dr. Hammond)
 Charley Tucker..... 1
 0108 (Army Joint Chief)

U

Aaron Uribe 1
 0201 (Punk #2)

V

Jose Vasquez 1
 0201 (Punk #4)
 Avi Vichner 2
 0103 (Guard #3); 0104 (Guard #3)
 Johnny Vincent 1
 0202 (Medic)
 Scott Vogel..... 1
 0105 (Hospital Patient)

W

Michael Wagemann 1
 0202 (Guard)
 Chris Wang 1
 0203 (NSA Analyst)
 Nora Winer 1
 0102 (Maddie Rawlins)
 Tim R. Worley 1
 0105 (Surgeon Assistant)
 Jeff Wright..... 1
 0204 (Sergeant Major)

Crew Wyard 2
0202 (Battalion Commander); 0208 (Battalion Commander)

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Bassem Youssef 1
0108 (Amrohi)