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Season One

Wildcat Is Down

Season 1
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Production Code: 1PTV01
Summary: It's just another day in Paradise until Xavier Collins discovers one of the world's most powerful individuals has been viciously murdered. Xavier analyzes the crime scene while recalling his complex relationship with the victim.



After another restless night, Collins begins his day by making lunches for his son and daughter, then going for a run. While on his route, he jogs by the White House, stopping to speak with Agent Billy Pace. Pace says he's leaving his shift early because of an upset stomach, and Agent Jane Driscoll is coming in to relieve him.

Back home, Collins' daughter reminds him of her debate competition at 3 pm. He promises to be there and turns his attention to his son who is reading James and the Giant Peach. Collins is rattled by

his son's choice of book and zones out momentarily before heading to work.

As Collins walks into the White House, two other agents note the president isn't up yet, which is unusual. When Collins goes to check on President Bradford, no one answers. Collins enters and immediately sees Bradford lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

The episode flashes back five years when Collins was in the Oval Office for an interview to be Bradford's new lead agent. Collins inquires why the president has chosen him to be on a shortlist. Bradford says aside from his current lead agent being boring and getting older, he wants Collins because he heard he was the best of the best, and it helps he's Black. Bradford claims he sold voters on him being a "Southern Progressive," and it would help with optics to see Collins around him. Although Collins doesn't appreciate being chosen based on his skin color, Bradford makes no apologies for his candor and directness. They wrap their conversation by exchanging a pair of jokes about where Syria is located and who the eighth president of the US was.

In the present, Collins checks Bradford's vitals, verifying he's dead. Collins looks around the bedroom to see two wine glasses, a trail of blood leading to the balcony and a cigarette butt. He

also spies two pairs of earrings lying on a table and a pack of cigarettes. In a panic, Collins goes to the closet and sees the president's safe has been broken into.

Jane then radios Collins and asks if everything is good, to which he replies he needs a second. He eventually tells her to lock down the residence. She questions if she should notify Robinson, keeping in line with protocol. Collins is adamant Jane doesn't contact Robinson yet, and instead locks the White House down for 30 minutes before following through with calling Robinson. Collins tells her he only wants himself and Pace to be allowed in the president's bedroom. Jane agrees and he calls Pace, telling him "Christian Laettner," which signals an emergency and prompts Pace to move with haste back to work.

Another flashback shows Collins' first week on the job as President Bradford's lead agent. The president asks about Collins' family, and the agent responds he has a wife and two kids. Bradford is reminded of his own unharmonious family, and guesses his wife didn't even vote for him.

In the present, Collins goes to the basement to look at security footage with Agent Garcia. Flashing back to the day of the murder, the president has a contentious discussion with a woman. Returning again to the present, Garcia shows Collins a video of the president cooking dinner for his son, only for the son to bail. Bradford later met with a different woman, and the two were laughing and drinking wine entering his bedroom. She's wearing the earrings found at the scene of the crime. As the footage continues to roll, it appears the last person to see Bradford before he retired for the evening was Collins.

The episode goes back again to a news conference where President Bradford is grilled about an incident in Utah. As he tries to answer, Collins sees a man posing as a cameraman pull out a gun. Collins quickly tackles the president to the ground to save his life, but Collins is shot in the back. Later as Collins lies in the hospital recuperating, Bradford shares that when he saw the blood, he thought he was "Christian Laettner'd." The president explains that when the basketball player made a game-winning shot for Duke over Kentucky, he felt it almost killed him.

Agent Pace arrives at the scene of the murder. Collins tells him the contents of the safe are gone, meaning whoever did this had a lot of access to Bradford. Collins asks him to check the grounds but not to take any photos or write down any notes. Garcia then calls Collins back to the basement to look at more video footage.

As it turns out, Collins left the president's room at 10:04 and was relieved by Pace at 10:32. Pace does his rounds but takes an hour nap on the couch in front of the TV. From 10:42-12:13, all security cameras were offline. Jane also appeared to log in for work during those hours. Collins leaves Garcia and stumbles upon Pace and Jane having a conversation. He tells Jane to finally call the murder in.

After the coroner arrives, Mrs. Bradford arrives outside of the residence wanting to know what happened to her husband, but no one gives her an answer. Collins is escorted upstairs and is questioned by two agents as he was the last person to talk to Bradford. Agent Robinson appears for the first time, and she is the woman who was going into the president's bedroom and left her earrings.

Another flashback shows the final conversation between Bradford and Collins in the president's bedroom. Bradford goes to his safe and pulls out a tablet, noting he "has the news of the world." The president has a drink and implores Collins to join him, but the agent declines. Bradford goes on about how the two of them don't talk anymore and how Collins has stopped calling him sir. Furthermore, Bradford pushes Collins to speak his mind freely, but an annoyed Collins again refuses.

The president asks if Collins will ever be able to forgive him for what happened. It's later revealed that during the conversation between the two men, Collins shares the story of how James and the Giant Peach was what his wife referenced in naming their son. Additionally, Collins has trouble sleeping at night and may never have a good night's rest until Bradford is dead.

In another flashback scene, Collins returns to work after being shot. He's ushered into a room full of high-ranking officials and asked if he wants to receive the highest clearance possible, privy to information that only about 100 people know. He has some hesitation, but the woman who was previously seen on footage arguing with the president says Collins probably wants the clearance given he has children. Collins agrees, and Bradford asks if he's aware of Colorado?

Back in the present, Collins is dismissed for the day and he jogs back home. As he does, he

passes by a woman using a bracelet to get into a car, a kid using a bracelet to pay for ice cream and a man walking in the pond picking up fake ducks. Collins stops in the street to look at the package of cigarettes he took from the crime scene. He pulls one cigarette out to see a series of numbers written on it. He then notices an electronic sign behind him ding, describing that dawn has been delayed by two hours.

Flashing back to the high-level meeting, Collins is told they are preparing for a massive catastrophe that can be a human extinction event. To prepare, they've begun construction under a mountain in Colorado, the world's largest underground city. The camera pans to the town's dome, and above the dome is an intricate system to make it all happen.

Sinatra

Season 1

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Guest Stars:	Jon Beavers (Billy Pace), Krys Marshall (Robinson), Cassidy Freeman (Jessica Bradford), Matt Malloy (Henry Baines), Tuc Watkins (Tim Redmond), Geoffrey Arend (Dr. Louge), Richard Robichaux (Carl), Charlie Evans (Jeremy Bradford), Ian Merrigan (Trent), Erik Svedberg-Zelman (Anders), Vien Hong (Doctor), Gerald McRaney (Kane Bradford), Peter Gorbis (Dylan), Copen Earl (Hadley (3-5 years old)), Kate Godfrey (Hadley (16 years old)), Kayla Njeri (Lisa), Rafael Cabrera (Malone), Laith Wallischleger (Symanski), Mark Costello (Billionaire #1), Miguel Nájera (Billionaire #2), Roberta Hanlen (Billionaire #3), Kristin Carey (Nancy Baines), Eric Normington (High School Teacher), Ali Hanson (Teacher), Olivia May (Mother), Michael Dearie (Factory Worker), Kate Enggren (Bartender), Mia Hjelte (M.C.), Brian Houtz (New Green Panelist), Mark Kwak (Dr. Wen), Sean Dickson (Townsperson), Katharine Lee McEwan (AI Corporate Security Panelist)
Production Code:	1PTV02
Summary:	Agent Xavier Collins is interrogated. Samantha Redmond (codenamed Sinatra) begins to reassure the community as she reflects on how she got to Paradise.



As the town tries to regroup in the aftermath of President Bradford's murder, Samantha, aka Sinatra, calls all the shots; including having Collins interrogated and installing the next president into office.

Twelve years earlier, Sinatra secretly meets with Bradford's dad and the most brilliant minds in the world. Boarding a plane, she says she's entrusting them with something special. While in the air, she strikes up a conversation with one of her guests who appears to be nervous

about flying. She notes that he builds cities as an urban planner. Sinatra asks if he had unlimited resources could he build a city for about 25,000 people underground capable of withstanding nuclear attacks and environmental catastrophes? He calls the idea virtually impossible, as it would require digging out space underground the size of Toledo.

