

Genesis Avalon: Patriot Episode 1 “Freedom Is A State of Mind”

[Genesis Avalon: Patriot Theme plays]

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[theme music ends]

[Outside city street noises, followed by someone putting walking down the street on their phone. The city street noises fade when he puts the headphones on and turns on a video]

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 1

(In headphones) ...arrangements are proceeding for the consolidation of the new United States Collegiate Education program. Secretary of Education Dalichov announced in a press conference today that the last campuses holding out on adopting the new, state approved curriculum have finally signed their USCE Approved new charters.

BEN

(over the video) Guess it's a good thing I'm not going back to school...

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 2

(In headphones) In related news, Former Harvard University president Charles Lowell, who long opposed the Collegiate Education department and the movement for government oversight on higher education, faces sentencing at 1pm today for his participation in Anti-American activities and the violent mob attack that occurred last May on the historic Harvard campus.

BEN

(talking over the video) Yeah, cause a peaceful protest getting attacked by The Stewards is a riot.

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 2

(In headphones) Stay tuned for full coverage live from the federal courthouse in New York, where the case was moved following the Suffolk County Terror Attacks last July

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 1

(In headphones) John Pellson, the terrorist vigilante responsible for the attacks on the Suffolk County Correctional Facility is still at large, but the Massachusetts Steward's Task Force assures the public they have several leads and anticipate the arrest of Pellson to come in the next 48 hours.

BEN

Good luck with that, he's not in Boston anymore.

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 1

(In headphones) The Task Force has asked any citizen with information regarding the location of this individual to call the number on the screen below. Pellson, shown here in surveillance footage caught just after his brutal attack –

[Atmospheric music underneath]

BEN

(over the video) Of course you're gonna throw up some grainy footage and not like, his faculty photo from PS #118. Can't have a self-respecting black man on camera when you're making him out to be a thug, right?

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 1

(In headphones) Is an African-American male in his late forties who may be travelling with his son, Benjamin Pellson. Authorities report that the young man also assisted in his father's escape, and both may be armed and dangerous. Do not approach them.

BEN

(overlapping the video) Oh, good, I'm a young man now.

[Footsteps approach as John meets up with Ben]

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 2

(In headphones) It's good to know there will be closure on those riots, and justice for those brave peace officers injured in the attacks. (short pause) President Kramer threw the first pitch out today for the opening of the twenty-

JOHN

Ben, I'm back.

[Ben pulls off headphones, video stops]

BEN

You hear that, dad? (deepening his voice comically) I'm a man now.

JOHN

You done? Come on, we have work to do.

BEN

Uh... Yessir.

[They start walking through the streets]

BEN

(sighs) I was just making a joke.

JOHN

It's not a joke if they use it as a reason to kill you, son. And I told you to turn that junk off.

BEN

I was waiting to see if they were going to talk about Dr. Lowell's trial.

JOHN

(scoff) Anything they say is a lie and you know it, Ben.

BEN

Yeah, but he was mom's friend. I was at that protest, no one was violent.

JOHN

Maybe if you had been, he wouldn't have been arrested.

BEN

We've had that talk already, I don't really want to have it again. But, no, punching everyone would not have made Lowell less likely to get arrested.

[they approach a construction zone]

BEN

Did you get us a way in?

JOHN

I got the visitor credentials for the courthouse.

BEN

So we can go to the sentencing?! Who'd you have to kill to get these? (Dubious, suddenly realizing that might not be a joke) You....didn't actually—

JOHN

They'll live. Going to the courthouse to make a disruption was your idea.

BEN

Getting into the court with fake IDs was my idea, beating people up and stealing their passes wasn't. We're supposed to be heroes, not give the news more reason to make us the enemy.

JOHN

Can't make an omelet without cracking a few eggs.

BEN

You tore up half the Suffolk County jail!

JOHN

It's a big omelet. And I wasn't going to let you and a bunch of innocent college kids sit there and rot. The Sixth Amendment---

BEN

Is still being violated, and now you're a wanted criminal.

JOHN

Huh, did they mention me? On that news broadcast?

