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Season One

A Searing Burst of Light

Season 1
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Guest Stars: Daisy Head (Genya Safin), Sean Gilder (Dreesen), Jasmine Blackborow (Marie), Caroline Boulton (Petya), Elizabeth Rider (Ana Kuya), Julia Ubrankovics (Milana), Jim High (Sergeant Yure Teplov), Gordon Morris (Ivan The Line Cook), Antonín Masek (Alexei), Genesis Lynea (Natasha), Narinder Samra (Rotty), David Wurawa (Edyk), Angus Castle-Doughty (Mikhael), Tom Fyans (Male Squaller), Roderick Hill (Onclé Bart), Mark C. Phelan (Gambler), Roby Schinasi (Fjerdan fighter), Andy Burse (Dubrov), Géza Kovács (Druskelle), Micah Holmes (Poppy Cox)
Summary: Unwilling to be separated from Mal, Alina hatches a plan to join him on a perilous expedition through the Fold. Kaz chases a lead on a lucrative job.



The episode begins with an introduction to a young woman named Alina. She lives in East Ravka and is en-route to the Shadow Fold.

Alongside a group of other cartographers, she packs up her things and prepares to head out. The Fold is a strange, ethereal realm that divides up the different countries in this world. In the past it consumed her parents, leaving her an orphan. Now she's with the First Army.

Stepping out the carriage, Alina and the boys are faced with the impending

wall of doom before them. While they're all taken aback by its breathtaking enormity, they comment how Mal is the only one who probably wouldn't be afraid. Mal is Alina's best friend and someone she's known since childhood.

We first meet Mal fighting with another boy. He easily dispatches his foe but finds far tougher competition ahead. A man conjuring magic entices him to fight back. Mal knows how to pick his battles though and walks away.

When he does, he meets back up with Alina. The camp is abuzz with the First Army, as super-powered soldiers known as Grisha harness their powers to use against straw dummies.

It doesn't take long before Alina and Mal attend a briefing. There's a perilous journey needed across the Fold, fronted by Sergeant Yure Teplov. Unfortunately Mal is selected as part of this nightmare lottery.

That evening, Mal is approached by a Squaller girl called Zoya. She tries to convince him to bunk up for the night but he walks away. His fear for this Grisha is well-hidden, but something he admits to Alina later that evening. That's not the only thing he's scared of though, especially with the Fold rising up ominously before then.

In Ketterdam, Island of Kerch, counterfeit coins are caught out by a fellow trickster known as Jesper. His boss Kaz arrives and warns him, telling the boy he needs to head back on the door.

Upstairs Kaz is greeted by Inej, who feeds back news of a big job — one worth a million krugge no less. A wealthy merchant named Dreesen is the payer, and he wants to send a group through the Fold.

As fate would have it, Dreesen is after a Heartrender but given the riches on offer, Kaz isn't the only one interested. A rival gang known as the Dime Lions also rise up, fronted by Pekka Rollins.

In the morning, The Black General, known as Kirigan, shows up in camp. He's looking to oversee the operation but Alina is having doubts. She burns a whole stack of maps, making sure to erase records of what's on the other side of the Fold. The officers are not happy, and eventually this sees Alina and her entire crew volunteering to redraw the maps. This means they can board the same ship as Mal.

Onboard the skiff, the group lurch into the black jaws of death, plunging into the Fold and what lies beyond. Thunder rumbles in the distance while lightning strobes the dim outline of... something. When an officer onboard lights a lantern it serves as a homing beacon for these winged beasts, known simply as volcra.

Mal is injured in the ensuing skirmish, prompting Alina to grab a gun and shoot the creature as it holds on to his body. The damage has been done though, and Mal tells her he'll meet her at the meadow. This winged beast grabs Alina from behind, prompting a bright flash of light to illuminate them all.

On the other side of the Rift lies West Ravka. The General stands with his troops, awaiting the crew of Alina's ship to disembark. One survivor called Alexei stumbles out the shadowy curtain, stumbling across the beach and collapsing on the ground.

Meanwhile, Kaz shows up with his Heartrender, Milana, ready to take Dreesen's job. As we now come to see, these two timelines we've been following have been cleverly interwoven. The attack on Alina and Mal's ship occurred 2 weeks prior to Kaz and the gang's story.

While Alexei finds himself in West Ravka, Mal and Alina show up by the dock, bloodstained but still very much alive.

Anyway, Alexei's being kept with Dreesen and now we hear what happened. An event occurred within the Fold (that flash of white light) and a device detonated. This device is actually a Sun Summoner, which seems to be what Alina actually is.

Anyway, Alexei is killed after giving over Alina's name, setting up a new mission for Kaz. He needs to bring Alina to Dreesen. If not, he's going to give the job to Pekka Rollins.

We're All Someone's Monster

Season 1

Episode Number: 2

Season Episode: 2

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Show Stars:	Jessie Mei Li (Alina Starkov), Archie Renaux (Malyen "Mal" Oretsev), Freddy Carter (Kaz Brekker), Amita Suman (Inej Ghafa), Kit Young (Jesper Fahey), Ben Barnes (General Kirigan), Zoë Wanamaker (Baghra)
Guest Stars:	Simon Sears (Ivan), Andy Burse (Dubrov), Dean Lennox Kelly (Pekka Rollins), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Howard Charles (Arken), Kaylan Teague (Young Alina), Cody Molko (Young Mal), Elizabeth Rider (Ana Kuya), Scott A. Young (Big Bolliger), Scott Alexander Young (Big Bolliger), Hugo Speer (Lieutenant Bohdan), Julian Kostov (Fedyor Kaminsky), Angus Castle-Doughty (Mikhael), Micah Holmes (Poppy Cox), Tom Fyans (Male Squaller), David Wurawa (Edyck), Kate Russell-Smith (Ravkan Woman), Adam Boncz (Oprichnik Guard Semyov), Kiera Azar (Female Healer), Klara Tolnai (Tabitha), Klári Tolnai (Tabitha), Deirdre Mullins (Tante Heleen), István Juhász (Cobbet), István Juhász (Cobbet), Géza Kovács (Druskelle), Tsogbaatar Batzorig (Bouncer 1), Batzorig Tsogbaatar (Bouncer 1), Tamas Nikolits (Bouncer 2), Harry Baxendale (Forich), Erik Gyarmati (Boy Orphan), Emma Bercovici (Girl Orphan), Nathan Dean Williams (First Army Doctor)
Summary:	Alina's actions against the Volcra bring her to the attention of General Kirigan. Kaz runs into trouble while looking for safe passage across the Fold.



The episode begins in the past as we see a key scene from Mal and Alina's past. In fact, this repeated motif plays an important role in what's to follow this season. Anyway, Mal and Alina decide against being tested to see if the other is a Grisha or not. Instead, they race outside and lie together in the fields.

This leads us along nicely to the present as cacophonous shouting prompts healers to race onboard Alina's ship and take her and Mal away.

Meanwhile, Inej pleads with Kaz to see reason. With 6 hours left to find Alina, Inej is getting cold feet and is seriously considering walking away. Kaz is left pondering what step to take next. Unfortunately that's made a lot harder when Pekka finds Kaz and threatens him.

Inej meanwhile gets talking to Jesper down in the bar. However, she's summoned away after admitting grimly that Kaz is blinded by his rage.

Alina is taken to General Kirigan, where a hush descends over the tent. He demands to know what she is, hinting toward the Sun Summoner quip mentioned by Alexei last episode on the other side of the Fold. The truth soon comes tumbling out though, as Kirigan finds out she can summon light. With a ring in hand, he approaches her to see if she's really that powerful Grisha.

While Alina struggles to control her nerves, Mal races up to the tent. He's held back though, helpless as a blinding light pierces Kirigan's quarters and ascends to the sky. Now it becomes clear that she's the Sun Summoner — and a powerful weapon for the army to use. She's taken away from Mal and en-route on a carriage to Os Alta, the capital city of Ravka.

On the other side of the Fold, Kaz stumbles upon his way out — a man known simply as the Conductor. Meanwhile, Inej is given a way out from her predicament.

Before working for Brekker, she belonged to a brothel run by Tante Heleen. Kaz still has five more instalments to pay off to free Inej from her slavery. Technically this means she still belongs to Heleen. Anyway, this woman won't let her go across the Fold until her debt is paid. In order to do that, she gives Inej a target to kill.

If she can kill this man — that night — then her debt will be cleared. According to Heleen, this target is also a dangerous man like Kaz.

Inej immediately heads off to see Jesper, trying to pass on her job to him. He refuses though, but does agree to help her out.

Meanwhile, Alina's carriage is attacked out on the road. Here we get to see the Grisha fight fist-hand, with an impressive barrage of different skills against conventional gunfire. Smoke bombs are thrown their way, choking the atmosphere and clouding the battlefield.

Alina is attacked by a bandit but thankfully a Darkling shows up and saves her. As fate would have it, Kirigan is this Darkling and he happens to be one of the Grisha. He grabs Alina and encourages her to ride with him on to the Little Palace. They have to stop midway though, as Alina claims her tailbone is hurting. It's a small touch but one that adds an air of authenticity to this fantasy series.

While catching their breath, we learn more about the attack. The men and women were Druskelle, elite members of the Fjerdan military and trained to hunt down and kill anyone who may be Grisha. Kirigan believes she could be this world's chosen summoner, and that gives the Fjerdan more than a reason to go after her.

This Sun Summoner we've been hearing about is apparently prophesied to enter the Fold and destroy it from the inside out. Although Kirigan calls it a gift, Alina bites back, claiming her powers are a curse. Alina tells him she's alone but the General reassures her, reminding the girl that she's not anymore.

Back at camp, news of Alina's attack reaches them all. Mal is not happy and wants to find her. Unfortunately the Sergeant doesn't see it that way and likens her to being disposable.

Back in West Ravka, Kaz arrives to find Poppy. Kaz outright asks about the Conductor and warns that Tante and Pekka are certainly not of the forgiving kind. Only, now it becomes clear that the Conductor is exactly who Inej has been told to kill. This news causes Inej to hesitate.

The Conductor claims not to be involved in any of this business and admits that he's actually a liberator. He's not involved with the White Rose but does offer some help. Eventually Inej loses her patience and comes at him with a knife.

Kaz suddenly appears and breaks the news; this man is their ticket to finding Alina. Heleen knew this and was using Inej all this time. After saving him, Kaz asks the Conductor to break them inside the Little Palace.

For now, Kaz approaches Heleen and tells her she's taking Inej with him. Handing over a sealed envelope, the contents inside hold a letter to The Crow Club. Heleen agrees to the terms and tells him that Inej is his to lose now.

The Making at the Heart of the World

Season 1

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Season Episode: 3

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Writer: Daegan Fryklind
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Guest Stars: Danielle Galligan (Nina Zenik), Simon Sears (Ivan), Calahan Skogman (Matthias), Daisy Head (Genya Safin), Tom Weston-Jones (General Zlatan), Kevin Eldon (The Apparat), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Kaylan Teague (Young Alina), Cody Molko (Young Mal), Howard Charles (Arken), Julian Kostov (Fedyor), Georgia Reece (Queen Tatiana), David Verrey (King Pyotr), Georgia Reece (Queen Tatiana), George Parker (Prince Vasily), Jasmine Blackborow (Marie), Ken Vedsegaard (Druskelle Leader), Gabrielle Brooks (Nadia), Zsófia Miklós (Attendant #1), Sára Schmidt (Attendant #2), Brian Bovell (Innkeeper), Dóra Rimóczi (Kit Attendant), Jonathan Peck (Novokribirsk Dealer), Hon Ping Tang (Botkin), Jacob Seelochan (Taster Boy)
Summary: Ensnared in the lap of luxury among the Grisha, Alina begins her training. The Crows — Kaz, Inej and Jesper — prepare for their risky journey.



The episode begins with Alina awakening after a bad dream. Within this she sees a mythical stag with large antlers, eclipsed by a large ball of brilliant light.

