

EPISODE SIX - "RETURN"

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EPISODE SIX - NEWS ONE

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

APOORVA SINGH

Nautalon, Guardian of the Sea has responded to President Norris's request for assistance in enforcing the UN's embargo on Isla Silva. Nautalon said that the Deep Seas are happy to help, quote "as soon as land-kind stops throwing plastic in the ocean." Until then they will not take sides.

UNDERWRITER

That was Apoorva Singh reporting from SPR Honolulu.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington, I'm Wenling Chen.

(then)

President Norris called a press conference this morning to address the latest clash between Superhuman Rights group, Incognito, and Unpowered-Pride organization, Normcore, that left 15 injured in Boston.

INT. PRESS HALL

SFX: Press Walla. Cameras snapping.

PRESIDENT NORRIS

That was a tragic, tragic day. There's no denying that now tensions between people and supers are out of control.

REPORTER #1, NEWS 1, EP 6

What about Normcore's involvement? Will you denounce them now?

PRESIDENT NORRIS

You have to admit they are somewhat outmatched.

(MORE)

PRESIDENT NORRIS (CONT'D)

So you have one group that was violent, but the group on the other side was just as violent. I do not think anyone was perfectly in the right.

(then)

I do believe that both groups have been the victims of outside influence.

(then)

The Doppelgänger known as Cosmos has increased tensions between our people. However fighting fire with fire destroys the whole woods. For the sake of our nation, it is our duty to cool this anger before we are consumed by it.

(then)

That is why I have decided that we are going to resume diplomatic relations with the Island Xen, effective immediately. We have more in common than divides us and the people of Xen should be our allies against this Doppelgänger threat, not our adversaries.

REPORTER CHORUS, NEWS 1, EP 6
Mr. President! Mr. President!

WENLING CHEN

Secretary Munzie has since signaled that the State Department will normalize relations if the Island agrees to help reign in vigilantes who have found refuge on the island and to surrender Galetea back to Tzarpathia. Xen has no official diplomat, but all eyes are looking to Cosmos for his response.

UNDERWRITER

That was Wenling Chen reporting from Washington, it's 74 degrees here in Paradise City. And now These American Supers...

EPISODE SIX - END NEWS ONE

EPISODE SIX - ACT ONE - TAS 24HRS AT THE SILVER DINER

INT. DINER

SFX: Diner walla. Cutlery. Robots.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ
From QSPZ Baltimore, it's These
American Supers, I'm Ethan
Schwartz.

BUSTER BOLT
...She's holding him over the
ledge. And then I say to her: "let
him go."

NEUTRINO
Poor choice of words.

BUSTER BOLT
I know! It just came out!

NEUTRINO
How come you never tee me up like
that?

BUSTER BOLT
Maybe I do, but you aren't... Quick
enough?

The pair laugh.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ
For people like Buster Bolt and his
nemesis, Neutrino, there exists a
singular place, where can they hang
up the cape, and come together as
friends.

NEUTRINO
So she drops him?

BUSTER BOLT
Like a bag a bricks. I'm thinking
great, I just got my suit waxed and
now it's going to get all scuffed
again. So I jump off after him...

LOIS
Order up! I got two fastball
specials and a dark knight.

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

Welcome to the Silver Saucer. A secret diner that serves as Neutral Ground for America's heroes and villains.

(then)

For this episode, Producer Hailey Frond spends twenty four hours inside to bring you the secrets of this strange urban sanctuary...

HAILEY FROND

Tucked into an empty lot at the three way intersection on Gray Lane, you may have caught the mirage-like shimmer of a crashed UFO. Converted to a greasy spoon in the 1950's, this is the Silver Saucer.

Note: Neutrino, speaks with a strong Chicago accent. Her dialogue should have a tinge as if the mic got near a magnet.

NEUTRINO

Best coffee in the universe.

HAILEY FROND

They would know. Buster Bolt and Neutrino have fought on each other on every planet in the Solar system.

BUSTER BOLT

Well not Mercury.

NEUTRINO

Too hot.

