

Genesis Avalon: Patriot Episode 7 “Convergence”

[Genesis Avalon: Patriot Theme plays]

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[theme music ends]

[Fire alarms, fire and panicked passengers as Jaina walks into the train car where they have wrecked outside Union Station]

PASSENGER 1

What... what happened?

PASSENGER 2

I can't even see the front of the train anymore!

PASSENGER 1

(starting to panic) We're gonna die.

PASSENGER 2

Oh god, all those people!

JAINA

No one is going to die! Listen to me. (cough) Smoke is already filling the car, we need to get out before we suffocate.

PASSENGER 1

How the hell are we gonna do that?

JAINA

I know it's easy to panic, but let's try to keep it together. Think logically. There are windows that pop out. There should be an emergency release for the doors. Just keep calm, work fast. We'll figure it out. (coughs more)

[Passengers disperse and start to look around and rummage through, walking across glass and debris]

PASSENGER 1

Yeah, okay. Uh, over here. You, with me.

PASSENGER 2

Okay, there should be a map of the train car, right?

JAINA

(coughing as she also tries to find an exit)

PASSENGER 1

Let's take a look...

JAINA

Come on...

PASSENGER 1

Help me pull this up...

JAINA

There's gotta be something here...

[Two of the passengers manage to lift up a table and get it out of the way]

PASSENGER 1

(grunts with effort) There we go! I found the exit!

JAINA

Great, good job.

[She makes it over to the passenger]

JAINA

We should be able to pop the window off and climb out.

PASSENGER 1

(grunt of effort)

[He tries to open the latch and can't]

PASSENGER 1

The latch is stuck. It won't unlock!

PASSENGER 2

Let me try. (groans, no luck) Dammit!

PASSENGER 1

We don't have time to look for another one!

JAINA

(coughing harder) Move, move, I got this.

[Jaina tries the latch herself a few times]

JAINA

(grunts, pulls) OK, definitely stuck. Fine. Wanna play rough? I can play rough.

[She takes a step back]

PASSENGER 1

That's like, ballistic glass, what're you gonna do to it?

JAINA

I was gonna give it a stern talking, to, what does it look like? (grunt of effort)

[She winds up and bodychecks the glass]

PASSENGER 2

Oh, it's not gonna work –

JAINA

(another grunt, then another)

[A couple more thunks as she tries to knock it open]

JAINA

Oh, for the love of Morrigan, this is nothing compared to what I used to do!

[There's a lingering sound of power and a raven caw as Morrigan takes note of what Jaina says, then a bit of power]

JAINA

(coughs) I am not - giving - UP!

[The last few thunks start to actually crack the window]

PASSENGER 1

It- it's working! It's working!

JAINA

(practically roars as she connects with the glass this time)

[Train window cracks and then pops off with a burst of air]

JAINA

(panting with effort) See? I got this.... Let's go!

[She climbs out and starts to help others out]

JAINA

Come on... (grunts) Come on, I got you... Come on, let's go...

[Superspeed whooshes as the Vanguard drops off Kerri, Julian and Evan outside Union Station. There's fire and smoke already]

KERRI

My god... It's worse than I thought...

EVAN

Where are the first responders? How the hell did we beat them here?

JULIAN

Take a wild guess, Evan.

EVAN

You don't honestly think the Stewards caused this?

JULIAN

No, but I think they'll cover it up.

KERRI

Oh, enough! We didn't come here to bicker. Julian, start helping people out. Evan and I will get triage points set up until we hear back from Vanguard...

[Vanguard superspeeds up to them, there's a constant slight buzzing as she uses her superspeed power to "stay standing"]

VANGUARD

Kerri, this? This is bad. A train derailed and smashed into the platform and another train. I'm gonna start bringing people this way, but we're gonna need way more help than just our team.

EVAN

I'll put in another call to 911.

[Vanguard whooshes off. When she arrives at site of the crash, panicked shouting and cries for help suddenly appear.]

PASSENGERS

Help! Please, help! Oh, god, my leg! Mom, come on, please get up!

