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# **Season One**



# A Whole New Whirled

Season 1  
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Show Stars: John Cena (Peacemaker), Danielle Brooks (Leota Adebayo), Freddie Stroma (Vigilante / Adrian Chase), Chukwudi Iwuji (Clemson Murn), Jennifer Holland (Emilia Harcourt), Steve Agee (John Economos), Robert Patrick (Auggie Smith)  
Guest Stars: Crystal Mudry (Annie Sturphausen), Mel Tuck (Auggie's Neighbor), Lissa Neptuno (Doctor Alandy), Elizabeth McCarthy Meek (Head Nurse), Tim Zhang (Cabbie), Brent Chapman (Fact Attack Host), Ursina Luther (Waitress), Klarc Jerome Wilson (Taylor), Kris Kurneri (Bartender), Jade Pawluk (Douchebag), Scott Pocha (Even Bigger Friend), Dee Bradley Baker (Eagly (voice)), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Keeya Adebayo), Rizwan Manji (Jamil), Viola Davis (Amanda Waller)  
Summary: After making a miraculous recovery, Peacemaker returns home only to discover that his freedom comes at a price.



The episode opens with Christopher Smith, a.k.a. Peacemaker, sitting in the hospital and looking at an x-ray of his near-fatal injury from *The Suicide Squad*. The doctor discharges him, citing that he's on the path to recovery. He chats it up with Jamil, the janitor, about that one time they shared a blunt and whether anyone might pursue him. You know, like the law.

This scene between Manji and Cena alone is enough to sell anyone on this show.

While Peacemaker's leaving, we see one of the nurses text Mr. Murn regarding his departure. Good ole P hops into a taxi and celebrates when nobody notices his exit.

Later, Leota Adebayo arrives at a hotel with her wife, Keeya, for the new task Amanda Waller assigned her. Keeya urges Leota to exercise caution, as this is dangerous work the latter's about to undertake. Leota reassures her wifey that she'll pick up the paycheck and they'll move home after she finishes the job.

The taxi driver pulls in front of a star-spangled bedecked trailer, which can only belong to Peacemaker. However, Christopher doesn't have any money since, you know, he was in prison for four years. But the driver accepts Peacemaker's flashy helmet as payment.

After smashing his window to gain ingress, Chris finds his cellphone has a plethora of voice-mails from Adrian Chase, a.k.a. Vigilante.

Suddenly, Emilia Harcourt, John Economos and Leota target Peacemaker from all sides, weapons brandished. Clemson Murn approaches Chris from inside his trailer. Murn informs Chris that he reports directly to Amanda Waller.

The gang needs Peacemaker to perform hits, like a contract killer. This time, it's for "Project Butterfly." These "butterflies" signify the insidious baddies Chris needs to kill. Murn introduces Peacemaker to his team. Should Chris refuse, he'll go back to prison. Not only that, but there's still the chip in his brain that Murn and co. can trigger at any moment. Boom!

Leota proceeds to give a speech about how excited she is to work with everyone, and this is the scene that made me fall head over heels for Danielle Brooks. It's the \*chef's kiss\* of comedy.

Murn orders Peacemaker to meet the crew at a restaurant for more details regarding Project Butterfly and his first case. But now it's time to get Eagly back.

Next, Chris drives to his father Auggie's house to reunite with the old man and retrieve his pet eagle. Here we see Auggie's a racist tool with zero redeeming qualities who severely mistreats his son, spewing vitriol.

When Chris finally reunites with Eagly, we see the bird "embrace" his owner, as only an animal with wings can. James Gunn harbors an affinity for animal sidekicks, and I'm always here for it.

Meanwhile, Harcourt, Economos and Leota move into their shoddy, makeshift headquarters. Chris has dinner with Eagly and Auggie, and the father/son duo seemingly bond over an anecdote about Bloodsport's musophobia (fear of rats).

Then, Auggie gives Chris a new helmet since the latter gave his to a taxi driver. We see the older man boasts a bevy of shiny helmets, all with different capabilities, in his supervillain-like lair.

Later, Chris meets with his new task force team for dinner. Harcourt, Murn, Leota and Economos poke fun at Peacemaker for arriving in full costume with Eagly in the backseat of his car. Our titular character showcases his sexism when he calls the waitress "sweet cheeks." He spots Adrian in the restaurant, and the latter looks ecstatic to see his pal again. However, Chris doesn't recognize him.

Murn hands Chris a file with info on his first target and urges him to peruse it at home.

Adrian bursts outside into the alley behind the restaurant and gleefully celebrates the return of Peacemaker. Now they can do vigilante stuff together!

This next scene wherein Adrian nervously tells his coworker he's excited about his pregnant not-girlfriend's abortion is another bit of comedic gold.

Leota and Chris share a moment outside the restaurant, even though Eagly bites the former. Peacemaker exhibits genuine friendliness toward Leota.

Next, Chris follows Harcourt into a local bar. Harcourt lays the smackdown on a few toxic masculine bros and rebuffs Peacemaker's offer of mindless sex. But Chris finds another blonde, Annie Sturphausen, eyeing him from across the bar, so the night's not a total bust.

We see Leota video chatting with Amanda Waller, who's — plot twist — also her mother. Waller urges Leota to keep empathy out of this line of work after she notes a certain sadness in Peacemaker.

Meanwhile, Chris has a night of sexy fun with Annie. He plays one of her records featuring a hair metal band and proceeds to dance around in his tighty whities. Thank you, James Gunn, for blessing audiences with this visual.

However, Chris's one-night-stand buddy charges toward him with a knife poised to kill.

Peacemaker and Annie battle it out in their undergarments. Annie tries to kill him and successfully stabs him a few times. It's a fantastic fight scene in true Gunn fashion.

Chris notices Annie appears to be a metahuman. She holds her own against him. After diving out of the window, Chris dons his helmet, which emits a powerful light, obliterating his sex pal. Not only that, but it destroys the parking lot around him. Thankfully, Eagly's okay. He's got a dead possum on which Chris can munch. Best friends for life!



## Best Friends, For Never

Season 1  
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Guest Stars: Annie Chang (Sophie Song), Lochlyn Munro (Larry Fitzgibbon), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Keeya Adebayo), Alison Araya (Amber Calcaterra), Lenny Jacobson (Evan Calcaterra), Crystal Mudry (Annie Sturphausen), Mel Tuck (Auggie's Neighbor), Rochelle Greenwood (Officer Peggy), Kevin O'Grady (Officer Johnson), Gabriela Reynoso (Lookie-Loo), Veena Sood (Captain Miele), Neil Webb (Cool Steve), Bzhaun Rhoden (Young Man), Paul Lazenby (Dickhead), Darryl Scheelar (Dickhead), Zak Santiago (Prison Guard), Nhut Le (Judomaster)  
Summary: After Peacemaker's hazardous escape, tension and mistrust build within the team. Later, as Peacemaker grapples with his new assignment, he receives a surprise visitor.



The episode opens with Christopher Smith, a.k.a. Peacemaker, frantically calling Harcourt after he inadvertently killed Annie Sturphausen. After Chris explains he slept with a metahuman, Harcourt surmises he took out one of the infamous "butterflies."

Harcourt knocks on Leota's door and orders the latter to drive them to Chris's location.

Chris runs back into Annie's apartment to retrieve his belongings, including the crucial Project Butterfly dossier Murn

gave him. Peacemaker decides to swipe Annie's records and CDs. Hey, she won't need them anymore.

Harcourt contacts Murn, who's heading to work with Economos to eradicate any traces of Peacemaker's presence at that apartment building. Firstly, Economos changes Chris's name on his vehicle's registration.

Next, Harcourt warns Leota that having family can endanger them, considering her field of work. Leota talks about her furbabies at length and how one of them loves to wear clothes. Would that make them a moving target to enemies? Folks, I adore Leota.

Meanwhile, Detective Sophie Song and Detective Larry "Fitz" Fitzgibbon are at the scene of Annie's demise, wherein they find part of her face. Sophie muses whether another spandex-clad vigilante might be involved.