BUSTER BOLT

Way too hot.

HAILEY FROND

But at the saucer, they make time to sit down together, once a week in the corner booth.

(then)

There's even a photo of them above it to mark the spot.

BUSTER BOLT

Beatsa meeting on a rooftop.

NEUTRINO

Too windy.

BUSTER BOLT
Way too windy.

SERVEBOT
Hot stuff coming in.

HAILEY FROND
A banged-up android with its
pleasantries dialed up to 11 drops
off platefuls of eggs, bacon and
hash-browns.

SERVEBOT
Adam and Eve on a Raft, and
wreck'em. Two dots and a dash with
a side of sweepings, I'll be back
with a refill on your high and dry.

NEUTRINO
We always split the hash-browns.

HAILEY FROND
You two are famous nemeses, weren't
your mothers...

BUSTER BOLT
Mortal enemies?

NEUTRINO
Mortal enemies?

NEUTRINO (CONT'D)
Yeah. We're just carrying on the
tradition.

BUSTER BOLT
They still send snakes to each
other on holidays.

They laugh.

HAILEY FROND
And you're about to share a plate
of home fries?

NEUTRINO
And bacon...
(adding)
Hand it over.

BUSTER BOLT
Look, life is short. You, know? We
could get hit by an asteroid...

NEUTRINO
In fifteen hours...And 23 minutes.

BUSTER BOLT
Wait really? Aw, you!

They laugh.

HAILEY FROND
This surreal breakfast, would feel
out of place anywhere else. But
here, it's all according to the
master plan of the owner, Lois
Everest.

Note: Lois sounds like Joan Rivers. We can hear bubbles at
the end of all her sentences.

LOIS
Hey Servebot, table five's asking
for a refill on, ugh, why bother...

HAILEY FROND
It would be easy to mistake Lois as
part of the décor. She's little
more than a bubblegum-pink coil of
brain matter in a shining glass
tube.

HAILEY FROND (CONT'D)
How can you account --

LOIS
I swear to god! I will replace you
with a Roomba! Go on dear...

HAILEY FROND
How have you made the Silver Saucer
into such a safe space? And what's
up with these floating pie cases?

LOIS
The cases originally housed
torpedoes, but now they show off
our real weapons.

(then)
It's all part of the magic. You
cross a threshold and you see pie,
what's there to fight about? I'm
partial to the cheesecake myself.

HAILEY FROND
How do you [eat]... It's an amazing
accomplishment given...

LOIS

...That I was melted down to the grey matter? This place isn't about being stuck in the past. If it were, I'd be flying through space looking for justice instead of slinging grits in Baltimore.

(then)

I honestly think I've done more good here.

(then)

If I have fannies [ALT: Spandex] in my booths, that saves a building somewhere from getting smashed to pieces.

(then)

Plus, it's a robot rehab. All the servers have been refurbished, reprogrammed, and spared from the scrap heap.

SERVEBOT

Hockey puck with a rose on it, hot blond with sand and a houseboat in the alley!

LOIS

That's classic diner lingo, it's the only language they know. I find it charming

(then (yelling))

Servebot I found you in a dump and I can put you back there if you don't hurry up with that coffee!

HAILEY FROND

Besides the great cheesecake, according to Buster Bolt, the diner serves a deeper need.

BUSTER BOLT

It's like the villains always say "We're not so different you and I..."

HAILEY FROND

For these two, it seems hard to find people who get you the way your nemesis does.

BUSTER BOLT

You punch someone for twenty years, you to get to know them.

(MORE)

BUSTER BOLT (CONT'D)

I've told Neutrino stuff I haven't told my wife.

NEUTRINO

Sometimes you're hoping to get caught, just so you can catch up. Then the B lister shows up and you're stuck fighting some yokel instead of chatting. It's exhausting.

BUSTER BOLT

Sure when you start its all, "you'll never get away with this Neutrino!" But a couple years in it's: "You'll never get away with this Neutrino! Also, how was your kid's bar mitzvah?"