BEN

Is your name still John Pellson? Then, yes. In big letters. By name. We have to be smarter about what we do.

JOHN

Fine, then we will do this your way.

[As Ben talks, they walk out of street level and into a building]

BEN

Okay. (deep breath) Once we are in the court house, we wait until the news cameras are live. We'll show the real footage of what happened at the Harvard protests...

[Door opens and they enter the courthouse lobby]

BEN

Maybe we can even get Dr. Lowell out of there...

[Footsteps as they approach a security screening, crowd milling around]

GUARD

Your ID? Thank you... Okay you're clear. Empty your pockets, everything goes through the scanner. Next! (Pause) ID Please. Thank you. Please step through the scanner, hold your wrist with the watch over your head, please. Next! (Pause) ID Please. Thank you, you're clear. Place your bag on the 6 belt, then step through the scanner...

JOHN

(Over the Guard line) Okay, this is way more security than you said there would be.

BEN

This wasn't here yesterday. They must have added it for the hearing.

JOHN

Well, what's our Plan B?

BEN

I didn't think we needed one, I didn't sense anything going wrong

[They approach the guard]

GUARD

... Place your bag on the belt, then step through the scanner. (to the line) Next!

JOHN

Go.

BEN

I need a second to see.

GUARD

(impatient urgency) Next!

BEN

(Under breath) Damn it...

[Ben steps up and hands the guard his ID]

BEN

Here. Sorry, didn't hear you the first time.

GUARD

(annoyed) Thank you!

[the ID scanner beeps, reads the ID and beeps an affirmative]

GUARD

Alright, you're clear, place your bag on the conveyor, step through the scanner. Next.

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BEN

Thanks.

[Ben walks a few steps]

[Magic noise as his precognition powers suddenly kicks in]

BEN

Oh, no, not again...

[Time slows to a halt around him, everything sounds distorted as he sees a vision of the future]

GUARD

(In Ben's Vision) GET DOWN!

[conveyer is knocked over, chaos, bystanders screaming]

[His vision ends, time restarts abruptly and magic sound fades away]

BEN

Crap. I have to warn him before it happens –

GUARD

(to John) You know, you look like someone I saw on the news...

JOHN

I get that sometimes, guess I just got one of those faces...

[The guard scans John's ID, the scanner beeps a negative]

GUARD

Sir, please step to the side. We'll re-run your face ID and we will get this sorted...

JOHN

I need to get inside.

GUARD

I know, Sir, It will only be a moment...

BEN

(Under breath) Stay cool, Dad...

[the scanner runs the ID again and it beeps negative again]

JOHN

Well. what's the problem?

GUARD

This pass is showing as invalid, it's probably just the magnetic strip. I'm running a new Facial ID scan...

[Patriot's battle theme starts]

[The scanner runs the facial ID scan, alert klaxon sounds]

GUARD

What in the---

JOHN

Plan B.

[Explosion of power as John transforms into Patriot and Ben transforms into Minuteman]

JOHN

(John roars as he powers up)

[Radio button being toggled]

GUARD

I need back up at checkpoint alpha! It's the terrorist—

PATRIOT

(Grunt of effort)

GUARD

GET DOWN!

[Patriot flips the conveyer and throws it, bystanders scream in terror]

GUARD

(into Radio) I need backup! The Stewards! HE'S HERE!!

[Guard grabs his taser and fires it. It fizzles on Patriot when it hits]

PATRIOT

(chuckles) A taser? Oh, that's cute.

[Patriot grabs the guard and throws him]

GUARD

(Terrified yelp, followed by a grunt of pain)

[Guard crashes into a window]

MINUTEMAN Dad, stop! This isn't gonna help!

PATRIOT

We're doing this my way now. (Addresses the crowd) Everyone! This former House of Justice has been corrupted by the fascist regime who has stolen our government and violates our constitution!

MINUTEMAN

(joins in) Dr. Lowell is an innocent man! He was arrested for exercising his First Amendment Rights.

PATRIOT

We have the freedom to speak out against the government without fear of retribution!

[Ben's precognition kicks in with a warning noise]

[tons of footsteps approach as Stewards flood the room]

MINUTEMAN

Damn. Stewards!