Waking up, she finds herself at the whim of a whole host of attendants and servants who tend to her. Alina is going to meet the King but before that she's healed of her wounds thanks to a Grisha healer called Genya.

Alina is taken down to see the King Pyotr, complete with a First Army uniform and a gold veil. Among those in attendant

is the King's Apparat and the Crown Prince too. Kirigan shows up and confirms that the King will almost certainly keep her there for training.

In front of the King, Alina manages to conjure forth her brilliant powers, dazzling the throne room in a mesmerizing light show. On the back of this, Kirigan makes his case. He tells the Royal family that he's going to train Alina and harness the girl's powers; his plan involves destroying the Fold. The King's stake in all this is bringing the entire world together.

Training begins and Alina is immediately knocked down by Zoya, the woman she chooses to do combat with. Alina is knocked back repeatedly and eventually this sees training come to an abrupt end for the day.

Alina heads to the library where we learn a little more about the prophetic fate of this world. It turns out the first recorded Grisha is a man known as the Bonesmith. Apparently he made creatures from his own finger bones, which were later revealed to be mythical animals. It seems

like there are four main creatures, if the images in the book we're shown are anything to go by, and one of those is a deer.

With a book in hand, Alina meets Baghra who's known to harness one's power. Sitting opposite her, Baghra casts seeds of doubt in Alina's mind. Baghra tells her she needs to believe in herself and come back when she does. Angry and disappointed, Alina begins writing to Mal.

We then skip across to Novokribirsk in West Ravka. Kaz, Inej, Jesper and the Conductor team up together to find a Heartrender called Nina. Only, they're not alone. The Druskelle are also after Nina, and through a slick interwoven flashback, our Heartrender is taken away by these witchhunters.

The group split up, with each needing to find a crucial tool to cross the Fold and bring Nina back. Unfortunately Jesper gets sidetracked and starts gambling. Kaz meanwhile obtains the goat he needs and reminds Inej that she needs to stay focused. As he so eloquently puts it, "we all have debts to pay."

The group show up at the abandoned train ready to go. Unfortunately Jesper's gambling mishaps mean they're down on coal and may not have enough to cross. Still, the group team up together and prepare to go.

The Conductor rolls up his sleeve to show a number of deep carvings, these mark the number of crossings he's made to the other side. As the train gets moving, they draw near to a Volcra nest. The winged beasts immediately attack.

With things looking bleak, Jesper of all people stands up and shows off his gun-slinging abilities, all whilst holding the goat. Thankfully it's enough to bring them through to the other side, where our characters breathe a sigh of relief.

Otkazat'sya

Season 1
Episode Number: 4
Season Episode: 4

Originally aired:	Friday April 23, 2021
Writer:	Vanya Asher
Director:	Dan Liu
Show Stars:	Jessie Mei Li (Alina Starkov), Archie Renaux (Malyen "Mal" Oretsev), Freddy Carter (Kaz Brekker), Amita Suman (Inej Ghafa), Kit Young (Jesper Fahey), Ben Barnes (General Kirigan), Zoë Wanamaker (Baghra)
Guest Stars:	Danielle Galligan (Nina Zenik), Calahan Skogman (Matthias), Simon Sears (Ivan), Daisy Head (Genya Safin), Andy Burse (Dubrov), Kaylan Teague (Young Alina), Cody Molko (Young Mal), Howard Charles (Arken), Elizabeth Rider (Ana Kuya), Hugo Speer (Lieutenant Bohdan), Julian Kostov (Fedyor), Jasmine Blackborow (Marie), Pedro Lloyd Gardiner (Marko), Angus Castle-Doughty (Mikhael), Jimmy Clark (Tofin), Kelly Banlaki (Raisa), Gabrielle Brooks (Nadia), Jim High (Sergeant Yure), James Jaysen Bryhan (Archivist), Sándor Csongor Torak (Royal Security Guard #1), Tamas Koszoru (Royal Security Guard #2), Koszoru Tamás (Royal Security Guard #2), Márton Nagyszokolyai (Fjerdan Ammo Carrier), Robert Beck (Quartermaster), Emily Lawrence (Grisha Tester #2), Emily Lawrence (Grisha Tester #2), Michael Adamthwaite (General Nilsen), Nicholas Dohy (Oprichniki Guard), Balázs Megyeri (Musician)
Summary:	As Kirigan takes Alina into his confidence, Mal volunteers for a dangerous tracking mission, and the Crows plot a heist to get into the Little Palace.



The episode cleverly splits its story into several different strands, with Alina and Mal both longing for letters from the other.

Our story picks up several weeks after the events of the previous episodes. Mal has been sent to Chernest, where the Fjerdans keep attacking at night. His attempts to write to the Little Palace are in vain — and Mal receives no word back from Alina either.

General Kirigan has tasked a number of different units to go off in search of the

mythical Morozova's Stag. Seeing this as his route back to Alina, Mal volunteers for the tracking party. He's not alone though, and both Mikhael and Dubrov agree to go with him.

Alina and Aleksander Kirigan continue to grow closer together, with the latter understanding her power struggle. Together, they reflect on the history of the Fold and how it came to be.

Hundreds of years back, King Anastas hired a Grisha as a military advisor. Unfortunately this heretic decided to use forbidden science to create an army. In doing so, he also made the Fold and was killed, along with countless others.

The solution to all this is Alina, who is prophesied to use her powers to destroy the Fold once and for all. If she can't complete her task? Well, she could end up just like that Heretic. No pressure!

This inevitably brings Alina back to Baghra for training. It's pretty unconventional teaching, complete with slaps and threats. It's not nearly enough to bring Alina's true power out, but it is at least a start. Baghra next spikes the girl's tea, making Alina see visions of her time at the orphanage — and specifically the day of the testing.

Meanwhile in Kribirsk, East Ravka. Jesper and the gang reflect on their journey through the Shadow Fold and what comes next. They're planning a heist on the Royal Archives, and this means a touching goodbye with Milo, the goat.

Anyway, the group eventually head in with Kaz posing as a sculptor. He gains the dimensions to the front entrance, prompting Inej to dive in from the rooftop. While she copies the schematics, Jesper blends in with the guards.

Reconvening at the bar, the Conductor brings forth Marko, a man who happens to be part of a performing troupe who have lost their star performer (see: sabotaged by the Conductor himself). This could give them a way inside the Little Palace — if Inej lends them her unique talents to the cause. Jesper too uses his gun-slinging abilities, while Kaz formulates his own way inside.

While all this is going on, Matthias confronts his Heartrender prisoner and tries to feed Nina. He wants information on the Darkling, something Nina is not willing to give up. However, the ship hits some serious choppy waters later that night, as Nina remains chained to the rafters.

Meanwhile, Mal, Dubhrov and Mikhael are attacked out in the frosty waste. With a machine-gunner lying in the woods, blasts rain down across the forest as Mal drops to the ground.

When he awakens, both of his friends have been killed. Crawling across the frozen land, he takes out the guards and eventually mourns for his fallen friends. In the distance, the mythical stag steps out into the light. As he looks on in shock, we cut across to Alina who has Genya erase her childhood scar from her hand.

Show Me Who You Are

Season 1

Episode Number: 5

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired:	Friday April 23, 2021
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Guest Stars:	Simon Sears (Ivan), Daisy Head (Genya Safin), Luke Pasqualino (David Kostyk), Kevin Eldon (The Apparatus), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Howard Charles (Arken), Hugo Speer (Lieutenant Bohdan), Jesse Badger (Dima), Julian Kostov (Fedyor Kaminsky), David Verrey (King Pyotr), Georgia Reece (Queen Tatiana), George Parker (Prince Vasily), Jasmine Blackborow (Marie), Pedro Lloyd Gardiner (Marko), Jimmy Clark (Tofin), Gabrielle Brooks (Nadia Zhabin), Kelly Gough (Polina the Inferni), Saif Al-Warith (Oprichnik Officer), Ágnes Bánfalvy (Old Ravkan Woman), Mark Springer (Zemeni Ambassador), Yasmine Maya (Kerch Ambassador), Andy Apollo (Pavel the Inferni), Katrina Durden (Olga), Hannah Atwood (Lotte), Zsófia Dani (Soldier in Mal's Team), Balázs Megyeri (Musician)
Summary:	Alina bonds with Kirigan, and the guests attend her presentation ceremony. Mal communicates news about the Deer. Kaz's plan hinges on a hidden door.



The episode begins with the ominous sound of bells tolling. We're on the outskirts of Chernast, deep in the First Army's Camp. Clutching his stomach, Mal stumbles into town, alone. The soldiers snatch him up and help him back to camp.

Meanwhile, Kaz and the gang are allowed into the Little Palace but are under strict instructions from the guards. Inside the walls, Alina embraces her new role, seeing herself as part of the Grisha. Tellingly, she decides to adopt a black

outfit too. Genya warns her to be careful of powerful men.

Speaking of which, David Kostyk, Expert resident Fabrikator, shows up and introduces himself to Alina. It's clear Genya has a soft spot for him, bidding David farewell as he leaves the room.

With the performance upcoming, this is exactly when Kaz and his team will strike. Kaz poses as a guard and begins looking around the palace, trying to find a point to grab Alina.

Well, Alina is restless and she intends to head out to check on the festivities in town. There's a big show going on, with the cirque troupe putting on a performance depicting Alina as the Sun Summoner.

Alina is certainly amused and intends to make her presence known... until Genya stops her. However, Jesper happens to be overhearing from afar and comments on the situation. As a group,

they set up a lynx flush; a fancy way of saying the Conductor is grabbing the Summoner while the others slide in to break out as quickly as possible.

Back inside the Little Palace, Kirigan and Alina continue to grow closer together. In fact, Alina even kisses the General, surprising him further. This sets the scene for that evening to follow, as surprises are afoot. Jesper and the stable-hand end up kissing in the barn while Kaz puts his plan to snatch up Alina into action.

Before that, Alina dazzles the crowd with a stunning light show; an awesome display of power. While she entertains the masses, Kaz and the group come up against an unexpected wildcard.

That comes in the form of Mal, who arrives at Little Palace looking for General Kirigan. He's let into the palace, feeding back to Kirigan that he's found the stag. Kirigan demands he mark it on the map but Mal refuses. Instead, he tells the General he wants to see Alina first. In exchange for this, he'll disclose the location of the stag precisely.

News of this spreads to Baghra but she's aghast when she hears the General is on the hunt. Alina tries to outsmart Kaz and the group with a doppelganger but Kaz has already seen through this. What he hasn't seen through however, is General Kirigan arriving and grabbing Alina, showing her the blue iris flowers to help woo her.

Mal is ambushed by one of the guards, who tries to assassinate the First Army soldier. Tofin has already been slaughtered but Mal manages to fend off his foe and survive.

After kissing Kirigan in the study, he's taken away with news of Marie's death. Baghra shows up and whisks the Sun Summoner away through a secret passageway. There, she breaks the news that Kirigan is just using her. In fact, he intends to expand the Fold and use it as a weapon.

He's also the Black Heretic and Baghra happens to be his Mother. Kirigan has been hunting the legendary animals all this time — and Alina almost gave him the stag.

While she takes off through twisty corridors in the back, Kirigan confronts his Mother out in the courtyard. Mal takes off too while Alina hides inside a trunk in a carriage outside. The very same carriage, as it turns out, Jesper and the others are in possession of. They hop onboard and take off, unwittingly having completed their mission after all.

The Heart Is An Arrow

Season 1

Episode Number: 6

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Friday April 23, 2021
Writer: Shelley Meals
Director: Mairzee Almas
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Guest Stars: Danielle Galligan (Nina Zenik), Calahan Skogman (Matthias), Simon Sears (Ivan), Luke Pasqualino (David Kostyk), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Howard Charles (Arken), Gareth Turkington (Feliks), Kelly Gough (Polina the Inferni), Wayne Brett (Merchant), Owen Good (First Army Soldier), Nicholas Dohy (Oprichniki Guard), Balázs Megyeri (Musician)
Summary: Furious over the Sun Summoner, Kirigan hunts for information. Alina receives a helping hand when she needs it most. Nina warms to a Grisha hunter.