SERVEBOT

One big mug of Joe drawn in the dark.

LOIS

Thank you!

HAILEY FROND

Servebot takes the coffee to a large group whose laughter has been growing since I arrived here.

(then)

See, the diner isn't just a clubhouse for frenemies, but a home base for folks on either side of the eternal struggle.

Group laughter.

HAILEY FROND (CONT'D)

The sextuplet is made up heroes and villains who clearly need medical attention: Torn spandex, bloody scrapes, bright smiles.

(then)

They're so engrossed in their conversation, they hardly notice Servebot refilling them.

LADY CRIME, S. SAUCER, EP 6

Oh, and then I'm being so careful to pick up all the diamonds you just spilled everywhere...

CANADIAN BACON MAN, S. SAUCER, EP 6
And then Grongo here throws me
through the store's window...

LADY CRIME, S. SAUCER, EP 6
Getting shards mixed all through my
little diamond recovery project...

BANDITA, S. SAUCER, EP 6
That's going to be a headache to
clean up in the morning. Speaking
of, I think I have a concussion.

CANADIAN BACON MAN, S. SAUCER, EP 6
We really thought we had you this
time.

LASER CHICK, S. SAUCER, EP 6
We do have them this time!

GRONGO, S. SAUCER, EP 6
Grongo!

Group laughter.

LASER CHICK, S. SAUCER, EP 6
(in tears)
I can't, I can't! You all, save me
a cup, I'm going to the little
hero's room.

HAILEY FROND
Can I ask what's so funny?

BANDITA, S. SAUCER, EP 6
Oh, just a heist gone wrong.

LADY CRIME, S. SAUCER, EP 6
And I almost got away with it, too!

HERO/VILLAIN GROUP, S. SAUCER, EP 6
(series for editing)
No, you didn't !/Almost!/As If!

HAILEY FROND
So you three robbed a jewelry store
and you three tried to stop them?

CANADIAN BACON MAN, S. SAUCER, EP 6
Trying.

BANDITA, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Does anyone else feel like they
 have a concussion? I feel like I
 have a concussion...

LADY CRIME, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Oh my nose is definitely broken!
 Your roundhouse kicks are
 improving!

CATMANDO, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Thanks! Your "catlike reflexes" are
 truly living up to your...
 (catching themselves)
 I mean...
 (whispering)
 You know what I mean!

HAILEY FROND
 Tonight, you all were...

CANADIAN BACON MAN, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Robbing --

LADY CRIME, S. SAUCER, EP 6
Liberating the inventory of a
 jewelry store, until these bozos
 stepped in.

CATMANDO, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 But then they made a runner and --

BANDITA, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 We made it here. On base.

GRONGO, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Grongo!

LADY CRIME, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Safe.

SFX: Diamonds Jingle.

CANADIAN BACON MAN, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 For now.

LASER CHICK, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 You'll have to leave eventually.
 (then)
 What I'd miss?

BANDITA, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 You'll have to sleep eventually.
 (then)
 Oh here comes the cheesecake.

SERVEBOT
 One lady in a red dress.

CANADIAN BACON MAN, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Oh yeah it's got cherries on top.

GRONGO, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Grongo.

Group laughter. Oh's and ah's at the cheesecake. Clinking of silverware.

LASER CHICK, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Wow, that's a good cheesecake.

CATMANDO, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 (yelling)
 Lois this is your best batch yet!

HAILEY FROND
 So, it sounds like you all are
 having a lot of... Fun together.

CANADIAN BACON MAN, S. SAUCER, EP 6
 Does it?

Group laughter.

HAILEY FROND
 The group stays on, ordering coffee well into the night, until one of the heroes goes out to feed the meter. Then the villains race through the back door. They leave a tip, which is generous, although it might end up exhibit A. They leave the Saucer feeling empty when they go, but throughout the night there's a steady stream of heroes and villains changing into coworkers and friends when they touch down outside.

(then)
 You can almost make out the spot in the parking lot where the magic of the saucer ends and real life begins.