[Vanguard starts to grab people and speed them to safety]

VANGUARD

Hey hey hey hey, hi, hi! Hold on, hold on I got you. Come on, I'm gonna get you out. Take my hand.

[She speeds to another struggling passenger]

VANGUARD

Bien, bien. Vamos.

[Another speed to a passenger]

VANGUARD

No, no I see them! I promise I'll be back, 20 seconds tops. Don't worry, I'm getting you all off this platform.

[She speeds to another passenger]

VICTIM

(gasping and panicking) Please help us!

VANGUARD

I hear you! I hear you! Okay? Hold on, I'm gonna try to find another way out...

[Rubble is shifting, the roof of the platform is starting to collapse]

VICTIM

Somebody please help us!

[Fire rages and the roof starts to collapse]

VICTIM

Nononono, ow –

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[The roof is caught as Patriot arrives]

PATRIOT

(Roaring with the effort as he holds it up) I have this! Go!

VANGUARD

I know you....

PATRIOT

GO!

VANGUARD

Hold on...

[Vanguard grabs the trapped victims, speeds off.]

[She speeds back as Patriot is able to lower the roof to the ground slowly]

PATRIOT

(Deep breaths) Was that... was that everyone?

VANGUARD

Everyone that I could find, yes. (pause) I'm sorry, but... I feel like I know you?

PATRIOT

You're that speedster. The one the Freedom Press calls Vanguard.

VANGUARD

You're the Patriot.. But... That's not it. I know you. We... We've fought together. Before.

PATRIOT

That winter in Boston, when we stood against the tax act.

VANGUARD

That summer in Paris, when we stormed the Bastille together...

PATRIOT

That February in Petrograd, when we overthrew the Tzar.

VANGUARD

That miserable August in Haiti when we burned the plantations and ran off the colonial masters. You're a Spirit of Revolution.

PATRIOT

It's like our powers come from the same place.

VANGUARD

It's like we should work together. You should be helping us! I saw you lift half a building over your head! That was amazing! Are you a speedster, too?

PATRIOT

I'm not fast. I'm strong. It's all I am.

[Another flare of fire reminds them that they're still in danger]

VANGUARD

Maybe this isn't the best place to talk about it. Help me finish clearing out civilians, then you and I are gonna have a really interesting conversation.

[Ben runs through the wreckage near the train]

BEN

Patriot? Patriot!!

[Runs pretty quick for a few, then slows to a stop]

BEN

Dammit, where the hell did he go?

JAINA

(Under his line) That's it, don't push, I've got you...

BEN

(under his breath) Dad, what did you do?

[Ben walks closer to the people trying to escape the train]

JAINA

Just get your leg out – great.

[Person drops down to the ground]

PASSENGER 2

Oh, thank you so much...

PASSENGER 3

I don't understand. Where's the emergency response, an ambulance?

BEN

They're not coming. At least... not for a while.

PASSENGER 2

What? What do you mean?

PASSENGER 3

Is that... is that a threat?

BEN

Woah, woah, it's okay, I'm not here to hurt anyone. I'll...uh... look, I'm all the way over here. I'll stay over here, I'm just telling you what the Stewards are gonna do.

[Jaina walks over to him across the gravel and wreckage]

JAINA

Are you kidding me? There are injured people still inside. The train derailed, for gods' sake!

BEN

It doesn't matter! Having a train derail on their watch makes them look bad, they're not here to help, they're here to cover this up. They're not letting regular ambulances in until they have a good cover, and we don't have that kind of time.

PASSENGER 1

For the - I know you! I know you! You're that vigilante on the news! The one who brainwashes people to do what he says –

BEN

What?

PASSENGER 1

Everyone saw what you did on the news! Your buddy Patriot blows everything up and you make people do whatever it is you want while you're giving those lofty speeches! They can't even show the footage because it could mess with the viewers!

BEN

Okay, out of all the things I've heard, that is the dumbest sh –

[The fire rages louder from the train, cutting him off]

JAINA

Look, I don't care who you are. If you're here to help...