The episode begins with Yora and Kirigan in the basement, interrogating the Conductor, Arken. Unfortunately one of his guards, Ivan, happens to be a Grisha and he can sense that the man is lying.

Interestingly, Nina too was lying — apparently she was a spy planted by Kirigan. Only, that plan went awry on account of her being taken by the Witch-hunters. Now that she's gone missing, Kirigan suspects that he's involved. Eventually he loses his patience and Kirigan has the man killed.

Kirigan then splits his forces in two directions. One set head off in search of Alina while Nina's whereabouts prompt a search party to head out for them.

Nina is still alive, having survived the shipwreck thanks to a floating wooden board. This certainly isn't like Titanic though, and the pair share their board and make it to shore. Together they make it to a hut up in the mountains and get close together to keep warm.

In the middle of the night, Matthias awakens and immediately pulls away. As the two verbally duel over the differences in their respective towns, Matthias laughs at the prospect of a woman besting him.

It's a clever conversation, one that sees the pair growing closer together while establishing the power dynamic. In fact, Matthias even admits that he likes Nina. Only, he's not sure whether he should trust his feelings or not, especially given she's a Grisha. When the ice falls away outside, Matthias makes a big decision and saves Nina from certain doom.

Meanwhile, Alina awakens from her trunk to find Kaz, Inej and Jesper waiting for her. After a bit of a light show, she takes off. They're in Ryevost, East Ravka and Alina finds herself evading both Kaz and the authorities. As she scrambles into the woods, she runs straight into Mal as the pair are reunited.

Once together, Mal and Alina talk about their journey to this point. Mal admits he's found the mythical stag out in the forest, to which Alina replies that Kirigan has stolen her journal. As they hug and finally catch up, the pair shyly pull away and decide to find some shelter.

Back in town, Kirigan catches up with Kaz and the gang. Ivan heads into a room where numerous sheets are hanging up. Jesper is there already, and he uses his marksman skills to outsmart Ivan.

At the same time, Inej fights against a Squaller (eventually stabbing her in the gut) while Zoya goes hunting for Kaz. Unfortunately Kirigan finds Kaz instead and immediately conjures forth his shadow powers. Thankfully Kaz manages to blind him with his trickery, taking off down the back alleys before being sliced to bits.

In the morning, Alina and Mal decide to work together and find the mythical stag before Kirigan does.

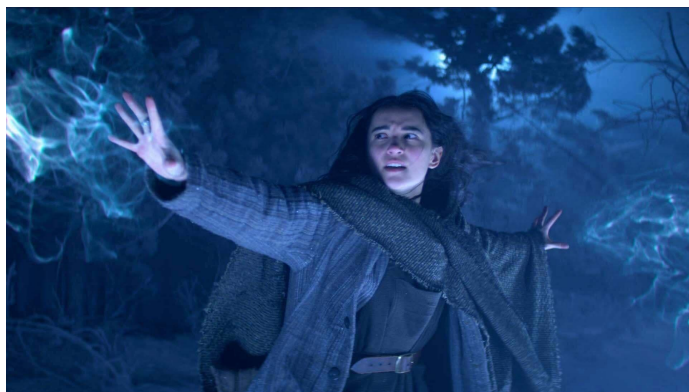
The Unsea

Season 1

Episode Number: 7

Season Episode: 7

Originally aired:	Friday April 23, 2021
Writer:	Christina Strain
Director:	Jeremy Webb
Show Stars:	Jessie Mei Li (Alina Starkov), Archie Renaux (Malyen "Mal" Oretsev), Freddy Carter (Kaz Brekker), Amita Suman (Inej Ghafa), Kit Young (Jesper Fahey), Ben Barnes (General Kirigan), Zoë Wanamaker (Baghra)
Guest Stars:	Simon Sears (Ivan), Daisy Head (Genya Safin), Luke Pasqualino (David Kostyk), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Gareth Turkington (Feliks), Mark Springer (Zemeni Ambassador), Luke Kaile (Vanya), Lucy Griffiths (Luda), Steven Hartley (Commander Chalikov), James Littlewood (Ravkan Hunter), Muki Zubis (Tidemaker), James Hillier (Captain Churik), Danielle Galligan (Nina Zenik), Balázs Megyeri (Musician), Peter Sztojanov Jr. (Big Brawler's friend)
Summary:	The fate of the stag leaves Alina in an impossible position with Kirigan, whose connection to the Fold — and the power behind it - falls into place.



The episode begins in the past with Kirigan riding to find a Grisha called Luda. With Baghra leading the other Grisha to a sanctuary, soldiers surround Kirigan and Luda. Unfortunately this results in Luda's death. This conjures forth a blinding rage in Kirigan, unleashing a slice of shadowy power that cuts the soldiers in half.

With Luda cradled under his arms, Kirigan hurries to the Grisha sanctuary. Baghra forbids his plans to create the Fold but the future General refuses to listen.

With numerous journals in hand, he begins to learn how to strike back and create an army.

Bells toll ominously outside, snatching up Kirigan from his thoughts. He steps outside and finds himself surrounded on orders of the King. Heading out alone, Kirigan uses his shadow powers, which in turn creates the Shadow Fold.

Back in the present, Kirigan leads his party out into the frozen tundra, tracking Mal and Alina. Meanwhile, Kaz decides the group should cut their losses and ponders whether to go back home. This certainly doesn't sit well with Inej though, especially given her past.

Meanwhile, Alina and Mal find the mythical stag out in the woods. Instead of shooting though, Alina decides to get closer. She eventually touches the nose of this creature and looks set to take its power. Only, Kirigan and his men show up and attack. In the ensuing skirmish, the stag is shot — as is Mal.

General Kirigan finally shows up and looks set to hit Mal with shadow powers. Thankfully, Alina manages to produce a dazzling light barrier to protect them.

Unfortunately Alina loses the barrier in favour of trying to save Mal. Kirigan immediately goes on the offensive, cutting the head off this mythical stag. Kirigan holds Alina captive and reveals that he intends to siphon off her power into him. With parts of the deer held between them, Kirigan uses David to create a bridge between the pair. Now he can use her powers.

This certainly doesn't bode well for the future, as the group ride to the First Camp. Whilst there, Alina finds herself in the company of Genya. She confirms the King has been taken ill, while the Queen is in isolation. Unfortunately she too is a spy, revealing herself to be working for Kirigan all this time. She was also the reason Mal's letters never reached their intended destination.

While they talk, Kirigan arrives before Mal. He antagonizes the soldier, telling him he read their letters. Kirigan intends to use patience and time to his advantage, waiting for Alina to come to him. He doesn't intend to kill Mal though, he's instead going to let time do that itself.

Well, Mal isn't waiting around that long. He uses his wits to entice a goat over and breaks free from his restraints. With his guard asleep, Mal slips away. When Kirigan finds out, he gives Ivan and the others strict instructions to put Mal down if he gets near Alina.

Meanwhile, Inej says her goodbyes to Kaz, who admits that he'll do everything he can to make sure she doesn't return to Heleen. Together with Jesper, they prepare to head back across the Fold. Only, this will mean getting a skiff across to the other side. Hiding in plain sight, they abandon capturing Alina and head back home.

With papers and disguises, the trio blend in to the First Army ranks and prepare to board the Skiff. Mal too is onboard, hiding in the cabins below. Kaz, Jesper and Inej blend in, realizing that they're going in completely exposed this time. As the vessel leaves the dock, the series lends itself nicely to the season finale.

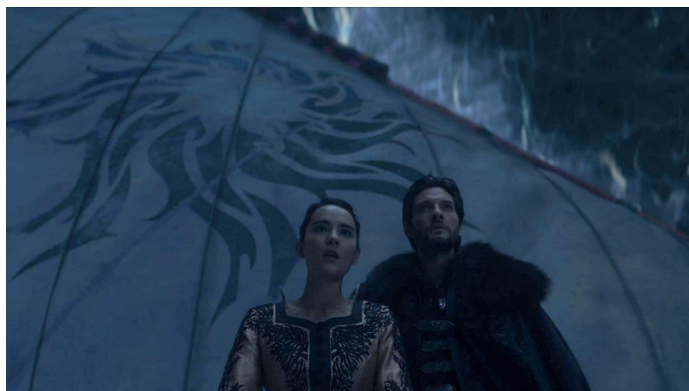
No Mourners

Season 1

Episode Number: 8

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:	Friday April 23, 2021
Writer:	Eric Heisserer, Daegan Fryklind
Director:	Jeremy Webb
Show Stars:	Jessie Mei Li (Alina Starkov), Archie Renaux (Malyen "Mal" Oretsev), Freddy Carter (Kaz Brekker), Amita Suman (Inej Ghafa), Kit Young (Jesper Fahey), Ben Barnes (General Kirigan), Zoë Wanamaker (Baghra)
Guest Stars:	Danielle Galligan (Nina Zenik), Calahan Skogman (Matthias), Simon Sears (Ivan), Tom Weston-Jones (General Zlatan), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Julian Kostov (Fedyor), Gareth Turkington (Feliks), Dénes Ákos Gere (Lieutenant Ostap), Yasmine Maya (Kerch Ambassador), Johnny K. Palmer (Bartender), Tam Dean Burn (Kerch Captain), Martin Berencsy (Aide of Kerch Ambassador), Nick Cornwall (Slaver), Tarik Mesfun (Kerch Sailor 1), Hannah Lee (Kerch Sailor 2), Shaun Cowlshaw (Kerch Sailor 3), Balázs Megyeri (Musician)
Summary:	In the depths of the Fold, Kirigan demonstrates the scope of Alina's powers, while the Crows cross paths with a stowaway amid a do-or-die undertaking.



The episode begins inside the Fold. Darkness consumes the group as they prepare for the inevitable. They've passed five markers and thus far no Volcra have attacked. Down in the cabins, Jesper, Kaz and Inej also prepare for what's to come. Unfortunately Jesper doesn't have anywhere near enough bullets.

Meanwhile, Nina and Matthias make it into Arkesk. The pair try to work out whether there's somewhere they can go together where they're no longer witch and witchhunter. With the threat of be-

ing court-martialled and deserted, Matthias tries to push this to the back of his mind while they sit downstairs and eat waffles. Only, Matthias suddenly collapses on the table.

A Grisha shows from the distance, a man known as Fedyor. He immediately takes Matthias and holds him captive. This obviously causes any trust between him and Nina to shatter, despite her pleas that this was the only way to save him. He's en-route to Hellsgate too, where he'll be a prisoner. This just so happens to be in the town of Ketterdam.

Back inside the Fold, Alina uses her powers to blast a way forward. Only, it's a small tunnel, one that's nowhere near big enough to destroy the Fold. It turns out this was never the plan for Kirigan, as he wants to use the darkness as a weapon, with Alina used as a tool.

Down in the cabins, Kaz and the others find a stowaway — it's Mal! He too wants to kill the General and this makes him an ally in their fight. The boat suddenly stops though as Kirigan demonstrates his power. He uses the darkness and pushes the Fold out, consuming East Ravka. He tells the men and women onboard the skiff that their fight is over; they can redraw maps and change the world as they see fit.

Mal suddenly bursts out the crowd with a gun, intent on shooting Kirigan. Unfortunately he's stopped and forced down to the ground by the Grisha. Once there, Alina tries her best to control the light but it's too much.

Kaz and the others show too, managing to strike Kirigan but realizing it's too late and Kirigan is far too powerful. As the Volcra begin to attack, Alina reaches forward for Mal. Only, the mythical stag suddenly appears before her.

Now realizing what she needs to do, she grabs the knife on the ground and plunges it into Kirigan's hand. With the connection between them broken, Alina uses her powers to push the darkness back. Kirigan is confused, but as Alina explains, the stag chose her — not him.