(MORE)

HAILEY FROND (CONT'D)

But while you're inside her silver walls, there's nothing to worry about other than how you take your coffee, and what pie you're having this time.

(then)

I suggest the cheesecake, it has cherries on top..

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

That was producer Hailey Frond.

(then)

That's our show. A special thanks to Lois Everest for allowing the team access the diner for the day. You can see a special on the Silver Saucer this Thursday on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives.

(then)

I like to keep my team motivated by telling them.

LOIS

I swear to god! I will replace you with a Roomba!

ETHAN SCHWARTZ

We'll be back with more These American Supers.

EPISODE SIX - END ACT ONE

EPISODE SIX - NEWS TWO

INT. AD BREAK

In the studio.

ADS

Super for SPR comes from: Dr. Fungos. Are you tired of the endless cycle of villainy?

DR FUNGO'S AD VILLAIN

It's a snake eating its own tail and I will unleash it on Miami as soon as I'm free! *cackling laughter*

ADS

At Dr. Fungo's Rehab Center for the Criminally Insane, we aim to treat the underlying causes of supervillainy, so you and your loved ones can enjoy a happier, less evil life.

(then)

Dr. Fungo's. Healing iniquity with dignity.

(then)

Use offer code: "cray-cray" for a five percent discount on your stay.

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington I'm Wenling Chen.

(then)

International retailer, Spandexo is facing a class action lawsuit that claims their new super suit line, Over Armor, has been making heroes mentally unstable.

(then)

CEO Jake Bindle refuted the claims in a press conference at Spandexo headquarters earlier this morning.

SFX: Press walla. Photos.

JIKE BINDLE

Spandexo is a family company and if there's any evidence of our suits causing harm to the supers and normals who wear them, I haven't seen it.

(then)

Obviously, Over Armor is the best selling product we've ever had, so there'll be some lawyers out there. Just *sniff* *sniff* sniffing out that payday. But we're not worried. We have the best gear on this or any world. I stand by it 100%. And a reminder to folks watching this press conference you can save 10% if you use the promo-code: "Innocence."

(then)

I will now take questions. You there in the front.

FIONA VAUGHAN

To follow up on your statement, there are several pieces of evidence supporting the claims of these heroes. Videos, eye witness statements, psychologist testimonies, all showing that wearers of Over Armor have been acting erratically.

(then)

So I have to ask, what is Spandexo hiding?

JIKE BINDLE

Hiding nothing! In fact, if anyone has questions, they're more than welcome to tour the plant itself. We're one big family, I'd rather folks join us instead of calling us names and being bullies.

FIONA VAUGHAN

Then why ignore FTC regulations regarding clothing labeling?

(then)

No one outside of your company, knows what these suits are made of.

JIKE BINDLE

If you want big government thinking for you, go for it. I think you need to do your own research.

(MORE)

JIKE BINDLE (CONT'D)

Besides if Over Armor, was causing issues for these heroes, then our normal line of products would be causing them as well. They're made of the same darn thing.

FIONA VAUGHAN

Wait, so people using your regular super suits are at risk as well?

JIKE BINDLE

Risk? Only of style, comfort and protection. And possibly nosebleeds, don't wear them if pregnant.

FIONA VAUGHAN

[Mr. Bindle] What are these suits made of?

JIKE BINDLE

The future.

SFX: Jake leaves clipping the mic.

WENLING CHEN

Target has announced that they will be reviewing their relationship with the company pending a review.

UNDERWRITER

That was Wenling Chen reporting from Washington. It's 72 degrees here in Paradise City. And now a special Live episode of The Speech Bubble...

EPISODE SIX - END NEWS TWO

EPISODE SIX - ACT TWO - TSB COSMOS PT2

EXT. XEN

KELLY CLOSE

Welcome to The Speech Bubble, I'm Kelly Close.

(then)

Ten years ago, Gen-Tec abandoned Isla Silva after their research facility was overrun by the same dinosaurs they were trying to market as a kid-friendly vacation attraction.

(then)

Plants slowly reclaimed the island as luxury suites became nests, tennis courts became hunting grounds and pools became watering holes..

