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Season One

We Is Us

Season 1

Episode Number: 1

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Friday November 7, 2025
Writer: Vince Gilligan
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Show Stars: Rhea Seehorn (Carol Sturka), Karolina Wydra (Zosia), Carlos Manuel Vesga (Manousos)
Guest Stars: Miriam Shor (Helen), Karan Soni (Deshpande), Peter Bergman (Davis Taffler), Allan McLeod (Bob), Blair Beeken (Jenn), Woody Fu (Dave), Jack Mikesell (Ray), Eric Steinig (Mel), Adam Harvey (Hippie Astronomer), Dennis W. Milliken (Driver), Monique Lott (Monique), Monae Lott (Monae), Nazneen Akhtar Rahim (Laptop Astronomer), Michael Toby Sanchez (Janitor), Teagan Sucherman (Neighbor Girl), Alexandra Robnett (Fiddle Player), Pat Reyes (Singer / Rhythm Guitarist), Joe Sena (Lead Guitarist), Harold Montoya (Drummer), Brandon Krawic (Bass Player), Sam Quinn (Craig), Isak Tufic (Neighbor Boy), Kacie LaCombe (Redhead Astronomer), Bernadette Guckin (Maureen)
Summary: An astronomer's discovery turns the planet upside down. Carol Sturka, a curmudgeonly novelist, is terrified by this strange new world.



The episode begins with a countdown. We are 439 days and 19 hours away until a mysterious event will enslave all of humanity. With time ticking, an extra-terrestrial signal from outer space flashes up on the servers at NASA. As more people get involved, they all draw the same unspoken conclusion. This is coming from 600 years away and one of the men seems to understand what this code is.

Fast forward to 71 days and 13 hours left, and we catch up with Carol Sturka.

She's the latest Rebecca Yarros/Colleen Hoover sensation and her romantasy book has seen a whole rabble of women arrive to hang on her every word as she reads the speculative historical romance fiction.

While Carol's fans adore her work, Carol herself sees it as mindless crap. She's with her partner Helen, and these two are going to be important figureheads going forward.

For now though, we jump to 29 days and 23 hours. A couple of lab scientists are testing mice but when one of them plays dead, Jenn opens up the cage to check for a heartbeat. Unfortunately, it bites her and Jenn immediately begins seizing. Her partner throws her into decontamination but it's no good. It seems like she's been infected with an unknown virus.

This virus appears to spread through kissing and it doesn't take long for the entire lab to be contaminated. Eerily, the men and women silently work in-sync, taking mouth swabs in petri dishes. Jenn even licks every doughnut out in the foyer to make sure this virus spreads further.

The next scene we are 3 hours out from the big main event. Carol and Helen head to the bar, where Carol ruminates over whether to ditch her "trashy fiction" and work on her serious book instead.

Heading outside for a smoke, Carol notices all the plane trails up in the air, running parallel and in-sync. What she's unaware of is that the airbase nearby is on lockdown. She's snapped out of her chat by a guy getting into his pick-up and immediately crashing in the parking lot.

Unfortunately, Helen also winds up infected and it doesn't take long for Carol to realize this is widespread. Inside the bar, everyone is seizing and Carol appears to be the only one unaffected. She takes a pick-up, loads Helen in the back, and watches in horror as she overlooks the city on fire.

Everybody is facing the same issue, and the only person through all of this that's not affected happens to be Carol. When Helen passes away, everybody else in the general area suddenly snaps out of their trance and confront Carol. One of the doctors tries to kiss her, which doesn't seem to work in spreading the virus, and when they all say in unison "we just want to help, Carol," She grabs the pick-up and takes off.

As she drives, people work together to put out the fires, but they also watch Carol too. Some even walk in the same direction as her stolen pick-up. Carol manages to keep it together long enough to drive back home, where two of her neighbour's children speak together and tell her where her spare key is.

Inside her house, Carol watches as the entranced masses load up the deceased into a truck. Turning on the TV, the only message on the news happens to be one directed at Carol, telling her to give a call whenever she's ready.

Pouring herself a glass of Dutch courage, Carol manages to speak to the senior-most official in the government, who tells her that she's safe and should stay at home for the next few days. Apparently these guys are "beneficiaries of extra-terrestrial technology".

Fourteen months ago this radio signal was detected, as we know, but it turns out the signal is actually a recipe which was recreated in a lab. This psychic glue bound everyone together as one hive mind. Apparently there are 11 individuals in total that have been unaffected by this around the globe. Unfortunately, the collective want her to join them.

