

THE ALTERNATE

A small-time journalist awakens in an alternate Britain whilst venturing into the woods for a major scoop, he must find a way home and take on a new life along with the pitfalls it entails.

Missing girl, Adelaide Jones, is the biggest news story in Britain right now, and local journalist CASPER BUTCHER is outside Scotland Yard with numerous others awaiting the address from the head of the Met Police. He declares that the failed efforts to find any conclusive evidence, or a trail leading to Adelaide's whereabouts mean that it's case closed.

Going against his boss' orders, Casper heads to Epping Forest, her supposed whereabouts, to uncover the truth. He comes to a hut, breaking in and finding Adelaide's corpse in an underground basement, before falling through some rotting floorboards, only to awaken in the middle of a business park.

Casper quickly finds out that he is somewhere else when his mentioning of Margaret Thatcher leaves locals bewildered. Travelling back to London, he meets MARSHALL ROBSON, also from his world, who tells him to embrace this new world as a fresh start. Casper arrives at the office to find a military building, and along with a team, he is responsible for logging and transferring weapons and equipment for field testing and front line use. Team leader RACHEL COLLINS is no-nonsense when it comes to working but takes full advantage of relaxing in-between.

Casper's first job is the arrival and transfer of a bioweapon from France to aide troops at war with Sudan, clearing out the country to allow for Egyptian expansion into the region, and he learns the hard truth about the lives of those under the thumb of modern-day imperialism.

Newly appointed divisional head, KIMBERLY CHOI makes sure that any weapons are logged and transferred but occasionally things are stolen or go missing and resurface in the oddest of places, so it's their responsibility to get them back. The team often find themselves in dangerous situations, from preventing the brink of war because someone got their hands on something deadly, to rogue soldiers using the specially designed weapons and equipment to make easy money following a dishonourable discharge.

SIOBHAN GREENFIELD is also trapped and has been searching for a way out. She tells Casper to stay away from his friends and family, fearing what consequences it may lead to, as she longs to return to her family, who watched her disappear years ago and have been searching for her ever since. She's met her daughter and husband in this world but they don't even recognise her. When he is allotted some free time away from work, Casper pays his family a visit which makes him reconsider returning home.

Siobhan works out that the portals match the locations of train stations that exist in one world but not the other, and travels across the country searching for the next portal home. However, wherever she goes, Marshall is hot on her heels to ensure that he remains in this world and avoids the consequences of his action back home.

All this comes to a crossroads for Casper when Siobhan uncovers the location of the next portal, and with Marshall no longer in their way, a safe return is guaranteed, and they arrive just as it opens, but this new reality has just started to grow on Casper.

Episode Breakdowns

Pilot: Casper's search for a missing girl leads him into an alternate reality after falling through the floor of the killer's hut hidden within Epping Forest. Upon returning to London, he joins the British Armed Forces Digital Administration team who are taken hostage by a Sudanese terrorist, planning to use the weapon she has hijacked, against Britain.

Episode 2: Casper and Rachel go in search of gear that has found its way into the hands of rogue military personnel holding an underground fighting tournament and the only surefire way to get it is to participate, meanwhile, Siobhan shoots Marshall after he breaks into her flat and goes on the run, in search of the next portal.

Episode 3: Another portal is on the verge of opening up and it's a race against time for Casper and Siobhan to get there before Marshall, who plans to close it and kill the person who will inevitably come through.

Episode 4: Casper and Siobhan are trapped with Marshall torturing them. His methods make Casper realise that he is Adelaide's killer and the stories of how Marshall and Siobhan arrived in the world are revealed.

Episode 5: Casper and Siobhan are saved by the Digital Administration team, lead by Kimberly. After being given some much-needed time off, Casper uses the opportunity to visit his family and find out what changes have occurred in his life, which makes him reconsider returning should the opportunity arise.

Episode 6: A new portal opens up and Siobhan is eager to finally return home, whilst Casper must make the difficult choice of whether to stay or leave with her, which will impact his future regardless of his decision.