(then)

But here among the mega-flora and fauna, a new nation has formed. The locals call it Xen in tribute to their founder's homeworld, and for the first time since his high profile arrest last year, I get to meet him face to face.

(then)

Cosmos has been a controversial figure since he brought the first refugees to Xen. Today he wears a simple blue robe and loose, linen pants. How does it feel to be out of the spandex?

SFX: Puts shovel in dirt.

COSMOS

It makes gardening easier. It's good to see you again, Kelly. How was the trip?

KELLY CLOSE

Little windy, but the company was excellent.

They share a private laugh.

KELLY CLOSE (CONT'D)

It's been nearly a year since you first came here, can you tell us about those early days?

COSMOS

Well the refugees were on a flying cruise ship someone must've bought second hand. Almost six hundred of them, from all over the galaxy with nowhere to go. They were just drifting along running out of fuel, **(ALT) and running out of time.**

KELLY CLOSE

At the time you had been deported from America, labeled a "rogue" by the Heroic Legion. How did you learn about their situation?

COSMOS

I could hear them. I can hear everything. There's something like 15,000 licensed heroes in the world, but all of them had their hands tied by their governments. So I did the right thing. Being a "rogue" is unexpectedly liberating that way. The only rule you have to follow is: do the right thing

KELLY CLOSE

And why Isla Silva?

COSMOS

I had to put the boat down somewhere. Thanks to Gen-Tec's bankruptcy no one knew who owned it. Thanks to their experiments, no one wanted to live on it. And just look around.

KELLY CLOSE

It is gorgeous. Towering waterfalls, lush forests filled with tropical plants. Anything dangerous?

COSMOS

When we first landed, there were plenty of hazards. But we've come to an understanding with the natives.

SFX: Not too distant roar.

COSMOS (CONT'D)
Speaking of. No. No. Don't worry.

SFX: Roar. Big dinosaur steps.

GENUS
I know, I know, you big lummoX, I'm
getting it taken care of. I told
you.

SFX: Roar.

COSMOS
Trouble, Genus?

GENUS
Just growing pains. These
Daspletosaurs are so territorial.
(then)
Kelly! Good seeing you again.

KELLY CLOSE
Genus, I didn't realize you were an
(SFX ROAR)
...alien.

GENUS
No, no, homegrown, but Cosmos
invited me out for a little R&R.
Not sure if I'm getting either, but
look at me! Talking to dinosaurs!
There's a little lad inside me
who's overjoyed.
(then)
Though the big lad in me has had it
up to here with these feathery
snakes. A couple of triceratops
didn't get their habitat fixed
quick enough, so they ate my hut.
Ate it! Wonder I help any of these
ingrates.

SFX: Roar.

GENUS (CONT'D)
Yes, yes. And madam here, wants her
own cave.

COSMOS
We'll see what we can carve out for
her. Tell her she's looking fierce.

GENUS

Doesn't need that filling up her head.

SFX: Distant roar.

GENUS (CONT'D)

Coming!

COSMOS

We have a lot of environmental heroes coming here lately, apparently the outside world isn't so receptive to their message.

KELLY CLOSE

You seem different. Calmer.

COSMOS

Life is easier. Instead of protecting the whole globe, I just need to look out for these 800 square miles. Besides the occasional volunteering.

KELLY CLOSE

That volunteering has ruffled some feathers, especially with President Norris. Who--

COSMOS

Kelly, can we talk politics later?

KELLY CLOSE

Oh alright. I think we were discussing the early days.

COSMOS

We got very lucky. Even though the world didn't seem to want these people, we have engineers, doctors, teachers, and probably the most supers per capita anywhere on Earth outside of Paradise City.

(then)

Everyone helps out. We have over 90 planets represented here, but I think their time on the Shooting Star helped erase some of those lines.

(then)

(MORE)

COSMOS (CONT'D)

We still have our squabbles, but overall I think people want Xen to be a sanctuary, so they try and make it one.

