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Synopsis (Occupation / Resistance - Air Date: December 19, 2011)

In the two-hour Season Finale, the 11th Pilgrimage arrives in Terra Nova and the mysterious Phoenix Group in 2149 makes its move to pillage the past with the help of Lucas and Mira. Meanwhile, Jim and Taylor team up in a last stand against the Phoenix Group, a colonist makes the ultimate sacrifice and a decision is made that will change life in Terra Nova forever.

Full Recap (spoilers)

In 2149, Lucas is busy planning his victory march, back to the past, and taking over Terra Nova with a private army. Why? Revenge, greed and wealth of course.

Eighty-five million years earlier, Josh asks Jim if he could join him at the portal and wait for Kara to come through. Jim tells him no, but assures him that he will take care of Kara. He goes to the portal where Taylor is setting up his forces to handle the incoming eleventh pilgrimage and an invading force if needed. Everything starts going smoothly, Kara comes out, to the relief of Jim. Unfortunately, a suicide bomber coming out behind Kara. The man triggers his bomb vest, maybe he was a victim of Lucas' as well, he said help, before the bomb went bomb. Lights out for Jim.

Jim wakes up in the infirmary, but is having trouble hearing because of the explosion. He hobbles outside to see that the colony has been destroyed and taken over by enemy troops. He tries to go to Taylor's but is stopped by soldiers. Elizabeth finds Jim and tells him that the family is safe and that he had been knocked out for three days. He also learns that Taylor is missing, so, the fight isn't over yet.

Jim goes back home and learns that Kara was killed in the blast, a touching moment between father and son as they hug. Jim learns from Washington that the group is called the Phoenix Group, a hired army of killers. She also tells him that dinos destroyed some equipment needed to connect to the future and Malcolm is fixing them. Jim tells her the fight isn't over and not to give up, especially if Taylor is still alive and out there. He goes to see Malcolm and finds out why he is helping repair the portal equipment. They used the age old tactic of killing someone, this case, Malcolm's lab assistant, to motivate compliance. But he tells Jim that he is moving as slow as he can at the repairs. Lucas and Mira show up and a simple act of playing wounded keeps Jim safe for now.

Mira is then ordered to take a group out into the Badlands, which sounds like a place where nothing good can happen. Skye then comes in and talks to Lucas. He forgives her for telling Taylor and calls her his sister.

Outside, Jim and Josh are in a bread line talking about fighting back. Jim tells Josh that he should go back to Boylin's and spy on the Phoenix Group, what better place to be when drunk soldiers start talking.

At the infirmary, Elizabeth is removing bullets from a wounded Phoenix Group soldier and notices something engraved on the bullets. She calls Jim and they find out it's a message from Taylor, he has etched his coordinates into each of his bullets.

(Good thing when the bad guys took over they didn't bring their own doctor. Because the Shannon family is so close with Taylor you think they would have locked them up or had someone watch them at all times, but maybe they are just bad guys and not smart guys.)

Lucas and Weaver are looking over a valley and talking about stripping it of all its resources. They plan on bombing the whole area, killing everything and taking out the mineral ore underneath. A group of Phoenix' go into the jungle and plant a bomb.

Meanwhile, Jim meets up with Taylor and tells him about the bomb. They can track the explosive device by it's radio transmitter. The plan is simple, get to the bomb and disarm it before Lucas and Weaver can detonate it. Success at disarming the bomb and surviving a missile barrage launched on the area by Lucas, Taylor tells Shannon he should get back before he is missed and gives him a transmitter that can't be traced for communication.

Wounded act still working Jim is brought home by a couple soldiers who say they found him wandering around confused, next time they will shoot. The next day, Jim and Washington work together bugging troops and vehicles, alerting Taylor to Phoenix activities (interesting how Taylor has become like the Sixers in tactics). Lucas gets fed up with this and takes action by

drinking heavily. He goes to Boylin's and meets with Skye and continues his creepy "sister love" talk, only to be attacked by Josh. Lucas (with help) beats him, Skye runs and tells the resistance group and Jim, who is present, he forgets his wounded duck act and storms to the rescue, only to be taken captive and Lucas finds the communication device as well.

In the brig, Josh apologizes for his attitude, now understanding how people can act when forced into certain situations, which Jim accepts. Lucas comes in and says that Josh is free to go due to the urging of Skye (what did she do, not certain, but surely there is a cost of some nature).