Mal knocks the Black General off the skiff and attacks, hitting the man with a barrage of bullets. Volcra swoops down and grab Kirigan, knocking him back as it seems they're feasting on him.

Mal makes it back onboard the skiff to find Alina passed out. She eventually awakens, allowing them to move the skiff forward and leave the Fold. Together, the group reconvene out in the frosty fields.

Kaz realizes how valuable the Sun Summoner is and tries to work out whether to hand her in or not. Well, a valuable treasure is enough to persuade Kaz otherwise. Alina looks back toward the Fold, knowing this fight is far from over.

With Kirigan having turned against his own people, it leaves the fate of the world a big unknown at his point. "Saints become martyrs before they become heroes."

Kaz and the gang decide to get a boat to Ketterdam. The vessel they choose to take? The same one Matthias happens to be held captive on. As they talk about their plan, Nina happens to be listening from afar.

Mal and Alina decide to team up and stick together, determined to take the Fold down. Only, there's a problem. The Darkling is not dead. As we cut across to Kirigan, we see him leave the Fold and issue a command for the Volcra to follow.

Season Two

No Shelter But Me

Season 2

Episode Number: 9

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Thursday March 16, 2023
Writer: Eric Heisserer
Director: Bola Ogun
Show Stars: Jessie Mei Li (Alina Starkov), Archie Renaux (Malyen "Mal" Oretsev), Freddy Carter (Kaz Brekker), Amita Suman (Inej Ghafa), Kit Young (Jesper Fahey), Ben Barnes (General Kirigan), Zoë Wanamaker (Baghra), Patrick Gibson (Nikolai Lantsov), Daisy Head (Genya Safin), Danielle Galligan (Nina Zenik), Calahan Skogman (Matthias), Lewis Tan (Tolya Yul-Bataar), Jack Wolfe (Wylan Hendriks), Anna Leong Brophy (Tamar Kir-Bataar)
Guest Stars: Sean Gilder (Dreesen), Dean Lennox Kelly (Pekka Rollins), Tichiti Ahmed (Fisherman), Virág Bárány (Eshana), Marc Benga (Customs Officer), Peta Cornish (Ravkan Woman), Fflyn Edwards (Young Kaz), László Hajdú (Maxim / Male Refugee), Máté Haumann (Florian), Joe T. Horn (Dime Lion Muscle #1), Kembe Sorel (Pottery Vendor), Janet Kumah (Keme), Katalin Lábán (Needlepoint Woman), Telma Lincoln (Zemeni Vendor Woman), Seamus O'Hara (Sergeant Halsov), Tommy Rodger (Jordie), Ilias Shweirif (Doughty), Jonathan Slinger (Constable Sem), Hugo Speer (Lt. Bohdan), Zsuzanna Szager (Female Refugee), David Wurawa (Edyck)
Summary: On the run and plagued by nightmares, Alina finds a moment of peace with Mal. Trouble awaits Kaz, Inej, and Jesper upon their return to Ketterdam.



The episode starts with Alina experiencing a horrific nightmare. Within this, a dark wave plunges over a small village, consuming everything in its path. Alina is powerless to stop it and as she looks up, Kirigan is there, watching. He marches toward her but our heroine awakens with a start.

Alina is with Mal, sailing across the sea. Their destination is Weddle Harbour, a bustling town on the sea that boasts hot stones to keep your bed warm. They need to get through the checkpoint first

and pray that with Kaz's paperwork they'll make it through without hassle.

Alina is determined to find the Sea Whip; the second amplifier she needs to help take down the Fold once and for all. However, her plan hits a snag when she learns Ravkan refugees have shown up. One of the survivors claims the Fold moved overnight, and a chill runs down Alina's spine. She realizes her dreams are actually happening. The Fold is being manipulated and the Darkling is still alive, manipulating everything from within.

Over in Ketterdam, Kaz, Jesper and Inej immediately find themselves wanted for murder. Inej slips away before the officers can arrest her, while the other two are put in cuffs and taken away. En-route, the carriage suddenly stops and Kaz and Jesper are forced to get out. They're marched up to see Sturmhond, the real guy in charge here. Dreesen is simply another subordinate.

Sturmhond is a very prolific privateer (see: fancy pirate) and he wants Alina. Given there's a twenty million reward for finding her, she's more valuable than any trinket or treasure right now, meaning the stakes have certainly gone up considerably.

Kaz decides to tell Sturmhond where Alina is, given the man's profile. He deduces that Stormhund probably already knows roughly where Alina is given the boat she sailed in on. The best Kaz can do here is get their money back. Kaz also admits to Jesper after he's freed that he knows Jesper is a Durast. Kaz agrees to keep it a secret though.

At Weddle Harbour, Alina checks out old nautical maps, while Mal heads to the dock, both intent on finding evidence of the Sea Whip's location. Using her powers, Alina finds a hidden picture beside one of the islands off Ketterdam, which appears to be their destination.

However, news has spread here of the Sun Summoner and unfortunately wanted posters are up around town. Alina attempts to leave the library undetected but it's no good, an old lady points out she's there and a chase ensues.

Mal inevitably finds himself chased by soldiers at the harbour too, but as the pair cross paths, they're saved by a whole bunch of Durast that block the path from incoming soldiers. Their only way out is going to be the harbour, so men are positioned looking out for them.

Inej catches up with Kaz and Jesper, revealing that they're actually wanted for murdering Tante Haleen. This was Pekka Rollins' doing, and he's framing them for murder. Given she held the deed to the Crow Club, Pekka taking her out means he's in charge of it. Even worse, he's also in charge of the Menagerie too so he's basically untouchable.

Kaz decides they need a Heartrender not owned by Pekka but in order to do that they're going to need reinforcements. Part of that comes from meeting Wylan, who's out in the streets busking. Kaz admits to him in private that he needs his help.

Inej meanwhile, is followed by a Heartrender called Nina who decides to enlist her help. Knowing that Inej needs her skills, Nina shows up at the meeting spot (Wylan's workshop) where Kaz realizes that Nina is connected to all this given she actually worked with Arken. She wants someone broken out of Hellgate but Kaz refuses, pointing out it's not possible. Instead though, he offers to get her a visit which seems to do the trick.

As the group head up to the rooftop, overlooking the town, an explosion in the distance illuminates the skyline. It's the Crow Club, and confirmation of war with Pekka Rollins. As Kaz walks away purposefully, he all but confirms that he's the one who orchestrated this. (RIP Jesper's wonderful hat collection).

Meanwhile, Alina and Mal manage to gain passage out of the harbour through an independent ship that just so happens to be in the dock. Unfortunately, this ship is owned by Sturmhond, who smirks at the Sun Summoner, pointing out there's a reward for her dead or alive.

Rusalye

Season 2

Episode Number: 10

Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Thursday March 16, 2023
Writer: Nick Culbertson
Director: Bola Ogun
Show Stars: Jessie Mei Li (Alina Starkov), Archie Renaux (Malyen "Mal" Oretsev), Freddy Carter (Kaz Brekker), Amita Suman (Inej Ghafa), Kit Young (Jesper Fahey), Ben Barnes (General Kirigan), Zoë Wanamaker (Baghra), Patrick Gibson (Nikolai Lantsov), Daisy Head (Genya Safin), Danielle Galligan (Nina Zenik), Calahan Skogman (Matthias), Lewis Tan (Tolya Yul-Bataar), Jack Wolfe (Wylan Hendriks), Anna Leong Brophy (Tamar Kir-Bataar)
Guest Stars: Dean Lennox Kelly (Pekka Rollins), Wayne Brett (Henrik), Drummond Money-Coutts (Magician), Fflyn Edwards (Young Kaz), Tumi Fani-Kayode (Miradi), András Korcsmáros (Grevyen), Pääru Oja (Mogens), Róbert Papdi (Errol), Shobhit Piasa (Vladim), Tim Plester (Per Haskell), Thue Ersted Rasmussen (Ahlgren), Rachel Redford (Fruszi), István Rubóczki (Dime Lion #3), Tommy Rodger (Jordie)
Summary: Alina and Mal embark on a search for the second amplifier. Kaz hatches a scheme to lay waste to his nemesis. Kirigan seeks a cure for what ails him.



The episode starts with Sturmhond admitting he's not going to hand Alina over to the Fjerdans. However, that's not to say he's not going to hand them over at all. He's still weighing up his options and who will give the best price for the Sun Summoner.

Alina tries to bargain with the pirate (privateer), pointing out he'll be rewarded by the King of Ravka and also revealing her actual intentions, including tearing down the Fold. She also entices him with the hunt for Morozova's Sea Whip. With

danger and money on the horizon with this quest, Sturmhond caves and decides to help Alina find the second amplifier.

Kirigan is looking the worse for wear and struggles to shake off his ailment. Genya uses her powers on Kirigan at his request to help heal his wounds, including the nasty scar across his face, but when she does, a horrific shadow monster bursts forth from her back. Kirigan is forced to stave off its threat but it clearly rattles Genya.

Next, Kirigan visits Vladim and asks for some sort of alchemic remedy to his situation. Vladim points out that his affliction is a result of creating these shadow monsters. The only thing to counter the merzost is even more merzost. Kirigan isn't looking to stave off the effects though, he wants to embrace it. Panicked, Vladim eventually agrees to help.

Not content to sit and wait, Kirigan grabs an ancient journal from a waterfall and releases Baghra, who has been kept prisoner in the cell all this time.

Throughout the episode, we jump back and see flashbacks with Kaz, including his history with Pekka Rollins. Kaz was eking out a living on the streets and struggling to survive. For him,

this feud with Pekka is more than personal, although we don't see everything that went down between them and quite why Kaz is so hell-bent on revenge beyond what's happening in the present.

Kaz's situation is made worse by the death of a constable, staged by Pekka last episode as retaliation for the Crow Club explosion. When Kaz finds out, he reveals to the group that it's not enough to just kill the man, for this personal vendetta to play out, he wants everything to be pinned back on him. In order to do that, they need to get to his accountant, Henrik Van Poel.

If Kaz can get access to Pekka's book, he explains to the group that it'll tell him everything he needs to know. They do know the building that Van Poel is working in but not the right office. There's no chance of using their sharpshooter and the place values anonymity so there's no numbers on doors or anything. How are they going to do it?

Well, fret not because Nina asks the waitress and she knows his office is on the second floor. So while Kaz sets out to copy Henrik's books, the others follow Pekka's driver.

Pekka is getting restless and upon learning that the damages from the Crow Club explosion is topping around 250,000, he's desperate to bring Kaz in to custody. Part of that includes going after Inej first.

Before that occurs, we cut across to Alina and Mal who are at sea. They get acquainted to the various other men and women onboard Sturmhond's boat. Among those are Tolya and his sister, Tamar. These greetings are short-lived though as Mal helps the navigators in heading for their next destination. This happens to be the Island of Jelke, where their ancient beast awaits.

Despite going in armed to the teeth, Alina is dead-set on the group not harming the creature. She tells them that if it's anything like the stag, Alina is sure she can tame it without killing it. When it comes down to it though, the worst occurs. In a sea cave, the creature attacks and Alina is forced to use her magic to kill the beast.

It's not just Alina's plan that goes awry. That night, Kaz's plan goes sideways too. Pekka finds Kaz and confronts him, spouting a villain's monologue as he points out that his crew are going to be captured this night. Pekka has brought in a taxidermist assassin called Mogens to capture Inej. The pair fight up on the rooftops but Inej just about manages to escape before she's too badly hurt.

Pekka has also pulled some strings to capture Jesper too, who's unwittingly walking right into a trap. He and Wylan end up in a shootout with some slick camera work before escaping with their lives and meeting Kaz as scheduled.

As for Kaz, wildcard Nina heads in and saves him from Pekka using her powers and some bombs to aid their getaway. However, Nina is shot and wounded in the process, forcing the group into hiding. Pekka though, is more determined than ever to make them pay.