Leota and Harcourt pull up outside the apartment building, observing from afar while the police inspect the scene.

While Peacemaker raids Annie's apartment, he finds a peculiar metallic device complete with luminescent, glowing markings. It looks positively extraterrestrial! Naturally, he takes it.

Harcourt reaches out to Chris, urging him to steer clear from the windows because of the police. Of course, Chris refuses to listen, catching the eye of Sophie with his glinting helmet. Peacemaker tries to exit through the back, but Sophie and her team are already checking all ingress and egress points.

Fitz spots Chris ascending the stairs to the sixth floor, and we see him knock on someone's apartment door. Evan answers Peacemaker's knock and heeds the latter's orders. Evan's girlfriend, Amber, finds Evan picking up Chris's belongings while our titular antihero searches for a way out.

Sophie and Fitz look through Annie's apartment, but they find nothing.

Inevitably, Peacemaker ties up Evan and Amber while flirting with Amber after he learns about their mutual love of the rock band Cinderella. She digs him. Evan and Amber loudly argue until Chris gags them.

Then, Chris jumps off Evan and Amber's balcony with his belongings. He's not graceful — at all.

Sophie and Fitz ungag Amber and Evan, asking them where Peacemaker went. After clumsily falling from a series of balconies, Chris gets caught by the police. Thankfully, Harcourt surreptitiously shoots darts at the police, giving Peacemaker a chance to flee. Sophie catches him while he escapes, firing her gun at him.

Leota drives away once Harcourt, Peacemaker and Eagly (can't forget Eagly) are in the vehicle.

Later, Murn discovers Economos changed Peacemaker's registration and the fingerprints to none other than Auggie Smith, a.k.a. Chris's dad. Uh oh.

Sophie and Fitz knock on Auggie's door for questions, but Auggie spews his usual racist vitriol, and the pair departs.

Next, Peacemaker, Harcourt and Leota return to the team headquarters, and Economos treats Peacemaker's injuries. The group speculates how Annie knew Chris worked for Project Butterfly. Peacemaker reveals he left Murn's dossier out in the open for Annie to read.

So, there's that. Murn chastises him for being so careless.

Murn receives a crucial phone call, so he asks Leota to bribe Evan and Amber so that they don't identify Peacemaker to the authorities.

Chris heads home and sobs on his bed, telling himself that everyone loathes him. He even despises himself for killing Rick Flag.

Suddenly, Adrian Chase, a.k.a. Vigilante, appears outside Peacemaker's window. After an extensive joke about dicks and Louis C.K., Vigilante chats it up with his best friend.

Leota tracks down Amber and Evan before they go to the police and blatantly bribes them, which both parties accept.

We learn Chris doesn't know Vigilante's real identity, even though they saw each other at the restaurant. Vigilante loves to kill; he believes he and Peacemaker are killing machines. When Peacemaker divulges his doubts about his path, about killing people, Vigilante encourages him to keep going.

So, to cheer up his bestie, Vigilante takes Peacemaker out into the woods so that they can shoot at household appliances. It's a rock 'n roll adrenaline-laced scene full of pure, unadulterated joy.

I never thought I'd enjoy watching people shoot guns at blenders and microwaves.

At the police station, Amber and Evan identify Auggie Smith as the one who tied them up. After Peacemaker's vehicle registration and fingerprints confirm Auggie's identity, Sophie and Fitz arrest him for the murder of Annie Sturphausen.

Leota broaches the subject of Keeya and the furbabies leaving with Keeya, who doesn't appear to take the suggestion well.

Later, Peacemaker and Amber smoke weed in bed with Vigilante, who vehemently rejects the blunt because he's a goody-two-shoes who likes to murder people. Chris procures the device he stole from Annie's apartment. He touches one of its markings, and the device morphs into a mini-spaceship of sorts.

Meanwhile, Auggie orders one guy to move in prison because he likes to sit by the window. It's perfect at sunset. After taking his place on the bench, Cool Steve and his goons fall prostrate before Auggie, hailing him as "The White Dragon" and doing the Hitler salute. Oof. White supremacy and Nazism are gross.

## Better Goff Dead

Season 1  
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Guest Stars: Antonio Cupo (Royland Goff), Natalia Safran (Mrs. Goff), Jackson Ferguson (Goff Child 1), Julietter Ferguson (Goff Child 2), Sage Brocklebank (Bodyguard), Dee Bradley Baker (Eagly (voice)), Nhut Le (Judo-master)  
Summary: On their first official mission to assassinate suspected "butterflies," Economos and Murn bond, and Peacemaker and Harcourt reach an understanding. But the whole job goes sideways with the arrival of Judomaster.



The episode opens with Christopher Smith, a.k.a. Peacemaker, Harcourt, Leota, Economos and Murn preparing for a stakeout. The target? A United States senator who also happens to be a butterfly.

Peacemaker confesses his 100 percent rational fear of "homunculi."

Adrian Chase, a.k.a. Vigilante, pops up from behind a bush and urges Peacemaker to exercise caution around his new pals.

While on a truck bound for Senator Goff's residence, Leota briefs Chris regarding the mission — kill the senator and, potentially, his whole family. They might all be butterflies. Peacemaker still doesn't know what those are.

Suddenly, Leota switches to the next photo on her tablet, and we see it's, uh, female genitalia. Leota quickly explains that her wife Keeya moved to a different hotel room for her safety, and they're exploring new avenues to keep the passion alive.

Leota reveals a picture of Goff's bodyguard, Judomaster, who never leaves the senator's side. Chris goes on about butt babies and whatever he gleaned on Facebook over the years.

So, here's the plan, stan: Harcourt and Peacemaker will situate themselves near the Goff residence with a weapon at the ready. Murn, Economos and Leota will stay in the van.

Next, Economos asks Murn about all the terrible things the latter did in his past. Murn explains he's trying to rectify his ledger and course-correct. He even divulges he's a bit chilly! This scene is a great one for Iwuji and Agee.

Meanwhile, Harcourt and Peacemaker share trail mix, but our titular antihero's not about that "empty calorie" life. Bye-bye, pretzels!

Economos and Leota spot the Goff family pulling into their driveway. They name the clan after The Berenstain Bears, which catalyzes a debate between Leota and Economos regarding whether it's "Berenstain" or "Berenstein." I grew up thinking it was "Berenstein."

I love that James Gunn included the great Berenstain versus Berenstein debacle. It's like The Mandela Effect! The Sinbad Shazam thing all over again!

Peacemaker misses his first opportunity to shoot Senator Goff when the latter's bodyguards, including Judomaster, block his view. So, they have to wait until the morning.

Harcourt believes the whole family is butterflies, citing the sudden demeanor change when they entered their house.

Meanwhile, Peacemaker and Harcourt bond over childhood stories and liquids. There's an '80s ballad playing; I believe it won't be long until these two hook up.

Suddenly, Vigilante appears, ruining the whole shebang. He pursued our crew in his patent-pending Vigilante Mobile. Murn and Harcourt spot him, so now he has to stay near the group.

Then, Peacemaker gets a clear shot of the Goff family sitting down to eat. They consume a honey-like liquid via long, protruding tongues shooting out of their mouths. Yep, these folks are butterflies, alright.

Murn urges Chris to take the shot, but he hesitates. He's adamant about not killing children, even though these kids are not of this world. Thus, Vigilante swoops in and gleefully murders the mother, son and daughter, leaving Goff alive.

Judomaster comes in hot, knocking Harcourt unconscious and duking it out with Peacemaker and Vigilante.

Murn and Leota decide to jump into the fray to assist Harcourt and Peacemaker. One of Goff's bodyguards finds Harcourt, who stirs and reacts to the flashlight in her eyes. Leota barges over to them while brandishing a gun. She trains it on the bodyguard.

However, the bodyguard gushes about his family to persuade Leota not to kill him. He's not a butterfly! Leota hesitates, so Harcourt murders the bodyguard instead.

