

Episode 8 “Lifting the Fog” Written by JV Torres and Alex Olsen, Directed by JV Torres

[intro music]

Asilas: You know, son, someone once said, “Obsession is a young man’s game and my excuse is that I never grew old.”

Jacob: Who said that?

Asilas: An English actor by the name of Michael Caine. [pause] Jacob, I know you are thinking about your future and this crown. I also know you are at odds with your older brother, Isaac. Everyone assumes he is next in line. But right now, I am still in this game, I’m on the hunt, so if you or your brother will one day place this crown on your head, remember one thing: many others have this obsession and they want this just as badly. And they see you as an obstacle.

Jacob: I want to learn from you, father. Show me. Teach me. I truly want to follow in your footsteps. [pause and emphatically] I can do this.

Asilas: Really, Jacob? [pause] And tell me why? Why should you above all else be king?

Jacob: Because I wish to preserve your legacy and also add to it with my own.

Asilas: Son, do you even have a clue as to why I became king? Do you really know?

Jacob: Yes, I do. You became king out of necessity. The world was being destroyed by bad people -really smart, but truly evil people. You made a plan to beat them at their own game.

Asilas: That much is true. And it took me so many years to even learn their game, their rules, to gain their trust -some of the most incredibly nasty people on the face of the planet. [pause] And then I took it all from them.

Jacob: Teach me, father. [pause] I haven’t been tainted. I have your blood in my veins. I love God and with your teachings I can beat them, too.

Asilas: Jacob, I know your heart is in the right place. But it’s a mistake to play on my vanity. This crown has no bloodline. [pause] Let me ask you: Is this really an obsession? And if so, what are you so obsessed with? Have you not seen what this crown has done to me? Do you not see my sacrifices? And I make them *every single day*. Why would you even want this?

Jacob: Because you are more than my father. You are my hero. When your father is not only the greatest man you know, but the greatest man to billions of other people -tell me why wouldn’t I want to be like you?

Asilas: My son, I didn’t become king because I wanted to be like anybody. I simply wanted to free my people from the monsters that ruined my country. And that is where you are I are fundamentally worlds apart.

[boom]

[outro music]

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[intro music]

Narrator: One of the advantages King Asilas always had was the element of surprise. He kept his inner circle very tight and no one dared dispense information to the public without his approval. The few times information had been leaked, those responsible were either hanged or shot -by the king himself. Only the most loyal and serious-minded professionals could work with those in or around the king's inner circle. This is why he was able to make daring moves without triggering reactions until it was too late. This is how King Asilas was able to force the European Alliance to react in Russia while seeing the first phase of his ambitious plan into motion: invading Mexico, Central and South America.

[cinematic boom]

[transition music]

Oreb: Your Majesty, we've completed another round of tests on lifting the fog on test groups. We've been using top secret sites around the country to see if the subjects would react differently, but what we found is people always respond the same way no matter where they reside.

Asilas: And how exactly do they respond?

Oreb: Well, perhaps Lord Roberts is better qualified to explain their responses from a medical perspective because from my view they generally become animals.

Lord Roberts: Your Majesty, what my team and Lord Oreb's team have discovered is when people “wake” from this fog, a pattern of reactions occur. [pause] For a few days they experience immense euphoria -like someone might experience when they are high on drugs.

Asilas: I wouldn't know what that is like, but go on.

Lord Roberts: We've learned the frequencies that induce this permanent “fog” suppresses much of the brain's ability to produce natural endorphins. Not only that, the fog also inhibits our bodies production of several particular chemicals. So, what happens initially is the brain begins to produce endorphins and a euphoria lasting a few days occurs. [pause] But, the body readjusts, and the production of endorphins seems to level off with the production of other chemicals.

Asilas: And do these other chemicals also make them behave like hippies for a few days?

Lord Roberts: Hippies, sir?

Asilas: Never mind. Go on.