[A bunch of futuristic guns charge up and prepare to fire]

STEWARD CAPTAIN

It's them! That Patriot guy and Minuteman! Open fire!

MINUTEMAN

(Over the Captain's line) DAD! DOWN!

[futuristic guns fire at the two of them, missing Patriot and hitting the wall]

PATRIOT

(Grunts) You know, I've had just about enough of these gestapo punks...

[Patriot grabs the conveyor belt, throws it at the Stewards]

PATRIOT

(Rage yell as he charges into the Steward line)

[Magic powers up around Patriot as he charges the Stewards]

[Stewards fire guns, electric wire sizzles and something catches fire]

BYSTANDER 1

Oh my god, ohmygod ohmygod. FIRE! Those curtains are on fire!

MINUTEMAN

Sir, Ma'am, come this way, you need to get out of the line of fire....

BYSTANDER 2

You! You're one of those vigilantes! Get away from us!!

MINUTEMAN

I'm trying to help you!

[Patriot gets shot at by more Stewards, but keeps moving]

PATRIOT

(Grunt of pain, but he's still fighting)

MINUTEMAN

Please! We need to go now!

[Minuteman grabs the two bystanders]

BYSTANDER 1

Let us go!

BYSTANDER 2

Oh my god we're going to die!

MINUTEMAN

I hate this I hate this I hate this!

[Minuteman breaks into a run, then superspeeds out of the room]

[Superspeed flash as they are now outside in the city streets]

MINUTEMAN

There should be an ambulance or a fire truck nearby. Please go over there and get your injuries looked at.

BYSTANDER 2

You... saved us?

MINUTEMAN

That's all I want to do.

[Trucks pulling up, sirens]

MINUTEMAN

Crap... reinforcements.

[Minuteman superspeed flash back into the courthouse]

[Steady fire burning noises]

STEWARD CAPTAIN

What the - When'd you get back in here, boy?! How the hell'd you get so fast?

MINUTEMAN

Well, I might not be that Vanguard hero, but I still got some of that super-quickness. Which means.. I would be the Road Runner. And you're the Coyote in this case. So...

[Superspeed flash, Minuteman clocks the Steward Captain with a metal drawer]

STEWARD CAPTAIN

(grunts)

MINUTEMAN

Meep meep, asshole.

[Guns reload at Patriot]

PATRIOT

You facist shitheads have done more damage to our country than I ever could but I'M the badguy?!

STEWARD CAPTAIN

We need those reinforcements now! He's too strong...

MINUTEMAN

Patriot, they're bringing backup! We need to go!

PATRIOT

The American People will stand for your tyranny NO MORE!

[Massive crash, lots of screaming]

MINUTEMAN

DAD! We have to get out of here!

PATRIOT

Minuteman, do your job, save civilians.

MINUTEMAN

I don't have time to save everyone if you keep breaking stuff! Right now, I'm saving you. Come ON.

PATRIOT

From this? I just beat their asses.

MINUTEMAN

And there are a hundred more of them about to come pouring in. You're strong, I don't think you're that strong. And I'm not fast enough to get everyone out of this. The best way to save the civilians is to remove the person causing the destruction. You! Sooner we're out, sooner the Stewards will prioritize the civilians.

PATRIOT

Fine. Let's go.

MINUTEMAN

This way, There's a back exit.

[Patriot and Minuteman run off]

[Fire gets louder, Steward Captain groaning in pain, panicked people]

STEWARD CAPTAIN

Oh, god... They're... going out the back.... I need aid for my men.... Officers down.... Fire is getting worse... there are people trapped on the other side of the flames. Repeat, send back up in n—

[Different superspeed SFX]

[Abrupt change to city streets, ambulances and fire trucks]

STEWARD CAPTAIN

(still mid-sentence) Now? (confused) What? What just happened?

[Another superspeed SFX]

BYSTANDER 3

Oh my god we're outside!

[Another superspeed SFX]

EMT

Something is bringing all the people out of the building!

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[Another superspeed SFX]

BYSTANDER 4

(Cough cough) How did I get out here?!

STEWARD CAPTAIN

Not something... Someone...