Judomaster takes Peacemaker and Vigilante hostage for Senator Goff. Our fave arbitrator of peace wakes up bound in Goff's lair while Judomaster casually munches on Cheetos across from him.

Christopher Smith lays on the insults, but I think my favorite statement is the insistence that every Wookiee in Star Wars has razor-sharp teeth in their buttock. It's canon now!

Meanwhile, Murn, Harcourt and Leota burst into Goff's house, weapons at the ready. Goff ties Vigilante's wrists together while Judomaster elevates him. Then, Goff puts clamps on Vigilante's family jewels.

Senator Goff throws Judomaster the keys to his car and urges the latter to flee and report what's occurring with Peacemaker and co.

Once the searching trio realizes they're directly above Peacemaker and Vigilante, they look for a secret entry to Goff's underground lair. Leota pulls away a painting to find what looks like a giant, gooey green eye.

Goff unveils Vigilante, so Peacemaker sees Adrian beneath the mask. Adrian proceeds to move his facial muscles to conceal his identity feverishly. However, Goff shocks his little Adrians, which quickly directs Adrian's attention to the little Adrians.

Peacemaker vows to withhold what he knows, but Adrian pleads with him to divulge a little info. Just a bit.

Goff decides he needs to kick it up a notch when Chris keeps mum. It's time to remove Adrian's pinky toe!

Economos spots Judomaster driving away, so he takes matters into his own hands. Meanwhile, Murn withdraws an explosive adhesive from his wallet, which Harcourt slaps on the weird green eyeball entrance. When Murn believes it's not working and moves closer, the adhesive explodes, sending everyone flying backward from the blast.

Economos hits Judomaster with his van — success!

Goff doesn't successfully remove Adrian's pinky toe because he doesn't sharpen his torture tools. While that's happening, Peacemaker wriggles free from his restraints, and he dukes it out with Goff. Finally, our Christopher Smith comes out on top, shooting Goff in the head.

Economos finds Judomaster crawling in the grass away from the wreckage, so he grabs a crowbar and thwacks Judomaster over the head with it. Economos does this a couple of times until Judomaster ceases to move.

After ensuring Murn's okay, Harcourt and Leota attempt to claw their way through the gooey green debris to get to Peacemaker and Adrian. Chris removes Adrian's restraints, and they spot a peculiar-looking butterfly emerge from the bloody mess that is Goff's face. The butterfly soars toward the light.

Now we know why these alien creatures are called butterflies.

Back in the van, we see a bevy of butterfly sightings pop up on the screens. According to that data, these creatures dwell all over the globe.



# The Choad Less Traveled

Season 1  
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Guest Stars: Nhut Le (Judomaster), Mel Tuck (Auggie's Neighbor), Neetu Garcha (Reporter), Neil Webb (Cool Steve), Paul Lazenby (Dickhead), Darryl Scheelar (Dickhead), Zak Santiago (Prison Guard), Kevin O'Grady (Johnson), Rochelle Greenwood (Peggy), Bzhaun Rhoden (Young Man), Troy Anthony Young (Terrified Man), Quinn Bennett (Young Chris), Liam Hughes (Keith), Dee Bradley Baker (Eagly (voice))  
Summary: Following a somewhat successful mission, Murn recruits Vigilante. Meanwhile, after learning that the team helped land his father in prison, Peacemaker confronts his complicated past.



The episode opens with our gang returning home from the Goff mission. Adrian, a.k.a. Vigilant, complains incessantly about potentially losing his pinky toe. Hey, you need it for balance. Harcourt and Leota try to dispute this, but Viggie's right, y'all.

Back at their headquarters, Murn delegates tasks, ordering Leota and Harcourt to search important files while Economos watches over the unconscious Judomaster. Murn ushers Chris Smith, a.k.a. Peacemaker, into his office for a

chat.

Murn questions Peacemaker's dedication to the mission, notably since the latter failed to take out the Goff butterflies. But his weaponry's bereft of the dove of peace! He can't kill without it!

Meanwhile, Leota and Harcourt commence their assignment, and Leota apologizes again for not shooting Goff's guard. Harcourt firmly reminds her she needs a stronger stomach in this business.

Leota flees to the bathroom to compose herself. Brooks churns in nuanced, solid work in this episode.

Then, we see Judomaster on a couch while hooked to an IV. Economos observes him.

Vigilante drives Peacemaker to grab a few helmets at Auggie's house. Viggie and Chris bicker over our titular character's failure to save Viggie from Goff torturing him. It's abundantly clear Peacemaker feels no empathy for Vigilante's half-amputated pinky toe! This scene between Cena and Stroma is fantastic.

After swiping all of his father's helmets, Peacemaker gets into an argument with Auggie's older neighbor. The older man believes Chris isn't a superhero; he's a villain. He uses Batman as an example of a hero who doesn't murder people constantly.

Peacemaker spits in the face of that caped jerk!

Through Auggie's neighbor, Peacemaker learns of his father's imprisonment. Chris calls Murn to chew him out and asks Vigilante to drive him to the prison.

Murn tasks Leota with the challenge of talking Peacemaker out of visiting his father.

Meanwhile, Judomaster wakes, and we all know he'll find a way out of his restraints. It's only a matter of time!

Leota hails Chris outside the jail facility and urges him to refrain from seeing Auggie. But Peacemaker refuses to listen — he thinks they all betrayed him; however, he softens his edges when he discovers only Economos framed his father. Leota mentions Peacemaker's file, which arrests his attention.

Still, Leota's impassioned words aren't enough to dissuade Chris. After Peacemaker heads inside, Leota quickly identifies Vigilante, even with the latter in civilian attire. Viggy tries to disguise his voice but to no avail.

Peacemaker spills the beans to Auggie, telling him Murn and the team framed him. Chris asks his dad to stick it out behind bars a little longer while he finishes eradicating the butterflies. However, Auggie spews more vitriol and hurls insults at his son, stating he'll go to the police to clear his name.

While outside chatting, Leota surreptitiously plants the idea of killing Auggie in Viggy's impressionable (but lovable) brain. Auggie can't pin the blame on Chris if something happens to him. Vigilante leaves the premises.

Peacemaker returns from his visit, so Leota offers to drive him home. Chris laments his "chode" status and that it's not the "good kind." But Leota asserts he's the good-est chode that ever chode-d.

Vigilante brazenly barges into a cop gathering, grabs a trashcan and attempts to toss it through a window. Of course, the police officers arrest him on the spot. Just watch the pinky toe, please.

Economos calls Leota and Chris while they're on the road to inform them of Judomaster's escape. Suddenly, Judomaster attacks Economos. When Peacemaker and Leota arrive, they find Economos on the floor, breathless. Peacemaker chases Judomaster outside, and the pair duke it out, Round Two-style.

When Judomaster tries to tell Peacemaker the butterflies aren't what he thinks, Leota shoots the former in the chest. She finally hit someone! Thankfully, Judomaster still lives, so Leota doesn't have too much blood on her hands.

Later, Viggy marches through the prison in his jumpsuit, looking the picture of someone who doesn't give a fork. He sits with Auggie and his Nazi white supremacist lackeys. Viggy tries to incite a fight leading to killing Auggie by throwing out "trigger words" for the poor snowflakes.

Admittedly, this scene solidified my ardent love for Vigilante.

Suddenly, one of the Nazis lunges for Viggy, so he lays the smackdown on all of Auggie's buddies with ease. Auggie refrains from fighting Vigilante. While the cops seize the duo, Viggy mentions something about Auggie being a terrible father, revealing his identity to Auggie. Auggie emphatically demands to speak with Detective Song.

Meanwhile, in Peacemaker's humble trailer, we see him procure a mason jar with none other than Goff's butterfly. Well, just Goff himself. Initially, he told Harcourt he shot the butterfly, but he lied.

Leota inadvertently lets slip that Viggy's in prison trying to kill Auggie. Murn's infuriated, and he orders the gang to remedy the situation. Framing Peacemaker's father and then murdering him isn't going to endear Peacemaker to them.

