

Genesis Avalon: Patriot Episode 11 “To Know The Enemy...”

[Genesis Avalon: Patriot Theme plays]
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[theme music ends]

[A news bulletin is playing over the phone as the heroes sit waiting, hidden just off a mountain road in far upstate New York.]

US STATE NEWS REPORTER 1

Vile criminal and terrorist Sam Tyler, known as the vigilante Exodus Avalon, has been found guilty on all 29 counts against him, including charges of Vigilantism with Intent to Destroy Property or Persons, 12 counts of Terrorism, 1 overarching charge of Anti-American Activities, 2 counts of Inciting a Criminal Riot In a Group of 3 or more, and of course the murder of Zee Lewis, the young woman brutally dismembered by the vigilante in 2011. He has been sentenced to the death penalty and, in an effort to ensure swift and expedient justice, his execution is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 9 AM Eastern. With us tonight to discuss the dramatic turn of events is Vice President Tom Connors. Mister Vice President, thank you so much for honoring us with your time.

TOM CONNORS

(smooth as silk) Thank you for having me. I'm always here to serve loyal Americans, especially in unprecedented times such as these. It's not easy to look into the face of evil, even harder to deliver justice. But, I am confident we will deliver it with Sam Tyler.

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The American people are still terrified, Mr. Vice President. After the reports that he attacked a judge and threatened to harm Jurors, the country has been on edge. They want to know: Will this end the madness? Can we all sleep safely with the Stewards protecting us from the vigilante threat?

TOM CONNORS

We delivered on a very simple promise. No more of these murderers parading around as "heroes." I can assure you, just as we ended the threat of Tyler's partner, we will see that Miss Lewis' family finds justice and that her killer is punished. And the Stewards will always be there to protect you. Loyalty to your country will be rewarded.

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Of course, Mister Vice President. The American People are happy to serve the cause of freedom and justice.

TOM CONNORS

Too long our individual freedoms have been trampled by the vigilante threat. With the execution of Exodus Avalon, the lies that dissidents have been feeding good people will end. That threat will finally be extinguished. And to ensure that, I will be there myself to witness it.

[Jaina has been running it back to "With the execution of Exodus Avalon" and the way he says "The Lies" a few too many times. Ben walks up, and crickets drone in the background.]

BEN

(clears his throat) You know, doomscrolling is still a thing, even if you're doing it with a video. (beat) We're gonna get him. They're not gonna win. We have 10 hours to get him out.

JAINA

(sighs) That's not why I'm still listening to this. I mean, that's part of it, but, not all of it. (deep breath) I know that voice. I know him. I know him, I just can't place him.

BEN

You know the Vice President of the United States? The right hand of the Bigot-In-Chief?

JAINA

(groans a little) Maybe. I really just can't figure out how. Or from where.

BEN

Well, if you're still trying to figure it out tomorrow, maybe I can help.

JAINA

How so?

BEN

Well, my whole... seeing events thing. I saw you as Avalon when we shook hands the first time. Maybe we can leverage that to find out how you know that guy. (clears his throat, then lightly) In the meantime, can I have my phone back?

JAINA

Oh! Sure, Sorry, Ben, here you go.

[She hands him back his phone, it's quiet.]

JAINA

I didn't think you'd be able to have a phone. Couldn't the Stewards trace it?

BEN

This one? Nah. I figured out how to jailbreak it ages ago, and I have a handful of SIM cards I use, all burners. Far as they know, I was watching that video from Butte, Montana.

JAINA

(Smirks) Awesome. No wonder you're working with Julian and the others. The whole... Freedom Press thing, they could use someone as techsavvy as you.

BEN

We're not like... I mean, I have mad respect for them, but I'm not part of the Freedom Press. Dad and me... we're doing our own thing. (disappointed) For better or worse.

JAINA

I did the solo thing and I do not recommend it. And that was just against demons. This... Steward mess... it's so much bigger than any one person can solve. (scoff) Probably why it was so easy to stay away.

BEN

Don't beat yourself up, Jaina. This isn't on you. If people knew you were alive, the Stewards would stop at nothing to make sure you were on the executioner's list tomorrow, too.

JAINA

(sighs) Tell that to your father. He doesn't seem to want me here.

BEN

Look, my dad's not wrong, but he's still an asshole. And he wasn't always this way. Losing Mom... changed him. He tried to do everything right, you know? We listened to the Stewards, tried to cooperate when they told us that they suspected Mom was... I dunno, possibly involved in some shady shit. We did everything we were supposed to do. (pause) They took our house. Straight up seized it. My dad was a high school teacher. He was a good guy. He still is. He just...