Meanwhile, Alina embraces her new power onboard Sturmhond's boat as a ceremony gets underway to honor those killed by the Sea Whip. This new wave of power looks set to consume Alina until Mal steps up and embraces his lover, helping to stabilize her energy as the pair hug.

When Alina regains her composure, she suggests they head to East Ravka and then onto the Fold. Unfortunately, Kirigan can sense Alina's power is growing and smiles evilly as he remarks this to himself in the darkness.

Like Calls to Like

Season 2

Episode Number: 11

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Thursday March 16, 2023
Writer:	Donna Thorland
Director:	Laura Belsey
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Guest Stars:	Dean Lennox Kelly (Pekka Rollins), Joanna McGibbon (Nadia), Luke Pasqualino (David Kostyk), Keir Charles (Colonel Raevsky), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Fflyn Edwards (Young Kaz), Tamás Farkas (Kovu), Taylor Fay (Alby Rollins), Bence Ferenczi (Roeder), Zoltán Hetényi (Hiemstra), Zsolt Kemenesi (Hein), Komornik András (Hellgate Guard #1), Gábor Matus (Hellgate Guard #2), Tamás Németh (The Cannibal), Alistair Nwachukwu (Adrik), Pääru Oja (Mogens), Shobhit Piasa (Vladim), Tim Plester (Per Haskell), Thue Ersted Rasmussen (Ahlgren), Rachel Redford (Fruszi), Tommy Rodger (Jordie), Iliasz Shweirif (Doughty), Christine Grace Szarko (Nanny Rollins), April V Woods (Saskia)
Summary:	A powerful ally emerges amid Alina's attempt to tear down the Fold. Kaz reckons with ghosts from his past. Kirigan spares no mercy to expand his power.



The episode starts with Alisa brimming with confidence, ready to take on the world. Sturmhond joins them for what comes next, as they prepare to make land with their secondary vessel. This boat produces a smaller steam-powered ship, which takes off and begins flying. The group draw nearer the Fold.

Elsewhere, Kaz and his group hold up in a secret hideout to avoid detection. Wylan mentions the Firepox plague in the past, an event that saw many people die. In fact, there were so many deaths that the

crematoriums were backed up, resulting in bodies floating in the sea. This brings back horrid memories for Kaz, who's clearly deeply affected by this. The image we see is of him as a child, crying while floating on what looks to be a raft propped up by dead bodies.

"Enough!" Kaz booms before handing over the next assignment. Pekka has a glass factory in Appelbroek so he tasks Wylan and Jesper to go and investigate what this may be hiding.

Still trapped in a cage, Kirigan confronts his mother about their war, and it's definitely war given he intends to conquer beyond the Palace. In order to do that, he needs men and part of his recruitment drive includes David, who shows up to work with him. On the way, he passes Genya and the pair exchange a knowing glance.

Alina and the group sail into the middle of the Fold, where the Sun Summoner uses her powers to try and control the shadowy realm within. She blasts out waves of power and it seems to work... until it doesn't. Memories of Kirigan splinter through and throw her concentration, eventually leading to Alina passing out unconscious. That's bad news, especially as the Kingfisher (the name of their flying ship) happens to be right in the middle of the Fold.

Although the group manage to stave off the shadowy creatures that attack, the sail is ripped and broken. Thankfully Alina manages to regain consciousness long enough to get them out but the damage is done. The ship crash-lands and Alina bemoans her naivety, realizing that she's not strong enough yet.

The group happen to be on Ravkan soil and soldiers show up to confront them, who immediately bow to Sturmhond who's actually a guy called Nikolai Lantsov. He's Major of the 22nd Regiment and the Second Son of King Pyotr. When Alina finds out she's been lied to all this time, she's angry and smacks Nikolai. He shrugs it off and claims that he lied to protect his image and name, much like Alina did. He needed to find her and Sturmhond was the only persona he could think of to help bring her in.

Together, they travel where Alina is reunited with Nadia who rushes out to see her from his workshop. This is a Grisha Sanctuary and with more being killed by the day, they need to band together. And part of those alliances begin with Zoya. She points out that Ravka is on the verge of collapsing and decides they should work to fight back together.

Jesper and Wylan show up at Appelboek and break in past the unsuspecting guards. Now, this estate happens to be the same one from the past, specifically that which we've seen with Kaz's flashbacks. The pair are caught and feign being part of a repair company, pointing out a broken piano wire as what needs fixing. As it happens, Wylan is actually a very proficient piano player, catching Jesper off-guard after the latter fixes the key using his powers.

Kaz speaks to Inej, who demands to know what they're gambling their lives for. Eventually Kaz opens up and admits that Pekka killed his brother. That's why he's working so hard to take the guy down. Inej immediately understands and the pair find solace in one another. As they share a moment, Kaz also warns that Mogens is not going to stop hunting her and she needs to be wary of any potential weaknesses to his game.

Inej shows up to see the taxidermist, and the pair end up fighting. Inej comes out on top and kills him, thwarting the threat.

Speaking of threat, Kirigan becomes aware that Alina is in East Ravka and speaks to his mother, pointing out he needs to know the location of the Firebird. If Alina finds it first she could be a massive threat to the Darkling and he can't have that. She doesn't know where it is, so instead Kirigan cuts off her finger and decides to use her bones. This is enough for David to make his mind up and he speaks to Genya, telling her they need to leave and warn Alina of what's happening.

As for Alina, she starts to suspect Kirigan is still alive and deduces that the only way to protect herself is to take on Nikolai's offer of bringing her under the wing of the Royal Family. His name and banner would become a shield... but that would also mean marriage.

When Jesper and Wylan return, they find Kaz beaten and sporting a busted lip. This happened as a result of Kaz visiting the Dregs earlier in the episode, where he beat them down and managed to gain their allegiance. As for Kaz, he learns that the kid at the estate is called Alby Rollins, which is the real reason he sent the pair off for their reconnaissance mission. He wants to kill the kid as revenge.

Nina shows up to see Matthias, her beloved that she wants to see go free from Hellgate. After watching his brutal cage fight, she tries to get his attention. Unfortunately, she also attracts Pekka Rollins who offers her a deal. She's to bring him Kaz otherwise the next fight Matthias gets involved in will be to the death.

As the episode closes out, we cut back to Alina who has made her decision. She heads over to Nikolai to tell him.

Every Monstrous Thing

Season 2

Episode Number: 12

Season Episode: 4

Originally aired:	Thursday March 16, 2023
Writer:	Shelley Meals
Director:	Laura Belsey
Show Stars:	Jessie Mei Li (Alina Starkov), Archie Renaux (Malyen "Mal" Oretsev), Freddy Carter (Kaz Brekker), Amita Suman (Inej Ghafa), Kit Young (Jesper Fahey), Ben Barnes (General Kirigan), Zoë Wanamaker (Baghra), Patrick Gibson (Nikolai Lantsov), Daisy Head (Genya Safin), Danielle Galligan (Nina Zenik), Calahan Skogman (Matthias), Lewis Tan (Tolya Yul-Bataar), Jack Wolfe (Wylan Hendriks), Anna Leong Brophy (Tamar Kir-Bataar)
Guest Stars:	Dean Lennox Kelly (Pekka Rollins), Joanna McGibbon (Nadia), Luke Pasqualino (David Kostyk), Keir Charles (Colonel Raevsky), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Edward Davis (Prince Vasily), Flyn Edwards (Young Kaz), Taylor Fay (Alby Rollins), Máté Haumann (Constable Florian), Tamas Hagyo (Kerch Sailor), Sándor Laczkó (First Army Captain), Panka Muranyi (Indentured Woman), Piroska Mészáros (Seamstress), Drummond Money-Coutts (Magician), Alistair Nwachukwu (Adrik), Péter Pál (Guard), Róbert Papdi (Errol), Shobhit Piasa (Vladim), Rachel Redford (Fruszi), Georgia Reece (Queen Tatiana), Tommy Rodger (Jordie), Kata Sarbó (Passing Woman), Iliasz Shweirif (Doughty), Széll Attila (Croupier), Harry Szovik (Patron), David Verrey (King Pyotr), David Wurawa (Edyck)
Summary:	Alina considers a proposed partnership that could help unite Ravka. With vengeance nearly his, Kaz moves the final pieces of his plan into place.



The episode starts with Alina and Nikolai sitting with the Royal family, where Nikolai announces their engagement. This causes tensions all over the place, including with Nikolai's mother, who expresses her concerns. There's also the cunning Vasily, Nikolai's brother, who looks to do some meddling. This is especially evident when he spies Mal taking Alina aside in secret.

Believing they're alone, the pair exchange a tender moment and vow that this isn't going to change anything and

they'll continue their love in secret. Mal though, believes Alina should be focusing on finding the Firebird. Alina though is dead-set on following through with the cause believing that Ravka is more than just a swamp and that it needs saving the diplomatic way.

David eventually manages to find his way to the palace, right off the back of Alina's failed attempts to channel her power. There, he reveals to Nikolai and Alina exactly what Kirigan is up to. He points out Genya's sacrifice to get him out and asks for help, especially as these shadow monsters can't be killed. As leader of the Second Army now, it falls on Alina to make the hard decision. She doesn't trust David and instead, has him sent to the holding cells instead.

Genya's attempts to escape were futile as she's locked up alongside Baghra in the cage. However, she sports horrible scars all over her face. When Kirigan shows up, he looks at her in disgust and eventually has her taken away, unwilling to even look at her scarred face. He intends to use her as an example to teach the others about insolence.

Kaz's big plan of vengeance and retribution is about to go down but before it does, he warns Inej that if things go south, then she's to take her brother and leave the city as quickly as possible. The plan involves Wylan and Jesper handing out Komedie Brute costumes and vials of the compound to all the Dregs.

Haskell's gang (who's now following their rule) will provide them with cover as they hit all of Pekka's clubs and disrupt their reputation through this compound, all the while Nina and Kaz will head for the Emerald Palace. After dispersing, Nina suddenly turns and smacks Kaz in the face.

Over with Alina and Mal, the latter speaks to Nikolai and reveals there could be something out there that kills the shadow creatures. Specifically, an ancient sword called the Neshyenyer which can pierce right through shadow.

The real sword was stolen but if they could find it — using the expertise of a crew like the Crows for example — it could swing the balance of power in their favour. As a result, Tolya and Tamar make plans to head out to Ketterdam with Zoya and Mal to make this proposition. Unfortunately, before they leave Mal is knocked out and taken away, forced to be imprisoned for being a deserter of the army. All of this is Vasily's doing, Nikolai's brother, who watches on with glee.

Nina brings Kaz to Pekka, who beats him down, unaware that his crew are currently out causing mischief, spreading the compound and making it seem like the Firepox Plague is back with a vengeance.

When Pekka finally finds out, it becomes clear that Nina was playing Pekka this whole time and didn't turn on him after all. This whole charade was a plan to taint Pekka's business and when he points a gun at Kaz's head, Kaz reveals his trump card. Alby.

Kaz smiles evilly and reveals that Alby is six feet deep, brandishing the boy's toy train to prove as much. Kaz wants Pekka to atone for his sins but the crime boss can't even remember Kaz's brother's name (Jordie). It's enough for Kaz to force Pekka down to his knees at gunpoint. And when he does, Kaz drops a pen and forces him to sign a deed confirming that their crew is not guilty of murder, and Inej is free to go.

When Pekka shows up at the cemetery with all his men, scrambling to get rid of the dirt, Alby shows up safe and sound in a horse-drawn carriage. He watches in shock as his father is arrested for Tante's murder. Kaz speaks to Inej and hands over the deed. He also forces her out after disobeying his commands, coming off the back of freeing prisoners without consulting him. In reality, this feels like a weak excuse just to help Inej be free to live her life and protect the one he cares about the most.

During Nikolai and Alina's wedding, there's a big problem. Vasily looks set to cause chaos and stands up to give a big speech, presumably to oust Alina's "secret affair" with Mal. Before he can though, the Fold suddenly closes in on their location, producing a shadow creature which suddenly descends on the wedding and starts destroying everything, including ripping Vasily in half.