So, Economos looks up Vigilante to uncover his civilian identity.

Is no one going to talk about Economos' laptop wallpaper being him posing like a "badass" on a motorcycle?

Later, Chris meets Harcourt at the local pub to ask her about his file. She divulges it dictates his father's abusive behavior. That Auggie trained his sons to kill at a young age and Chris's involvement with his brother's death.

In his trailer, Peacemaker puts on a record and dances sadly to the music. I sincerely hope we get countless John Cena dance sequences on this show.

Harcourt breaks Viggy out of prison and picks him up. He slides into the passenger seat, formally introduces himself and emotionally informs Harcourt he "messed up." Viggy didn't kill



Auggie, and now the latter believes his son "sent" someone to murder him. It's nice to see a more vulnerable side to Vigilante. Even the usually stoic Harcourt softens here.

While Peacemaker dances, we see flashbacks from his childhood. One includes Auggie giving Chris a screwdriver to stab a man to death. Then, we see Peacemaker's brother writhing on the ground before he dies. Chris falls on the floor, crying, and finds comfort in Eagly and Goff the Butterfly.

Leota strikes gold amid her search through some documents. She finds a business card for Glan Tai, a bottling company. Then, Leota procures a similar card for Glan Tai among Annie Sturphausen's belongings. She calls Murn to inform him of her discovery.

He's on his way, but first — time to slurp honey-colored goo in a bowl with his elongated tongue thingy! He's a butterfly!



# Monkey Dory

Season 1  
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Show Stars: John Cena (Peacemaker), Danielle Brooks (Leota Adebayo), Freddie Stroma (Vigilante / Adrian Chase), Chukwudi Iwuji (Clemson Murn), Jennifer Holland (Emilia Harcourt), Steve Agee (John Economos), Robert Patrick (Auggie Smith)  
Guest Stars: Annie Chang (Sophie Song), Lochlyn Munro (Larry Fitzgibbon), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Keeya Adebayo), Christopher Heyerdahl (Captain Locke), Alison Araya (Amber Calcaterra), Lenny Jacobson (Evan Calcaterra), Zak Santiago (Prison Guard), Rochelle Greenwood (Peggy), Yvette Ferguson (Receptionist), Troy Mundle (Harried Worker), David Bearisto (Judge William Judy), Dee Bradley Baker (Eagly (voice)), Stephen Blackehart (Charlie the Gorilla), Nhut Le (Judomaster), Nicholas Dohy (Worker)  
Summary: The team scouts the apparent hub for the aliens' food supply, only to come face-to-face with a full-fledged invasion. Meanwhile, Auggie's attempt to sell out his son to the police is complicated by Murn's mysterious contact.



The episode opens with Chris Smith, a.k.a. Peacemaker, recovering from a brutal hangover. Peacemaker's also feeling emotionally low after finally unearthing his buried trauma. Eagly senses this, and he tries to cheer up his owner.

Meanwhile, Leota gets ready to leave for work, but Keeya knocks on her door. Keeya asks if her wife is ignoring her calls. Leota insists she's merely busy with her job. Talk it out, my babies!

Amanda Waller texts Leota, asking if the latter hid the diary in Peacemaker's

home. She tells her mom she hasn't done it yet. Of course, the closer Leota gets to Chris, the less she wants to frame him.

Leota joins Peacemaker, Harcourt, Economos and Vigilante while Murn gives a PowerPoint presentation. Murn educates the masses regarding butterflies and how they hijack the human body. You mean Murn, the Butterfly?

Peacemaker pokes fun at Economos for the s\*\*t PowerPoint. The pair veers off the subject at hand on a tangent, leading to Economos framing Chris's father.

That's the crux of the bad blood between these two. Economos apologizes for putting Peacemaker's dad in prison, but it's not enough.

Sorry, not sorry, Dye Beard!

I love that Peacemaker rattles off names of people Economos could have framed, including "those c\*\*ts in Riverdale." The Riverdale dig's even funnier, considering Lochlyn Munro, who plays Fitz, was a series regular on that show.

Viggy wants humans and monkeys to go on adventures together and to DVR Fargo so that he doesn't miss it. A pure man.

Later, Auggie asks to see Detective Song and Detective Fitz in a bid to clear his name and throw his son under the bus. As usual, Auggie spews racist rhetoric and hurls vitriol because he's a bitter little snowflake.

Auggie urges Song and Fitz to redo his fingerprints and compare both sets.

Leota learns all about Chris's uncanny ability to read penises like tarot cards. Vigilante doesn't care because he doesn't have feelings like ordinary people. He's too busy thinking about that man and the chimp from Economos's PowerPoint!

Peacemaker, Harcourt, Leota, Viggie and Economos embark on a mission to Glan Tai Bottling Company as part of Murn's latest assignment. Since there's a connection to Glan Tai via Annie Sturphausen and Senator Goff, there's a good chance the facility will yield some fruit.

Peacemaker and Economos finally bond over the glam metal band Hanoi Rocks.

Meanwhile, Murn meets Locke, an enigmatic man who vows to handle the Auggie situation. How? By as-yet-to-be-seen-and-potentially-shady methods.

Song and Fitz get the results of Auggie's recent fingerprints, and it's not looking great. Auggie's right — they don't match.

So, Song and Fitz revisit Amber and Evan. Both reveal they lied about who kidnapped them. Peacemaker did all that, but he was somewhat lovely about it? Plus, Auggie's an unrepentant racist Nazi.

Later, our gang arrives at the Glan Tai warehouse. Everyone gathers their weaponry. Viggie tries desperately to bring his chainsaw (not a euphemism), but Harcourt squashes his dreams. Now he'll never get to kill someone with a chainsaw!

Harcourt and Viggie split off as one pairing while Peacemaker and Leota enter through the front of the building to question the employees. Economos stays inside the van to survey the whole shebang.

While inside, Peacemaker utilizes the X-ray vision component of his latest helmet. He can see inside people's heads! When he notices everyone therein is a butterfly, he starts firing, much to Leota's dismay.

Harcourt and Viggie discover that several thousand boxes in the warehouse contain the golden honey-like liquid butterflies consume to survive. Therefore, it must be a supply depot of sorts—a food center.

Peacemaker and Leota keep shooting butterflies left and right. Unfortunately, Harcourt and Viggie catch the attention of a butterfly, and a bevy of butterflies descend upon them. They flee into a room chock full of tech ripe for stealing.

Suddenly, a massive beast takes Viggie and Harcourt out of commission instantly.

Peacemaker and Leota observe from afar while a horde of butterflies attempt to break down the door of the room in which Viggie and Harcourt lay unconscious. Peacemaker procures a grenade combined with a Russian tank shell, an invention he concocted earlier that day. He chucks it near the butterflies, and boom!

Bye-bye, butterflies!

After recovering from the explosion, Leota and Peacemaker reunite with Harcourt and Viggie to defeat the beast at hand. It's a gigantic gorilla, but not just any gorilla — it's a butterfly.

When all else fails, Economos swoops in to save the day. He kills the Butterfly Gorilla with a chainsaw, much to Viggie's abject disappointment.

Peacemaker vehemently thanks Economos for saving his life. Besties forever!

The gang steals some equipment and gets the hell out of Glan Tai.

Everyone's all smiles while on the road home, dancing it out to Hanoi Rocks. Harcourt, all smiles, snaps a photo of the group, immortalizing the moment. It does my heart good to see Harcourt happy.

Meanwhile, Song learns the station won't release Auggie because, according to them, his prints are still a perfect match. Song barges into her superior officer's office, only to find Captain Locke. So, Murn's friend went the extra mile. He tampered with Auggie's prints so that he'd stay in prison while unseating the ranking officer therein.

Song instantly loathes Locke, notably after telling her to take off the rest of the day.

After the group returns to headquarters, Murn encourages them to take the night off like Song. Party it up!

Next, Song decides to soar above Locke's head and do the right thing — she reaches out to her uncle, who's a judge. She asks him about Peacemaker.