JAINA

Doesn't have a lot of trust to give right now? I get it. Well... I can't fix that today, but I'd like to help you both. Once we get Sam, we'll make things right. I won't leave until we do.

[Footsteps approach.]

PATRIOT

Minuteman, power up. Transport's inbound.

BEN

Oh, right. (to Jaina) Guess we'll pick that up later.

[Minuteman powers up.]

MINUTEMAN

All right. I marked the tree you should use for the barricade, it's over there...

[Patriot just... yeets a tree. I mean.... It's what he does. He yeets things.]

PATRIOT

(grunt of effort as he just uproots a tree and throws it)

[Tree lands across the road.]

MINUTEMAN

Or... or that one works... I just wasn't gonna make you throw it from that far -

PATRIOT

Get in position. We only have one chance to grab this thing. The rest of the transports have already come and gone, right?

MINUTEMAN

Yeah. Right. (Beat) Good luck.

[Minuteman runs off.]

JAINA

You seem pretty confident about this plan.

PATRIOT

Last time I checked, you said you were here to give us your plucky commentary and not actually do anything, so until that changes, why don't you let the actual Americans who give a damn take care of this?

JAINA

(deeeeeeep breath to steady herself. Tightly replies) Right. Fair enough. It's your show, I'm just here to -

[Vanguard speed noise before she limps to a tree.]

VANGUARD

(grunts as she limps over to the tree) Okay... Julian and Kerri are at the rendezvous location. Anything they get on film, Ryan will be ready to send it up live the moment we get back to the HQ.

JAINA

I thought you were going to stream it.

VANGUARD

Too risky. Could track the Stewards right to them, and I'm not about to put either of them in any more danger. I still can't believe they insisted on coming along.

MINUTEMAN

(hushed from across the road) I see headlights!

[Truck in the distance.]

PATRIOT

All right, button it up, they're coming.

[The truck approaches, then screeches to a stop when they reach the fallen tree

[Truck doors open, then close.]

STEWARD 1

Oh, what the hell is this?

STEWARD 2

I hate these damn mountain roads. Feels like every week there's another damn tree knocked over in a wind storm or by a beaver or some other damn stupid.. (Grumble grumble)

[The two Stewards approach the tree, looking it over.]

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STEWARD 1

(grumbling) Think we can pick it up?

STEWARD 2

Not without one of the Overseers. And they're busy getting ready for the fireworks.

JAINA

(Whispers to Vanguard) What the hell is an Overseer?

VANGUARD

(Surprisingly not angry right now, because she's wondering the same thing) No idea, but it doesn't sound good. Rank, maybe?

STEWARD 1

Okay... well, go get the corporals, we're gonna have to try.

[Steward 2 starts to walk away and there is a sudden thud as Patriot decks him.]

STEWARD 2

(CLOCKED. Goes down with a grunt)

PATRIOT

Talk about a glass jaw, I didn't even have to try.

STEWARD 1

(whirls on them) Hollis! Mack! Get out here!

[The Steward fires off a few rounds. Patriot grabs the gun, twists it out of the Steward's hand.]

PATRIOT

(grunts as he grabs the gun out of his hand, then aims it) Say goodnight, motherfu-

JAINA

Patriot, stop!

PATRIOT

I don't need your help!

JAINA

No, but you need his uniform! And if you get blood on it, then that's one less person we can use to infiltrate...

PATRIOT

(debates it for a long moment, then finally growls and just knocks out the Steward with the butt of his rifle) Fine, but you get to undress 'em.

JAINA

Look out!

[Other Stewards come out, open fire, Minuteman zooms in and just bodychecks a Steward.]

MINUTEMAN

(grunts as he runs up on one of them and slams him into the truck) Ooo, sorry, that was below the belt. Fifteen yard penalty, repeat first down!

STEWARD 3

(gets slammed into the truck, dazed) It's the vigilan -

JAINA

Knife!

[Vanguard zips around as she disarms that Steward, then the other.]

STEWARD 3 & 4 (oofs, cry out as they're suddenly knocked out and incapacitated)

[Vanguard's speed hover noise as she keeps stationary.]

VANGUARD

I hate it when they fight dirty.

PATRIOT

That's the only way they fight.

VANGUARD

Yup. Sucks. Glad to have you here, though. Made that go a lot faster.

JAINA

It almost didn't. (softer, trying not to be confrontational) Patriot, you almost shot one of them point blank.

PATRIOT

It would have been a fraction of what they'd done to everyone else.

JAINA

We have to play the long game here. This was your plan, right? Then stick to it.

