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Synopsis (The Middle Men - Air Date: August 12, 2011)

Gwen still works on getting her father out of the overflow camp, while Esther and Rex remain trapped in the San Pedro Overflow Camp. Back in L.A., Jack approaches PhiCorp in hope of finally finding answers.

Full Recap (spoilers)

PhiCorp chief operating officer Stuart Owens looks through piles of PhiCorp files while a woman on the TV talks about the "45 Club" which is an idea of reinventing suicide by jumping from 45 floors up or higher to lose consciousness forever. Stuart makes a confidential calls to a man named Zheng Yibao in Shanghai to ask him to find out what happened to a large parcel of land PhiCorp purchased in 1999 since the records end there. Stuart wants to know whether PhiCorp had anything to do with the Miracle and believes that the construction site is a key. Zheng tells Stuart that his uncle who was dying told him not to question the Miracle and warns Stuart that he may not like what he will find. He promises to call back in a few hours.

Zheng Yibao goes to the place which is watched by guards. He shoots open the fence on the back and goes in.
A few hours later, Stuart calls Zheng back. Zheng who stands on the roof of a skyscraper tells him he ran into a dead end and there was nothing there. Then he says goodbye,hangs up and jumps from the building.

At the San Pedro Overflow Camp, Rex tapes a message with his findings and promises to kill the one who murdered Vera. Meanwhile, Esther keeps calling Vera's phone. A bell signals the

end of their shift. While Esther goes to the gate with her coworker Michel, she discovers Colin Maloney returning without Vera. She lies to Rachel about having left her phone in the office and follows Maloney.

Maloney returns to his office where Ralph is waiting. Ralph wants to know what happens in the module. Maloney tells him the modules were supposed to be storage until a Senator would give a command, and he just started a little early.

When Esther gets back into the office, she sends her replacement away and lies that she was asked to work a double-shift. She takes a few forms to have an excuse to enter Maloney's office. He sends her away, but she stays close to the door and tries to find out what Ralph and Maloney are talking about. Meanwhile, Maloney orders Ralph to drive Vera's car to a shopping mall in San Pedro. He then puts the camp on lockdown to give them an alibi.

Rex finds out that the camp is being locked down, but tells the camera that they won't stop him and that he will get the evidence out of the camp.

When Maloney comes out of his office to announce the lockdown, Esther asks him about Dr. Juarez. He lies to her that she already left the camp after acknowledging he was running an excellent command.

At the Cowbridge Overflow Camp, Gwen approaches her father's doctor and tries to get her to move her father from category 1 to 2. Dr. Patel refuses to do so and claims she's just following the rules set by the government. Gwen wants to know whether Dr. Patel knows what's going on in the modules. She does, but states that a government can burn bodies to prevent health risks. Before Gwen leaves, she tells Dr. Patel not to call herself a doctor anymore.
Gwen meets Rhys outside and asks him to get a truck so they can get her father out of the camp before he gets transferred to the module the next morning at 6 a.m.

In a bar in Los Angeles, Jack approaches Stuart Owens' assistant Janet. Jack who investigated Janet discovered the affair with her boss Stuart Owens and threatens to expose the two in case she doesn't help him find out who is behind PhiCorp. Janet doesn't want to hurt Stuart until Jack shows her a mail from Owens to Human Resources requesting her transfer to Cincinnati.

Jack approaches Stuart Owens at the restaurant where he is having dinner with his wife. After telling her about the affair, Jack takes her seat and claims his associates are holding Janet hostage. He hands Stuart a phone to talk to Janet who lies to him about being captured in a cellar and being hurt. Jack wants to know why and how the miracle was done and how it can be undone. However, Stuart has to tell Jack that he doesn't know who caused the miracle, and he already tried everything he could to find answers. He calls himself a middleman, part of a much larger system.

Jack wants to know whether "the miracle involves geography" has any meaning for Stuart. It hasn't, but he tells Jack that there was a document from Italy from a source inside the Councic of Ministers that simply referred to "The Blessing," saying "They have found The Blessing." When cops arrive, Jack leaves.

Back at the San Pedro Camp, Rex overwhelms a soldier and then uses the radio to send the other soldier away from the checkpoint to the modules. Dressed in the soldier's uniform he leaves the compound but walks straight into a group of soldiers who want to know who he is.

Ralph comes to Maloney's office to tell him about Rex who asked to talk to him. When Esther overhears the word "Torchwood," she tries to follow Maloney, but a coworker reminds her of the lockdown.
Maloney goes to talk to Rex who tries to convince Maloney to release him and to uncover the truth behind the modules.

Esther finds an excuse to get Ralph to tell her that Rex is in the generator room. Then she quickly leaves.
Meanwhile, Maloney watches Rex' tape under tears. Rex asks Maloney to unlock him, but instead Maloney takes his pen and punctures Rex' old wound. Rex screams in pain and realizes Maloney was the one who killed Vera. He yells at Maloney that he can't kill him because he can't die, but Maloney stabs him again.

As Esther comes closer, she calls out for Maloney. He leaves Rex who is unconscious to hold Esther off. He hides his bloody hands and asks what she wants. She lies about a phone call from Dr. Juarez he needs to take. When Rex regains consciousness, he yells to warn Esther and tells her to run. However, Maloney is faster and grabs her. They fight and she is able to

choke him until Maloney loses consciousness. Under tears, she walks to Rex and tells him that she killed Maloney. He assures her she didn't, Maloney just become a category 1 and asks her to go back and get the keys for the chains. She returns to Maloney, takes the key, but when she tries to walk away, he grabs his leg, she falls and he starts choking her. However, before he can succeed, Ralph shoots him.

At the Cowbridge Camp, Rhys runs into problems when he tries to get a truck. Meanwhile, Gwen waits for the right moment to roll her father out of building. Outside, Rhys awaits her and tells her about his trouble. They get her father into the truck and she asks Rhys to take her father home while she finishes with the camp and returns to the States. The official who held up Rhys arrives with two guards, so Gwen and Rhys kiss goodbye before Rhys quickly leaves.

When Rhys reaches the gate, the guards try to stop him, but he just drives through the closed gate.
In a restroom, Gwen gets in front of a mirror and puts her Eye-5s in to contact the Torchwood office in Venice Beach where Jack is just looking for information about "The Blessing." She tells him she is coming back to the States to help them fight, but wants to show him something first she asks him to record for her. She then enters a storage room where she finds explosives.

Gwen drives past the ovens with a motorcycle. She speaks into one of the mirrors and asks Jack if he is watching. He writes back that he opened a radio link for her message. Gwen turns to the ovens to tell the truth about the concentration camps their government built. She continues that she doesn't care if the whole society bends over and takes this like a dog, but she says no. Then she blows the ovens up.

Esther and Rex wait in a car to see the guards leave and the regular army take over. Esther is crying, but Rex asks her to get it together because he needs her for their fight.

Back at the Torchwood office in Venice Beach, Jack, Rex and Esther watch the media outrage after they made the real purpose of the overflow camps public. Jack is confident they got the truth out there and stopped them, but Rex disagrees. The White House makes an official statement and defends their actions. Jack announces that Torchwood was not designed to fight politicians and adds that they have to look at the bigger picture and find out that "The Blessing" is.

After Gwen has landed in L.A., she tries to call Rhys, but she only reaches his voicemail. She then hears an announcement to go the white courtesy phone because she has a call. She picks up the phone and a man only says "lenses" repeatedly.

In a restroom, Gwen puts her Eye-5s in and receives a message that they have her mother, husband and child. Gwen tries to stay calm and asks who they are and what they want. The answer she receives is "bring us Jack."

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