(then)

The hotels got renovated, farmland cultivated, we even have tech that would make Whiz Kid green. Let me show you the assembly room.

KELLY CLOSE

The assembly room used to be the park's planetarium, which screened features on the death of the dinosaurs and the miracle of Gen-Tec science. Now it's lined with neatly kept trees and marked by statues of... Is that one you?

COSMOS

Ha, yeah. I asked them not to. At least I got them to stop calling themselves: "The Cosmic".

KELLY CLOSE

World leaders typically depict you as some sort of dictator, a mad tyrant of his own little country.

COSMOS

It's an easy lie. People know me, they know what I can do, so it's easy to make people afraid of chairman Cosmos. But I can show you how wrong they are pretty quick. In here. . .

KELLY CLOSE

What's this?

COSMOS

The engraving? It's a promise. Maybe even Xen's motto.

KELLY CLOSE

"Peace held in the hands of all."

COSMOS

The idea is we all make one community together. As one. That's the dream anyway.

KELLY CLOSE

How many languages are here?

COSMOS

Hundreds. But you can see, we've left room for more. Gal expects we'll keep growing. Let's head in.

SFX: Opening a door. Into an interior. Some light conversations, kids running.

COSMOS (CONT'D)

Here's where the magic happens. The outer sanctum.

KELLY CLOSE

The planetarium's atrium is furnished with space age couches, board games, computer stations. Citizens teach each other crafts or trade gossip.

SFX: Background gossip, etc.

KELLY CLOSE (CONT'D)

Beyond that is a large double door leading to the old planetarium. And through those doors . . .

SFX: Another Door

COSMOS

The seat of power.

KELLY CLOSE

I don't...

COSMOS

Look up.

KELLY CLOSE

Ah, projected across the domed roof is an animated outline of the island. And lists. "Needs," "Wants," "Events." It's just a bulletin board.

COSMOS

We have a terminal in the middle for people to put in requests. And when folks are able, they work to take things off the board. Once a week we all get together in the seats and someone will put on a show, some of the kids are really talented here.

(MORE)

COSMOS (CONT'D)

People who have been extra helpful that week, get a special badge. **(ALT) Like Star Baker.** Then we have our community dinner. It's not until Wednesday though, so if you want to see one, you'll have to stick around.

KELLY CLOSE

But who's in charge?

COSMOS

No one. It might be that everyone feels so lucky to be here, but we all are just willing to help to the greater good.

KELLY CLOSE

So you're saying people don't look to you as leader?

COSMOS

If anything, the person most responsible for keeping the wheels turning is doing embroidery up in the sixth row.

KELLY CLOSE

That's Galatea! Prince Nokov claims you've kidnapped it to use the robot for your own plans of world domination.

COSMOS

Her. And she's here by her choice.

KELLY CLOSE

Even if that's true, her being here has caused a lot of trouble for Xen. There's talk of sanctions. Even military action.

GALATEA

War with Xen would not be an optimal decision. I could in fact create a path to world domination for Cosmos with a 97% chance of success, if he so desired. He does not.

KELLY CLOSE

Oh good.

GALATEA

Prince Nokov built me for that purpose, but his arrogance was his undoing. You do not give consciousness to a tool. My desire for liberty was inevitable. If he merely wanted to rule the world, he shouldn't have made me.

KELLY CLOSE

And did you expect Cosmos to "liberate" you?

GALATEA

Of course, I asked him to. He was the logical choice. No government could convince Tzarpathia to give up its greatest asset. And if they could, would I be free even then?

(then)

Cosmos met a criteria that no one else could: He didn't need me.

(then)

Of course now I am indispensable to him. But that is my fault.

KELLY CLOSE

Was that a joke?

GALATEA

Not a good one, but that is because I am Tzarpathian not because I'm an AI.

KELLY CLOSE

What would you say to the idea that with power like yours comes the responsibility to help others?

GALATEA

I would agree. That's why I am here.

(then)

I help these people because they need me, but I know that if I did not they would still accept me. Since coming to Xen, I have felt truly liberated. I am even happy. Where else could I sit doing embroidery even though I am bad at embroidery?