MINUTEMAN

(quietly to himself) My plan. Congrats, dad, you played yourself.

PATRIOT

Okay, well, you got what you wanted, right? So, if you want to get to your boy, go get a uniform.

[Vanguard has been zipping around, undressing all the guards under the last couple of lines.]

VANGUARD

There. Uniforms.

[She throws uniforms at the other three.]

VANGUARD

We done here? Because I call shotgun. Good? *Bueno?* (all the sarcasm) *Que copado.*

[Vanguard speeds around, dressing faster than any of the rest of them can think, then climbing in and shutting one of the doors to the truck.]

JAINA

(sighs)

[Rustle of clothes as they all change.]

[The heroes arrive at the rendezvous point and ready the stolen transport truck.]

MINUTEMAN

Back here! Plenty of room for you guys, so, once we roll up, you should be able to film from the window to the cab.

JAINA

This was definitely a prisoner transport. We were either lucky or really unlucky that Sam wasn't in this one.

[Julian and Kerri step out of the tree line and up to the truck.]

JULIAN

Well, considering how long you were taking, I was about to say unlucky.

JAINA

I appreciate that you didn't say you thought we got captured, because I do not think my ego could take it.

JULIAN

Pretty sure I got captured by Lilith at one point, so I'm not really gonna throw stones at that particular glass house...

KERRI

We're just glad to see you.

[Julian and Kerri step up.]

MINUTEMAN

Here, you're gonna want to hold onto these rails. They didn't really leave bench seating in this thing.

JULIAN

Thanks, kid.

MINUTEMAN

Can you not call me kid?

JULIAN
Did I hit a nerve?

MINUTEMAN
More like a reflex.

JULIAN
Sorry. Minuteman. Thanks.

[Truck doors close.]

JAINA
All right, we're loaded up.

[The truck rumbles along towards the Theta location. It is rickety and uncomfortable.]

JULIAN
You know, I think I had a buddy from college grow up around here... I mean, we are in the middle of nowhere, New York.

MINUTEMAN
Yeah, this used to be one of the state prisons, but it had a whole mining town built around it. I mean, not big, only like 3000 people, but, from the satellite pics Vanguard showed me, they kicked everyone out and just closed down all road access.

KERRI
And I'm going to venture a guess that the government didn't help any of those displaced people.

MINUTEMAN
Nope. The last Steward Town we were in had people who'd been kicked out of their neighborhood for "Federal business". Same song, different singers.

JAINA
What the hell is a "Steward Town?"

MINUTEMAN
I'm sure you've seen them, even if you don't realize it. The, uh... undesirables, the people who can't afford the unchecked inflated rent, can't afford food or gas... they all end up in these little towns. Like Hoovervilles, only not because of a Depression, but because the government literally put them there.

JAINA
So why isn't it called a Kramerville after the jerk in office?

MINUTEMAN
(a bit darkly, but knows what he says has the ring of Truth to it) Kramer's not in charge. The only winners in this are the Stewards.

JAINA
When I left, they were some private security, like Blackwater. Now, they're...

JULIAN

An arm of the government, probably the only one that matters. The SS of the US. Pretty screwed up, huh. It goes above just the checking for papers and stealing homes, too. I think the party that put them in power is scared of what they could do.

JAINA

They're just contractors. Why would the politicians be scared of them? They control their paychecks.

KERRI

Do they, though? Because I think we all know that Calhoun Masters doesn't really answer to a political party.

JAINA

(that lands like a ton of bricks) Oh, crap.

[They approach the gates to the Theta location, go through an initial set of gates and hear a crowd talking.]

KERRI

Oh my god... no. No. Julian, look at the crowd. Their equipment.

JULIAN

They've got all of the state network skills here. This isn't just an execution, it's going to be televised.

KERRI

That's why we got the intel on this place. It must have been one of our informants. What if they're here? They've got senators, cabinet members, house reps, lobbyists, command staff from the military...

JULIAN

How the hell are we gonna get Exodus out? (beat) Those are... rows... of nooses. They're going to hang... dozens.

[They reach another set of gates.]

STEWARD 5

Lane 3, park and get out. Need your IDs.

PATRIOT

Understood. (as they drive) This doesn't look good.

[There's some sort of alert noise outside.]

VANGUARD

That doesn't sound good. What the hell was that?

JAINA

(having another realization) You said cabinet... Calhoun... oh, crap.

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[Minuteman’s precognition ability suddenly kicks in.]

MINUTEMAN
(Harsh gasp as he's hit with a vision)

[In his vision, Minute man sees gunfire, roars of demons, a klaxon going off, then a high-pitched whine as his powers are suddenly "Jammed".]