While Leota drives Chris home, we see Harcourt created a group text chain for everyone, "11th Street Kids." It's that Hanoi Rocks song!

We see texts exchanged between the crew. Everyone looks giddy with glee to be part of something.

When Leota and Peacemaker arrive at the latter's trailer, Chris invites Leota inside for a drink. Leota notices a newspaper clipping detailing Peacemaker's apprehending of Kite-Man. This bit makes me want to see Peacemaker cross over to Harley Quinn at some point so that he can interact with Kite-Man there.

Leota tries a Chris libation that sends her running for the toilet. She'll take a regular beer, please.

The pair chat about life, and Peacemaker even divulges his crush on Harcourt to Leota. This scene is quite touching; it's lovely to see a softer side to Peacemaker.

While Peacemaker's in the bathroom, Leota pulls out the fake diary to plant to frame our titular character. She struggles to conceal it, but she eventually settles on a location.

Leota leaves a voicemail for Keeya, apologizing for what happened earlier and vowing to call later for a heart-to-heart chat.

She arrives at the headquarters to find Murn hard at work. Leota picks up Peacemaker's X-ray helmet and dons it to see for herself. After testing its X-ray capabilities on people and animals, she whirls around to face Murn. However, that excitement quickly morphs into fear when she discovers he's a butterfly.

Suddenly, Murn lunges at Leota, and the latter runs outside. A brief skirmish transpires before we see Leota on the ground with Murn looming above her.



## Murn After Reading

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Season Episode: 6

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Guest Stars: Annie Chang (Detective Sophie Song / Eek Stack Ik Ik), Lochlyn Munro (Detective Larry Fitzgibbon), Elizabeth Faith Ludlow (Keeya Adebayo), Christopher Heyerdahl (Captain Caspar Locke), Alyce Matheson (Alfred E. Neuman), Juliette Tidi (Canadian Tuxedo), Christopher Loverro (Rubik's Cube World Champion), Dee Bradley Baker (Eagly (voice)), Marcia D. Bennett (Teacher), Quinn Bennett (Young Chris), Ryan Jefferson Booth (Racist Thug), Alexander Brophy (Sad Eyed Kid), Billy Christos Jr. (Chubster), Alice Comer (Pasketti Arms), Rochelle Greenwood (Officer Peggy), Liam Hughes (Keith), Maya Kooner (Jamil's Daughter), Nhut Le (Judomaster), Christopher Maxen Loteyro (Rubik's Cube World Champion), Rizwan Manji (Jamil), Kevin O'Grady (Officer Johnson), David Pavlov (Urkel), Bzhaun Rhoden (Young Man), Zak Santiago (Prison Guard), Juliette Tidi (Canadian Tuxedo), Paul Tryl (Whitehood Wanker), Neil Webb (Cool Steve), Jen Znack (Skinhead Girl), Nicholas Dohy (Worker)  
Summary: Murn reveals his deepest secret; Auggie is set free; the botched arrest of Peacemaker sends alien Goff into an unexpected new host. Murn reveals his deepest secret; Auggie is set free; the botched arrest of Peacemaker sends alien Goff into an unexpected new host. Murn reveals his deepest secret; Auggie is set free; the botched arrest of Peacemaker sends alien Goff into an unexpected new host.



The episode opens where we left off in episode five — with Leota fleeing Murn after she discovered his butterfly status. Murn reassures Leota he won't harm her and urges her to join him inside so that he can explain. Harcourt arrives and hands Leota her gun.

Murn reveals he and his fellow butterflies left their homeworld and landed on Earth. Contentment ruled the roost; all was well among the butterflies. That is until the butterfly formerly in Goff, the female leader, wanted more. So, she staged

an uprising, conspiring with other butterflies to eradicate humans and overtake the planet.

Murn seized control of Human Murn to stop Goff and the others. Murn confesses he's not proud of what he did and that he lives with Human Murn's thoughts every day. Iwuji delivers an acting masterclass here, subtly yet powerfully conveying Murn's inner pain.

Then, Murn informs Leota about the butterflies' food source. As it turns out, the creatures harvest the honey-colored goo from a "cow."

Well, not one in the ordinary sense.

Meanwhile, Chris Smith, a.k.a. Peacemaker, is at a school for a speaking engagement courtesy of Jamil, his pot-smoking janitor bestie from the hospital. He tells them all about how he defeated the insidious Kite-Man. The kids ask Peacemaker questions ranging from serious to hilarious, with one child even criticizing our titular character's inability to name pets. Just like Economos did!

Peacemaker cuts the speaking engagement short when one little girl reveals he might be her birth father. So, there's that.

Next, Detective Song and Detective Fitz release Auggie because they now have evidence that Chris killed Annie Sturphausen. As per usual, Auggie spews racist rhetoric at Song, but my girl's always quick with the scathing comebacks.

After Auggie departs, Locke confronts Song and Fitz, claiming they've made a grave mistake by releasing The White Dragon.

Auggie's Nazi pal picks him up and, after a nice soak and a good fork with a white supremacist woman, Auggie proposes they kill his son.

Peacemaker parties it up at home with Goff and Eagly, while Economos pretends he doesn't know Murn's a butterfly. Vigilante visits Chris, discovering alongside his BFF that Goff can communicate with them. The little bugger even drew a peace sign with the honey-colored goo!

So, Peacemaker plans to ask Goff some burning questions. He asks the alien creature to knock on the glass once for "yes" and twice for "no." However, Viggy promptly breaks the "yes or no" question rule by inquiring about things requiring a long-winded answer. Goff can't tell you her fave color, Viggy (but it's probably teal)!

On another note, I love the lighting in this scene.

Murn tries to phone Peacemaker once he learns from Locke that the police are en route to the Peace Trailer. After arguing with Peacemaker about potential flicks for their inevitable Movie Night, Viggy receives a call from Murn.

The fact that "I'm a Barbie Girl" is Viggy's ringtone doesn't surprise me one bit. And, yes, it makes me unbelievably giddy. That and Viggy's running gag of failing spectacularly to conceal his identity never ceases to make me giggle.

Once Viggy and Peacemaker hear Song and Fitz outside the trailer, they escape through the rooftop. The other police officers ransack Chris's humble abode while our wanted felon hangs from a tree above his roof. However, Eagly gives away their position, and Song runs to the back of the mobile home in search of Peacemaker.

Unfortunately, Viggy slips and falls out of the tree, landing on his back. Goff, safely ensconced in a jar attached to Viggy's back, flees and flies straight into Song's mouth. She collapses, writhing on the ground while blood gushes out of her mouth.

Fitz rushes to her side and orders his crew to pursue Peacemaker and Viggy. Our dynamic duo takes out a few officers while on foot, but Locke's arrival gives them enough time to escape without interference. Locke blithely kills the cops — even the unconscious ones.

While Peacemaker and Viggy speed off in the getaway car courtesy of Locke, Chris attempts to contact Murn and the team. However, Viggy promptly tosses Peacemaker's phone out the window for fear it's not safe. But it is! And it has irreplaceable photos of Eagly on it!

Peacemaker utilizes Viggy's phone to call the team instead and discovers the latter's last search: "Taylor Swift's sexy butt." I love that Viggy doesn't even make up a story to justify it; he only wanted to see pics of T-Swift's caboose. Cena and Stroma are magical together.

Suddenly, Song regains consciousness post-seizing, but she seems different. Fitz urges her to rest; she needs to go to the hospital. However, Song's ready to track down Peacemaker and Viggy. The detective buds find Locke stooped over a fallen officer. Locke describes the assailant as, well, the Hamburglar. He's a callous murderer — not just a whimsical hamburger thief.

One cop finds the diary Leota planted in Peacemaker's trailer, so Locke seizes control of it for safekeeping.

Later, Viggy and Peacemaker arrive at the team headquarters, wherein they ask our titular arbitrator of peace if he owns a diary. Chris vehemently reveals he's never had one. Murn believes they're safe as long as Locke has the journal in his possession.