As the plane arrives at its destination, all the guests have sacks placed on their heads. When everyone has their sacks removed, they find themselves in a huge space under the mountains of Colorado. Sinatra tells the city planner to build her city.

In the present day, Collins is looking at the cigarette with the numbers on it, confused as to what they mean. Back at Sinatra's home, she is attempting to write President Bradford's eulogy

in her bedroom, with her husband feet away in bed. He eventually wakes, and the episode flashes back to her meeting her husband for the first time.

At a bar, she tells him she is celebrating the fact that she sold her startup, a cloud storage company called Domain. She believes that in a year she'll be worth \$34 billion, making her the richest woman in the world. He jokes that he has something to celebrate as well, he just won a softball game. They're instantly taken with each other.

Collins dreams about a tragic event happening on a plane as he talks to his wife on the phone. He wakes up startled, then hears noise coming from downstairs.

Agent Pace is in the kitchen making Collins' kids, James and Presley, breakfast as a stoic Agent Robinson looks on. When Collins walks into the kitchen, she tells him he needs to come with her for questioning. Pace promises to make sure the kids get off to school.

Robinson won't confirm if Collins is a suspect, or if a murder weapon or samples of DNA have been found. She says they basically have nothing, but Bradford's wife and father have been cleared. Collins becomes annoyed, so Robinson tells him to speak his mind. He can't believe she's been charged with heading up the investigation into Bradford's death given she was sleeping with him. She says she's clean, but questions why Collins waited to call in the murder and noting some important people are very upset by the missing tablet.

There's another flashback of Sinatra and her family at a grocery store. Sinatra gets her son an ice cream sandwich, which he eats while riding a mechanical horse outside of the store. She gets a call from a board approving a merger, and she becomes thrilled. Unfortunately, she looks over to her son, who is having a health issue while riding the horse and eventually passes out.

In the present, Sinatra meets with high-ranking officials, all in a panic about Bradford's murder. She explains that in 10 minutes the community will get an alert that there is an emergency town hall meeting. During the town hall, they'll reveal the president died of natural causes. Additionally, they'll immediately swear in Henry as president, and everybody in the room will also be assigned additional security.

Later in an interrogation room, Collins is hooked up to a lie-detector machine with Robinson standing over his shoulders. Sinatra and Dr. Tarabi look on from behind a one-way mirror window, while also watching Collins' vitals to see if they jump, signaling deception. As Robinson peppers him questions, Collins doesn't break a sweat and even lies undetected about not taking anything from the scene of the crime.

Robinson again inquires about why Collins called Pace to the scene of the crime first. He replies that Pace is the only one he trusts because Robinson was sleeping with the president. Collins knows he has an audience, and reemphasizes that point. Dr. Tarabi then enters the room and dismisses Robinson. Alone, Dr. Tarabi asks Collins if he's glad the president is dead, but holds the palm of her hand out so only Collins can see it. On her palm is written "say yes," which he does. Dr. Tarabi then returns to Sinatra and notes that Collins is likely not Bradford's murderer.

The episode flashes back to Sinatra and her husband in the hospital with their son. The doctor says it's time they start having tough conversations, bringing in Dr. Tarabi, a therapist and grief specialist.

Returning to the present, Sinatra takes Collins for a walk. She's become a walking encyclopedia on his life, commenting about his children. She then informs him the public is being told the president died of natural causes. Sinatra asks about the tablet's whereabouts, but again Collins shares he doesn't know where it is. Wrapping up their conversation, she shares he'll be put on leave for the next two weeks before being reassigned.

At Presley's school, an announcement is made about the town hall meeting and a teacher comes along to usher the students to the event. Presley spots President Bradford's son Jeremy and instead of going to the meeting follows him to the library. When they come face-to-face, he asks why she's not going to the town hall? She asks him the same question.

Before the town hall commences, the First Lady approaches Collins behind the scenes. He asks how she's holding up? She has no clue, as she's been pretending for so long, but on some level she loved Bradford. Collins knows. She goes on to say how much of a fan the president was of Collins, claiming Bradford admired him for being relentless. Watching the sweet moment from a distance is Sinatra.

In another flashback, Sinatra attends a big conference. The final session she sits in is sparse and is led by a man discussing sustainability and the possibility the world ends due to an

environmental catastrophe. His words strike a chord and she leaves, but not before then-Senator Bradford sees her.

Bradford catches up with her and he extends his condolences (it's been a year since her son passed). He talks about how his dad admires her, nicknaming her Sinatra, as she's the "clear leader who won." As Sinatra and Bradford continue, the lecturer walks by and Sinatra stops him to ask what they should do if a massive life-ending event happens. He replies she should get in the biggest hole she can.

In the present, the new president is being sworn in as Presley and Jeremy continue on in the library. She asks if he's okay? He feels guilty for ghosting his dad for dinner, so the last thing he told his dad was that he blamed him for why so many people died and he wished him dead. As Presley tries to console him, Jeremy talks about 80s and 90s rock music that his dad loved, which he's been listening to on his headphones. He lets her listen and it's "We Built This City."

After the town hall wraps, Pace approaches Collins. The latter asks him if there is something that would require a six-digit security code? Pace can't think of anything. Collins shares that in the former world, he got good at watching people. He's been watching Sinatra and listening to her for a while, and something isn't right. Collins plans to take her down. Pace cautions him to be careful.

The episode closes with Jeremy escorting Presley to a secret place. Upon a closer view, it appears to be an airport hangar. Jeremy asks if she remembers it? There's a flashback of her and her brother being escorted through the airport by Collins and her demanding to know if her mom is going to make it.

The Architect of Social Well-Being

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Guest Stars: Jon Beavers (Billy Pace), Krys Marshall (Robinson), Matt Malloy (Henry Baines), Carlos Sanz (Dr. Montoya), Michelle Meredith (Maggie), Chibuikem Uche (Young Fred Collins), Glynn Turman (Fred Collins), Eddie Diaz (Mike Garcia), Kristin Carey (Nancy Baines), Ca'Ron Jaden Coleman (Young Xavier), Verlon Roberts (Brooks), Darin Toonder (Rainey), Rafael Cabrera (Malone), Laith Wallschleger (Symanski)
Production Code: IPTV03
Summary: Isolated, Xavier seeks answers on his own and cautiously turns to Dr. Gabriela Torabi. Meanwhile, Billy and Jane feel the pressure from Robinson's investigation.



As Collins continues to burn the cigarette with the series of numbers on it, he looks over to a pair of pilot wings and is reminded of when he was a child and his dad was a pilot. Snapping out of it, Collins goes for a run with Agent Billy Pace. Pace thinks Collins should be heading up the investigation, but Collins counters that since that isn't happening, he needs Pace to be his eyes and ears in The White House. When Pace notes that Collins hated Bradford, Collins says it's complicated.

Collins then goes to Dr. Tarabi's office and interrupts her playing 52-Card Pick Up. He doesn't beat around the bush and asks why she told him to say yes during the interrogation. Rather than answer him, she persuades him to join her for a walk.

On their walk, Dr. Tarabi hints they're walking outside because Sinatra and the board may be bugging her office. She then asks what he remembers about the one-on-one therapy session they had together years ago, but he can't recall much. Dr. Tarabi recalls he was the first person to plead the fifth in therapy, and the only other person less forthcoming than him was initially Bradford. However, the president eventually came around.

The good doc goes on to say that she met with Bradford the day before he died and could tell something happened to him the last week of his life as he seemed tired, burdened and was stumbling around drunk in her office. Collins bounces back to the topic of why she helped him during the interrogation. She mentions looking into his file again and asks about his relationship with his father and why they stopped speaking.

The episode flashes back to Collins meeting his dad at the airport to play chess. As they play, the father inquires how things are going at the academy. He notes Collins would have made a great pilot. Collins was unable to become a pilot like his dad due to his poor eyesight. The two

men keep catching up and Collins reveals that his wife Terry is pregnant with their first child, Presley.

Back in the present day, Collins tells Dr. Tarabi there's nothing to share about his relationship with his father. She counters she'll take a chance on Collins and tell him more about Bradford, but she needs to know more about the man she's taking a chance on.

