Synopsis (What Hides Beneath - Air Date: Sunday July 31, 2011)

Captain Weaver's mental condition continues to deteriorate causing trouble for Tom and Hal when he joins them on a reconnaissance mission. Back at the high school Pope constructs a potent weapon to use against the aliens, and Anne makes a shocking discovery while performing an autopsy on a dead Skitter.

Full Recap (spoilers)

Weaver wakes from a nightmare of being at home and then getting attacked by a Skitter. Porter has arrived at the high school to explain that he's heard reports of all the Skitters regrouping and returning to the tall structures they built over all the major cities. The plan is to destroy those structures in three days' time, which hopefully will take out the Skitters once and for all.

Meanwhile, Weaver notices that Rick has done some drawings for art therapy, under Anne's guidance. One of the pictures is of the block of houses where Weaver and his family used to live. Weaver confronts Rick about the picture, but Rick has no answers. Weaver takes the picture with him, however.

While examining the spines on Ben's back, Anne notices that the spines don't seem to be disappearing. In fact, there seems to be new growth around the spines. The skin is hard and

tough, and when Anne pokes the skin with a scalpel, Ben feels nothing.

Tom, Hal, and Weaver go on reconnaissance before the big offensive plan, and they discover a new type of alien. The alien is tall and bipedal, and the Skitters appear to be afraid of it. They also run into a woman, who claims to have survived in the middle of alien territory after being taken by the aliens into a camp and then let go.

While Tom and Hal speak with the woman, Weaver takes off on his own, returning to his old home. Tom and Hal hurry after him, much to the woman's disappointment. Weaver has decided to give up his leadership role with the 2nd Mass and stay in his old place. Tom tries to talk him out of it, but Weaver is adamant. He doesn't see the need to fight anymore. He lost

Back at the school, Pope has gained a new position as a demolitions expert. He's the only one with knowledge of how to take down the Skitters' structure. Oddly enough, the Skitters appear to be using the most basic building techniques, and only using material they've scrounged from Earth. He also discovers an interesting property of mech metal.

A mech tracks down Tom, Hal, and Weaver, and they assume that the woman from before has given away their position to the aliens. Weaver discovers a pair of glasses in the home which gives him new hope to fight. They were his wife's, and they weren't there before he left the house to join the 2nd Mass. She must have returned after the invasion.

Tom and Weaver destroy the mech before it kills Hal, and then they return to the woman's home, as they promised. The group hides as the Skitter's emissary arrives with food. The harnessed girl is Karen, and Tom has to hold Hal back to keep him from going after her. Karen is accompanied by another one of those tall, humanoid aliens. Tom gives the woman false information about where the 2nd Mass is going before the group leaves.

Meanwhile, Anne asks Lourdes to assist her with a Skitter autopsy. They cut open the Skitter's body and discover that the Skitter was also harnessed, which means that they are as much slaves as the human children are.

Pope holds a special demonstration in front of the 2nd Mass. Regular bullets can't pierce a mech's armor, but he's figured out a way to take a mech down by making slugs out of mech metal. Bullets made out of mech metal can punch through a mech easily. Now the humans have a chance against the mechs.

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