Pirate Lady

Season 1
Episode Number: 2
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Friday November 07, 2025
Writer: Vince Gilligan
Director: Vince Gilligan
Show Stars: Rhea Seehorn (Carol Sturka), Karolina Wydra (Zosia), Carlos Manuel Vesga (Manousos)
Guest Stars: Miriam Shor (Helen), Samba Schutte (Koumba Diabaté), Anna Mhairi (Vesper), Menik Gooneratne (Laxmi), Darinka Arones (Kusimayu), Olivia Rouyre (Genevieve), Max Reeves (Margaux), Phuong Kubacki (Soleil), Imani Love (Cleo), Rayaana Kamal Khan (Ravi), Amaraa Sanjid (Otgonbayar), Ashley Dunec (Shirley), Kyle Bolt (Lineman), Jennifer Esquivel (Sisa), Piyush Gupta (Aarush), Jennifer L. Bryan (Glam Squad Costumer), Sharon Gee (Xiu Mei), Esther Omegba (Jasmine), Elena Estér (T'ika), Khaliun Amarburen (Byamba), Kaabil Sekali (Partner), Trish Almeida (Glam Squad Hairstylist), Cheri Montesanto (Glam Squad Makeup Artist), Mohamed Azayane (Teenager), David Niu (Neu Xian-sheng), James Cady (Emmet), Viji Nathan (Padma)
Summary: A curiously familiar face introduces Carol to the bizarre new normal. A gathering in Europe brings strangers together. . . and causes friction.



The episode begins with us over in the Morocco, with a long montage of the clean-up efforts going on there. A woman appears to be part of the collective "joined", and after helping a body out of a car, she hops on a moped, heads to the airport, and flies a plane. When she touches down in Albuquerque, she strips down and heads into the shower, where other Collective bow and tend to her needs.

We are 11 hours and 26 minutes past the world becoming a collective whole.

Carol awakens from a drunken stupor and slowly comes to terms with this new reality. She mourns Helen, wrapping her in an old blanket and eventually digging the ground up to bury her.

It's hard, laborious work, thanks to hard rock littering the ground. Carol is being watched from an Air Force drone 40,000 feet up though and on the verge of heat exhaustion, given she's been digging for 2 hours straight, she's greeted by a neighbour with a bottle of water.

Tellingly, Carol empties the bottle on the lawn to prove a point but realizes that the woman they've sent over to see her (whom we later learn is called Zosia), happens to be the spitting image of her character, Raban. The gender-swapped version anyway. Apparently, this was the original idea for the character but thanks to Helen being part of this collective before passing away, all of her unique memories are now part of the Joined.

When Carol kicks off and shouts at Zosia in the street, she suddenly collapses on the ground. This appears to affect everybody else in the Collective too, who are momentarily docile. It would appear that Carol's negative behaviour affects the collective as it's hard for them to take. However, the side effect of this is that their temporary freezing has caused millions across the globe to die.

This is difficult for Carol to take, understandably, who's on the verge of collapsing after vomiting. When she finally regains her strength (courtesy of a mini digger being dropped from a helicopter to help dig up the volcanic rock in the garden).

Zosia also confirms here that there's actually one more person who's awake, as the Collective have become aware of a man in Paraguay who has awoken.

Carol wants to meet the other people who are like her, and that means boarding an empty plane bound for Bilbao, where this meet is scheduled to take place. Funnily enough, Carol decides to sit way back in Economy. She really is the most miserable person on Earth, right?

We are 2 days and 2 hours since the collective have taken over and Carol meets the five other individuals who can speak English at the airport. It's an awkward affair, but these are Xiu Mei, Kusimayu, Laxmi and Otgonbayar. Each have family members with them who are part of the Collective.

The fifth person is a man from Mauritania. This is Koumba Diabate and he arrives in the President's plane. He's certainly making the most of this luxury suite and he even has a bunch of women here too.

Carol is the only one who isn't exactly enthused by what's happening and organizes a meeting for just those not part of the collective. She wants to try and put the world right and save it.

However, it turns out Laxmi's grandfather died during Carol's little anger outburst, so they're not exactly in a particularly forgiving mood. She thinks Carol should educate herself over what the Collective is actually like.

Others also argue their points to, with charismatic Koumba pointing out that racism is gone, all the animals have been let loose from the zoos and there's absolutely zero crime across the planet now.