However, Peacemaker's in hot water with the gang because he kept Goff and subsequently lost her. Meanwhile, Economos believes he discovered where the elusive "cow" resides, the food hub for the butterflies.



Fitz confronts Song at the police station while the latter types indecipherable (to humans) alien text on her computer. Fitz asserts she must see a doctor due to her apparent head injury.

Locke conceals the diary in his office. Here's hoping it doesn't see the light of day!

Economos explains to the crew that after studying highway cam footage of a Glan Tai truck moving product back and forth, he found the source: Coverdale Ranch. That must be where the butterflies store the cow.

Peacemaker gets increasingly irritated when Leota avoids him, and the other team members refuse to reveal the whole picture. But Murn orders everyone to execute their tasks.

Later, Song waits in a clearing for the swarm of butterflies in their tiny spaceships. After exiting their vessels, she leads the butterflies to the police station, where they overtake every person within.

Auggie bones a white supremacist and joins his fellow white-hooded, racist s\*\*t stains for a ceremonial donning of The White Dragon armor.

The editing for this montage with Reckless Love's "Monster" is \*chef's kiss\*. It's perfect.

A now-butterflied Fitz and Locke join Song, the cops and prisoners as they march outside on a mission to eradicate humanity. The butterflies attempt to smile in unison. Folks, this bit is comedic gold.

Meanwhile, Leota seeks advice from Keeya regarding the Peacemaker/diary situation. Leota feels terrible about going the deceitful route with her new peaceful pal. However, her wifey asserts Leota doesn't owe anyone anything — not Waller or Peacemaker.

Chris finds Harcourt engraving the dove of peace on one of his weapons. It's abundantly clear Harcourt cares about Peacemaker. Those feelings are reciprocated! Peacemaker thanks her, and Harcourt reveals her first name before leaving. Only the privileged know her first name!

Peacemaker tickles the ivories for a bit—fun fact: John Cena plays the piano.

Viggy alerts Peacemaker to a news segment featuring Locke, Song and Fitz. Locke announces the discovery of Peacemaker's diary, wherein our titular hero details the existence of aliens. Additionally, he takes responsibility for the murder of Senator Goff and the Glan Tai massacre.



# Stop Dragon My Heart Around

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Summary: Harcourt, Murn, and Adebayo find themselves surrounded by an alien force, while Peacemaker squares off against his father with help from Vigilante and Economos.



The episode opens with young Chris and his brother Keith rocking out to Mötley Crüe's "Home Sweet Home," which Cena played beautifully on the piano in last week's episode. A friend of Auggie's leads Chris and Keith into a pit outside, where they fight, no holds barred, while spectators place bets on who will win.

Unfortunately, Chris inadvertently kills his brother by punching him too hard. Auggie vehemently blames Chris for murdering Keith without stopping to think, "Maybe I shouldn't pit my children against each other for money?"

We see scenes of present-day Chris, a.k.a. Peacemaker, grappling with the trauma of this painful memory. Chris reels from the discovery that Leota planted the fake diary in his trailer. At the same time, the news segment featuring Locke, Detective Song and Detective Fitz serves as background noise.

Vigilante tries to coax Peacemaker out of the bathroom. The pair notice Judomaster escaped his restraints, but neither gives it a second thought.

Chris decides they should flee and hunt down the cow on their own. Meanwhile, Auggie and his white supremacist dickheads pinpoint Peacemaker's location via tracking devices in Chris's helmets.

After Viggy voices his belief that Peacemaker would construct "bomb" poetry, Economos enters the fray. He reluctantly joins the duo (plus Eagly) in finding the cow.

I'd 100 percent read a Peacemaker poetry collection.

Next, Harcourt confronts Leota after the latter's betrayal. Harcourt chastises Leota for planting the diary, but Leota asserts she was following Waller's orders. That's when Harcourt discovers that Waller is Leota's mother.

Murn breaks up the bickering party by reminding the pair that they need to track down the cow ASAP. Locke might be a butterfly now, but he still retains the memories of his formerly human self, so he'll know their location.

Oh, and he knows about Leota's connection to Waller and the diary. Murn knows everything.

Meanwhile, Judomaster munches on his trademark Cheetos outside a convenience store. A couple of dudebros tease him, and, even though Judomaster barely flinches, we know they'll receive their comeuppance soon enough.

Then, Peacemaker, Viggie, Eagly and Economos make a beeline for Coverdale Ranch to kill the cow. Chris reminds Economos that there's never a wrong time "to rock." Even Eagly puts his smooth moves on display. We see Auggie fly above their van while donning his White Dragon suit, and the white supremacist dicks are also in pursuit, tracking the Peacemaker helmet.

Suddenly, Auggie flings himself into the side of our heroes' van, toppling it. Eagly, Economos and Peacemaker escape while Viggie fires on the white supremacists. Viggie puts the finishing touches on his barrage of bullets by detonating a grenade, which also sends him flying backward.

Viggie ducks behind a tree to rest for a spell because of his injuries from the grenade blast. The White Dragon and his lackeys continue pursuing Peacemaker. Chris realizes Auggie can track him via his helmet, so he quickly disposes of it.

Judomaster makes quick work of those dudebros poking fun at him, then steals their car, because why not?

Meanwhile, Harcourt and Leota watch Locke, Song and Fitz break into Murn's apartment. Chris attaches his helmet to a raccoon, throwing the white supremacists off his tail. Viggie hijacks one of the baddies' cars and flees, but he's too injured to drive. Thus, he falls asleep at the wheel and slowly veers offroad into the woods.

Murn tells Leota and Harcourt that it was a pleasure working with them as the butterfly police burst into his quarters. Song fills Murn with bullets, killing him. Then, she grabs the Murn butterfly as it escapes his body. Song communicates with the dying butterfly, scolding him for not joining their cause. She casts the butterfly aside.

The butterfly police leave the scene, deciding to make a break for the cow before our protagonists arrive.

Harcourt and Leota find Murn's lifeless body and his fatally wounded butterfly. Harcourt gently cradles the alien in her hands, comforting him while he passes. RIP, Murn. The best butterfly to ever butterfly.

Before the pair can process Murn's death, Judomaster barges into the apartment with vengeance on the brain. Harcourt and Judomaster partake in a brief skirmish, ending in Leota tasing Judomaster in the heart until he doesn't get up. I love me some good ole fashioned girl power!

Peacemaker and Economos find Viggie asleep in the driver's seat, so they wake him and attempt to drive away. Chris discovers that Viggie retrieved all of the Peacemaker helmets, thinking they were expensive. So, Chris heads into the woods to throw them away.

Unfortunately, Auggie and his goons finally locate Peacemaker. Economos dashes into the woods, wherein he finds Viggie relieving himself, giving us "full moon" vibes. Hey, he can't pee if clothes are touching his butt, which is normal.

A full-on brawl erupts, with Eagly trying to protect Peacemaker from Auggie's henchmen. Viggie bursts onto the scene, attacking the white supremacists. The White Dragon knocks Eagly aside, injuring the poor creature.

Anyway, Chris fights back, doling out punches like candy to trick-or-treaters on Halloween. After Peacemaker brandishes a gun, Auggie taunts him, fully believing his son doesn't have it in him to pull the trigger. Then, he does.

Chris falls to his knees, sobbing, which Viggie misinterprets as him doing his "facial exercises." Viggie tries to comfort his bestie awkwardly. Cena kills it in this scene.

Leota and Harcourt have a heart-to-heart after the Judomaster battle, wherein the latter tells Leota she's excellent at her job. Harcourt doesn't seem to harbor any ill will at this point. Then, the dynamic duo rushes to a local pet clinic, where Viggie holds three workers hostage after they treat Eagly's wounds.

Thankfully, Economos, Harcourt and Leota persuade him to tie them up instead of murdering them. Leota returns Keeya's calls and reassures her that she's on her way home (we know that's a lie).