Robinson and Sinatra are in the coroner's office as he gives an overview of the president's autopsy. The agent looks at the president's corpse and remembers their romantic times together before the coroner says the murder weapon was likely a rock. Also, the bruising on Bradford's hands suggests a struggle. While DNA was pulled from Bradford's fingernails, it may be a day or two before the results come in.

Later in the president's bedroom, Robinson is alone looking around the room when she's flooded with another sweet memory of her and Bradford, that's ruined with subsequent thoughts of him bleeding uncontrollably. Sinatra snaps Robinson out of it and again emphasizes the importance of finding the missing tablet. The billionaire questions if it was a mistake to let the president's mistress lead the investigation into his death. Robinson vows to get Sinatra some answers.

When Robinson meets up with Pace, Jane and Garcia, to debrief them on the latest, she relays that no prints or fibers have been found, those who were closest to the president all had alibis and the time of death did occur when the security cameras went down. Pace inquires why Collins isn't there, but before Robinson can really answer him, Sinatra shows up again with a looming presence. Robinson gets back to the investigation, and Garcia tells her he may be able to pull a digital footprint for the person who turned the cameras off.

Dr. Tarabi and Collins go into the supermarket and she reveals that she helped design the psychological aspects of the underground city and was hired to help the grieving people become a semblance of a community, dubbing herself the "architect of well-being." Dr. Tarabi once more questions Collins about the relationship with his father.

In a flashback, Collins tells his dad they put him on the VP's detail. As his dad moves a chess piece, Collins notices he has a tremor. Collins wants to know what's going on, and his father reveals he has Parkinson's. Shockingly, the father hasn't told the company he works for, but has shared the news with a few members he flies with so they're more vigilant when working together. The agent knows he is violating ethics and breaking the law, but his dad is insistent that he's not ready to retire yet.

Back in the present day, Collins says that he and his father just had a falling out. Dr. Tarabi thinks there is more to the story, but Collins says there isn't. She presses him to talk about his dad's last flight, which he doesn't want to do, and lashes out in frustration. She attempts to smooth things over with an offer to take him to get cheese fries.

At the diner, Dr. Tarabi and Collins sit in a booth and she notices him scanning the room. She tells him it must be difficult to see the world as a series of possible threats. She says they all lost something on the way to "Paradise", and he replies he didn't lose his wife as he knows what happened. His wife was in a different city when the apocalyptic event happened, and she died because "he" (presumably Bradford) didn't get her to a plane. The tension is broken by the cheese fries, and he admits they're good.

He then talks about how he misses soft-shell crab, and for her, she misses summer peaches. They go back and forth about things they miss until he tells a story about his wife Terry, eventually segueing to talk about his dad.

In a flashback, Collins meets him at the airport to play chess, and Collins notices his dad's hands don't have a tremor any longer. His dad admits to being on medication and he points out that Collins has a new lapel pin, which Collins reveals is because he's on the president's detail now. His dad is impressed that Collins gets to get on Air Force One. He offers his father a chance to see it, so they go to the airport hangar. Collins' dad is mesmerized looking at the presidential plane until Collins shares he submitted retirement papers on his dad's behalf due to his diagnosis.

Back in the present, Collins says his relationship with his father was never the same. Shortly after retirement, the Parkinsons progressed and he died. Dr. Tarabi tells him he has a strong moral compass, and it may serve him well now. She says it's time to show him her cards.

Back in a corner of The White House, Pace and Jane are alone and she thinks things are bad. He tells her to relax as there's only a 10% chance Garcia can identify who messed with the

security system. Another agent stumbles upon them and tells them they can't be there under Robinson's orders. He leaves, and Jane worries the guy overheard her. Pace says not to worry so much then kisses her.

Upstairs, Robinson reveals to Sinatra that Garcia was able to identify who tampered with the cameras that night, and has Pace and Jane brought into the room. Pace admits he turned off the cameras then, and occasionally did it before. Nervous, Jane interrupts and says they turned the cameras off routinely to play Wii Tennis. Sinatra thinks they're both idiots.

Walking home, Collins and Dr. Terabi talk some more before things take a flirtatious turn. They kiss on the front step, but he quickly pulls away professing to be married. She says she knows, and the two get hot and heavy taking things to the shower. In the midst of their romancing, she tells him President Bradford said not to trust Pace. Coincidentally, Pace is watching the Collins' home with a gun out on the passenger seat.

Agent Billy Pace

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Guest Stars: Jon Beavers (Billy Pace), Krys Marshall (Robinson), Cassidy Freeman (Jessica Bradford), Richard Robichaux (Carl), Charlie Evans (Jeremy Bradford), Benjamin Koldyke (Jack Barnes), Michael Hogan (Mark Donnelly), Ian Merrigan (Trent), Michelle Meredith (Maggie), Angela Lin (Susan Donnelly), Micah Fitzgerald (Uncle Charlie), Beau McConnell (Young Billy), Lucas Sheppe (Huge Boy), Miracle Washington (Officer), Craig Lee Thomas (Arrivals Officer #1), Beth Curry (Arrivals Officer #2), Paul Syre (Bandmate)
Production Code: 1PTV04
Summary: The citizens of Paradise celebrate at the annual carnival. Xavier and Billy delve deeper into their investigation.



A teenage Billy is hunting with his uncle and dog. When Billy fails to shoot an unsuspecting deer and the dog barks, scaring the deer off, his uncle slaps him across the face and calls him "worthless." His uncle tells him to "never hesitate."

When the trio arrives back at their cabin, Billy prepares to feed the dog when his uncle forbids it. Instead, he hands Billy a gun to kill the pet for scaring the deer away. Billy hesitates, but his angry uncle approaches until Billy shoots and kills him. Convicted of murder, Billy

heads to a juvenile detention center where he violently defends himself against a bully.

When Billy is released, someone he doesn't know takes him to a camp with other "violent" people to be trained to become a mercenary. At the camp, they're introduced to a big man named Bull, who completed the program. The director asks who thinks they can take Bull. Billy is the only one to volunteer, beating Bull to a pulp.

In the present day, Billy wakes up in his bed next to Jane, after having a nightmare about shooting a deer. The duo talks about her excitement about the town carnival, which is oddly taking place even though it's a day before the president's funeral.

Xavier wakes up in Gabriela's bed and rushes to get ready to go. He tells her their time together was nice, but she disregards the topic of conversation, wanting to know his thoughts about what she shared about the president's opinion of Billy. Xavier doesn't have much to say yet and leaves. On his way home, Xavier texts Billy that they need to talk.

When Xavier hears a truck backing up, he freezes, as the noise reminds him of the day of the apocalypse and trying to get his children to safety. The three of them reach the checkpoint, and a security officer checks them in. When Xavier says his wife didn't make the plane, the security

officer extends his apologies and deletes her name from the system. Billy approaches Xavier and introduces himself, saying the powers that be want Xavier to help secure the area and get people inside the residences.

In the present, Xavier arrives back home to see Presley in the kitchen cooking breakfast for her brother. She chastises her dad for not calling, under the impression he was working the night shift and didn't tell them. He apologizes and she heads out to help Jeremy and his band set up for their carnival performance. Xavier is confused, thinking his daughter wasn't Jeremy's friend. But Presley emphasizes that Jeremy's dad just died.

As Xavier goes to see Billy, he thinks back to a week after the apocalypse when Xavier and Billy are securing the bar in case the president stops by after his speech. The bartender admits he got his job because his wife is one of the preeminent atmospheric scientists in the world who helped develop Paradise.

Backstage before the president's speech, President Bradford asks Xavier and Billy for their opinion on it. Billy bluntly says the situation they find themselves in is messed up and the people would probably like to hear their president say so. The president appreciates the advice.

Back in the present day, Xavier is still waiting for Billy to reply to his initial text. When Billy does, he says he already left for work. However, Xavier is watching him walking around in his house.

Xavier's next stop is a records room, where he pulls Billy's personnel file. It contains a lot of redacted information. Suddenly, Jane appears and asks why Xavier is there. He replies he's handling some things before the carnival. The two pivot the conversation about Billy, and Jane notes he doesn't seem as excited about the carnival, which is odd for him.

There's another flashback to Xavier and Billy meeting at the bar two months after being underground. They've become fast friends, and Billy opens up about how tough it was for him in the old world, admitting to seeing and doing things that would probably make Xavier skeptical if he knew of them. Xavier invites Billy over to meet the kids. When Billy does, they like him right away.