Oreb: If I may interject Lord Roberts, I've observed people in this initial stage dancing and singing with great enthusiasm. It's as if they are so happy they can hardly stand it. At first, I found this behavior disturbing, and then one

night I had a dream that my fog was lifted, and I was dancing and running around like them. I think I understand this feeling. I call this the “happy stage.” But then, something very strange and wicked happens. My apologies, Lord Roberts, please continue.

Lord Roberts: Well, sir, it's like what Lord Oreb says, after a few days the subjects act very differently. They become very irate and violent. In one group, subjects beat each other so badly they were literally killing each other. But it wasn't their beating each other to death that was the most disturbing part, it was how they were killing each other. [pause] Sir, Lord Oreb and I spent extensive time talking with these subjects. They knew and understood things normal, everyday people couldn't possibly know.

Asilas: I'm not sure I follow.

Oreb: Your Majesty, when the fog is lifted, it is our belief an ancient knowledge or powers of some sort resurface. People are able to understand things -and I am not just talking about things like reading minds, they appear to be able to do that as well, but they can levitate and move objects with their minds. Sir, we observed them lifting large, heavy objects like they were tossing paper plates. And some even developed the ability to communicate telepathically. When I got close to some of them, I could hear their voices in my head. [pause] One sample group had to be incinerated because we tried shooting them and they were able to literally dodge bullets. Your Majesty, people who've had the fog lifted become incredibly powerful.

Asilas: Lord Roberts, is there a way to contain these powers or isolate them?

Lord Roberts: Sir, once we removed the subjects from their containment and placed them in the fog again, they lose all of their abilities. Some can't even remember their names afterwards.

Oreb: Your Majesty, if we lift the fog from a large population, we simply can't know for sure how it will turn out. We could potentially unleash a huge problem we won't be able to contain.

Asilas: Not so. If we unleash bedlam, we could just subject people to the fog again and we can control them that way.

Lord Roberts: Sir, I believe if we lift the fog on a team of scientists and specialists, perhaps we can learn more about the frequencies and how they affect people -better still, get a little close to finding its source. [pause] Allow me to put together a special team and within a few months, we'll have a much greater understanding of what we are dealing with and use it to our advantage.

Asilas: We don't have a few months. We need to make our moves within a few weeks. [pause] Might I make a suggestion? Lord Roberts, continue your work with Lord Capone. The two of you will put together your teams and begin your work immediately. I need Lord Oreb and Lord Vargas to prepare our forces domestically to move on Mexico after we lift the fog on the Mexican people. The Mexican government will be begging us to help them when millions of their people suddenly become bloodthirsty and powerful enough to wreck even their military forces. They will be decimated by their own population. And then, we'll come in and save the day. We'll be seen as liberators and occupy that country without even losing a single soldier.

Oreb: Give the word, sir. I'll ready my teams at a moment's notice.

Asilas: Lord Oreb, commence operation America Spartan and begin immediate preparations for the Spartan missions in the Western Hemisphere. Both of you go back to your posts. Use your High Council communication interfaces to receive your final orders within the hour. Dismissed.

[boom] [transition music] [warping noise]

Gabriel: Asilas?

Asilas: Gabriel? We need to talk.

Gabriel: You are too forward with Seraph.

Asilas: It's important. Of the highest urgency.

Gabriel: Asilas, I am here to help you, not to serve you. Remember this when addressing me.

Asilas: Yes. Apologies, Gabriel, I forget my place.

Gabriel: Much better. Now, what do you need, King?

Asilas: It's urgent. Come to me.

Gabriel: Again, Asilas, I do not --

Asilas: I can't talk about it over the phone. Anyone could be listening.

Gabriel: This connection is encrypted with a blessing by the lord himself. No mortal can hear us.

Asilas: It isn't mortals I'm worried about.

Gabriel: Ahh, so this deals with Satan himself? [clicking, muting of comms so Asilas doesn't hear] The man's gone mad. [clicking to resume call] Worry not. Not even the prince of principalities could intercept this.

Asilas: I don't *care* Gabriel. I need to talk to you face to face about this.