[door opens, footsteps shuffle in]

CHRIS

Sis? That better be you.

LEE ANN

Who else would it be?

[door closes]

LEE ANN

I got them, no one saw us.

[Rustle of clothes as coats are taken off, suitcases and things are put down]

JAINA

Thanks, Lee Ann. I'm so sorry I couldn't call you sooner –

LEE ANN

Don't. That's the point of disappearing. If people can find you easily, then it's not exactly as if you disappeared.

JAINA

I know, but still. It's... It's really good to see you. “Dr. Matthews.”

LEE ANN

Oh, stop. Come here and give me a hug.

[they hug]

LEE ANN

Oh, Jaina, I've missed you so much.

[quirky music cue]

LEO

No, it's cool, I'll just stand here. Awkwardly.

[Jaina pulls back from the hug]

JAINA

God, Leo, you're a pain. (chuckles) Yes, official introductions. This is Leo Blake, also known as

Sir Lancelot. And this is Dr. Lee Ann Matthews. I owe pretty much everything I know about the gods - both Celtic and Egyptian - and King Arthur - to her.

LEE ANN

Aah, the first legendary flirt. The man with the wandering eye for the queen.

LEO

(Teasing scoff) You wound me, Madam. I am a changed man this time around. And also, you forgot shameless flirt. Uh, you know, shameless flirt. Legendary shameless flirt.

JAINA

You're literally married to Gwen!

LEO

Right, so, already doing better! Look, Jaina...

[He grabs her into a hug]

LEO

I love you. You're throwing me off my game here. I can't sweep Mrs. Robinson off her feet here if she's busy hearing about how I'm married.

LEE ANN

(laughs) Oh, you're cute, kid, but I'd eat you alive.

LEO

I could be into that.

JAINA

(heavy sigh) I swear, he's harmless. Even if I kind of wish he'd give me a few moments to myself.

[sad meow and unhappy cat noises from Noir]

NOIR

Yes... well... I think I've had an abundance of time left alone to myself, and I would greatly appreciate it if someone would let me out. (sad meow) Please?

JAINA

Yeah, yeah, of course, Noir. Hang on.

[angry cat yowls]

[Chris walks back into the room]

CHRIS

OK, I've got a couple of air mattresses I can have blown up in about ten minutes, they have those nifty motors on them..

[Jaina unlatches the cat carrier and lets Noir out]

NOIR

Oh, thank the gods –

[Noir scratches his collar and stretches]

NOIR

Ooh, no more carrier... Ah, yes.

CHRIS

That cat is talking.

NOIR

Oh, Christopher!

CHRIS

Cat's still talking!

NOIR

How I wish I could have spoken to you about Assara.

CHRIS

Cat's still talking.

NOIR

I'm so sorry.

CHRIS

And - The cat knows my name? Is... Is that Assara's cat?

LEO

(under his breath) Oh, if this weirds him out, the next part's gonna really get him.

LEE ANN

Chris, I told you who Jaina was. And we've talked about who Assara was for all those years. I did tell you about Noir.

CHRIS

Yeah, but I thought he was... you know... a guy. You said he was a guy.

LEE ANN

A magical familiar. Wait - What do you think a "Familiar" is?

CHRIS

I don't know! I work in finance.

LEE ANN

(annoyed noise) This is why my nephew says you're lame.

CHRIS

I am so glad he's with his grandparents this weekend, thank you for reminding me. I do not want to explain to my son that there's a talking cat in my living room.

[Swell of magic as Noir transforms from a cat back to his human form]

[Noir adjusts his suit jacket]

NOIR

Ah, that's much better.

CHRIS

Ooooh, I might be sick...

LEO

See? Now he's a guy. Just a, regular, regular ole guy that you would probably see at a... a haberdashery.

[Noir's theme plays]

NOIR

(sarcasm) Yes, wonderful. Thank you, Leo, that was... something (clears his throat) Anyway. Yes. I am Noir. I am the magical familiar for Genesis Avalon, the last Priestess of the Isles imbued with the power of the gods and defender of the realm from all demonic threats, whomever holds that mantle. For a time, it was Assara, now it is Jaina. I imagine that must bring... Quite the myriad of emotions.