[She walks over to him]

JAINA

I can't do this alone.

[Ben takes her hand]

[Ben's precognition powers suddenly flare, giving him a glance back in time]

BEN

Woah!

[A rumble of thunder and power from the past, moments from Avalon's past battles overlap each other quickly]

GENESIS AVALON

Lugh of the Long Hand, high god among high gods...

[Ravens cawing, battle noises]

GENESIS AVALON

I am Genesis Avalon, Priestess of the Isles!

GENESIS AVALON

Brigid, GIVE ME FIRE!

[Whoosh of holy fire]

GENESIS AVALON

I see with the Eye of the Raven! I feel the Thunder of Battledrawn swords!

GENESIS AVALON

GENESIS!

[A crash of thunder as Ben sees her transforming in the vision before he's suddenly thrown out of it and back into the real world, the wreckage still burning around them]

BEN

H-holy crap. Oh... oh my god... You're... I know who you are. You're...

JAINA

How did you...

BEN

Dead.

JAINA

- do that?

BEN

You're supposed to be dead.

JAINA

You were in my head.

BEN

It wasn't just a vision. You saw it, too? You're... Genesis Avalon.

JAINA

Used to be. Right now, I'm just another passenger on that train. You're the hero. What's your ID, kid?

BEN

Minuteman.

[Vanguard flash as she arrives next to Patriot]

VANGUARD

I found him. He's helping a bunch of civvies out of the train.

PATRIOT

Tell him to leave them! That's not why we're here.

VANGUARD

Woah, slow down. That is why we're here. We have to get these people out of immediate danger before the Stewards come. They have enough to blame us for and we don't want to give them more fuel.

PATRIOT

Oh, for the love of... okay... Fine, but make it fast, Vanguard.

VANGUARD
Fast is what I do.

[She flashes away, arrives next to Jaina and Ben]

JAINA
(groans with effort) That's the last of them.

BEN
You shoulda let me grab him. I told you I could carry him.

JAINA
I was closer. And you've done plenty. You need to be ready for when the Stewards come. These people don't have powers.

BEN
But you do.

JAINA
Huh. Maybe. I don't know. Not anymore. I haven't in years.

[Vanguard speeds over to them, hovers with her abilities]

VANGUARD
So it's true. You're alive.

JAINA
Who are - Wait. Don't I know you –

VANGUARD
Is everyone out safely?

BEN
Yeah. You're the Vanguard, aren't you? What're you doing here? Have you seen Patriot?

VANGUARD
Seen him? I found him before I found you. Now, answer my question. Is anyone else in the train?

JAINA
No, that's all of them. And you're –

VANGUARD
Okay, time to go.

[Vanguard grabs Jaina]

JAINA
Hey! Wait a sec –

[Vanguard, then Minuteman speed away and end up next to Patriot]

PATRIOT
That it? We done?

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BEN

Hold up. What the hell just happened?!

PATRIOT

Son, you think now is a good time?

[Weird sirens start to get closer as they stand there]

JAINA

That’s not exactly a police siren.

BEN

Steward transpo. They’re gonna come out shooting.

JAINA

I really freaking hate these guys.

VANGUARD

I’m surprised you even remember them.

BEN

Patriot, what the hell happened to the plan? This was supposed to be quiet!

PATRIOT

Not here, Minuteman.

BEN

Are you for real –

PATRIOT

Not. Now. You say you don’t want anymore collateral damage, then we get the hell out of here and regroup with Vanguard and her crew. I can take these Stewards, but you won’t like how it goes down.

SFX - Beat as Ben thinks it over and

JAINA

Retreat would be a good idea. Fighting isn’t going to help the people who need to get to a hospital.

BEN

(sighs) Yeah, yeah, I know! Vanguard, lead the way. Wherever you want, we’re right behind you.

[The Stewards finish rolling up. The sirens cut off and car doors start to open]

VANGUARD

Patriot, hold on, gonna get bumpy.

[Vanguard speeds her and Patriot off]

BEN
Hang on.