Interestingly, the Collective do not kill, nor will they even think about killing live creatures either. The Collective are vegetarian. Eventually Carol has heard enough, and screams at the Collective after a failed attempt to get through to Laxmi. However, it causes all of them to go entranced once more.

2 days and 16 hours past the event, and Carol awakens, ruminating over her outburst. Zosia and the other Collective don't have anything to stop her anger and after they witnessed their own family members seizing thanks to Carol, everybody has left... except for one person. Any guesses who? Yep, it's Koumba.

However, the main reason he's here is because Koumba wants Carol's blessing to sleep with Zosia. Carol wants Zosia to think for herself, which of course is easier said than done. However, there's a flicker — a brief moment — where Zosia seems to want to choose for herself.

Carol eventually leaves and goes her separate ways from the others, reboarding the original plane and flying economy. She clearly doesn't see things the same way they do. Zosia goes with Koumba, but there's a moment when the pair lock eyes and it's enough to convince Carol.

Just before they take off though, Carol has second thoughts and joins the others.

Grenade

Season 1
Episode Number: 3
Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Friday November 14, 2025
Writer:	Gordon Smith
Director:	Gordon Smith
Show Stars:	Rhea Seehorn (Carol Sturka), Karolina Wydra (Zosia), Carlos Manuel Vesga (Manousos)
Guest Stars:	Miriam Shor (Helen Umstead), Robert Bailey Jr. (DHL Guy), Thor Knai (Bjorn), RaSandra Daniels (Other #2), Paris Maese (Other #4), Michael Chochol (Sunning Other), Tedd Taskey (Captain John McConnell), Matthew Page (First Officer Tom Deegan), Jeremiah Latrell Caldwell (Other #3), Micheal Ray (Polite Other)
Summary:	The World just wants to help—which infuriates Carol. A heart-to-heart conversation ends with a bang.



The episode begins with us 2617 days before the virus has spread across the world. We're in the past, where Carol and Helen decide to stay in an ice palace up in Norway. While Helen thinks it's beautiful and is quite upbeat about the whole experience, Carol is not. However, she can appreciate some of the beauty, at least as she and Helen sit together and watch the Northern Lights through the window.

Back in the present, we are 3 days and 3 hours past the Collective taking over humanity. Carol is flying in economy (be-

cause of course she is) but Zosia is here too. Captain John McConnell is flying, which I guess is an improvement over the girl from TGI Fridays last episode.

Carol is exasperated over the lack of experts in the scientific field outside of the Collective. She is, of course, desperate to try and find a cure to whatever this thing is.

After getting the lowdown on the different survivors, she also finds out a little more about the guy from Paraguay. This is Manousos and he manages a self-storage facility. He hasn't really communicated with the Collective, and given he only speaks Spanish and is keeping himself off the radar, Carol decides she wants to speak to him.

It doesn't go well, and after he rudely shouts at her down the phone, Carol rings back and does the same. With this meeting a bust, Carol gets dropped off back home again. She leaves Zosia behind, who hands over all the mail in transit.

There's a package here which happens to be a massage gun. Helen ordered this for Carol given how stressed she's been on the tour. When she rings Zosia and questions her about the present, Carol orders her to forget about Helen and erase all memories.

We are now 4 days and 12 hours post the Collective take-over and in the morning, food is delivered to Carol's door. She chucks it away, stubbornly sticking to what she knows, and demanding that the Collective leave her alone.

When she shows up at the supermarket, she finds the place completely empty. It turns out the Collective are "consolidating resources to centralize useful items for distribution".

Carol is quick to ring the Collective (and specifically, Zosia) letting them know that she's an independent person and ringing them all the time doesn't work for her. She'd rather just do her shopping like a normal person.

Just like that, a whole bunch of trucks show up, along with dozens of people who work together to restock the supermarket. It doesn't take long for everything to be back to how it was before. Alone, Carol does her shopping but hilariously ends up with a microwavable meal for dinner that night.

Midway through watching TV, all the lights suddenly go out across the town. It's here we learn that the Collective are also trying to conserve electricity and lighting too, isolating Carol's house from the grid. Zosia explains here that none of the Collective are working at night and given there's no crime either, there's no reason to keep them on.

When Carol lashes out and tells Zosia to bring a hand grenade over, she does just that. It's a bit of dark humour that actually cracks Carol's façade a little, so she invites Zosia in for a drink. The Joined don't know how long it'll take to find a "cure" for her but Carol scoffs at the vague timeframe. All of humanity is in this room and nobody knows anything. This leads her to bring up the uniqueness of humanity and how this leads to unique lives and experiences.