Peacemaker prays to God that Eagly wakes up, fully healed of his injuries. Again, Cena's dramatic turn is surprisingly nuanced. Leota watches from afar and is astonished when Eagly rises and hugs Peacemaker. Chris finally gets a few selfies featuring him and Eagly embracing. That's going on the 'gram!

The group reunites to strategize, and everyone agrees that Harcourt should lead them into battle. She informs the group that the butterflies transported the cow from their homeworld so that they'd have a food source on Earth. Now, they plan on teleporting the cow to another location.

Sure enough, we see the butterflies arrive at Coverdale Ranch with teleportation devices in tow.

Our gang takes the vet clinic's vehicle and starts their journey to Coverdale Ranch. Chris watches Vicky feed Eagly, and Leota seizes the moment to apologize for the diary. However, Peacemaker doesn't accept her apology and tells her he can't wait until the mission ends so they can part ways. Ouch.

Meanwhile, Song, Locke and Fitz stand before the once-enigmatic cow, a massive extraterrestrial that bears no resemblance to bovines. It also appears to have one pointy tooth? Anyway, we see the butterflies "milk" it for its precious amber goo, a.k.a. breakfast, lunch and dinner!



## It's Cow or Never

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Summary: Although Peacemaker and Adebayo are at odds, the team must kill the cow before the aliens can finish its teleportation.



The episode opens with Leota attempting to apologize to Chris Smith, a.k.a. Peacemaker. But Chris isn't interested in apologies, so he and Vigilante proceed to make fart noises while Leota expresses her sincere remorse.

Viggy ranks his besties, and we learn that Peacemaker and Eagly are numbers one and two, respectively, while Leota sits at number five. I'm guessing Economos is number three, and Harcourt is four.

When the gang arrives outside the ranch, Leota calls Amanda Waller for fur-

ther assistance. She impresses the importance of working quickly as the butterflies prepare to teleport the cow off the planet. Waller dubs Harcourt the leader while Economos and Leota stay behind if the team needs backup.

Peacemaker lays out his helmets and explains to Leota what each one does. Leota believes they should plant the helmet that emits a sonic boom (the one Chris used to kill Annie Sturphausen) on top of the barn and activate it, thereby destroying the butterflies and cow inside.

Chris tries to assign Eagly the task of planting said helmet on the barn's roof, but, instead, Peacemaker's BFF misunderstands and drops it further in the woods.

The group splits up to find the sonic boom helmet. Chris encounters a vision of Auggie, taunting him and taking up residence in his head. Peacemaker unflinchingly reaches for a weapon, unafraid to kill his racist, abusive father again. Harcourt bears witness to Peacemaker's interaction with a ghost.

Thankfully, we see the sonic boom helmet nestled in some leaves near where Ghost Auggie stood.

After killing one of the butterflies standing guard some distance outside the barn, the group persuades Economos to disguise himself with a police uniform and deposit the helmet inside

the barn. Economos reluctantly leaves the safety of the forest to execute the task at hand. What happened to "Economos, Motherf\*\*ker"?

Butterfly Fitz stops Economos before the latter enters the barn, asking him why he's going inside. Economos shows him the duffel bag (the helmet's inside it), and that's all Butterfly Fitz needs to see to grant Economos access.

Economos descends the wooden stairs to the lower level, wherein the butterflies hold the cow captive. We see the creatures secure the cow with harnesses as they prepare to teleport it. Economos, flustered, tosses the duffel bag with the helmet on the staircase and flees.

Butterfly Fitz stops Economos again once the latter emerges from the barn. Fitz asks Economos about his beard — why did his human husk dye it so strangely? Economos explains that he dyes his beard and delves deeper into his issues. Economos fights tears as he confesses this, and it's a beautiful, emotional beat from Agee. Peacemaker looks remorseful out in the woods while listening to Economos.

Suddenly, one of the butterflies finds the duffel bag, and we see the horde of butterflies, including Butterfly Song, descend upon Economos.

After a brief slip-up, Leota activates the helmet inside the bag, causing the barn to explode and even taking a few butterflies down in the process. Leota sets off a few more sonic booms until the helmet loses its charge.

Butterfly Song, heartbroken over the thought of losing the cow, climbs through the debris to get to it.

Peacemaker, Harcourt and Viggy arm themselves for a showdown with the butterflies.

Harcourt urges Peacemaker to find the cow while she and Viggy fend off the butterflies topside. Unfortunately, he slips on debris and falls to the barn's lower level, said debris burying him. Outside, Viggy succumbs to a slew of bullets after killing Butterfly Fitz, collapsing on the ground. Harcourt also suffers a few shots and falls. We see blood dripping out of her mouth. Uh oh. That doesn't look good.

Leota watches Harcourt fall and decides to barrel headfirst into the action. Economos follows suit, but he trips over a wooden fence and injures his leg severely. It's gross.

Leota notices a butterfly attempting to gain access to Harcourt; thankfully, Leota pulls the alien out in time. Harcourt tells Leota to assist Chris with the cow situation. Leota puts on Peacemaker's helmet that morphs the wearer into a human torpedo.

She locates Chris under a massive pile of debris, but when we think Leota finally saves him, it's Butterfly Song, a.k.a. Goff, on the other side.

Peacemaker and Song duke it out while Leota activates the human torpedo helmet. However, in her bid to help her friend, Leota flies uncontrollably into the wall, falling unconscious. Butterfly Song reveals she doesn't want to fight Chris; she wants him to help her.

We see Butterfly Locke tending to the cow while Butterfly Song explains what Judomaster attempted to tell Peacemaker. The butterflies left their homeworld because it was dying. Earth proved better suited to their needs.

However, the butterflies learned that humans didn't care for their planet. They didn't listen to reason and science and refused to make even the smallest sacrifice because it was an "inconvenience."

So, the butterflies thought it best to take control of humans to save Earth. But Murn disagreed with their methods — he didn't believe they should overtake human bodies, even if it meant protecting the planet. Butterfly Song thanks Peacemaker for his kindness and asks him to help fulfill their mission.

Instead, Chris activates the human torpedo helmet, which Leota still wears. Suddenly, she flies into the cow, killing it. Aw, poor cow. It was kinda cute! Peacemaker promptly shoots Butterfly Locke and Butterfly Song.

Later, Chris and Leota emerge from the barn wreckage to find Viggy alive and Economos sitting with Harcourt. It looks like Harcourt might be dead, but here's hoping she's merely unconscious! Chris cradles her in his arms, and the gang takes her to a hospital.

Then, we see the Justice League arrive in, undoubtedly, the most significant moment of the episode. While Superman and Wonder Woman remain in the shadows, Aquaman and The Flash are visible. Peacemaker chastises the team for their lateness, revealing that the fight is over. He also criticizes Aquaman for forking fish.



Aquaman complains about that rumor, but The Flash counters that it's all true. Hey, Green Arrow also attends bronx conventions. Everything Chris says is unequivocally true.

While at the hospital, the staff wheels Harcourt and Economos away. Viggie collapses on the ground after asserting he doesn't need medical attention. Leota and Chris get some much-needed one-on-one time, wherein the pair make amends, and Leota vows to do the right thing. Before she leaves, Chris informs her that, after Eagly, she's his bestie. Don't tell Viggie that! Anyway, this scene tugs at the heartstrings.

We see Leota go on camera to reveal Project Butterfly to the world and publically exonerate Peacemaker and Vigilante of their crimes. She informs the reporters of how much the heroes assisted the mission and that Peacemaker didn't write that diary.

Viggie watches while in the hospital and promptly escapes.

Leota also blows Waller's cover and reveals Belle Reve's system, and we see Waller's reaction to her daughter throwing her under the bus.

Next, Peacemaker visits Harcourt, who's now conscious. We learn that he waited days for her to wake up. Harcourt, touched by Chris's devotion, reaches for his hand. Something's brewing between these two, and I'm here for it. Speaking of love, Leota returns home to Keeya, and the pair get the cinematic, 360-degree panoramic smooch they deserve. It's beautiful.

Economos returns to work at Belle Reve, and we see him place a framed picture of the 11th Street Kids on his desk while smiling warmly at it.