In the current timeline, Agent Robinson catches Xavier in the records room as he's putting the documents back and leaving. Xavier fails to notice her.

Billy and Jane are walking around the carnival when Robinson rudely interrupts them. She tells Billy Xavier is on Sinatra's radar, which is not something he wants. She pulls Billy away from Jane to talk further.

Xavier is with James at the carnival, trying to find Billy. He eventually spots his friend huddled with Robinson and Sinatra. The latter two see Xavier looking at them, and James interrupts the gaze by pulling his dad to the bathroom.

Moments later, James and Xavier stand in line to get on a ride when Gabriela approaches. Xavier believes she wants to talk about them and gets awkward, but she just wants to know if he talked to Billy. He hasn't so she tells him Billy is in the line for funnel cakes. He leaves James in her care so he can finally talk to his friend.

Xavier flashes back to him, Billy and Bradford at the bar. Billy says it's not knowing what happened to the people above ground that has the community underground still so tense. Bradford claims there is no communication with anyone above and readings show limited signs of life at best. The president later holds a press conference announcing that four people are going above ground to assess things (including the bartender's wife).

Back in the present, Billy and Xavier finally catch up, and Billy warns him to stop what he's been doing. Xavier plays dumb, but Billy calls him out for looking into his file. In response, Xavier questions why Billy told him he was at work earlier when he wasn't. Billy says it was because Jane was at his house, but Xavier already knows he and Jane are together.

The conversation gets more tense as Xavier wants to know if Billy killed the president. Billy is taken aback by the accusation and denies it before storming off.

Xavier assures Gabriela Billy didn't kill the president. Billy, on the other hand, goes to the bar. The bartender goes into a story about how he begged his wife not to be one of the four explorers. The conversation triggers a flashback where Billy is in a mask above ground standing over the bodies of the explorers. The bartender's wife begs for her life, saying people underground need to know the air is breathable above ground, but Billy shoots her.

In the present, Billy storms into Sinatra's office and claims he's done everything she ever asked of him, including murdering the explorers to keep everyone scared to think beyond the

underground city. Sinatra admits that conditions above ground are liveable, but may not be hospitable. If people are alive up there, they are probably tearing each other apart for scarce resources. He's still upset and calls her a monster.

Billy demands Sinatra leave Xavier and his children alone. Sinatra scoffs at him giving her orders. She says he was only spared for his murderous skills and threatens to take away Jane. He doubles down to leave Xavier and the kids alone as they are his family.

Back at the Carnival, Billy finds Xavier and Presley and gives them sparklers. As the kids walk off, Billy repeats to Xavier he didn't kill the president, but thinks there are some things Xavier should know. Billy promises to share everything tomorrow.

When Billy arrives home, he apologizes to Jane since they didn't get to do all the things she wanted to at the carnival. He kisses her and asks to finish off her beer. He drinks it but then begins having a hard time breathing. Jane callously watches as Billy dies. She takes a bottle of pills out and pours them on the table to make his death look like a suicide attempt. Jane confesses to Billy that Sinatra sent him.

In the Palaces of Crowned Kings

Season 1
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Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Tuesday February 11, 2025
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Guest Stars: Jon Beavers (Billy Pace), Krys Marshall (Robinson), Matt Malloy (Henry Baines), Cassidy Freeman (Jessica Bradford), Richard Robichaux (Carl), Charlie Evans (Jeremy Bradford), Angela Lin (Susan Donnelly), Ian Merrigan (Trent the Librarian), Michael Hogan (Mark Donnelly), Gerald McRaney (Kane Bradford), Eddie Diaz (Mike Garcia), Verlon Roberts (Brooks), Darin Toonder (Rainey), Patrick Cavanaugh (Morton), Kristin Carey (Nancy Baines), Rafael Cabrera (Malone), Laith Wallschleger (Symanski), Jennifer Shon (Ava), Paul Norwood (Reverend), Robert DuBois (Driver), Enuka Okuma (Teri Collins)
Production Code: IPTV05
Summary: Xavier faces the consequences of his investigation, forcing him to consider how to proceed. Meanwhile, Cal's family history and his last days are examined.



It's 1997, and Cal arrives to his family home in D.C. to talk to his father, Kane. Cal hesitantly shares he wants to leave the family's business and become a high school teacher. Kane tells Cal that's unacceptable and demands Cal go into politics, starting in their home state of Kentucky.

In the present day, Xavier is at home getting ready for Cal's funeral. He stops to text Billy, requesting to talk after the ceremony, but Billy doesn't respond. Xavier then goes downstairs, compli-

menting Presley before he goes next door to Carl's house to get James, who is playing with Carl's dog. Xavier tells Carl he has to be careful keeping that dog, as pets are forbidden in the underground realm. Carl knows and appreciates Xavier's discretion, stating he owes the agent a favor.

At the funeral, Jeremy Bradford talks about how much his dad loved golf and probably needed real golf courses underground to stop him from unraveling over the last few days before his death. Jeremy even brings up the fact his dad was walking around in a bathrobe, something Dr. Gabriela Torabi previously shared with Xavier.

During a flashback, Cal proposes to Jeremy they watch a movie together, but Jeremy is snarky about his dad and the several billionaires running what's left of America. The pair is interrupted by Kane yelling at Billy downstairs. Kane wants to go to the study, but Cal reminds his father that he lives in the guest house now. Kane just wants to get his book. Jeremy takes him to study where he pulls it.

Cal enters the room and tries to talk to his dad. Kane scoffs that Cal thought the four explorers were "lost at sea" and teases how it was all done right under his nose. The president isn't sure what to make of his dad's statement, and when left alone with Jeremy again, Jeremy notes he doesn't like that his dad never stood up for what he knew was right. Jeremy storms out telling Cal he wishes he died with the rest of the world.

After the funeral, Jane approaches Xavier. He asks if she has spoken to Billy? She claims she's been unable to get a hold of him, so Xavier suggests they go check on him. Before they can leave, Agent Robinson requests to speak with Xavier one-on-one.

Robinson lets Xavier know the DNA samples from Cal's murder never arrived at the lab, hinting Sinatra may have stopped that from happening. Furthermore, Robinson states her circle of trust these days only has him in it. He says his circle of trust is staying put for now, as she was dating the murder victim.

In another flashback, Cal is talking to Robinson about his dad. He asks if she voted for him? She jokes about him being the entitled son of a billionaire, but encourages him to shape the presidency as he wants.

Cal pivots and asks if his dad has a nickname for her? She answers no, but is curious about what's prompting this discussion. He mentions it's weird his dad called Billy "sniper." Robinson notes it's hard to be a sniper in a new world with no guns, and he questions if she really thinks the powerful people down there would remain completely defenseless. She wants to know if there are guns underground, but he deflects. Additionally, she tries to express her serious feelings for him, but he walks out.

Back in the present, Xavier and Jane arrive at Billy's home. When he doesn't answer the door, Xavier kicks in the door and finds his best friend dead on the floor. As Jane pretends to be very upset, Xavier calls in to report Billy's death.

During a flashback, Cal is trying to piece together the puzzle about Kane's nickname for Billy and the people lost at sea. He pulls out the tablet and tries to access files on the explorers, but he learns he doesn't have the clearance. While his dad sleeps, he uses his prints on his tablet to gain access to the files.

Once in, Cal listens to an audio clip of an explorer saying they found a woman. The explorer wants to bring her back, but she's ordered not to. Another recording is played of Sinatra ordering Billy to eliminate the explorers. Cal writes down some notes about his findings. He goes to the library and makes a mixtape for Jeremy.

Cal goes to Dr. Torabi's office and tells her if something were to happen to him that people should look into Billy. Cal later arrives back at the White House to make pasta for Jeremy, who winds up flaking on him. The president then confronts Sinatra about what he knows about the explorers. She is unapologetic, thinking she made the best decision. He threatens to tell people the truth, but she remains unmoved.

Robinson meets Xavier at the bar and shares the coroner is ruling Billy's death a suicide. Xavier reveals Billy was trying to warn him about Sinatra. Xavier notes Billy was like his little brother, and Robinson replies she was in love with Cal. Robinson thinks they have to take Sinatra down together, even surprising Xavier by saying she knows how to get weapons.