When Carol starts mentioning a few, Zosia softly butts in about Carol's experience with Helen in the Arctic. Carol is not happy. She grabs the hand grenade and pulls the pin. Zosia grabs it and throws it out the window, jumping on Carol to protect her just as it explodes. Carol is shocked that this was a real grenade.

Zosia is badly burned and rushed to the hospital. She has a concussion and she's resting at the hospital, but Carol is worried and more than a little bemused. Given the Collective were happy to give her a live hand grenade, she goes over the moral implications of various other weapons, all the way up to nuclear bombs. Apparently the Collective are happy (ish) about giving her one but it does raise a very interesting question. Is there anything the Collective can say no to?

Actor Appearances

A

Trish Almeida	1
0102 (Glam Squad Hairstylist)	
Khaliun Amarburen	1
0102 (Byamba)	
Darinka Arones	1
0102 (Kusimayu)	
Mohamed Azayane	1
0102 (Teenager)	

B

Robert Bailey Jr.	1
0103 (DHL Guy)	
Blair Beeken	1
0101 (Jenn)	
Peter Bergman	1
0101 (Davis Taffler)	
Kyle Bolt	1
0102 (Lineman)	
Jennifer L. Bryan	1
0102 (Glam Squad Costumer)	

C

James Cady	1
0102 (Emmet)	
Jeremiah Latrell Caldwell	1
0103 (Other #3)	
Michael Chochol	1
0103 (Sunning Other)	

D

RaSandra Daniels	1
0103 (Other #2)	
Ashley Dunec	1
0102 (Shirley)	

E

Jennifer Esquivel	1
0102 (Sisa)	
Elena Estér	1
0102 (Tika)	

F

Woody Fu	1
0101 (Dave)	

G

Sharon Gee	1
0102 (Xiu Mei)	
Menik Gooneratne	1
0102 (Laxmi)	
Bernadette Guckin	1
0101 (Maureen)	
Piyush Gupta	1
0102 (Aarush)	

H

Adam Harvey	1
0101 (Hippie Astronomer)	

K

Rayaan Kamal Khan	1
0102 (Ravi)	
Thor Knai	1
0103 (Bjorn)	
Brandon Krawic	1
0101 (Bass Player)	
Phuong Kubacki	1
0102 (Soleil)	

L

Kacie LaCombe	1
0101 (Redhead Astronomer)	
Monae Lott	1
0101 (Monae)	
Monique Lott	1
0101 (Monique)	
Imani Love	1
0102 (Cleo)	

M

Paris Maese	1
0103 (Other #4)	
Allan McLeod	1
0101 (Bob)	
Anna Mhairi	1
0102 (Vesper)	
Jack Mikesell	1
0101 (Ray)	
Dennis W. Milliken	1
0101 (Driver)	
Cheri Montesanto	1
0102 (Glam Squad Makeup Artist)	
Harold Montoya	1
0101 (Drummer)	

N

Viji Nathan	1
0102 (Padma)	
David Niu	1
0102 (Neu Xiansheng)	

O

Esther Omegba	1
0102 (Jasmine)	

P

Matthew Page	1
0103 (First Officer Tom Deegan)	

Q

Sam Quinn	1
0101 (Craig)	

R

Nazneen Akhtar Rahim	1
0101 (Laptop Astronomer)	
Micheal Ray	1
0103 (Polite Other)	
Max Reeves	1
0102 (Margaux)	
Pat Reyes	1
0101 (Singer / Rhythm Guitarist)	
Alexandra Robnett	1
0101 (Fiddle Player)	
Olivia Rouyre	1
0102 (Genevieve)	

S

Michael Toby Sanchez	1
0101 (Janitor)	
Amaraa Sanjid	1
0102 (Otgonbayar)	
Samba Schutte	1
0102 (Koumba Diabaté)	
Kaabil Sekali	1
0102 (Partner)	
Joe Sena	1
0101 (Lead Guitarist)	
Miriam Shor	3
0101 (Helen); 0102 (Helen); 0103 (Helen Umstead)	
Karan Soni	1
0101 (Deshpande)	
Eric Steinig	1
0101 (Mel)	
Teagan Sucherman	1
0101 (Neighbor Girl)	

T

Tedd Taskey	1
0103 (Captain John McConnell)	
Isak Tufic	1
0101 (Neighbor Boy)	