As Alina and the others (minus Mal of course) scramble out the hall, Alina runs into Kirigan, who's inside her head and forces her to freeze on the spot. Only... he's not inside her head. Instead, he's actually right in front of her and he stands alongside the shadow creature, offering for the pair to work together. When Alina refuses, Kirigan unleashes the monster to attack all her friends, who happen to be by her side.

Alina's forcefield isn't much good but as her power bursts forth, hurtling the pair backwards across the ground, the ceiling starts to cave in.

Yuyeh Sesh (Despise Your Heart)

Season 2
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Season Episode: 5

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Guest Stars: Dean Lennox Kelly (Pekka Rollins), Joanna McGibbon (Nadia), Luke Pasqualino (David Kostyk), Alex Allaga (Inmate #1), Keir Charles (Colonel Raevsky), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Tuyen Do (Ohval Saran), Fflyn Edwards (Young Kaz), Alistair Nwachukwu (Adrik), Shobhit Piasa (Vladim), Thue Ersted Rasmussen (Ahlgren), Georgia Reece (Queen Tattiana), Rachel Redford (Fruszi), Tommy Rodger (Jordie), Tamas Szaraz (Prison Guard #1), Kitty Bich Thuy Ta (Tea Shop Waitress)
Summary: Alina's connection to Kirigan grows increasingly unstable after his latest strike. The Crows head to Shu Han on a mission to retrieve a legendary sword.



The episode starts with Kirigan returning to his workshop and finding the place completely trashed to bits. Vladim is there too and he tries in vain to talk to Kirigan about his continued mission to push the amplifier he's working on. Kirigan is not interested right now and he marches purposefully out the room, shutting the door in his face. Both Genya and Baghra escaped last episode and this incentivizes Kirigan on to push his agenda further, desperate to get the Sun Summoner back.

Alina regroups in the caves where a number of injured are being tended to. Among them happen to be one of the Grisha, who was hurt by the shadow creature last episode. Watching as he's treated to causes Alina to spiral out of control and she struggles to control her power, especially as she keeps seeing Kirigan everywhere. She does find some comfort in the arrival of Baghra and Genya, who both show up to see Alina, who embraces the latter warmly.

However, when Nikolai learns that Genya is the Grisha that poisoned the King, he's livid and almost loses control. However, Alina talks him around and points out that the Darkling manipulated Genya into doing his bidding. As a result of this, Nikolai's attention turns to Kirigan too and he vows to gain revenge against the man. In the midst of this, there's a really beautiful moment between David and Genya too, with the former managing to sweettalk his way back into Genya's good books, pointing out that she's beautiful.

Meanwhile, Tolya and Zoya arrive in Ketterdam and proposition Kaz and the group about retrieving the lost blade. Inej is out the group so she won't be coming along, but it's clear that she has every intention of joining them regardless of what Kaz says.

Kaz does some digging and learns that the Neshyenyer at Ahmrat Jen is definitely a fake. The sword has actually been stolen by a thief known as The Disciple, a man who has a knack for stealing Saint-related relics. Ohval Saran is their first port of call, a woman who runs a tea shop who could have crucial intel about where this sword is located.

The group show up in Bhez Zu, a bustling Shu town, and speak to Ohval over some tea. The meeting goes awry as Ohval snubs their proposition, claiming she doesn't work with thieves and refuses to talk.

The gang regroup, after some awkward back and forth rapport between Wylan and Jesper. The latter learns that Wylan can't read, while Wylan has figured out that Jesper is a Grisha and is hiding it from everyone.

Kaz deduces that Ohval, their tea lady, is The Disciple they're after. She can control her emotions and heartrate so she must be the one with the sword. Kaz believes she tipped off the waitress to spill the tea on Kaz, which resulted in him breaking his concentration and ending up with a bit of a panic attack. As a result, Kaz decides they'll need to steal the sword for themselves while Ohval is out, setting up another heist.

Meanwhile, Alina realizes she needs to break this bond she has with the Darkling if they have any hope of stopping him. The only way to do that is for Alina to confront Kirigan himself. Whilst there, Alina uses her projected stag amplified power and almost takes down the whole roof in her hypnotized state.

Mal returns after that little inconvenience of being taken and pulls Alina back from the brink. Unfortunately he does so just as she was about to sever the bond between her and Kirigan, lulling him into a false sense of security and getting close enough to break off the bond from his hand.

Alina is not happy and as the others make a quick getaway to avoid the awkwardness, Alina and Mal end up hashing out their issues, ending with Mal conceding and telling her he'll get the Firebird but leaving things on a rather sour note. Baghra has more details about this Firebird that could be of some use, pointing out that Morozova's workshop would be a good place to start looking.

Alina makes her choice and hands back Nikolai's ring. She's not going to get married right now but instead embrace her true calling and what she was destined to do. Before he leaves, Nikolai hands over his Lucky Compass for her; an excuse to find him again.

Pekka Rollins is thrown into Hellgate where a prisoner inevitably tries to make a name for himself. Unfortunately the crime boss is way too savvy to be killed by a nobody and he takes advantage of the situation, beating the guy senseless and riling the other prisoners up to work for him from now on. Matthias watches all this from afar and vows to get his revenge.

Kaz's plan goes ahead and (as per the norm this series) it goes awry. Nina is blindsided by Ohval in the street while Zoya loses the pair in the hustle and bustle of the marketplace.

Unaware of all this, Kaz and the others break into Ohval's house but the place is rigged with traps. The room starts filling with poisonous gas and an egg timer starts counting down, as all our characters pass out.

As the episode closes out, Nina awakens to find Zoya there, having found her in the street. Nina was clever enough to pretend that she was dead, slowing down her heartrate and playing dead. With Ohval gone, the pair are left with no answers and a race against time to save the Crows.

Ni Weh Sesh (I Have No Heart)

Season 2
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Season Episode: 6

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Guest Stars: Joanna McGibbon (Nadia), Luke Pasqualino (David Kostyk), Bálint Antal (Igor Tarkovski), Simon Armstrong (The Disciple), Louis Boyer (Dominik), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Tuyen Do (Ohval Saran), Vanessa Grasse (Vatra), Sabrina Jávora (Rostova), Alistair Nwachukwu (Adrik), Rhoda Ofori-Attah (Aditi), Shobhit Piasa (Vladim), Rachel Redford (Fruszi), Tommy Rodger (Jordie)
Summary: Alina and Mal's journey to locate the elusive third amplifier leads to shocking revelations. The Crows run into trouble while breaking and entering.



The episode sees Alina and Baghra heading out to find the Firebird. Baghra warns that if it comes down to it, Kirigan will need to be stopped as he's polluted by Merzost. She's strong but not as strong as Kirigan right now. She needs to find the Firebird and sever this bond before it's too late. Mal is an exemplary tracker, as we know, but even he's having trouble finding the Firebird.

Sitting with Baghra, she reveals to the pair that her father was actually the Bonesmith, Morozova. For her, going

back to his workshop isn't a return home but more a return to the scene of the crime. Why? Well, as a child Baghra lost control of her own power and ended up striking her own sister down.

The pair make it to the workshop (which looks suspiciously similar to the waterfall Kirigan originally found his mother in) where Baghra uses her blood to open the door and they head deeper in. When they do, Alina pores over the documents on the table. Baghra continues to search in an adjacent passage while Alina and Mal have a moment. The pair reaffirm their love for one another before we get to the crux of the issue.

Baghra checks the bones buried inside and curses her luck. She originally believed that her sister may be there but she was never buried inside. In fact, it seems Morozova used his powers to bring her back to life, having let Baghra carry this burden with her her whole life. Baghra deduces that his sister ended up having kids.

Her power passed down through the generations to the here and now. So who is the Firebird? Well, it just so happens to be Mal himself. His story about finding an orphanage that "felt right" now seems more like destiny; forces worked to bring him to the Sun Summoner all along. Malyen Oretsev is the Firebird.

Back inside, Kirigan gets the jump on Alina, with another psychic jump, and points out that he's killed the First Army Camp at Keramzin and he won't stop until he gets what he wants. It's useless for her to fight him. While Kirigan keeps her in this stranglehold of powerful magic, Mal and Baghra show up and see her caught in this entranced state.

Baghra sets light to the workshop, deciding that they have what they need, before touching Alina's shoulder and showing up before Kirigan. The Darkling is confused until she smirks and makes light of the fact she knows a few tricks of her own. She sacrifices herself to save Alina, severing the connection as Mal grabs a weakened Alina and the pair scramble to safety, heading out the burning workshop. As her final act of sacrifice, Baghra calls her son foolish and cuts his hand off.

Over with Kaz, the group are still knocked out and each experience their own hallucinations. For Tolya, it's seeing the aftermath of him stabbing his sister, while Jesper speaks to his mother, reconciling the ill will between them and starting to embrace his true calling. Jesper's mother convinces her son to embrace who he really is.

Wylan shows up at the workshop with explosives, and manages to bust a hole through the door. With everyone knocked out on the floor, it's Inej who breaks out of her hallucination through the power of willpower (it's not really explained how, if I'm honest!) She tells Wylan that they've been poisoned, who in turn manages to pick flowers outside that just so happen to hold the antidote they need. Well, that was lucky! Wylan hands over the flowers and our crew regain consciousness.

Kaz and the group play dead, awaiting Ohval's return. When she shows up, she immediately senses Inej and the group fight. Despite Inej being ambushed and outnumbered, she more than holds her own and makes quick work of the group, thwarting their threat with relative ease and turning their own weapons against them.

When all hope is lost, the real Disciple shows up and is wheeled into the courtyard. This happens to be Ohval's husband, and the reason she's fighting so strongly against them. Her love for the Disciple goes back years and the pair's strong bond is actually forged in steel. Specifically that of Neshyenyar, which was actually the last piece he stole for her before they both retired.

Tolya mulls this over before realizing that the legend about a fierce warrior that fought for three days and three nights with a powerful blade is actually referencing Ohval herself. Within this tale, she bested all enemies and then lay down her sword after. "Sanktar Neyar." Tolya says, before dropping to his knee.

The Crows all follow suit and drop to their knee too, paying their respects. Tolya tries to bargain with Ohval, telling her they only want to borrow the blade. Given Alina is part Shu, she could be the key to bridging the alliance between Ravka and Shu. Ohval mulls it over, giving a beautiful speech about love eternal and what living is all about, before telling everyone to leave. Except Jesper.

Ohval speaks to Jesper in confidence, knowing that he's a Durast and urging him not to waste his talent. Jesper knows he has a lot of catching up to do but he at least will have the blade to drive him on the right path. And not only that, Jesper finally reveals his true feelings to Wylan and the pair kiss, something that has been teased and played with across the course of the season thus far. It's a lovely moment, although the same can't be said for Inej, who decides that hope clouds ones judgment and refuses to let herself be consumed by her feelings for Kaz.

Meanwhile, Alina learns the truth about Mal's purpose in this fight and she's absolutely crushed as a result. She tries to shrug it off as a Darkling trick but it's no good. This is real. Knowing the end is nigh, the pair end up making love.

As the episode closes out, Kirigan has his mother's bone dust sprinkled on his severed wrist by Vladim, the one Baghra sliced as the final act of her life. Kirigan immediately sees Baghra's final moments, including the reveal that Mal is the Firebird. Smiling evilly, it sets up a world of trouble for our characters as the final fight approaches.

Meet You in the Meadow

Season 2

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Season Episode: 7

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Summary: As Alina reels over the staggering cost to harness the Firebird's power, Kirigan readies his army for a ferocious battle pitting Grisha against Grisha.