Gabriel: Asilas --

Asilas: Gabriel! I demand your presence! Immediately!

Gabriel: [snapping] You are too forward, Asilas. You will address me with meekness or you will not address me at all.

Asilas: [calling Gabriels bluff] You will grace me with your presence or I will cut off your access to anyone in my kingdom.

Gabriel: Do not toy with my patience, king. And do not test my will.

Asilas: You are a messenger of God and nothing more. I know God is on my side. Convene with God and tell me what he thinks you should do, oh holy one.

[pause, then simmering]

Gabriel: Expect me.[pause] [sounds of footsteps]What is so urgent and secretive that you had to see me instead of speaking on the phone?

Asilas: Some things are just too sensitive to be said over the phone. Besides, body language and human frequency emissions can sometimes tell you more than words can.

Gabriel: There is no need to be cryptic, Asilas. Say what you must say.

Asilas: I've given you full access to all of my country's most advanced technologies and even our top scientists. Your unrestricted access would be a grave and troublesome mistake for any other leader. But it is not my place to question the messenger of God.

Gabriel: I am sensing great doubt in you.

Asilas: It's time I ask for something from you, Gabriel. We've developed something called the "poison filter," surely you are aware of it. But it has been modified and now we can use it to block cloaked frequencies that have been inhibiting the full capacity of the human brain, essentially putting all of mankind in a "fog" state -unable to reach our fullest capabilities.

Gabriel: I admit I am aware of this.

Asilas: What is its source, Gabriel. Tell me this.

Gabriel: Asilas, I admire your acumen. You are certainly unlike most human beings. In another time we could have been close friends. Perhaps even rivals. You know, you have the uncanny ability to see and interpret things far beyond the scope of your immediate sources. I suppose this is why you made your way to become an absolute ruler. [pause] It is true, there is a source, but it isn't what you think it is. It's not a technology. It's... something else.

Asilas: Something else? If it's not unnatural, it must be natural. What sort of natural emission might interfere with humanity like this?

Gabriel: Ahh but what is unnatural about natural things creating? Is blood unnatural? Art? Death?

Asilas: Gabriel-

Gabriel: And you're not one to be distracted either. Single minded. [pause] Alright. I'll answer your question. It is a being. A living, breathing, immortal monster.

Asilas: Where can I find this monster and how can I destroy it?

Gabriel: It would be immensely unwise to pursue this, Asilas. I strongly suggest you do not press me on this issue. You will not only put yourself and your country at peril, but the entire human race.

Asilas: And why is that? If it is a monster, it is clearly driven by nefarious impulses.

Gabriel: It's not that simple. If you destroy this monster, you are destroying something fundamental. Basic.

Asilas: Are you saying that this creature is part of something fundamental about the universe?

Gabriel: Astute. Yes. And its separation from us is what gives us such power. This is unnatural. You should fear the evil it brings about.

Asilas: I am a man of God. I fear no evil.

Gabriel: I am an angel of the lord, am I not? I fear such evil.

Asilas: I thought Angels felt no fear.

Gabriel: I thought a man of God would know when to feel fear.

[pause]

Asilas: Gabriel, don't think I don't know what you are. From the minute you showed up in Dr. Ezekiel's office I knew there was something off about you. What sort of Angel requires a phone to communicate? You then demand unlimited access to our best and brightest? Gabriel, you may be powerful, but you are no Angel of God.

Gabriel: Asilas, times are changing. Prayer just doesn't work the way it used to. [realizing the lie isn't working] The phone... was... [giving in]

Asilas: Gabriel-

Gabriel: Look, Asilas. What matters is I'm here to help you. Your nation will fall and your Spartans will fail. I have seen my share of wars. You are a great commander. But you should know only to play with forces you can control. Heed my words: If others learn to do what you have done, it will be the end of humanity.

Asilas: [pause, then defeated] It is too late, Gabriel. I've already given the order.

