

STRANDED

An Original Series Treatment
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GENRE:

Sci-Fi Original Series

SERIES LOGLINE:

A reluctant shuttle captain on a mission to save Earth becomes trapped on a mysterious planet with a competing pilot; an android, a criminal engineer, and they must fight against a lost civilization of dangerous, forgotten technologies, undead skeletons and each other.

SYNOPSIS:

JAIME PROTKHKE, a headstrong shuttle captain, is blackmailed into taking a dangerous mission to Mars in order to save her family who've been deliberately infected with a deadly virus. She outwits NASA and takes off with her own team. A two-man group consisting of an android (A.I.) named MICHAEL and a former college buddy, now a criminal engineer, BILLY PLUMMER. Michael works off orders from Jaime, but Billy just wants to escape his demons.

When their shuttle gets knocked off course, they're shipwrecked on a deserted planet that's not supposed to be there. Where'd it come from? Where are they? How do they escape and return to their original mission? The clock's ticking to help save the earth's final survivors. Jaime must pave the way for their exodus to Mars or the human race could become extinct.

She'll just get off this desolate planet and resume her mission. But how? They soon discover the surviving pilot of the first, lost mission, JAY CARTWRIGHT, who refuses to relinquish command to Jaime. Sparks fly while they tackle the planet's many mysteries in hopes of locating the first wrecked shuttle and fixing it. Jaime's determined to complete the mission! But first she'll have to overcome the world's sand storms, undead and metallic sharks, leftover from an ancient, lost civilization that once thrived on the planet.

CHARACTERS:

JAIME PROTKHKE (27) strongly believes in doing the right thing and doing whatever it takes to save her family. NASA officials blackmailed her into the Mars mission, but she's determined to see it through using her own tactics to get things done. She trusts no one and this puts her in the awkward position of having to depend on the mission's support team if she hopes to survive and complete the mission.

MICHAEL (ANDROID) is a highly developed, intelligent A.I. who's around Jaime's age in physical appearance. He's programmed to take commands from her, but like most androids, he can think and make decisions for himself. He's protective of Jaime and suspicious of others, which results in him being a reflection of Jaime's own lack of trust. However, unbeknownst to Michael and Jaime, he's been programmed to take her out – kill her – once they arrive on Mars. Will he fulfill his mission or will they bond in a unique loyalty?

BILLY PLUMMER (27) is the criminal, cocky engineer Jaime got released from prison in order to join her crew. A former M.I.T. engineer and sort of a friend, he's the perfect type for a mission where she's fully in control. He did time for murder, but some might call it justified. He killed the original carrier of the virus or many more might have died. Ironically, it's made him public enemy #1 and there's nothing he wants more than to get off the planet.

JAY CARTWRIGHT (46) is too much like Jaime. He's stubborn and not about to give up command to a hotshot 20-something female pilot from a secondary mission. He was first to Mars and he plans to keep it that way, even if it means eliminating her from the equation. However, like Jaime, he's shipwrecked on the mysterious planet and he must work together with her and her wayward team if he hopes to rejoin the Mars mission. But can he work with Billy, the man who killed his son?

DEIMOS is the mysterious planet itself! A definite personality in this sci-fi adventure that's teaming with bone-filled graveyards, skeleton undead, metallic sharks, dinosaur-like birds, sand storms that seem intelligent in nature, a lost civilization, and a forgotten technology still at work; all on a planet that's not supposed to exist.

DAWN MCCOMB (25) blonde beauty with striking looks who was born on Deimos. She has no knowledge of outside worlds or how she came to be here, which causes a deep seeded mistrust of other worldly visitors. She has strange, psychic-type abilities that she uses for and against the team at her own discretion. She'll appear in future episodes and will do anything to get off the planet.

DORI MANCHESTER (35), a survivor of a crash neither Jay nor Jaime have ever heard of that apparently took place 13-years before Jay's shuttle crash-landed. Is she lying or did NASA know of the upcoming virus long before they notified the public? Her extended stay on the planet has caused her human condition to evolve to where she now has the power to literally give her life force to others to save or kill them.

LOCATIONS:

DEIMOS, the mysterious planet between Mars and Earth that's often referred to as the asteroid belt or is it another, unknown planet? Perhaps the mysterious Planet X that roams the galaxy or a planet lost in time. Its many mysteries hinders the completion of the Mars mission, creates conflict for the team and eventually shapes the lives and future destinies of the Earth and Mars.

THE MASTER SHIP has a cockpit similar to an airplane with seating for 8-10 astronauts and passengers. It's adjacent a hallway with an exterior view port and a below-deck, living space.

HOSPITAL becomes the underground city's base of operations. It's filled with ancient, forgotten technologies, medicines and mysteries from the lost civilization. Some of the mysteries prove helpful, while others can be deadly. A lower floor in the hospital eventually becomes a prison-style setting.

UNDERGROUND CITY is the main base of operations for the team during their reluctant stay on the mysterious planet. It's a desert world of sand dunes, metallic sharks and graveyards.

RIVER FRONT is like a beach front with water and flesh-eating fish, but holds the key to leaving the planet, if they can survive long enough to uncover the mystery.

FUTURE EPISODES:

THE BASE – Jaime and Jay take on the metallic sharks while Billy and Michael locate the lost shuttle's wreckage.

SURVIVOR – Michael and Jaime find DAWN and DORI living on the planet. Billy and Jay hunt for food.

PARANOIA – Did Jay know 'bout the women survivors? Billy uses Michael's android technology to plan his own escape.

RADIATION – Jay reveals he knows where the vital sections of the ship are located. Michael discovers a second, lost city on the planet.

HISTORY – Dawn's caught in a lie about the old cities that could cost the group their lives. Jay discovers a way to time travel back to their own time.

KILL – The women find the ship! Will they take the others with them?

TRUTH – Jay considers scrapping Michael for the parts he needs to get the shuttle operational.

DOUBT – Dawn decides not to leave. Jaime considers leaving the others behind, but it's Michael who betrays the group and abandons the others (Season Finale).

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