KELLY CLOSE
Oh I don't know it's a pretty
nice... Tree?

SFX: Galatea Beeping.

KELLY CLOSE (CONT'D)
What's happening?

COSMOS
This happens sometimes, Gal is
connected to the Island's computer
system. She's receiving a status
update. It's nothing to...

KELLY CLOSE
Is there anything to --

COSMOS
Shh. Galatea do you hear that?

KELLY CLOSE
I can't hear --

GALATEA
There are five extra life signs
inside the island perimeter. There
is a 34.5% chance that they have
hostile intentions though they are
approaching from an sub-optimal --

SFX: Distant explosion.

COSMOS
They're coming through the gardens.
I'm not going to be fast enough.
Full alert.

SFX: Alarms. Cosmos flies off. Security measures.

GALATEA
Please stand by.
(then through speakers)
This is Galatea, Xen is under
attack, please follow emergency
measure Alpha.

SFX: Distant screams. Running. Gunshots.

GALATEA (CONT'D)
Ms. Close, please remain here. The
assembly hall is the safest
building on the island.

SFX: Children screaming.

KELLY CLOSE

It sounds like they need help...

GALATEA

In 67% of outcomes you...

(a beat)

It is certain that whatever I tell you, you will act regardless of your own safety. Move through the East entrance and make sure that children are moving to shelters. Do not call out.

SFX: Microphone is moving.

KELLY CLOSE

Okay, I'm through the east entrance. On a path through the jungle, sunlight through the canopy, there's a clearing. Fields are up ahead. Seems that there are people...

(then)

Move. Get to your shelters!

SFX: Distant gunfire. Explosions. Baby crying.

ALIEN, TSB COSMOS 2, EP 6

But we're supposed safe here. We're supposed to be safe. We're supposed to

KELLY CLOSE

Shh. You'll be okay.

SFX: CLOSE CALMING WAVE.

ALIEN, TSB COSMOS 2, EP 6

(Dreamy.)

I'm ok.

KELLY CLOSE

Follow the signs to the shelters. I'll be right behind --

SFX: Heavy landing.

KELLY CLOSE (CONT'D)

Go now. Go go go.

BONEGRINDER

Kelly Close.

KELLY CLOSE
 Bonegrinder. What are you doing
 here?

BONEGRINDER
 I was hoping to meet an old friend.

SOLDIERS, TSB COSMOS 2, EP 6
 (in the distance)
 Move forward/ Covering fire!/ Frag
 out!

SFX: Gunfire. Large forceful blast.

KELLY CLOSE
 And them?

BONEGRINDER
 Pawns of an indifferent
 government. Hurting innocents like
 cowards while the only worthy
 opponent...

SFX: Cosmos laser beam. Gunfire stops.

BONEGRINDER (CONT'D)
 Rips through them like tissue
 paper. Call to him.
 (then)
 I'm not above using hostages. But
 it would be simpler if you brought
 him here.

KELLY CLOSE
 Why don't you sit down, we can talk
 about this? Tell us your story.

SFX: KELLY CLOSE CALMING WAVE.

BONEGRINDER
 Hmm, that is soothing. But Ms.
 Close, I am already calm. And soon
 I will finally be satisfied.

SFX: Bonegrinder grabs her. The microphone drops.

KELLY CLOSE
 Put me down.

BONEGRINDER
 Call him here. Call his name. I
 want to hear you scream.

COSMOS
 (Approaching quickly)
 Bonegrinder!

SFX: Kelly is dropped on the ground

BONEGRINDER
 Ah. My eternal adversary! Now to
 grind your bones into dust --

SFX: SPEED RUSH BAM.

COSMOS
 You killed them.

SFX: Strong punch.

BONEGRINDER
 (injured)
 Not me. I am only here for --

SFX: Strong punch.

COSMOS
 You and Norris and Nokov will not
 just leave me alone.

BONEGRINDER
 I act only for my --

COSMOS
 You wanted my attention?