The Merzost is slowly killing Kirigan and he's on borrowed time. This makes his plight that much more urgent as episode 7 of *Shadow and Bone* season 2 begins. Kirigan is more determined than ever to find Mal and stop Alina's plan. He's confident that Alina won't merge with Mal yet, given her affection for him, so he orders his Grisha troops to kill the King. Leading the charge are his three chosen children, Vatra, Nisho and Fruszi. They've all become amplified as a result of Baghra's bones, making this fight that much more

difficult to win.

Kirigan comes to Mal in a vision and promises that there's another way instead of fighting, trying to dissuade him out of his self sacrifice and deciding his "cousin" can just walk away. Mal refuses, sealing their fate.

Alina reconvenes with Nikolai and tells him about Mal's purpose. She bemoans her foolish desire for more power and how she didn't see what was happening with Mal all this time. Nikolai offers a shoulder to cry on, before they decide that their forces should be put on Kirigan at Keramzin. The thing is, Kirigan has fortified himself there so this fight is far from easy.

Nikolai speaks to Mal in confidence and the pair exchange a heartfelt promise, with Mal telling him he needs to look after Alina when he's gone and that he needs to "deserve her." The hug that precedes this is gut-wrenching as it seems to seal his fate as a dead man (Firebird?) walking.

Back inside, Alina briefs the Second Army on exactly what they're going to do. She decides that they should send a blended battle unit to Keramzin to protect the orphanage. Thanks to Nikolai's flying ship, that gives them crucial air support. In the middle of this, Mal points out that he's the Firebird and suggests the pair of them go straight to the Fold and put their plan into action.

Alina tries to dissuade him but given Kirigan already knows who he is, then it has to happen... unless they use a Heartrender. In order to bypass the prophecy, Tamar suggests she stop Mal's heart for 2 minutes. That could give Alina enough time to use Mal's amplified power and take out the Fold for good. Coupled with David using a fusion from Mal's bones beforehand, it could just give them enough time to pull this off.

The plan goes ahead and the flying ship heads for Keramzin. It passes the outskirts but it's immediately spotted by Kirigan's Grisha who knock it down with fireballs. The group hurry to the wreckage but realize Nikolai isn't there. Along with a rabble of survivors, they head up to a nearby fort.

On the way, they're shocked to realize how powerful Kirigan's Grisha are, watching their awesome display of firepower from above. They attempt to flee down in the moat, hurrying across to where more soldiers are lying in wait, Dominik ends up wounded as a result, thanks to the amplified attacks from Kirigan's Grisha, while the flimsy wooden barricades don't really serve much cover.

To be fair, the characters don't really do themselves any favours, deciding to expose themselves and attempting to fight back with force — and failing miserably. Thankfully, Kaz and the others show and they manage to turn the tide of battle, using explosives and the poison from before to kill the remaining Grisha (Vatra, Nisho and Fruzsi) and make sure Nikolai and the others come out on top.

As for Alina and the others, David looks set to cut off Mal's finger but just before he can, the shadow monsters attack at the chapel. This is Kirigan's doing, and he heads inside the Fold and moves it to consume the surrounding area. The Volcra continue to attack and even look set to pull Alina away, until Inej shows up wielding Neshyenyer. So much for Jesper being the one to fulfil his destiny, eh?

Anyway, Inej is joined by Zoya and Nina and together the girls decide to fly out... until Kirigan strikes. In fact, he confronts Mal and Alina while they're together, embracing one final time. Kirigan interjects, spouting the usual villain monologue shtick. He also knocks down Mal and wounds him but Alina manages to hit the Darkling before he can do more damage. However, the Shadows continue to stir and they look set to strike.

No Funerals

Season 2

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Season Episode: 8

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Guest Stars:	Dean Lennox Kelly (Pekka Rollins), Joanna McGibbon (Nadia), Sujaya Dasgupta (Zoya), Kevin Eldon (The Apparat), Mariann Hermányi (Grisha Woman), Zoltán Hetényi (Hiemstra), András Korcsmáros (Grevyen), Alistair Nwachukwu (Adrik), Iván Orsányi (Bouncer)
Summary:	Forced into an impossible situation during her fight with Kirigan, Alina makes a fateful decision that alters her relationship with magic — and Mal.



The episode starts with the Crows (and Nikolai) regrouping and heading inside the Fold to reunite with Alina and Mal. Whilst inside the darkness, they find the place abandoned and the Volcra on the assault. The group scramble into the Chapel, where Jesper uses his skills to keep the locks in place.

As for Alina, she calls out for Nina in the darkness, wanting help to try and save Mal, who's fading away. He doesn't have much time and as he breathes heavily, Mal grabs a blade and tells Alina that

she needs to do this. Red lines crackle between them as Alina tells Mal that she loves him. "You know where to find me," He says, before starting to fade.

Alina pierces his heart with the blade and the shockwave that protrudes out completely destroys the Fold, which in turn eliminates the entire Fold therein. However, it doesn't stop the shadow monsters, who continue to attack. Thankfully, Inej is here and she uses the sacred blade to slice down the creatures while Nadia lends her Grisha skills to swing things in their favour.

With Mal gone, Kirigan speaks to Alina and points out that what she's done changes nothing. He warns that he balances her light like a ying yang symbol but right now, Kirigan is losing control of these shadows so he's not really keeping anything in balance. He does admit that the only time he's ever felt true peace was when they were in love and he imagines them kissing together.

Well, Alina has heard enough and she stabs him deep with her blade. As Kirigan oozes blood out his mouth, he tells her to make sure there's nothing left of him as he collapses on the ground.

Back inside the Chapel, Nikolai is saved at the last second by Kirigan passing out, as a Shadow monster that had managed to break in, hitting him in the shoulder with its shadowy grip, lets go and dissipates.

Back outside, Nina attempts to try and restart Mal's heart, holding his hand. Alina contemplates using Merzost to try and bring him back but shakes that off, instead using her faith and belief (not to mention the power of plot armour) to bring him back. In fact, when Mal regains consciousness, even Alina is shocked that this has happened.

In the aftermath of the battle, Alina thanks Inej for her part to play in all this. She also speaks to Mal too, who admits that he's a different man since he's come back but believes that Alina is meant for greater things and wonders what his part to play in life is. From his position, and with the Firebird situation behind them, he's holding her back from the greatness she's destined for.

In the ensuing carnage, Genya loses David. She can't sense his heartbeat and it would seem that he's now lost forever. To make things even more heartbreaking, he's left behind plans for an engagement ring, noted by a sketch in his bag. Genya's heart breaks and she begins to weep, believing her beloved has gone.

Speaking of gone, all our characters gather together and watch as Kirigan's body is burned. "Goodbye, Aleksander." Alina says, before dropping the torch on the pyre and watching him burn. Nikolai steps up and gives a rousing speech about the unified Ravka and how they're on the verge of a new beginning, a beginning that will see the pieces of their life put together with new purpose and a better world for all.

Alina speaks to Mal in private and discusses the possibility of him starting a new life for himself. A life as a Privateer. This seems to be partly Nikolai's doing, especially off the back of their chat last episode, but Mal accepts the challenge and decides to leave. It's still heartbreaking for Alina though, who struggles to hold back tears when her beloved leaves her.

Mal gets ready to embrace his new adventure, with Nikolai even handing over his compass and allowing him onboard the Hummingbird, with Inej joining Tolya and Tamar (who are the real ones in charge here) and preparing for a new adventure.

Kaz finally speaks to Inej, in the chapel of all places, and reveals that Lantsov has paid up and everyone will be given their share. As for Nina, she'll receive a pardon for deserting and another for Matthias' release from prison. As long as he stays out of trouble then the charges will be dropped. Of course, that's easier said than done when Matthias, behind bars, decides to confront Pekka Rollins, ready to use his anger as a weapon.

Kaz hands over a note to Inej, as it becomes clear that he's been secretly trying to help Inej all this time look for her family. She gives him a heartfelt thanks and admits that she's going to be praying for Jordie. "I don't want your prayers," He says. "So what do you want then?" Inej retorts back.

Kaz looks set to reveal his true desires but instead hides that behind lies about being buried with plenty of gold. When Inej looks set to leave, Kaz finally opens up and offers her to stay with him in Ketterdam. Just like in her vision, the pair hold hands but this time it's no illusion brought on from the poison. "I will have you without your armour or without you at all," Inej says matter-of-factly and unfortunately the leader of the Crows is forced to watch as she walks away, unwilling to reconcile with his own insecurities.

Matthias shows up in the cage ready to fight to the death. Nina is there with the pardon for his life but the promoter shrugs it off, claiming that there's no stopping what's to come. Out of the cage though come two wolves that look set to strike... until Matthias drops to his knees and manages to bring them onto his side.

Guards show up and immediately start attacking, while the wolves fight on Matthias' side. Unfortunately, Nina drops her pardon on the floor in the ensuing carnage as she's pulled back from the bars and thrown out. Pekka directs traffic here and has Matthias taken back into his cell too. As for Kaz, he returns to the Crow Club and takes up his old duties.

Unfortunately this fight is far from over. We saw earlier on that Nikolai was attacked by that shadow monster and somehow, he seems to be infected. In fact a shadow monster suddenly shows up while he's getting dressed for his wedding with Alina for the sake of preserving the Kingdom, the root cause of which coming from a nasty knot on his back. Nikolai shrugs it off all the same and prepares for his big day.

Unfortunately, no one has accounted for a new drug on the market called Jurda Parem. It's highly addictive and if Grisha take it, their power is amplified a thousand times over. The chemist who made it fled to Kerch once he realized what he'd done but the Fjerdans actually caught him and he now awaits trial. If the Fjerdans were to weaponize this drug, the consequences would be unimaginable.

After this crucial bit of exposition, we cut back to the wedding, which basically turns into Shadow and Bone's own red wedding. The woman stands up, causing all the guests in attendance to begin spewing out blood and facing certain death. Alina manages to stop her, slicing the woman in half, but it seems there's more to this fight than we thought.

Actor Appearances

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0205 (Inmate #1)	
Komornik András	1
0203 (Hellgate Guard #1)	
Bálint Antal	1
0207 (Igor Tarkovski)	
Bálint Antal	1
0206 (Igor Tarkovski)	
Andy Apollo	1
0105 (Pavel the Inferni)	
Simon Armstrong	1
0206 (The Disciple)	
Széli Attila	1
0204 (Croupier)	
Hannah Atwood	1
0105 (Lotte)	
Kiera Azar	1
0102 (Female Healer)	

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0105 (Old Ravkan Woman)	
Virág Bárányi	1
0201 (Eshana)	
Jesse Badger	1
0105 (Dima)	
Kelly Banlaki	1
0104 (Raisa)	
Tsogbaatar Batzorig	1
0102 (Bouncer 1)	
Harry Baxendale	1
0102 (Forich)	
Robert Beck	1
0104 (Quartermaster)	
Marc Benga	1
0201 (Customs Officer)	
Emma Bercovici	1
0102 (Girl Orphan)	
Martin Berencsy	1
0108 (Aide of Kerch Ambassador)	
Jasmine Blackborow	4
0101 (Marie); 0103 (Marie); 0104 (Marie); 0105 (Marie)	
Adam Boncz	1
0102 (Oprichnik Guard Semyov)	
Caroline Boulton	1
0101 (Petya)	
Brian Bovell	1
0103 (Innkeeper)	
Louis Boyer	2

0206 (Dominik); 0207 (Dominik)	
Wayne Brett	2
0106 (Merchant); 0202 (Henrik)	
Gabrielle Brooks	3
0103 (Nadia); 0104 (Nadia); 0105 (Nadia Zhabin)	
James Jaysen Bryhan	1
0104 (Archivist)	
Tam Dean Burn	1
0108 (Kerch Captain)	
Andy Burse	3
0101 (Dubrov); 0102 (Dubrov); 0104 (Dubrov)	