Presley meets with Jeremy in Cal's golf simulation room. Jeremy talks about his guilt for bailing on dinner the night of Cal's death. She offers Jeremy comfort and they are about to share a kiss when Kane comes in and interrupts, angrily claiming to know who Presley is and calling Jeremy Cal. He angrily grabs Presley's arm. Jeremy helps her get free and she rushes off.

Going back in time hours before the murder, Robinson shows up to Cal's bedroom, wanting to break things off. He initially stops her, telling her there are guns under the arena and protected by a door with a four-digit code, which is his inauguration date. He also shares that after his presidency ends in a few months, he wants to get an official divorce and be with her. Robinson simply tells Cal to call her when he's sober.

When Robinson leaves, Cal goes to see his dad. They talk about Cal's mom before Cal pivots to ask if he ever made Kane proud. Kane replies, "You never did anything that I didn't do for you." The conversation ends there, and Cal returns to his bedroom to write the numbers on the cigarette Xavier found in the first episode.

In the present day, Xavier arrives home and tells Presley that Billy is gone. He then instructs her to go upstairs and pack a bag for her and her brother. Xavier tells his daughter he needs to leave to take care of a few things. Xavier goes next door to Carter's and asks for a favor.

Across town, Jeremy storms in on his grandad and yells at him for what he did to Presley, but Kane thinks Jeremy is Cal and doesn't remember what happened. Kane apologizes to Jeremy, who he still thinks is Cal, and states Cal was right. Kane isn't proud of anything he did, but he's proud of Cal. Jeremy accepts the apology and uses the moment to apologize to his dad out loud.

Carter sneaks into work at the control center for the underground world. As he does that, Xavier looks up at a street lamp in front of his home that was recently "fixed," knowing it's a camera. He stares into it, and Sinatra is at home watching the camera feed. A red light then appears in the "sky," creating a message that says, "They're lying to you."

Presley is in her room about to pack when she looks under her mattress. She pulls out the infamous tablet. At his home alone, Kane again thinks he recognizes Presley.

You Asked for Miracles

Season 1
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Season Episode: 6

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Guest Stars: Krys Marshall (Robinson), Erika Okuma (Teri Collins), Matt Malloy (Henry Baines), Scott Lawrence (General Curtleigh), Charlie Evans (Jeremy Bradford), Richard Robichaux (Carl), Michael Hogan (Mark Donnelly), Ian Merrigan (Trent the Librarian), Michelle Meredith (Maggie), Dean Cameron (Principal Dawes), Amy Pietz (Marsha), Gerald McRaney (Kane Bradford), Ryan McCann (Charlie's Dad), Danielle Hoetmer (Charlie's Mom), Patrick Cavanaugh (Morton), Brigid Marshall (Tech #2), Eddie Diaz (Mike Garcia), Darin Toonder (Rainey), Verlon Roberts (Brooks), Rafael Cabrera (Malone), Laith Wallschleger (Symanski), Miguel Najera (Billionaire #2), Roberta Hanlen (Billionaire #3), Jonathan Tanigaki (Billionaire #4), Teniece Divya Johnson (Terrified Person), J.D. Hall (Jeffrey), Rachel Ashley Johnson (Billionaire)
Production Code: 1PTV06
Summary: Xavier and Robinson execute their plans as Sinatra strives to maintain Paradise's current state.



In a flashback, Xavier and Teri are waiting in the hallway of Presley's school, having been summoned by the principal. Xavier is bothered his wife has to go to Atlanta again for work, but she notes that's where her job takes her sometimes.

When the principal finally calls the duo into his office, they're joined by two other parents who are not happy. For her eighth-grade project, Presley wrote on the concept of food inequity and during her presentation she made the other parents' son look like an entitled billionaire, and he was left embarrassed. Teri doesn't see the problem, but the principal says Pres-

ley is receiving a warning. As Teri starts to vigorously defend her daughter, Xavier squashes the conversation and ushers his wife out of the room. Outside, Teri predicts that one day Xavier will be forced to make a scene of sorts to stand up for what's right.

Xavier goes to the White House and he has a good laugh with Cal about what happened with Presley. Cal then presses Xavier to go over the protocol again on what happens when the world ends.

In present day, "They're lying to you" is still illuminated across the dome sky. Sinatra is in the control room upset that the words are still there, and it turns out they can't be taken down as Carl locked the powers that be out of the system. Meanwhile, Carl arrives to a secret location

where Presley and her brother James are also hiding. However, Presley decides to defy her dad's wishes and sneaks out.

Sinatra is in her office and Gabriela arrives having been summoned. The billionaire tells Gabriela that Xavier is responsible for what's written in the sky, and the therapist becomes confused. That confusion morphs to horror when Sinatra notes it's funny that Gabriela and Xavier slept together but Gabriela is unaware that he's trying to topple the underground status quo. Gabriela can't believe Sinatra put a camera in her home. Sinatra couldn't care less about Gabriela's feelings and pushes Gabriela to find out what Xavier is up to.

Thanks to the tracking bracelet Xavier is wearing, Gabriela finds him at the diner eating. She asks him what's going on, and he replies that Sinatra killed Cal and Billy. Gabriela insists that Sinatra isn't a monster, but Xavier doesn't buy it. After Xavier gets a text from Robinson saying phase one is complete, he gets up and uses a knife to cut his tracker off before leaving.

As that conversation goes down, Robinson and Agent Rainey gain access to the hidden guns and weaponry that Cal previously revealed existed. The pair takes everything they can see.

Gabriela relays Xavier's message to Sinatra in the control room. Once Sinatra learns that the tracking bracelets for Xavier's kids are also offline, she wonders who else may be trying to go undetected. Her team quickly tells her Robinson and Rainey are also missing, and that Robinson last used her bracelet to access the weaponry room. Sinatra demands her security team immediately go to the room. By the time they arrive, it's empty with the exception of a note that reads, "Now I have all the guns, ho-ho-ho."

Sinatra's day goes from bad to worse when the wording in the sky changes to the phrase, "Do you want to know the truth?" The control room personnel tell Sinatra they still can't stop what's happening and aren't sure what may be illuminated in the sky next. They suggest doing a hard reboot of their systems, but there's no telling how long it would take for things to get back online. Gabriela is opposed to the idea, as it could cause chaos. Instead, Gabriela wants Sinatra to talk things out with Xavier. Sinatra relents, but she sends a text to Jane to find him.

Jeremy walks into the library to use the equipment to seemingly listen to the mixtape his dad made him. However, Presley interrupts him and asks for a favor. She shows Jeremy the infamous tablet and says that sometimes she went to the president's residence to play Wii with Billy. On the night of Cal's death, she was going there when she saw the tablet in the bushes. The teen took it hoping she could find information about what happened to her mom, but was unable to unlock it.

In the past before the apocalyptic event, Xavier is continuing the walkthrough with the president. Xavier wants to know the truth about what's all about to happen, and Cal says he can't tell him. However, Cal tells Xavier that he should put his "foot down" with his wife, as trips to Atlanta aren't as safe as they used to be. Xavier says his wife won't listen, so Cal says they'll just have to pick her up if it comes to that.

Back in present day, Sinatra meets with the president and the other billionaires who are panicking about the sky and the breach of the weaponry. She walks out to text Jane, who reports that she hasn't found Collins but is looking into another way of locating him. Jane pulls up Jeremy's location.

Jeremy and Presley meet up with his grandpa, Kane Bradford, and show him the tablet, asking for his help to open it. Kane pulls out his favorite bookmark and Presley recalls seeing the floral pattern on the bookmark the night of the murder on someone's jacket as they were walking away. The grandpa then uses his handprint to open the tablet for Presley.

Robinson and Xavier go to the airport hangar to steal some flares. While Xavier doesn't want to blow things up, he does want Sinatra to believe they are. As they do, Sinatra is in her office thinking about her children when Gabriela walks in saying she's doing the right thing waiting to talk to Xavier. Gabriela also notices Sinatra is being fidgety and asks what Xavier knows. Their conversation is cut short by a Frank Sinatra song playing over the loudspeaker. Additionally, the message in the sky now reads, "Who is Sinatra," accompanied by a clock countdown.