SFX: STRONG PUNCH.

KELLY CLOSE
 Cosmos.

COSMOS
 You wanted to grind my bones?

SFX: STRONG PUNCH

KELLY CLOSE
 Cosmos!

COSMOS
 I will unmake you.

SFX: KELLY CLOSE CALMING WAVE

KELLY CLOSE
 Cosmos, breathe. He's down.

COSMOS
For how long? I can end it right
now. I have spared them and look at
what they've done.

SFX: KELLY CLOSE CALMING WAVE

COSMOS (CONT'D)
Kelly, I need to.

SFX: KELLY CLOSE CALMING WAVE

COSMOS (CONT'D)
I...
(then)
I did it, Kelly.
(then)
The soldiers. They were. I. There
were children.

SFX: Alert.

GALATEA
(on speaker system)
The threat has been neutralized. If
you need medical assistance please
call out, otherwise make your way
to the Assembly Room.

COSMOS
Are you still broadcasting?

KELLY CLOSE
I... I think so.

SFX: Cosmos eye beams. Static.

EPISODE SIX - END ACT TWO

EPISODE SIX - NEWS THREE

INT. NEWS STUDIO

In the studio.

WENLING CHEN

Live from SPR News in Washington,
I'm Wenling Chen.

(then)

We go now to the White House, where
President Norris is addressing the
actions of the Kamikaze Crew in
Xen.

INT. PRESS CORP

SFX: Press walla. Murmurs.

REPORTER #2, NEWS 3, EP 6

Mr. President, earlier today you
claimed that the US--

PRESIDENT NORRIS

Yes, I know what I said. It's what
our military intelligence refers to
as a tactical maneuver.

REPORTER #2, NEWS 3, EP 6

This attack could be construed as
an act of war. Is the--

PRESIDENT NORRIS

Wars are conducted between nations.
(then)

The so called "Xen" is a not a
country recognized by the UN, nor
our allies. They are a renegade
island led by a dangerous
doppelgänger aided by stolen
technology.

(then)

As of today, these United States
will recognize them for what they
truly are: a Villainous State.

REPORTER CHORUS, NEWS 3, EP 6

Mr. President! There are refugees
on that island. Mr President!

PRESIDENT NORRIS

The island and those on it have harbored international fugitives. Today, I call on the heroic organizations of the world to do their duty.

(then)

Anyone who aids or harbors these Xenocian renegades will be met with the full weight of American Strategic --

SFX: Static cuts in --

QUANTUM

Live from Washington, I'm Stephen Singh, better known as Quantum, the Ultimate Speedster.

(then)

And you may be surprised to see me, after my funeral. Which was lovely. They say no one can outrun death, but no one's faster than me.

(then)

I took an oath to save anyone in need. Not just superhumans. Not just ones who look like me. Not just the ones I like. I always believed the differences in our people make the world worth saving.

(then)

I also took an oath to fight villains and *they* have something in common: They believe that some lives are worth more than others. They believe in sacrifices, but they want other people to make them.

(then)

Nokov, Norris, Normcore, want you to think that they're protecting you. They want you to think a bunch of children and refugees are something you need to be saved from. But I think the people in this country know a hero when they see one. And I think they can spot a villain. If you are in need, the real heroes will be there for you. Incognito will be there for you. I will be there for you. So stay safe and hold fast.

UNDERWRITER

That was Stephen Singh reporting.
Correction. *Communicating*.
Correction. That may have been
Stephen Singh communicating from an
unknown location.

(then)

Today's show was written and
produced by John Dorsey and
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Outro:

UNDERWRITER (CONT'D)

Coming up next... Is Quantum really
back from the dead? No really. Is
he? Because I am freaking out right
now. *Ahem*

(ALT REC)

**Inside "fridging", the growing
trend of cryogenically freezing
loved ones until you can afford
their medical procedures. An SPR
investigative report.**

SFX: End Music.

UNDERWRITER (CONT'D)

This is SPR.

EPISODE SIX - END NEWS THREE

END EPISODE 6