C

Angus Castle-Doughty	3
0101 (Mikhael); 0102 (Mikhael); 0104 (Mikhael)	
Howard Charles	5
0102 (Arken); 0103 (Arken); 0104 (Arken); 0105 (Arken); 0106 (Arken)	
Keir Charles	3
0203 (Colonel Raevsky); 0204 (Colonel Raevsky); 0205 (Colonel Raevsky)	
Jimmy Clark	2
0104 (Tofin); 0105 (Tofin)	
Peta Cornish	1
0201 (Ravkan Woman)	
Nick Cornwall	1
0108 (Slaver)	
Shaun Cowlshaw	1
0108 (Kerch Sailor 3)	

D

Zsófia Dani	1
0105 (Soldier in Mal's Team)	
Sujaya Dasgupta	12
0102 (Zoya); 0103 (Zoya); 0105 (Zoya); 0106 (Zoya); 0107 (Zoya); 0108 (Zoya); 0203 (Zoya); 0204 (Zoya); 0205 (Zoya); 0206 (Zoya); 0207 (Zoya); 0208 (Zoya)	
Edward Davis	1
0204 (Prince Vasily)	
Tuyen Do	2
0205 (Ohval Saran); 0206 (Ohval Saran)	
Nicholas Dohy	2
0104 (Oprichniki Guard); 0106 (Oprichniki Guard)	
Katrina Durden	1
0105 (Olga)	

E

Fflyn Edwards	5
0201 (Young Kaz); 0202 (Young Kaz); 0203 (Young Kaz); 0204 (Young Kaz); 0205 (Young Kaz)	
Kevin Eldon	3
0103 (The Apparat); 0105 (The Apparat); 0208 (The Apparat)	

F

Tumi Fani-Kayode	1
0202 (Miradi)	
Tamás Farkas	1
0203 (Kovu)	
Taylor Fay	2
0203 (Alby Rollins); 0204 (Alby Rollins)	
Bence Ferenczi	1
0203 (Roeder)	
Tom Fyans	2
0101 (Male Squaller); 0102 (Male Squaller)	

G

Danielle Galligan	5
0103 (Nina Zenik); 0104 (Nina Zenik); 0106 (Nina Zenik); 0107 (Nina Zenik); 0108 (Nina Zenik)	
Pedro Lloyd Gardiner	2
0104 (Marko); 0105 (Marko)	
Dénes Ákos Gere	1
0108 (Lieutenant Ostap)	
Sean Gilder	2
0101 (Dreesen); 0201 (Dreesen)	
Owen Good	1
0106 (First Army Soldier)	
Kelly Gough	2
0105 (Polina the Inferni); 0106 (Polina the Inferni)	
Vanessa Grasse	2
0206 (Vatra); 0207 (Vatra)	
Lucy Griffiths	1
0107 (Luda)	
Erik Gyarmati	1
0102 (Boy Orphan)	

H

Tamas Hagyo	1
0204 (Kerch Sailor)	
László Hajdú	1
0201 (Maxim / Male Refugee)	
Steven Hartley	1
0107 (Commander Chalikov)	
Máté Haumann	2
0201 (Florian); 0204 (Constable Florian)	
Daisy Head	5
0101 (Genya Safin); 0103 (Genya Safin); 0104 (Genya Safin); 0105 (Genya Safin); 0107 (Genya Safin)	
Mariann Hermányi	1
0208 (Grisha Woman)	
Zoltán Hetényi	2
0203 (Hiemstra); 0208 (Hiemstra)	
Jim High	2
0101 (Sergeant Yure Teplov); 0104 (Sergeant Yure)	
Roderick Hill	1
0101 (Onclé Bart)	
James Hillier	1
0107 (Captain Churik)	
Micah Holmes	2
0101 (Poppy Cox); 0102 (Poppy Cox)	
Joe T. Horn	1
0201 (Dime Lion Muscle #1)	

J

Sabrina Jávor	1
0207 (Rostova)	
István Juhász	2
0102 (Cobbet); 0102 (Cobbet)	

Sabrina Jávor	1
0206 (Rostova)	

K

Luke Kaile	1
0107 (Vanya)	
Dean Lennox Kelly	8
0102 (Pekka Rollins); 0201 (Pekka Rollins); 0202 (Pekka Rollins); 0203 (Pekka Rollins); 0204 (Pekka Rollins); 0205 (Pekka Rollins); 0207 (Pekka Rollins); 0208 (Pekka Rollins)	
Zsolt Kemenesi	1
0203 (Hein)	
András Korcsmáros	2
0202 (Grevyen); 0208 (Grevyen)	
Julian Kostov	5
0102 (Fedyor Kaminsky); 0103 (Fedyor); 0104 (Fedyor); 0105 (Fedyor Kaminsky); 0108 (Fedyor)	
Tamas Koszoru	1
0104 (Royal Security Guard #2)	
Géza Kovács	2
0101 (Druskelle); 0102 (Druskelle)	
Janet Kumah	1
0201 (Keme)	

L

Katalin Lábán	1
0201 (Needlepoint Woman)	
Sándor Laczkó	1
0204 (First Army Captain)	
Emily Lawrence	2
0104 (Grisha Tester #2); 0104 (Grisha Tester #2)	
Hannah Lee	1
0108 (Kerch Sailor 2)	
Telma Lincoln	1
0201 (Zemeni Vendor Woman)	
James Littlewood	1
0107 (Ravkan Hunter)	
Genesis Lynea	1
0101 (Natacha)	

M

Piroska Mészáros	1
0204 (Seamstress)	
Antonín Masek	1
0101 (Alexei)	
Gábor Matus	1
0203 (Hellgate Guard #2)	
Yasmine Maya	2
0105 (Kerch Ambassador); 0108 (Kerch Ambassador)	
Joanna McGibbon	6
0203 (Nadia); 0204 (Nadia); 0205 (Nadia); 0206 (Nadia); 0207 (Nadia); 0208 (Nadia)	
Balázs Megyeri	5
0104 (Musician); 0105 (Musician); 0106 (Musician); 0107 (Musician); 0108 (Musician)	
Tarik Mesfun	1
0108 (Kerch Sailor 1)	
Zsófia Miklós	1
0103 (Attendant #1)	
Cody Molko	3
0102 (Young Mal); 0103 (Young Mal); 0104 (Young Mal)	
Drummond Money-Coutts	2
0202 (Magician); 0204 (Magician)	
Gordon Morris	1
0101 (Ivan The Line Cook)	

Deirdre Mullins	1
0102 (Tante Heleen)	
Panka Muranyi	1
0204 (Indentured Woman)	

N

Tamás Németh	1
0203 (The Cannibal)	
Márton Nagyszokolyai	1
0104 (Fjerdan Ammo Carrier)	
Tamas Nikolits	1
0102 (Bouncer 2)	
Alistair Nwachukwu	6
0203 (Adrik); 0204 (Adrik); 0205 (Adrik); 0206 (Adrik);	
0207 (Adrik); 0208 (Adrik)	

O

Seamus O'Hara	1
0201 (Sergeant Halsov)	
Rhoda Ofori-Attah	1
0206 (Aditi)	
Pääru Oja	2
0202 (Mogens); 0203 (Mogens)	
Iván Orsányi	1
0208 (Bouncer)	

P

Péter Pál	1
0204 (Guard)	
Johnny K. Palmer	1
0108 (Bartender)	
Róbert Papdi	2
0202 (Errol); 0204 (Errol)	
George Parker	2
0103 (Prince Vasily); 0105 (Prince Vasily)	
Luke Pasqualino	8
0105 (David Kostyk); 0106 (David Kostyk); 0107	
(David Kostyk); 0203 (David Kostyk); 0204 (David	
Kostyk); 0205 (David Kostyk); 0206 (David Kostyk);	
0207 (David Kostyk)	
Jonathan Peck	1
0103 (Novokribirsk Dealer)	
Mark C. Phelan	1
0101 (Gambler)	
Shobhit Piasa	6
0202 (Vladim); 0203 (Vladim); 0204 (Vladim); 0205	
(Vladim); 0206 (Vladim); 0207 (Vladim)	
Tim Plester	2
0202 (Per Haskell); 0203 (Per Haskell)	

R

Thue Ersted Rasmussen	3
0202 (Ahlgren); 0203 (Ahlgren); 0205 (Ahlgren)	
Rachel Redford	6
0202 (Fruszi); 0203 (Fruszi); 0204 (Fruszi); 0205	
(Fruszi); 0206 (Fruszi); 0207 (Fruszi)	
Georgia Reece	5
0103 (Queen Tatiana); 0103 (Queen Tatiana); 0105	
(Queen Tatiana); 0204 (Queen Tatiana); 0205	
(Queen Tatiana)	
Elizabeth Rider	3
0101 (Ana Kuya); 0102 (Ana Kuya); 0104 (Ana Kuya)	
Dóra Rimóczi	1
0103 (Kit Attendant)	
Tommy Rodger	6

0201 (Jordie); 0202 (Jordie); 0203 (Jordie); 0204	
(Jordie); 0205 (Jordie); 0206 (Jordie)	
István Rubóczki	1
0202 (Dime Lion #3)	
Kate Russell-Smith	1
0102 (Ravkan Woman)	

S

Narinder Samra	1
0101 (Rotty)	
Kata Sarbó	1
0204 (Passing Woman)	
Roby Schinasi	1
0101 (Fjerdan fighter)	
Sára Schmidt	1
0103 (Attendant #2)	
Simon Sears	7
0102 (Ivan); 0103 (Ivan); 0104 (Ivan); 0105 (Ivan);	
0106 (Ivan); 0107 (Ivan); 0108 (Ivan)	
Jacob Seelochan	1
0103 (Taster Boy)	
Iliasz Shweirif	3
0201 (Doughty); 0203 (Doughty); 0204 (Doughty)	
Calahan Skogman	4
0103 (Matthias); 0104 (Matthias); 0106 (Matthias);	
0108 (Matthias)	
Jonathan Slinger	1
0201 (Constable Sem)	
Kembe Sorel	1
0201 (Pottery Vendor)	
Hugo Speer	4
0102 (Lieutenant Bohdan); 0104 (Lieutenant Bo-	
hdan); 0105 (Lieutenant Bohdan); 0201 (Lt.	
Bohdan)	
Mark Springer	2
0105 (Zemeni Ambassador); 0107 (Zemeni Amba-	
sador)	
Zsuzanna Szager	1
0201 (Female Refugee)	
Tamas Szaraz	1
0205 (Prison Guard #1)	
Christine Grace Szarko	1
0203 (Nanny Rollins)	
Harry Szovik	1
0204 (Patron)	
Peter Sztojanov Jr.	1
0107 (Big Brawler's friend)	

T

Kitty Bich Thuy Ta	1
0205 (Tea Shop Waitress)	
Koszorú Tamás	1
0104 (Royal Security Guard #2)	
Hon Ping Tang	1
0103 (Botkin)	
Kaylan Teague	3
0102 (Young Alina); 0103 (Young Alina); 0104 (Young	
Alina)	
Klári Tolnai	1
0102 (Tabitha)	
Klara Tolnai	1
0102 (Tabitha)	
Sándor Csongor Torak	1
0104 (Royal Security Guard #1)	
Batzorig Tsogbaatar	1
0102 (Bouncer 1)	
Gareth Turkington	3
0106 (Feliks); 0107 (Feliks); 0108 (Feliks)	

————— U —————

Julia Ubrankovics.....1
0101 (Milana)

————— V —————

Ken Vedsegaard.....1
0103 (Druskelle Leader)
David Verrey.....3
0103 (King Pyotr); 0105 (King Pyotr); 0204 (King Pyotr)

————— W —————

Tom Weston-Jones.....2
0103 (General Zlatan); 0108 (General Zlatan)
Nathan Dean Williams.....1
0102 (First Army Doctor)
April V Woods.....1
0203 (Saskia)
David Wurawa.....4
0101 (Edyck); 0102 (Edyck); 0201 (Edyck); 0204 (Edyck)

————— Y —————

Scott A. Young.....1
0102 (Big Bolliger)
Scott Alexander Young.....1
0102 (Big Bolliger)

————— Z —————

Muki Zubis.....1
0107 (Tidemaker)