[The Stewards weapons load up and train on them]

JAINA
Normally, I'm used to flying, but I guess this'll - (suddenly getting sped off) Work!

[Ben speeds them off to safety]

[The group come careening in at various speeds]

JAINA
Whooo, haven't felt that in a while...

BEN
Don't you fly?

JAINA
Used to, man. Used to. (deep breath)

[The Freedom Press is bustling with activity, but one person sees them before the others]

NOIR
Jaina!

[He sprints towards her]

JAINA
Noir!

[Noir reaches her and hugs her tight]

NOIR
Thank the Gods, I never would have forgiven myself. I – I never should have left your side, I've never been so remiss in my duties –

JAINA
Oh, stop it. I'm just so happy you're both safe. I saw someone grab you, but it was all bullets and adrenaline by that point. Leo is here, right?

[Footsteps as Leo walks up, much more casual]

LEO
Uh, duh, there's no way I'd get all the way out here just to choke. What do I look like, the Red Sox?

PATRIOT
You trying to start a fight, son?

LEO Woah, woah, I don't even know you pal. Let's just say that 2011 was not a good year and I stand by that. Okay?

[Evan walks in with Kerri and Julian while Leo is talking]

JULIAN

Well, I'll be damned.

JAINA

Julian. Oh my gods.

[She gives him a hug]

JAINA

Look at you... Kerri, you, too. You have no idea how much Tim has been worrying about you.

[Jaina gives Kerri a hug]

KERRI

Oh! Oh! Okay... (giggles) Um, didn't know we were hugging. This is a very pleasant surprise!

EVAN

So it's true. You really are alive. I... I saw the Stewards shoot you. Hell, I checked for your pulse...

JAINA

You... You were one of the ones who broke us out? (sighs) I'm sorry, a lot of that's really fuzzy, but... you risked your life for me. I'm so sorry you had to go through that, but... thank you so much for what you did.

EVAN

Genesis Avalon is standing right there in front of me. You're alive.

JAINA

It's just Jaina now. I haven't used my powers since we defeated Morgan Le Fay. I'm not even sure I could anymore.

KERRI

Well, Tim's note made it very clear that you've been his counsel through all of this, you. An absolute invaluable resource. And so that tells me if you needed to be Avalon, you could at any moment.

[tense pause]

EVAN

"Tim's note?" ... Wait, you knew she was alive? You're telling me this came up in all of those secured messages back and forth between your brother and you never told us? (little disbelieving laugh) Of course. That's why you didn't seem all that upset when her pals said she was alive. Because it wasn't a shock to you, and you knew all along.

JULIAN

Evan, it's not like we wanted to keep it –

EVAN

"We"? Oh, goddammit, why are you constantly up each other's asses?! We are supposed to be

a team! We are supposed to be sharing all relevant information and intel so that we can help people! This information could have inspired the people, Casey could have used it to –

[Casey wheels in]

CASEY

“Casey could have used” what?

EVAN

Kerri and Julian - You know what, they did it. They can fess up. I have wounded to attend to. Stewards didn't stop beating the shit out of people just because you guys blew some stuff up.

[Evan walks off]

EVAN

Unbelievable!

BEN

We walked into some serious personal drama...

PATRIOT

So then learn how to use it. We can make this work for us.

CASEY

What's Evan so pissed off about, guys? Huh. Let me guess: You knew Avalon was alive the whole time and didn't say anything. Is that the jist of it?

JULIAN

Again, we didn't see how that information could help –

CASEY

I'm gonna stop you right there, Julian, because you're... you're absolutely right. It doesn't help. I don't give a damn that you didn't tell me or anyone else that she was alive. Because being across the Atlantic for six years? It amounts to the same damn thing.

JAINA

I wanted to be here, but my sacred charge is to protect the Isle of Avalon, and when the King showed up, so did the Isle.

CASEY

I don't care! You were dead for all that it mattered. Avalon is dead. And you are not my problem. Get the hell out of my base.