MINUTEMAN
Ow! What the - oh my god, my head!

PATRIOT
(in the cab) Something's wrong.

[The alert from earlier suddenly gets VERY loud and there's a scramble around them. The scene is chaotic, with people talking over one another.]

MINUTEMAN
That alarm...

STEWARD 5
CODE ALPHA! CODE ALPHA! (Suddenly shouting at Patriot) GET OUT OF THE VEHICLE!
NOW! GET OUT OF THE TRUCK!

PATRIOT
(Grits his teeth) We're made –

MINUTEMAN
(still in pain from the vision) It... ow...

JAINA
How? How could they know we're here? What the hell is that ringing noise?

MINUTEMAN
It's like someone just threw a flash bang in my head...

STEWARD 6
They have people in the back! Move, move, move!

[The truck doors are suddenly yanked open.]

MINUTEMAN
Oh, no! Look out! (he grunts as he jumps out of the truck and tackles a Steward)

[Gunfire goes off again, ricocheting off of the walls of the truck.]

MINUTEMAN
(Grunts) Stop! Trying! To kill! Innocent! People! (Finally wrenches the gun away and decks the Steward)

PATRIOT

We're made, we gotta move! We need to find Exodus before they move him again!

[He opens the truck door and WHACKS the Steward with it.]

STEWARD 5

(grunts and goes flying back into something)

[The crowd panics as they realize something's happening over by the gates. Patriot throws the Steward into the alarm control, silencing it's din with an electric sizzle.]

VANGUARD

How the hell did they know we were coming?! I checked the uniforms, it's not like they had sensors or anything on them.

JAINA

Calhoun... oh, gods, I should have thought about the fact that he'd want to be here for this. He wanted to kill both of us, he wouldn't miss this for anything. He must have expected I'd show up somehow...

VANGUARD

We'll worry about it later!

[Vanguard moves at speed as she gets out of the truck and knocks down another Steward.]

VANGUARD

Patriot, we need to secure the truck and find Exodus.

PATRIOT

You just worry about making sure none of them escape. Not a single Steward leaves this place, you understand me? We are gonna make them hurt.

VANGUARD

Remember the objective: We're here for Exodus!

PATRIOT

Minuteman can find him, but that won't help us if we're ambushed the moment we leave!

VANGUARD

All right, fine. I'm on it.

[And Vanguard speeds off.]

JAINA

Kerri, Julian, you okay?

JULIAN

(pained wince) I've been better... I caught one of those stray bullets, but... it's just in my arm...

KERRI

Jaina, you have to stop this. This is going to get very messy. Patriot and Vanguard are going to punch their way through this, and if we have informants in there, we can't afford to lose them.

JAINA

Do you know who those informants are?

JULIAN

No.... we don't ask for details. Blind and dead drops are the only way we can get information, it could be anyone in that crowd.

JAINA

(Sighs) Damn. Okay, I'll think of something. You two stay in here, we'll bring Sam to you.

[Stewards running up on them.]

JAINA

Minuteman, look out! Reinforcements!

[Jaina jumps out of the truck and grabs a rifle, holds it up.]

JAINA

Back! GET BACK!

PATRIOT

Pull the damn trigger!

JAINA

(little pained noise as she tries to summon the courage to do that, but just... can't. Can't use a gun, can't shoot a human. Finally growls and flips the rifle around, uses it like a hand weapon)

[Jaina fights off another Steward with the rifle.]

PATRIOT

Are you kidding me?! It's a damn rifle, not a baseball bat!

JAINA

I'm not killing anyone! I don't do that! They're not demons!

PATRIOT

Then you shouldn't have come!

[Patriot runs over to them and knocks out another Steward.]

PATRIOT

(heavy grunt as he knocks out more Stewards, just one-man army fighting his way through) You are absolutely useless! I thought you had a backbone. You may as well let your man hang from the end of a rope!

MINUTEMAN

Patriot! You're not helping!

[More gunfire in the distance, ricochets pinging off.]

MINUTEMAN

Take cover!

PATRIOT

You talk a good game, but you don't do the work!

MINUTEMAN

(bellowing with a level of authority he's not had before) Patriot! Behind you!

[Patriot whirls around to face the attacking Stewards.]

STEWARD 1

Taking the shot!

[Several rounds fire off, and then... ping... off of Patriot's chest.]

MINUTEMAN

DAD!

PATRIOT

(Grunts as he takes the shot, then a slow laugh as he realizes he is invulnerable) Oh, ya'll are dead now.

JAINA

He's bulletproof? Was he always bulletproof?