[Chris paces a bit]

CHRIS

I'm just... trying to wrap my head around all of this, so... yeah. Myriad of emotions sums it up. I know... I know Lee Ann said my ex-wife was your mentor, uh, Jaina, but I had no idea she was... was... this.

JAINA

She was a superhero. I owe a lot to her. I wish I could have saved her so she could have told you all of this herself. We'll all have time to process this stuff later. I hate to sound callous, but... we don't have a lot of time. I have no idea what the US government is doing with my husband, but I am going to get him back. I'm hoping you can help me.

LEE ANN

We haven't heard anything about Sam. I know what you told me, but, no one's been reporting it. If the Stewards have him –

LEO

Oooh, you bet your ass they do. (clears his throat) Ma'am.

LEE ANN

If they have him, they haven't found the right media circus to throw yet.

[music fades out]

[Jaina's phone vibrates]

JAINA

Hang on, one sec.

[Jaina fishes out her phone, reads her texts and paces. Texts back, receives a response]

JAINA

Uh, It's Tammy - um, Sir Gawain. There's a pilot who's willing to fly us across the border with

the right credentials. But, slight problem. We have to get to Niagara to do it. And he won't be ready for another day.

CHRIS

That's only a couple hours' drive.

JAINA

Yeah, no, I know. I just... Sam and I were hoping to go to Niagara Falls and... this wasn't how I wanted it to be.

LEE ANN

Jaina. You're gonna find him. You'll get him back.

JAINA

I will. But first, I need to figure out what they're telling everyone. And I need to know exactly where Calhoun is before we get there.

CHRIS

And Calhoun is...?

LEE ANN

Calhoun Masters. You know, Kramer's right-hand man with no official elected position.

JAINA

He's also a demonic assassin so... demons in the White House.

CHRIS

Wishing I hadn't asked... Your best bet is not going to be the most reliable source of information, but it's what we have

[Switches on the TV]

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 2

(over the TV) In related news, Former Harvard University president Charles Lowell, who long opposed the Collegiate Education department and the movement for government oversight on higher education, faces sentencing at 1pm today for his participation in Anti-American activities and the violent mob attack that occurred last May on the historic Harvard campus.

CHRIS

I'm muting this. There's only so much of this garbage I can listen to. We can watch the ticker on the bottom to see what they're talking about.

JAINA

Violent mob attack?

[tense music]

LEE ANN

A peaceful protest broken up by The Stewards. 15 protesters died, 300 were arrested, many are still being held.

[Leo paces]

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LEO

Dammit, I knew it had to be bad. But... State-sponsored news? State approved curriculums? What is that about?

LEE ANN

That way they control what every student learns about. No more private universities, all endowments went into paying for the new government approval boards. They cancelled the visas of all foreign students, too. “American schools for American students”.

CHRIS

Lee Ann left New York long before that happened. I'd just earned my Canadian citizenship when her old school started pushing the state control line, so I'm sponsoring her for Canadian citizenship, too.

LEE ANN

If you hadn't pushed me to get out, Jaina, I might not have been fast enough.

CHRIS

Things are far better here in Canada... To be honest, we don't watch the US state news feed much anymore. CBC and pirate feeds for news.

LEE ANN

And some days...

[She sits on the couch]

LEE ANN

(sigh) It just feels better not to know.

LEO

That explains why the US Embassy's been trying to get Tim - uh, the King - to send me back here. I'm an American ex-pat. They must hate that. I can't believe people just... let it get this bad. I mean, this is real fascist stuff.

CHRIS

It happened just fast enough that no one could stop. Now, anyone who speaks out against the government gets arrested on some made up charge, or blasted on the news as being Anti-American... or gets disappeared.

LEE ANN

They had elections last year, but half the candidates running against President Kramer's “Freedom and Security Party” were arrested.

CHRIS

The official ‘State approved’ story was that they were taking bribes from foreign governments, tampering with election sites...

LEE ANN

But there were never any trials, no public disclosure of evidence. Now they all just sit in political prisons.