[Jaina steps closer]

JAINA

You're the Voice of Freedom, I remember you leading the charge against the anti-hero movement before anyone else did! Sam admires you, we both do! We didn't leave because we wanted to –

CASEY

I was there when you got riddled with bullets! I remember! Nobody blamed you for leaving, but I

am sure as hell allowed to blame you for waiting six goddamn years, only to come back here because someone literally dragged Exodus Avalon over here to make you get here!

JAINA

You're... right. I should have come back sooner and I wanted to. I had my reasons for –

CASEY

Shut up! Shut up! You had excuses! We looked up to you, I - I looked up to you! And you left! You want to help, the best thing you can do is leave so you don't mess things up further! I lost a leg! We lost people, good people! People you knew! And we did all of that without you, so we don't need you anymore! Especially not if you're only helping when there's something in it for you!

JAINA

I will apologize every day for my mistakes, but please let me try to help now –

PATRIOT

(dismissive noise)

[beat, Jaina turns towards Patriot]

JAINA

I'm sorry. Do I know you?

[Patriot steps closer to her]

PATRIOT

No, you don't. I would've never caught your attention, wasn't important or white enough to screw with your rep as a superhero.

JAINA

I don't know what you're suggesting –

PATRIOT

Vanguard's right. You've been gone for what, six years now? This country's just gotten worse and none of that was bad enough for you to care about until there was something in it for you. So, don't give me your "woe-is-me" white lady crap. You wanna help? Then help. Regardless of whether or not we get Exodus back, you help.

[Jaina walks closer to him to confront him]

JAINA

So, what, you're going to hold my husband hostage?

PATRIOT

(laughs) I think we should absolutely break your man out of jail. That's what Minuteman and I were preparing to do before things went south. But, nobody here owes you anything. From where I'm standing, you owe this Freedom Press everything.

[Casey shifts in her chair]

CASEY

So, what, we just forgive her and move on?

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PATRIOT

Hell, no. I don't just forgive people who haven't proven they've repented; Forgiveness is earned. But, we get Exodus Avalon out of Steward custody, we can use this. Your Freedom Press can use it to start one hell of a fire. Don't you think, Minuteman?

BEN

Hm? I mean... y-yes. It does make a good story if you free him from being a BS political prisoner. But, more importantly, it's the right thing to do.

CASEY

Fine, fine fine fine. I like your thought, Patriot. We'll come up with a plan to get Exodus out. If it's the spark the people need, then who am I to stop the coming revolution? Minuteman, Patriot. Take a breather, relax. You don't need to stay powered up here.

[Casey wheels off, then there's magic decay as Ben and John power down back into civilian clothes]

JAINA

I need some air.

[Jaina walks off]

BEN

So... I'm... yeah, I'm gonna go take a look around. (clears throat)

[Ben walks into the makeshift Infirmary. There's some scattered chatter]

BEN

Woah. This is a serious set-up you got here.

[Evan pauses for a moment, then continues to put items away as they talk]

EVAN

Thanks. Huh. Took us the better part of two years to get all the basic equipment.

[Evan closes a drawer]

EVAN

We had to wait until the Stewards closed down hospitals, steal what we could and hijack the rest.

[Evan closes another drawer]

EVAN

I say, we, but... Bobby and Casey did most of it. (clears his throat) Is there something I can help you with?

[He finishes with the medical tray and moves it aside]

BEN

I... uh, no, not really. I was just taking a walk, trying to clear my head after all the craziness and your girl Casey coming unglued.

EVAN

Yeah, well... everyone looked up to Avalon. You know, I could come to grips with the fact that she didn't come back. I figured there had to be a rational explanation. But, I don't have to tell you what it's like here.

BEN

Nah. It was a real shock meeting her in person. I still don't know how to feel about it other than... relief, I guess? I was like, 11 when they said she died. I wanted to be like her. But, she's not what I expected.

EVAN

Well, never meet your heroes.

BEN

I don't mean it like that. I think my dad was a bit harsh on her, honestly. So was Casey. I think there's way more going on than what any one of us can see about something this big. Trying to get caught up on how fast someone did or didn't do something... Doesn't help anyone. Doesn't give us a better way forward, just gets us fighting each other. We're doing the Stewards' job for them.