In the infirmary, Elizabeth is treating Weaver for bug bites and tells him that she injected him with parasites. She tells Weaver that she'll give him the cure, but only if he frees her husband. Weaver goes to the brig and tells Lucas that they have found his father, Lucas runs out.

Shortly later he shows up with Jim and Elizabeth gives him a sedative injection, then tells him that she made up the parasites, then he passes out. The family heads out to escape with Washington who has disabled a parameter section, but they won't make it unless she creates a distraction, she also gives Jim a message for Taylor, meanwhile, hidden outside the gates Taylor is waiting for evac. Washington then blows up a building and is caught, and shot by Lucas while Taylor is watching through binoculars.

The family now safe at Taylor's camp, Jim talks to Taylor and delivers the message that Washington wanted him to know. It has no meaning to Jim but Taylor knows what it means, it was about an old war strategy that Taylor used before, blowing up a bridge to cut off enemy troops. Take out Hope Plaza in the future, and no more threats, but of course they will be left only with current supplies, medicines, technology etc. A risk but the alternative is death, so giving the two choices, take out Hope Plaza or bust is the plan.

Elizabeth doesn't like the idea at all, but Jim promises her he'll be back, he is taking the defused bomb, now ready for use again, into the future to blow up Hope Plaza. Elizabeth gives him a needle full of some liquid, saying it's strong enough to kill 3 men.

Back in Terra Nova, Lucas tells Weaver that the portal is ready and they can ship off their first cargo. Malcolm has delayed repair but the portal is now working. Skye joins Lucas and during the drive tells him she knows how to find his father. For reasons only known to Lucas he

believes her and pulls over, he tries to call the portal but interference is to high. He gets ambushed, a Skye setup, and the truck and cargo are switched. A plate is removed and added to the new cargo container (for ID), this new container has Jim and his bomb inside it.

Skye is left alone with Lucas (why), who manages to get free and knock her out, he still can't communicate with the portal to let them know the recent events, so he takes off on foot. But Shannon has already been sent through the portal, and Malcolm triggers a setup malfunction to stop progress.

Taylor finds Lucas and they get into a fight until Lucas breaks down crying and apologizing about their past. Taylor hugs him only to be stabbed in the side. Before Lucas can deliver a fatal blow he is shot by Skye twice. Her attentions turn to Taylor as she helps him to his feet, in the meantime it seems Lucas has not only survived the gun shots but ran off as well.

Jim is in 2149 and preparing to set plans into motion. Naturally thing don't go smoothly, Weaver shows up at the cargo container and he is escorting and telling a small group of men how wealthy they are going to be, they ask about the badlands and finding anything there. Weaver says we found something alright.

Inside the container Jim injects the needle into something under a tarp. Weaver opens the container door and out comes a carno-dino that starts eating the ex-rich dudes. Jim slips through unnoticed and heads off to activate the bomb, but he gets into a fire-fight with local soldiers before he can arm the weapon. A few moments later, he gets back to the bomb, arms it and starts his exit strategy, which involves running back through the portal in Hope Plaza before the bomb goes off. A mad dart as explosions ignite behind him, they lead him into a collision path with Weaver, who is armed with a gun, but before he can use it the carno-dino chomps him into fish food.

Now, carno-dino chases Jim across the Hope Plaza time bridge, explosions now turned into super-nova fireballs pursue them both as everything starts falling apart. A blue flash of light appears in the woods of Terra Nova and Jim has made it though, out of breath but safe.

Taylor's group are searching and find Shannon, Boylin calls from the colony to let Taylor know the Phoenix group took off and headed north to the badlands. Taylor and his group return to the colony and see a lot of rebuilding needs to be done, but it's good to be back home.

A new set of nagging mysteries begin... why did the phoenix group head to the badlands? Taylor, Shannon and Malcolm open the cargo container (the one they switched out earlier), inside is the remains of a wooden lady, probably part of a ship, 18th century according to Malcolm. A new mystery born, how did it get there, how did the future know to look there, if no one explored the badlands why did they call it the badlands? Maybe a coverup to keep people from going there?

Back to the show... We close on the Shannon family outside their hut looking at a meteor shower illuminate the sky.

No cliffhanger to be sure... but a new mystery is opened. The other mystery at this time, would be, is there a season 2 or not? Once we hear anything about it we'll let you know.

What did you think of the 2-hour finale? What do you think of Terra Nova Season 1?

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