Xavier and his team arrive outside of the control room and at the end of the countdown and set off the flares. Thinking explosives are going off, Sinatra is pushed to order the system shut down and rebooted. The community instantly gets dark and an alarm goes off sending the residents into a panic. As all the senior officials are driven to a safe house, Xavier and the rebels look on from a hiding place. Sinatra's car abruptly makes a U-turn, going away from the safe house, and Xavier takes off running not wanting her to get away.

Meanwhile, Jeremy and Presley arrive in the middle of town to announce that they're all being lied to. Jane spots Jeremy telling the truth about what happened to the four explorers and she sees Presley nearby. The assassin pretends to be very upset about Billy and not wanting to be alone. Presley agrees to go with Jane to offer comfort.

Xavier arrives outside of Sinatra's home to find Gabriela waiting for him. As they talk, the dome reboots. Gabriela wants Xavier to have a conversation with Sinatra. Xavier goes into the house to see Sinatra drinking wine, and she's rather smug. She says she didn't kill Cal but admits to taking out Billy. She then drops the bombshell that Teri is alive and above ground, and if he agrees to stop all this she'll help him find her.

The Day

Season 1
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Season Episode: 7

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Guest Stars: Krys Marshall (Robinson), Euka Okuma (Teri Collins), Matt Malloy (Henry Baines), Scott Lawrence (General Curtleigh), Amy Pietz (Marsha), David Aaron Baker (Chief Of Staff), Joe Holt (Secretary of Defense), Geoffrey Arend (Dr. Louge), Tyler Jacob Moore (Ryan Noble), Walter Belenky (Colonel Jeffries), Michael Hogan (Mark), Bob Woodruff (Bob Woodruff), Darin Toonder (Rainey), Eddie Diaz (Mike Garcia), J.D. Hall (Jeffrey), Elinor Gunn (Miriam), Alexandra Fatovich (Correspondent), Liz Benoit (Secretary of State), Chet Grissom (CIA Head), Tom Lommel (Scientist), Michael Petrone (Colonel), Sonny Saito (Homeland Security), Ted Barton (White House Chef John), Reasha Honaker (Press Secretary), Garrett Bales (Speech Writer Riley), Esther Pidal (Producer), Arlo Sarinas (Senior Aide), Peter Falls (Staffer), Edward Singletary Jr. (Mr. Markley), Karina Noelle Castillo (Agent Tompkins), Alvin Cowan (Agent Janusz), Pam Tierney (Curator), Josh Breslow (Concerned Staffer #1), Mei Pak (Concerned Staffer #2), Patrick M.J. Finerty (Army General), Paul Eliopoulos (Lt. Commander Hunter), Beck Williams (Master Sergeant), Matt Kaminsky (Passenger), Roberta Hanlen (Billionaire #3), Jonathan Tanigaki (Billionaire #4)
Production Code: IPTV07
Summary: Sinatra and Xavier confront the past, returning to the harrowing day that brought them to Paradise.



It's October 28, 1962, and a military man is listening to the radio as a news reporter discusses the Cuban missile crisis. The man's wife walks in and he tells her the US avoided catastrophe with a nuclear incident with Russia, but he warns his wife that it will happen again. He fears next time things could end in disaster.

In present day, Sinatra again tells Xavier his wife is alive. She claims the explorers who searched for life above ground didn't die because of the conditions outside the bunker. They died be-

cause they were trying to bring a survivor back, and Sinatra couldn't allow that as it could have opened a can of worms. She says the explorers set up transmitters above ground and they are still active. She's been listening and plays a clip of several people stating they are looking for a loved one and headed toward the bunker. All of this is why Sinatra thinks Teri is alive.

Xavier calls her a liar, noting his wife was in Atlanta and the city received a direct hit. Sinatra replies that the president did something that Xavier doesn't know about.

In a flashback to the last day on earth, the White House staff, including Xavier are watching a news report of a "mega volcano" erupting in Anticartica, releasing lots of volcanic ash in the atmosphere and causing a colossal tsunami. Xavier texts Teri to see if she's arrived in DC from Atlanta, but the message won't go through.

The president's assistant Marsha asks Xavier what's going on, and he claims not to know. The vice president rushes in between them to go to a closed-door meeting with Cal and his cabinet. In the meeting, Cal and his officials talk about Russia and China preparing to make landgrabs, so Cal calls for "death con three."

Further assessing the impact of the volcano's eruption, Cal learns that all the coastal cities around the world are gone. He questions a scientist about what's going on, and the scientist notes their projections didn't have things unraveling this quickly. Cal asks his advisors if he should call "Versailles," and they overwhelmingly vote yes.

Xavier gets a message from Teri that her plane is still grounded in Atlanta. He immediately requests to meet with the president, but the duo and the rest of The White House staff become distracted by a news story on the TV of a reporter getting pummeled by painful soundwaves caused by the tsunami as she stands outside on the roof of a skyscraper. All of a sudden, a massive wave approaches and she's engulfed by the water. Xavier calls Presley and tells her to get her brother and stay close to Jeremy.

Marsha overhears the conversation and again presses Xavier about what's going on. He, however, rushes into The Oval Office where Cal is preparing to prerecord an address that will play for the US population once he's safely on a plane. Xavier again asks to speak with the president privately, and shares the news about Teri. Cal instructs Xavier to speak with General Curtleigh, which he does.

Xavier is told to let Teri know she needs to leave the major Atlanta airport and head to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, 25 miles away. Unfortunately, she only has an hour to make it and traffic reports note it will take three hours for the travel. Thankfully, after Xavier speaks to Agent Garcia he finds a route for Teri that will take 45 minutes, but she'll need to steal a car quickly and get on the road. Xavier relays what she needs to know once Teri is finally able to speak with Xavier.

While Cal learns that Russia and China have exchanged fire, with both sides preparing to take nuclear action, Marsha approaches Xavier and pleads with him to at least make sure her son is okay. He makes a promise to her.

Cal and the chosen ones selected to be a part of the Versailles evacuation plan are preparing to leave The White House. But after seeing a custodian who has worked on the premises for nine administrations, Cal decides he has to be truthful with the American people. He tells his team he's going back to The Oval to make a live address. As he gets situated behind the desk, Xavier and a fellow agent go downstairs to get weapons in preparation for the fallout of Cal's remarks.

After the president makes his speech he walks out where Marsha is ready to bring in Edward to go with him, but Cal lets her down. Xavier gets a call from Teri, but as he answers chaos unfolds and he drops the phone. Marsha is upset with Xavier and he apologizes. Things get more tense as a White House employee lunges for another agent's gun and the agent shoots him.

Xavier, Cal, Agent Robinson and others barely make it to the elevator, as other angry staffers are approaching nearby. In the elevator, Robinson says Marine One took hits from identified persons and people are surging the South Lawn, so it's important Cal get on the first transport out. Once outside, they push past the angry mob on the lawn to the helicopter.

At the airport hangar, Xavier unsuccessfully attempts to contact Teri again. Cal approaches him and urges him to join his kids on the airplane. Xavier looks at Cal and asks when Cal knew Teri wasn't going to make it. Cal replies he knew when Xavier said she was still stuck in Atlanta.

Xavier is furious, wanting to know why Cal didn't tell him this emergency was coming, and Cal says he tried. Xavier retorts the president danced around the urgency, as he would have made sure Teri stayed close. Cal stops the conversation and tells Xavier if he doesn't want to be on the plane, there are roughly 8 million people who will take his place.

On the plane, Cal is summoned to a joint chief of staff meeting and is informed that countries are starting to launch nuclear attacks, and Colorado is on the assumed list of targets. The chiefs advise launching US nuclear weapons at all nuclear powers around the world. The president is reluctant to call for such an attack, but he gives his permission.

Cal walks off to be alone and Sinatra approaches to offer comfort. She says that all her team's models that showed what would happen if the Antarctic super volcano blew ended with the same thing — a nuclear war.

He then talks about the "football," which is the electronic key to launch all of the nuclear weapons in the US should he enter the red code. He notes many people know about the football's red code, but only presidents know what else it can do. There's also a secret blue code that he can use which would set off global EMPs that would fry every electronic circuit on earth, including nuclear weapons. It would take the world "back 500 years."