Judomaster finally makes it to Coverdale Ranch, only to find everyone dead. He sobs while munching on his Cheetos.

Viggie and Chris go back to doing what they do best: blowing sh\*t up. Harcourt makes progress with her physical therapy.

Later, Peacemaker finds Goff, who escaped Song's body, flying outside his window. He gives her what's left of the amber goo for sustenance as Eagly drops a dead animal at his feet. The ghost of Auggie sits next to Chris on the porch, a sign that he'll always carry that darkness with him.



# Actor Appearances

## A

Alison Araya ..... 2  
**0102** (Amber Calcaterra); **0105** (Amber Calcaterra)

## B

Dee Bradley Baker ..... 7  
**0101** (Eagly (voice)); **0103** (Eagly (voice)); **0104** (Eagly (voice)); **0105** (Eagly (voice)); **0106** (Eagly (voice)); **0107** (Eagly (voice)); **0108** (Eagly (voice))

David Bearisto ..... 1  
**0105** (Judge William Judy)

Marcia D. Bennett ..... 1  
**0106** (Teacher)

Quinn Bennett ..... 4  
**0104** (Young Chris); **0106** (Young Chris); **0107** (Young Chris); **0108** (Young Chris)

Stephen Blackehart ..... 1  
**0105** (Charlie the Gorilla)

Ryan Jefferson Booth ..... 2  
**0106** (Racist Thug); **0107** (Racist Thug)

Sage Brocklebank ..... 1  
**0103** (Bodyguard)

Alexander Brophy ..... 1  
**0106** (Sad Eyed Kid)

Tyler Burrows ..... 1  
**0107** (Frat Dude)

## C

Annie Chang ..... 5  
**0102** (Sophie Song); **0105** (Sophie Song); **0106** (Detective Sophie Song / Eek Stack Ik Ik); **0107** (Detective Sophie Song / Eek Stack Ik Ik); **0108** (Detective Sophie Song / Eek Stack Ik Ik)

Brent Chapman ..... 1  
**0101** (Fact Attack Host)

Billy Christos Jr. .... 1  
**0106** (Chubster)

Philippe Collins ..... 1  
**0107** (Male Nurse)

Alice Comer ..... 1  
**0106** (Pasketti Arms)

Sarah Corrigan ..... 1  
**0107** (Female Nurse)

Antonio Cupo ..... 1  
**0103** (Royland Goff)

## D

Douglas Roy Dack ..... 1  
**0107** (White Power Shithead)

Viola Davis ..... 2  
**0101** (Amanda Waller); **0108** (Amanda Waller)

Nicholas Dohy ..... 2  
**0105** (Worker); **0106** (Worker)

## F

Jackson Ferguson ..... 1  
**0103** (Goff Child 1)

Julietter Ferguson ..... 1  
**0103** (Goff Child 2)

Yvette Ferguson ..... 1  
**0105** (Receptionist)

## G

Neetu Garcha ..... 1  
**0104** (Reporter)

Dan Ginnane ..... 1  
**0107** (Frat Dude)

Rochelle Greenwood ..... 6  
**0102** (Officer Peggy); **0104** (Peggy); **0105** (Peggy); **0106** (Officer Peggy); **0107** (Peggy); **0108** (Peggy)

## H

Christopher Heyerdahl ..... 4  
**0105** (Captain Locke); **0106** (Captain Caspar Locke); **0107** (Captain Caspar Locke); **0108** (Captain Caspar Locke)

Trevor Hinton ..... 1  
**0107** (Asshole Referee)

Isaac Hotchkiss ..... 1  
**0107** (7-11 Cashier)

Liam Hughes ..... 4  
**0104** (Keith); **0106** (Keith); **0107** (Keith); **0108** (Keith Smith)

## J

Lenny Jacobson ..... 2  
**0102** (Evan Calcaterra); **0105** (Evan Calcaterra)

## K

Maya Kooner ..... 1  
**0106** (Jamil's Daughter)

Kris Kuruneri ..... 1  
**0101** (Bartender)

## L

Paul Lazenby ..... 2  
**0102** (Dickhead); **0104** (Dickhead)

Nhut Le ..... 7

0102 (Judomaster); 0103 (Judomaster); 0104 (Judomaster); 0105 (Judomaster); 0106 (Judomaster); 0107 (Judomaster); 0108 (Judomaster)

Christopher Maxen Loteyro ..... 1  
0106 (Rubik's Cube World Champion)

Christopher Loverro ..... 1  
0106 (Rubik's Cube World Champion)

Elizabeth Faith Ludlow ..... 6  
0101 (Keeya Adebayo); 0102 (Keeya Adebayo); 0105 (Keeya Adebayo); 0106 (Keeya Adebayo); 0107 (Keeya); 0108 (Keeya Adebayo)

Ursina Luther ..... 1  
0101 (Waitress)

M

Rizwan Manji ..... 2  
0101 (Jamil); 0106 (Jamil)

Alyce Matheson ..... 1  
0106 (Alfred E. Neuman)

Elizabeth McCarthy Meek ..... 1  
0101 (Head Nurse)

Ezra Miller ..... 1  
0108 (The Flash)

Jason Momoa ..... 1  
0108 (Aquaman)

Crystal Mudry ..... 2  
0101 (Annie Sturphausen); 0102 (Annie Sturphausen)

Troy Mundle ..... 1  
0105 (Harried Worker)

Lochlyn Munro ..... 5  
0102 (Larry Fitzgibbon); 0105 (Larry Fitzgibbon); 0106 (Detective Larry Fitzgibbon); 0107 (Detective Larry Fitzgibbon); 0108 (Detective Larry Fitzgibbon)

N

Lissa Neptuno ..... 2  
0101 (Doctor Alandy); 0108 (Doctor)

Michael Newman ..... 1  
0107 (Reporter)

O

Kevin O'Grady ..... 5  
0102 (Officer Johnson); 0104 (Johnson); 0106 (Officer Johnson); 0107 (Johnson); 0108 (Officer Johnson)

Cynthia Oroz-Guzman ..... 1  
0108 (Nurse)

P

David Pavlov ..... 1  
0106 (Urkel)

Jade Pawluk ..... 1  
0101 (Douchebag)

Scott Pocha ..... 1  
0101 (Even Bigger Friend)

R

Gabriela Reynoso ..... 1  
0102 (Lookie-Loo)

Bzhaun Rhoden ..... 5  
0102 (Young Man); 0104 (Young Man); 0106 (Young Man); 0107 (Young Man); 0108 (Young Man)

S

Natalia Safran ..... 1  
0103 (Mrs. Goff)

Zak Santiago ..... 6  
0102 (Prison Guard); 0104 (Prison Guard); 0105 (Prison Guard); 0106 (Prison Guard); 0107 (Prison Guard); 0108 (Prison Guard)

Darryl Scheelar ..... 2  
0102 (Dickhead); 0104 (Dickhead)

Veena Sood ..... 1  
0102 (Captain Miele)

Haig Sutherland ..... 1  
0107 (Dr. Hurwitz)

T

Juliette Tidi ..... 2  
0106 (Canadian Tuxedo); 0106 (Canadian Tuxedo)

Paul Tryl ..... 2  
0106 (Whitehood Wanker); 0107 (Whitehood Wanker)

Mel Tuck ..... 3  
0101 (Auggie's Neighbor); 0102 (Auggie's Neighbor); 0104 (Auggie's Neighbor)

W

Neil Webb ..... 5  
0102 (Cool Steve); 0104 (Cool Steve); 0106 (Cool Steve); 0107 (Cool Steve); 0108 (Cool Steve)

Klarc Jerome Wilson ..... 1  
0101 (Taylor)

Y

Troy Anthony Young ..... 2  
0104 (Terrified Man); 0108 (Terrified Man)

Z

Tim Zhang ..... 1  
0101 (Cabbie)

Jen Znack ..... 2  
0106 (Skinhead Girl); 0107 (Skinhead Girl)