[outro music] [transition]

Narrator: Lord Oreb and Lord Vargas were given their orders to prepare America for an invasion of Mexico using an untried weapon: a modified poison filter. But King Asilas was a master of misdirection. The moment his enemies became fixated with one arm of his power, they were forced to react to a different strategy. And just when the monster group thought they had him cornered, they learned they were merely playing into his hand and found themselves trapped in another one of Asilas' s mazes. [boom] America initiated a plan to lift the fog from the Mexican population; sending the country tumbling into mass chaos. This utterly shocked the entire world. [boom] For in the end, it was the Mexican people that revolted against the police, the drug cartels, and even their own government. And just as Asilas predicted, the Mexican president called on America to save them from complete collapse. But

once American troops arrived, Asilas made sure the Mexican president and most of the government officials were dragged into the streets by the angry mobs and murdered in the most sensational ways imaginable. The people levitated all of the government officials hundreds of feet in the air and made them drop to their deaths. The whole, heart wrenching event was streamed live on the internet. Asilas had Lord Oreb strategically stop the poison filter and people returned to normal, finding themselves occupied and now a part of the New Kingdom of America.
[cinematic boom]

[NEWS music]

Newsreader: Good evening. The world is in shock this evening at the announcement that Mexico is being occupied by the New Kingdom of America. King Asilas and members of the High Council have released a statement which reads, and I quote, "Mexico is no long a sovereign nation. It is now a part of the New Kingdom of America and will likely become our 53rd state. Mexico's president and all government officials, including members of the senate and chamber of deputies, have all been murdered in the streets by angry mobs prior to American forces arriving at the capital. It was an unfortunate chain of events that took place in which the people of Mexico rose up against a corrupt government and literally destroyed it. The New Kingdom of America, under the leadership of King Asilas, is now the system under which the Mexican people shall be governed from this day forth."

Lord Alberto Vargas has been appointed by the king to oversee the establishment of a new governmental infrastructure in Mexico and has added a title to Lord Vargas; *Governor of Mexico*. Many Mexicans-Americans across the kingdom have expressed great enthusiasm at the liberation of Mexico, as countless families are being reunited. And plans are also underway to tear down the thousands of miles of a massive wall erected during the time of the United States and King Asilas himself has said he will be among the many workers on the first day the deconstruction of the wall takes place. King Asilas says he welcomes all Mexicans with open arms into his kingdom and plans to address the Mexican people in an official ceremony, but no date has been set.

But there are still many unanswered questions surrounding this sudden and sensational end to the Mexican power structure. The Canadian Prime Minister has denounced the occupation of Mexico in a statement saying, and I quote, "America should be helping the Mexican nation by rebuilding its government structure and allowing the Mexican people to govern themselves." But King Asilas fired back at the Prime Minister in a statement saying, quote, "Mexico was overrun by corruption, drug lords, crooked law enforcement and military. America did not destroy the Mexican government, they were absolutely self-serving and the great people of Mexico rose up against them. America liberated the Mexican people from a sick and disgusting government. Under this king, Mexicans will no longer be held hostage by the drug cartels or corrupt police. Mexicans are now Americans." End quote.

America's occupation of Mexico has sent shock waves around the world. Even as American forces quietly move further into Russian territory, it is apparent something big is happening and it is having quite an impact on world politics....

[SONG: "TREES CLOUDS SOOTHE" by Strange N' Free]

Nabal: Abigail, I'm really glad you decided to come out here camping with me.

Abigail: I came out here because you said we'd be hanging out with your friends from Cawker City. I don't see any lake out here.

Nabal: Look, why don't you just relax. I found us some nice shade and we can just hang out here and talk. I've got a lot I want to tell you.

Abigail: You want to talk? Talk about what exactly?

Nabal: About what we've been through together. Our training. My feelings for you.

Abigail: Your feelings? Look, I think you have the wrong idea, Nabal. [pause] We talked about your feelings before and I told you we can't do this.