MINUTEMAN

No, and something tells me I'm not. I really don't want to test that theory, either.

PATRIOT

(grunts as he runs up on the Steward, knocks him out)

[The crack from that Steward going down is harder than the others.]

PATRIOT

Minuteman! Let's go! Forget about the truck!

STEWARD CONTROL

(Over radio) Take out Patriot!

STEWARD 2

He's bulletproof! And I lost him! He's headed your way, protect the Vice President!

[Steward can be heard over Patriot just whaling on a bunch of soldiers on his way to... wherever he wants to go.]

STEWARD 2

I - (pause) I have a shot on the other guy!

STEWARD CONTROL

Take it! Eliminate the Minuteman!

JAINA

Minuteman, look out!

[Minuteman speeds out of the way more gunfire. More ricochets and now something catches on fire.]

MINUTEMAN

Crap! They're boxing us in. We have to get away from the truck.

JAINA

It's the only cover we have!

JULIAN

It's practically paper, I don't think it's helping!

KERRI

If we go out there, we're going to die! And, and this is all we've got!

MINUTEMAN

No, it's not! (attention turns to Jaina) At least, it doesn't have to be.

JAINA

I told you, I don't have powers -

MINUTEMAN

Look around you! Everything is on fire, that crowd over there is like, two seconds from full-on stampede, and I can't get all four of us out of here without Vanguard's help, and I have no clue where she is! We need you! We need Genesis Avalon! And you can't tell me that you can't become her again because you don't let your gods tell you what to do, you tell them what you need!

JAINA

I don't know if she'll even listen

MINUTEMAN

Then, make her listen! Please!

JAINA

Avalon caused this problem -

[While there is still fighting in the background, when Minuteman speaks it is like the fight around them quiets as his words are more important.]

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MINUTEMAN

No, crappy people who used Avalon as a scapegoat caused this problem! You take out one oppressor, there are always people who step right into that vacuum. Why do you think they were so damn afraid of you? It wasn't because you were some false idol, it's because you led by example. You gave us hope, you gave a whole lot of apathetic people someone to aspire to be! And we need that. Now!

JAINA

(worried, pained breath) I... I... (then it kind of clicks. He's right. He's absolutely right.) You're right. If they won't help, I'll drag them down here to make them.

[Jaina steps behind cover behind the truck. Under her speech below, the sounds around them begin to fade out to silence and magic.]

JAINA

(determined, as the speech goes, the words take on the ring of one of her spells, truly summoning the gods to her) Listen to me, Morrigan. You, who have felt the thunder of battle-drawn swords, you who see with the eye of the Raven. I call upon you now, in my hour of need. Phantom queens, triple goddess, She who Drinks the Blood of her Enemies, Badb, Macha, Nemain! Slayer of the Unjust! I call upon you now in this place, this battleground against the Unjust! I call upon you now! Let me balance the scales of justice!

[There is no immediate response, but familiar music scoring begins to play.]

JAINA

I defeated Obsidian! I upheld your legacy! I gave you what you wanted! People are suffering here! This is an unjust war, and I will fight against them! I will help rescue these people! And you will listen to me!

[The raven caws, there's a crack of thunder as the Morrigan starts to listen.]

JAINA

There you are... You will not abandon me, Morrigan! I won't let you! I refuse!

[The power finally swells, converging on her as she breaks through and demands the power she wields.]

JAINA

GENESIS!!!

[The song Noble Race, the original theme song for the first series of Genesis Avalon, plays for the first time in the new series. The music comes to a swell as with a roar of magic, Jaina turns into Genesis Avalon for the first time in six years. The world around them comes crashing back into focus, but now the gunfire has stopped, the people are gasping in awe.]

KERRI

(so relieved) Oh my god, she's back...

[The cape swoosh as Genesis Avalon finally turns to the others, power crackling off of her body.]

GENESIS AVALON

(Full of determination, raw power and a sense of justice again) Blessed are those who fight in the name of the Goddess...

[The crowd is in literal awe, no one knows what to say or do next.]

GENESIS AVALON

I am Genesis Avalon, Priestess of the Isles, She Who Wields the Morrigan and Protectorate of Arthur Pendragon. You have dared to enslave my consort and the Priest of the Gods. (very crisp and measured, making sure every single one of them knows the threat) I will take him from you.

STEWARD CONTROL

(over the radio, finally breaks the silence) We have a new combatant on the field! Terminate with extreme prejudice!

STEWARD 2

Open fire!! Open fire on the vigilante!

[Genesis Avalon: Patriot theme plays]

Featuring the voice talents of:

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Kris Remo as Steward 1

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