Sinatra doesn't think he's seriously considering that, noting the people outside the bunker would die anyway. But he wants to give them a chance. She replies they need the communication satellites above ground working when they are in the cave, but he remains adamant to give people a fighting chance.

Xavier makes contact with Terry one last time, and she tearfully says she didn't make the flight. He assures her the kids are safe and they're being taken somewhere in Colorado. She tells him to share with the kids that "it's okay to be happy." He sees on a screen that a nuclear missile is headed toward Atlanta, and the phone disconnects.

In present day, Sinatra says the missile never hit Atlanta, and people are rebuilding there. She plays an audio clip of Teri saying she's looking for Xavier and her children, and requesting how to find the bunker in Denver. Before things go further, Sinatra makes a call and it's to the man who's looking after Xavier's kids. Sinatra hands Xavier the phone and the other man states that Presley isn't in the bunker.

Sinatra then reveals that the DNA found at Cal's murder scene didn't match anyone in the cave, meaning he was killed by someone from the outside. Xavier just wants to know about his daughter. She says if wants that to happen, he must release her people, return the guns, find out who murdered the president and help return the community to normalcy first.

The Man Who Kept the Secrets

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Guest Stars: Ian Merrigan (Trent), Krys Marshall (Robinson), Matt Malloy (Henry Baines), Charlie Evans (Jeremy Bradford), Michelle Meredith (Maggie), Cornelius Macarthy (Adam), Erik Svedberg-Zelman (Anders), Tuc Watkins (Tim Redmond), Richard Robichaux (Carl), Annie Karstens (Woman), Mike Ostroski (Man), Rafael Cabrera (Malone), Laith Wallschleger (Symanski), Eddie Diaz (Mike Garcia), Darin Toonder (Rainey), Verlon Roberts (Brooks), Kate Godfrey (Hadley), Andre Tucker Jr. (Worker #1), Maury Lamont Watson Jr. (Worker #2), Miracle Washington (Officer), Beth Curry (Arrivals Officer #2), Craig Lee Thomas (Arrivals Officer #1), Miguel Nájera (Billionaire #2), Roberta Hanlen (Billionaire #3), Jonathan Tanigaki (Billionaire #4), Mark Overholt (Angry Man), Shawn Patrick Clifford (Security Guard), Andrew Miller (Inmate #5)
Production Code: IPTV08
Summary: Xavier and Robinson race to find President Bradford's murderer before it's too late.



In a flashback to 12 years prior, a construction foreman named Trent is leading a crew in digging out the cave in Colorado while building the underground city. He grows fond of one employee in particular named Adam. They strike up a friendship of sorts, with Trent developing feelings for Adam. Sadly, nothing would happen as Trent takes note of Adam and other employees getting sick from arsenopyrite residue in the cave, which is highly dangerous initially but eventually doesn't present a problem. In short, the workers

are in danger at the moment, but the inhabitants of the community will be fine.

Trent takes the concerns to the architect of the city, and the architect promises to take care of the situation. However, when Trent shows up for work the following day, he learns he's been fired while the work on the cave continues. Despite Trent's attempts to warn Adam and alert media outlets about the dangerous situation, no one listens to him.

Fast forward a bit, and it turns out Trent is the very man who previously attempted to kill the president, but the plan was thwarted when Xavier stepped in and took the bullet instead.

In the present day, after Xavier convinces a reluctant Robinson to have her and the rebels stand down because Sinatra has Presley, Xavier goes in search for answers as to who killed Cal. The agent hopes Sinatra will keep her end of the bargain and return his daughter once he does.

Xavier's search leads him to the library, as it dawns on him that the numbers on Cal's cigarette from earlier in the season respond to the call number of the book, *The Man Who Kept the Secrets*. In it, he finds notes from Cal on the murdered explorers, a route of how to get in and out of the bunker, along with other top-level secrets. Before Xavier can read further, the librarian knocks him unconscious.

When a tied-up Xavier comes to, the librarian reveals himself to be Trent. Remarkably, when the world was ending, he was in a Colorado prison when a riot broke out and he escaped with a guard's uniform. Once on the outside, he pretended to be a security guard monitoring the traffic headed to the cave, and spotted the actual librarian who was supposed to be in the bunker along with his wife. He led the duo away under false pretenses, then murdered them. Trent returned to their car and assumed the librarian's identity, even shaving his head at a local gas station.

It was at this gas station that he found a self-loathing woman, who was perfect to play the role of the librarian's wife, Maggie. The woman who has been pretending to be Maggie is the waitress at the diner, who Gabriela later discovers with Robinson.

Despite their being an issue with Trent and Fake Maggie's identification bracelets at the airport security checkpoint on the day of the apocalypse, they managed to sneak into the community. Trent planned to kill Cal again, but got comfortable in the community, relishing at the new start. It wasn't until the president came into the library wanting to make the mixtape for his son, that Trent was reinvigorated to eliminate him.

On the night of Cal's murder, Trent showed up at Cal's residence and spotted him on the balcony. He knocked him in the head, twice, killing Cal.

Jane is at her house talking to Presley, pretending to still be in grief when Sinatra calls. The agent excuses herself, and Sinatra claims to have wrestled with what to do about Presley. Sinatra believes the teen knows too much and could tie Jane back to her. Jane says she'll take care of the situation, but Sinatra is hesitant about taking the girl's life. The conversation pivots slightly when Jane asks if she can have Cal's Wii system if she does the deed, but Sinatra calls Jane "insane." Now Sinatra demands Jane doesn't do anything to Presley, but Jane abruptly hangs up. In a subsequent scene, Sinatra gets a text from Jane stating the problem has been eliminated.

After Trent confesses to Xavier, the killer runs off with the book and the map of how to exit the bunker, leaving Xavier tied up. Thankfully, Robinson shows up and untied him. Knowing where Trent is headed, Xavier and Robinson bolt after him to find him standing on top of the infrastructure of the dome. Despite Xavier and Robinson's pleas, Trent jumps off the landing into the dome, falling through the dome sky.

Xavier eventually shows up at Sinatra's office, where he's met by armed guards and checked for weapons. Once he is able to come face-to-face with Sinatra, he recounts the story about Trent and demands to know what happened to his daughter. Sinatra responds she never meant for things to get this far and asks for God to forgive her.

Xavier pretends to become inconsolable with tears, hunching over long enough to pull out a gun and shoot the two security guards in the room. He then puts the gun to Sinatra's forehead demanding to know what she did. Before she can answer, Jane appears and shoots her in the chest. Jane tells Xavier that Presley is fine, and claims to have found Presley and she's safe at home. Xavier takes off running.

Alone with Sinatra, Jane tells her that Xavier was going to blow her brains out, but Sinatra is no use to her dead. Jane relishes that Sinatra has a long road of recovery ahead, and hints that she should have just let her have the Wii.

After Xavier sees that his two kids are safe and sound, he meets up with Robinson, who is looking at the notes in the book. He tells her Sinatra is down, but someone like her will come along. Robinson tells him they need to know who is out there and what's happened. She thinks the president gave Xavier the roadmap to go back into the world and do what needs to be done. Robinson promises not to let anything happen to his children.

Xavier later shows Presley the book, and she encourages him to go and find her mother. So he packs a bag and heads to the airport hangar. The episode ends with him aboard a plane.