Nabal: Why not? Why can't we have feelings? Because we're Spartans now? Because we are human machines, human weapons for the king? [pause] Look, we can fight for the king, we'll go into battle, we will. We'll do what we have to do. But why can't you and I do something. [pause] Something that is just you and I. It will be our secret. And no one will have to know but us. We will be something together and that will give us more strength when we go into battle.

Abigail: Nabal, please step back. You're getting too close to me and I am not comfortable with this. [almost in a panic] Where are your friends? Are they coming? Or was that just a lie to get me alone out here?

Nabal: [irritated] Don't resist, Abigail. I want you to be mine. [aggressive] I want to make you mine!

[sounds of struggle]

Abigail: No! I don't belong to anyone!

Nabal: [very aggressive] The king is not here to stop us, Abigail. He can't come between us right now!

Abigail: Nabal, no! Stop!
[cinematic transition/ascending boom]

[phone rings]

Assistant: Your Majesty, you have an urgent call. It's Abigail Sierra. She says she needs to speak with you immediately.

Asilas: Abigail, what's the matter?

Abigail: [crying] Asilas, I really need to see you.

Asilas: Why? What's wrong? Tell me.

Abigail: One of my unit comrades... He tried to -he held me down and then I tried to fight him off, but...

Asilas: Say no more. Where are you? I will come to you now.

Oreb: Sir, is everything alright?

Asilas: No. No, it isn't. I have to go now.

Lord Roberts: But Your Majesty, we are in the middle of finalizing our European strategy.

Asilas: I know. But right now I have to tend to something personal. You and Lord Oreb can continue. I'll call in Quintin Capone and he can sit in on my behalf.

Oreb: Ok, Sir. If you say it is best. But we'll have to bring Capone up to speed on everything. That will slow us down a bit.

Asilas: Get Capone up to speed and if I am not back before he can help you complete the strategy, then I will take over. But I don't know how long I will be gone so, waste no time.

[transition music]

Asilas: Abigail, the doctor said you suffered some minor bruises but otherwise are fine. Tell me who did this to you.

Abigail: One of the Spartans in my unit, Nabal.

Asilas: Nabal. Did he-?

Abigail: No, no, he didn't. He tried to. He underestimated my strength.

Asilas: You fought him off of you?

Abigail: I fought him off, my king. [pause] I called you because I didn't know what else to do. It was my first reaction. I am sorry to have pulled you away from your duties.

Asilas: No, Abigail. I am sorry this happened to you. [pause] I am going to see this Nabal right now. I promise you won't have to worry about him again.

Abigail: Are you going to put him in jail. He's a jerk, he should go to jail for this.

Asilas: Don't worry about him. He won't hurt anyone anymore.
[boom]

[transition/creepy music]

[sounds of someone groaning and coughing]

Asilas: So, you thought you would get away with trying to rape Abigail.

Nabal: Rape? [short chuckle] I didn't try to rape Abigail, Your MAJESTY. She wanted me to do what I did.

Asilas: She wanted you to beat her up? Are you insane and stupid?

Nabal: [sounding like a man who's been tortured for hours] King Asilas, Abigail and I did a role play. We went to the lake by Cawker City because she asked me to take her there. The whole time, I was supposed to pretend I was trying to convince her to sleep with me. But we were never going to actually do it. I swear.

Asilas: You expect me to believe that crackpot story?

Nabal: It's true, sir. I admit I did get a little rough, but that was part of the plan, too. She wanted me to get rough. She wanted to see if she was strong enough to fight off a big, strong man. And she did. She beat the crap out of me.

Asilas: Unfortunately, Mr. Nabal, I don't believe you. [the sound of a gun clicking]

Nabal: [almost in a shrill] Your Majesty, don't kill me! I swear, this was all part of Abigail's plan! She wanted this to happen!

Asilas: Why? Why would she want that?

Nabal: I don't know! But I swear to God, she's evil or something! Please, my king!

Asilas: [pause] Commandment number 3, Nabal. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

[loud gunshot]

[Outro music]

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