EVAN

(chuckles) Wow. Huh. First time I've been dressed down by a 17 year old. Thanks.

BEN

I spit truth, sorry. I actually think it's not just my natural wit, I think it's the whole... Minuteman thing. Lots of times, I just know what I'm supposed to say and it comes out. I just wish it helped. Feels like right now every time I try, my dad's there to blow something up right behind me. Not always the best option. I actually was kind of checking in to make sure no one got seriously hurt because of us. I'm not nearly as fast as Vanguard, I'm not even one tenth as strong as Patriot, but I try to help everyone.

[Evan moves another tray aside, giving Ben his full attention and walking towards him]

EVAN

Collateral damage is a very sad reality of all of this. And I hate it, I would love to say I simply don't accept that that's an answer, but it's not true. "If you're not ready to die for it, put the word 'freedom' out of your vocabulary."

BEN

Malcolm X?

EVAN

Mm-hm. Everyone here believes the same thing: when you're attacked, you have to know how to fight back. And what we're trying to do is stop everyone from being attacked. So... no one here took a blow they weren't willing to.

BEN

Yeah, but... the people on that train didn't ask for that. They really were victims.

EVAN

You're right. They were. I was able to get the word out to some of my contacts at the hospitals nearby, since the Stewards were blocking all 9-1-1 calls from going to dispatch. But, as far as I know, there were no casualties. If you hear any different on the news tonight... Well...

BEN

It wasn't us.

EVAN

Exactly.

BEN

This sucks. I hate this. Let me do something.

EVAN

(chuckles) Sure.

[As he talks, Evan pulls a drawer and makes a little first aid kit for Ben]

EVAN

You see that woman over there in the brown shirt? She got scraped up against the Stewards. Go ahead and patch her arm up.

BEN

Thanks.

[Ben walks over]

BEN

H-hey. I'm Ben. Can I, uh, see your arm? I'm gonna get it all cleaned up.

[The woman moves towards him]

WOMAN

Uh... yeah, sure. Thanks.

[She pulls up her sleeve and he starts to clean her arm]

WOMAN

(hisses in pain)

BEN

Sorry, I know. OK, I'm just gonna put this gauze on and –

[There's a swell of magic as he talks]

BEN

- then we'll get it bandaged... Uhhh...

WOMAN

Woah. What did you put on that? My arm feels so warm now.

BEN

I... huh. Holy crap. Hey, Doc?

[Evan walks over to him]

EVAN

Yeah, what's up?

BEN

I don't think she needs a bandage anymore.

EVAN

Did you... did you do that?

BEN

Yeah, I think so.

EVAN

You can heal people. Since when?

[John walks up to them while they talk]

BEN

I have.... No idea.

JOHN

(clears his throat) Benjamin.

BEN

Shoot, excuse me. I gotta... It's my dad.

[Ben rushes out of the Infirmary to John]

BEN

Hey. What's with the dad voice? I was just helping.

JOHN

I don't need you to help patch up scrapes. I need you to put your mind to work, think about how we're going to get Exodus Avalon out of the "Theta" location with these new dynamics.

BEN

Yeah, about that. What was up with all that stuff about not wanting to forgive Avalon, we're helping her, aren't we?

JOHN

I agree with Vanguard; Avalon could fly and shoot lasers from her hands and bench press a car, then she left the US while the rest of us rotted under a fascist regime. I don't care if I insult her and I'm not going to spare her feelings. She ditched us for her utopia, I'm not gonna forgive her now that our world has interrupted hers.

BEN

Why are you always such a complete di -

JOHN

Hey!

[John stalks closer to Ben]

JOHN

Boy, I'm your father, you respect me.

BEN

Fine. Then why are we still rescuing Exodus? Since when did this become your crusade, too?

JOHN

Because we're at war, son. And in war... you can't just get by with muskets and bayonets. Those two? They'll be our cannons.

[Genesis Avalon: Patriot theme plays]

Featuring the voice talents of:

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Trent Clifton as Julian Alexander

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