Actor Appearances

A

Geoffrey Arend 2
 0102 (Dr. Louge); 0107 (Dr. Louge)

B

David Aaron Baker 1
 0107 (Chief Of Staff)
 Garrett Bales 1
 0107 (Speech Writer Riley)
 Ted Barton 1
 0107 (White House Chef John)
 Jon Beavers 5
 0101 (Billy Pace); 0102 (Billy Pace); 0103 (Billy Pace);
 0104 (Billy Pace); 0105 (Billy Pace)
 Walter Belenky 1
 0107 (Colonel Jeffries)
 Liz Benoit 1
 0107 (Secretary of State)
 Josh Breslow 1
 0107 (Concerned Staffer #1)

C

Rafael Cabrera 6
 0101 (Malone); 0102 (Malone); 0103 (Malone); 0105
 (Malone); 0106 (Malone); 0108 (Malone)
 Dean Cameron 1
 0106 (Principal Dawes)
 Kristin Carey 3
 0102 (Nancy Baines); 0103 (Nancy Baines); 0105
 (Nancy Baines)
 Karina Noelle Castillo 1
 0107 (Agent Tompkins)
 Patrick Cavanaugh 2
 0105 (Morton); 0106 (Morton)
 Shawn Patrick Clifford 1
 0108 (Security Guard)
 Ca'Ron Jaden Coleman 1
 0103 (Young Xavier)
 Mark Costello 1
 0102 (Billionaire #1)
 Alvin Cowan 1
 0107 (Agent Janusz)
 Beth Curry 2
 0104 (Arrivals Officer #2); 0108 (Arrivals Officer
 #2)

D

Michael Dearie 1
 0102 (Factory Worker)
 Eddie Diaz 6
 0101 (Mike Garcia); 0103 (Mike Garcia); 0105 (Mike
 Garcia); 0106 (Mike Garcia); 0107 (Mike Gar-
 cia); 0108 (Mike Garcia)

Sean Dickson 1
 0102 (Townsperson)
 Robert DuBois 1
 0105 (Driver)

E

Copen Earl 1
 0102 (Hadley (3-5 years old))
 Paul Eliopoulos 1
 0107 (Lt. Commander Hunter)
 Kate Enggren 1
 0102 (Bartender)
 Charlie Evans 5
 0102 (Jeremy Bradford); 0104 (Jeremy Bradford);
 0105 (Jeremy Bradford); 0106 (Jeremy Brad-
 ford); 0108 (Jeremy Bradford)

F

Peter Falls 1
 0107 (Staffer)
 Alexandra Fatovich 1
 0107 (Correspondent)
 Patrick M.J. Finerty 1
 0107 (Army General)
 Micah Fitzgerald 1
 0104 (Uncle Charlie)
 Cassidy Freeman 4
 0101 (Jessica Bradford); 0102 (Jessica Bradford);
 0104 (Jessica Bradford); 0105 (Jessica Brad-
 ford)

G

Kate Godfrey 2
 0102 (Hadley (16 years old)); 0108 (Hadley)
 Peter Gorbis 1
 0102 (Dylan)
 Chet Grissom 1
 0107 (CIA Head)
 Elinor Gunn 1
 0107 (Miriam)

H

J.D. Hall 2
 0106 (Jeffrey); 0107 (Jeffrey)
 Roberta Hanlen 4
 0102 (Billionaire #3); 0106 (Billionaire #3); 0107
 (Billionaire #3); 0108 (Billionaire #3)
 Ali Hanson 1
 0102 (Teacher)
 Christine Heneise 1
 0101 (White House Aide)

Mia Hjelte 1
 0102 (M.C.)
 Danielle Hoetmer 1
 0106 (Charlie's Mom)
 Michael Hogan 4
 0104 (Mark Donnelly); 0105 (Mark Donnelly); 0106
 (Mark Donnelly); 0107 (Mark)
 Joe Holt 1
 0107 (Secretary of Defense)
 Reasha Honaker 1
 0107 (Press Secretary)
 Vien Hong 1
 0102 (Doctor)
 Brian Houtz 1
 0102 (New Green Panelist)

J

Rachel Ashley Johnson 1
 0106 (Billionaire)
 Teniece Divya Johnson 1
 0106 (Terrified Person)

K

Matt Kaminsky 1
 0107 (Passenger)
 Annie Karstens 1
 0108 (Woman)
 Benjamin Koldyke 1
 0104 (Jack Barnes)
 Mark Kwak 1
 0102 (Dr. Wen)

L

Scott Lawrence 3
 0101 (General Curtleigh); 0106 (General Curtleigh);
 0107 (General Curtleigh)
 Angela Lin 2
 0104 (Susan Donnelly); 0105 (Susan Donnelly)
 Tom Lommel 1
 0107 (Scientist)

M

Cornelius Macarthy 1
 0108 (Adam)
 Matt Malloy 6
 0102 (Henry Baines); 0103 (Henry Baines); 0105
 (Henry Baines); 0106 (Henry Baines); 0107 (Henry
 Baines); 0108 (Henry Baines)
 Brigid Marshall 1
 0106 (Tech #2)
 Krys Marshall 8
 0101 (Robinson); 0102 (Robinson); 0103 (Robin-
 son); 0104 (Robinson); 0105 (Robinson); 0106
 (Robinson); 0107 (Robinson); 0108 (Robinson)
 Olivia May 1
 0102 (Mother)
 Ryan McCann 1
 0106 (Charlie's Dad)
 Beau McConnell 1
 0104 (Young Billy)
 Katharine Lee McEwan 1
 0102 (AI Corporate Security Panelist)
 Gerald McRaney 4
 0101 (Kane Bradford); 0102 (Kane Bradford); 0105
 (Kane Bradford); 0106 (Kane Bradford)

Michelle Meredith 4
 0103 (Maggie); 0104 (Maggie); 0106 (Maggie); 0108
 (Maggie)
 Ian Merrigan 5
 0102 (Trent); 0104 (Trent); 0105 (Trent the Librar-
 ian); 0106 (Trent the Librarian); 0108 (Trent)
 Andrew Miller 1
 0108 (Inmate #5)
 Tyler Jacob Moore 1
 0107 (Ryan Noble)

N

Miguel Nájera 3
 0102 (Billionaire #2); 0106 (Billionaire #2); 0108
 (Billionaire #2)
 Kayla Njeri 1
 0102 (Lisa)
 Eric Normington 1
 0102 (High School Teacher)
 Paul Norwood 1
 0105 (Reverend)

O

Enuka Okuma 3
 0105 (Teri Collins); 0106 (Teri Collins); 0107 (Teri
 Collins)
 Mike Ostroski 1
 0108 (Man)
 Mark Overholt 1
 0108 (Angry Man)

P

Mei Pak 1
 0107 (Concerned Staffer #2)
 Michael Petrone 1
 0107 (Colonel)
 Esther Pidal 1
 0107 (Producer)
 Amy Pietz 2
 0106 (Marsha); 0107 (Marsha)
 Roberto Portales 1
 0101 (Marine Guard)

R

Verlon Roberts 5
 0101 (Brooks); 0103 (Brooks); 0105 (Brooks); 0106
 (Brooks); 0108 (Brooks)
 Richard Robichaux 6
 0101 (Carl); 0102 (Carl); 0104 (Carl); 0105 (Carl);
 0106 (Carl); 0108 (Carl)

S

Sonny Saito 1
 0107 (Homeland Security)
 Christopher Sanders 1
 0101 (Agent)
 Carlos Sanz 1
 0103 (Dr. Montoya)
 Arlo Sarinas 1
 0107 (Senior Aide)
 Lucas Sheppe 1
 0104 (Huge Boy)
 Jennifer Shon 1
 0105 (Ava)

Edward Singletary Jr. 1
0107 (Mr. Markley)
Erik Svedberg-Zelman 2
0102 (Anders); 0108 (Anders)
Paul Syre 1
0104 (Bandmate)

T

Jonathan Tanigaki 3
0106 (Billionaire #4); 0107 (Billionaire #4); 0108
(Billionaire #4)
Craig Lee Thomas 2
0104 (Arrivals Officer #1); 0108 (Arrivals Officer
#1)
Pam Tierney 1
0107 (Curator)
Darin Toonder 6
0101 (Rainey); 0103 (Rainey); 0105 (Rainey); 0106
(Rainey); 0107 (Rainey); 0108 (Rainey)
Andre Tucker Jr. 1
0108 (Worker #1)
Glynn Turman 1
0103 (Fred Collins)

U

Chibuikem Uche 1
0103 (Young Fred Collins)

V

Marco Vazzano 1
0101 (Garcia Crew)

W

Laith Wallschleger 6
0101 (Symanski); 0102 (Symanski); 0103 (Syman-
ski); 0105 (Symanski); 0106 (Symanski); 0108
(Symanski)
Miracle Washington 2
0104 (Officer); 0108 (Officer)
Tuc Watkins 2
0102 (Tim Redmond); 0108 (Tim Redmond)
Maury Lamont Watson Jr. 1
0108 (Worker #2)
Beck Williams 1
0107 (Master Sergeant)
Bob Woodruff 1
0107 (Bob Woodruff)

Z

Betsy Zajko 1
0101 (Reporter)