CHRIS

The first time the Freedom and Security party had a majority, they passed all sorts of voter suppression laws, gerrymandered every district their way. They lost the popular vote by 20% but somehow still took 65% of the seats. By the third election, after that made up scandal? Most of them ran unopposed. Voter turnout was 20%. Less than.

JAINA

And I bet that was the 20% who think President Kramer is doing a bang-up job.

LEE ANN

We do get news... real news... from across the border. The Freedom Press is still running.

CHRIS

Mostly in print these days. They stopped broadcasting after a year outside of the US. From what we can tell, firewalls and radio tower jammers went up to stop anything that wasn't state-sanctioned. Nothing in, nothing out.

LEO

You know what, Tim did say Kerri was still sending messages. Maybe it was some kind of good old-fashioned snail mail?

CHRIS

Tim is King Arthur? And Kerri is...

JAINA

His sister. A journalist. She runs with the Freedom Press.

NOIR

That doesn't give us much to go on, though. We can't just assume they'll be in New York, or that Sam will, for that matter.

JAINA

Which means we have no idea where to go once we're across the border.

CHRIS

I might actually be able to help with that.

LEE ANN & JAINA

What?

CHRIS

Lee, how long have I been getting you Freedom Press stuff? I know where it comes from. I can give you guys the name of the woman who drops them and she should be able to tell you where to go.

NOIR

By the gods... Quick, turn the volume back on!

[TV turns back on]

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 2

(over the TV) Breaking news direct from the Nation's Capital: At the top of the Red List for known terrorists, the long-at-large vigilante Exodus Avalon has been captured by our loyal

Stewards. After seven long years of searching, the murderer of college student Zee Lewis and countless other innocent victims during his reign of terror will finally face justice.

CHRIS
Exodus Avalon?

LEE ANN
Jaina's husband! Sam! The last Priest of Avalon, Jaina's partner and also a superhero. Jeez! Have you listened to anything I have told you in the last five years?

CHRIS
I thought I did...

[Jaina sends a text]

JAINA
I'm gonna need the name of that contact. My timetable just moved up.

[More texting noises as the scene fades out]

[Busy clinic, people talking]

EVAN
Okay, keep pressure on that - just like that, yup - and keep your arm elevated. Good. Head over to that red bench over there and Angelica will come, get you a few stitches.

[Patient gets out of chair]

PATIENT
Thanks, Doc.

EVAN
No, thank you. You risked a lot to bring us that intel and we appreciate it. You're going to save a lot of lives.

PATIENT
And you'll tell Vanguard? She'll make sure they get to the city? I mean, if the rumors are true, then there's a VIP coming -

EVAN
VIPs don't hold a candle to the work people like you are doing, okay? But... yeah, I'll tell the Vanguard. Soon as she gets -

[Superspeed SFX as Casey suddenly shows up in another room]

CASEY
(muffled) Nononono, motherfu -

[Muffled crash as Casey lands in a bunch of filing cabinets]

PATIENT
Was that -

EVAN

Oh, look, there's Angelica! (to her) Sutures on this one!

CASEY

(muffled swearing in Spanish)

[Quick footsteps, Evan opens a door and closes it quickly]

[Evan carefully walks over broken glass]

EVAN

Casey, what the hell were you thinking? You could've waited two minutes and we would've opened the door for you. Here, let me –

CASEY

NO. I got it!

[Casey pushes him away, gest into her chair]

CASEY

I just... missed the stupid goddamn chair...

EVAN

Because you came in at Mach 2.

CASEY

You know, I didn't ask you to come in here.

[Casey rolls her wheelchair over to her desk]

CASEY

I don't know how much longer I can keep doing this.

EVAN

Doing what? Being the Vanguard? I don't know if that's something you can just... stop doing.

CASEY

No, I meant cleaning up other peoples' messes. I reek of smoke because someone set fire to the courthouse. Had to speed in and out before the Stewards saw me. (sighs) Dammit, where's my leg?

[Evan rummages around to find her prosthetic leg]

EVAN

Here. I suppose it showed that filing cabinet who's boss when you ran into... well, everything.

CASEY

Is it okay?

EVAN

The only one who can tell me it fits right is you.

[She puts the prosthetic on, Evan buckles it in]

EVAN

Any rubbing on the knee?

CASEY

(sarcasm) Hey, while you're down there, my toe itches. (sighs) No. My stump is fine.

EVAN

I can't work with you when you're like this.

CASEY

Evan, I am missing half of one leg and the other one barely works. The only time I feel useful is when I'm helping people with my power. I've burned through two prosthetics from the friction. How am I supposed to be?

EVAN

That's not what I mean!

[Knock on the door, Kerri and Julian enter]

KERRI

Oh my lord, would you give me some bloody space? I swear to God, maybe if you'd stood that close to me while we were together, things... things would be different.

JULIAN

That's...I'm... I'm not even responding to that. And I was holding the door open –

KERRI

Casey! Good. You're back.

[Casey rolls her wheelchair around]

CASEY

Kerri. You seem chipper. At least, you seem moreso than any other time Julian's in the room with you.

JULIAN

I must have a target on my back somewhere. It's shaping up to be one of those days already... First the Steward, now this.

KERRI

Oh, well, (chuckles), genius here got tagged running supplies in Astoria. And I... hm, I lost my taser knocking out the Steward and getting Julian back underground.

CASEY

Dammit, we don't have spares anymore, Kerri.

JULIAN

I'm still trying to figure out how they found me.

KERRI

That... That's tomorrow's problem. I heard we had some intel come in. Was it from my brother?

EVAN

I assume so. Something about VIPs –

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CASEY

Hold on, when were you going to tell me this?

EVAN

Uh, When I figured out how to stop putting my foot in my mouth? It's a terrible look as a medical professional if I can't talk to you without ticking you off.

CASEY

Well, If you want, you can borrow my foot. It's a smaller shoe size anyway.

EVAN

Mm-hm... Very mature.

[Julian shifts around]

JULIAN

Question: Why does it smell like smoke in here?

CASEY

Because the Steward pendejos started a fire at the courthouse. I made it over there and got people out before anyone got hurt.

JULIAN

Guess you learned from last time, huh?

KERRI

(same time as Evan) Julian! What the hell?!

EVAN

(Same time as Kerri) How dare you!

CASEY

No, no. You have something to say, Julian, say it. You're not exactly known for your tact.

JULIAN

You... No. No, I didn't mean it. We're all stressed, I'm probably a little punch drunk. I'm just... gonna go.

[Julian walks out and Evan follows him into main clinic area]

EVAN

No, hey, wait a second! You need to go back in there and apologize to her. She's busting her ass, we're all busting our asses, but if you think you have any room to blame her for what happened –

JULIAN

He was my friend way before he was your husband. I'm allowed to be angry!

EVAN

Bobby knew you were a pain in the ass, but he thought he'd helped you turn a corner. How dare you use him to hurt Casey. You know how much he cared about her. About all of us. (swallows thickly) She was trapped under that rubble, too.

JULIAN

Then maybe she should have been faster. After all, she's the big freaking superhero, right? And now, she's all we have left. Face it, Evan. You're the only one who thinks all of this is still working. The Freedom Press? That was Casey, Kerri and Bobby. You and me? We're just the ones who have to clean up the mess. You better hope those VIPs are worth the trouble, or you're not going to have enough supplies in this little fantasy clinic of yours to save all the people who will end up dead.

[music swells to the end]

[Genesis Avalon: Patriot theme plays]

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Juwan Royal as John Pellson/Patriot

Anna Rodriguez as Casey Sloane/Vanguard

Paul Brueggemann as Leo Blake

Chris Hackney as Noir

Mark Allen Jr as Evan Spencer

M Sieiro Garcia as Kerri Arthur

Trent Clifton as Julian Alexander

Jack Calk as Chris Matthews

Lee Ann Brown as Lee Ann Matthews

Jamie Forney as US State News Reporter 1 and Bystander 1

Anthony Fleece as US State News Reporter 2 and Bystander 3

Kris Remo as Guard

Ted Hazzard as Steward Captain

Frank Gugliemelli as Bystander 2

Kris Bays as Bystander 4

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