

Episode 31: “Secrets” -Written and Directed by JV Torres

>>>SCENE ONE

[intense intro music –sounds of people rioting, screams, sirens, tanks and car horns]

Man on a bullhorn: Everyone get out of the streets and into your homes. We are enacting a mandatory curfew effective immediately. You are not to leave your homes until further notice. Please vacate all public areas and head back into your homes. This is your final warning. Failure to comply may result in bodily harm and maybe even death. For your safety, everyone is ordered to go back into your homes and await further instructions from His Majesty, King Asilas. This is your final warning...[fade out—pulse music, intensity builds]

Newsreader (Tom Novak): The world is bracing for an inevitable war between the American Alliance, the Middle Eastern Alliance and China. American forces have convened in preparations for a war with its former allies in Israel. King Asilas has said (in his only public statement thus far) regarding this new conflict that, and I quote, “The Middle Eastern Alliance and China must now renounce their sovereignty and become a part of the New Kingdom of America in order to avoid a massive, full scale war that will likely result in an untold number of human casualties. The immense loss of life is totally unnecessary and can be averted with simple terms of surrender.” End quote. China’s President Wei swiftly responded to King Asilas’s statement with accusations of betrayal of an agreement made before the *Great Revolution* and says China will never surrender to America or anyone else. King Hussein of the Middle Eastern Alliance has also denounced King Asilas’s demands stating the Middle Eastern Alliance is prepared to die fighting America rather than surrender.

Well, no one knows for sure what triggered this climactic turn of events. The *Great Revolution* was fought and won with America in alliance with China and the Middle East. It is unclear at this juncture what exactly took place that has caused King Asilas and America to turn against its allies. For an analysis on this troubling news coming out of Israel and the Middle East, we turn to a trusted voice of reason, Charles Thomas. Charles, what on earth happened?

Charles Thomas: Well, Tom, it seems the jury is still deliberating on this matter. But my sources say the king learned of China’s dealings with the Drax while they were supposedly allies with America. Perhaps our Chinese friends and allies were not so loyal. I’d like to add too, Tom, that my sources tell me President Wei himself met with the Drax commanders to make a deal with them and sell out America. I have no proof of this, of course, but it does seem like a good theory given the sudden about-face King Asilas has taken since the *Great Revolution* ended.

Tom Novak: Hold it. President Wei appeared on this show and told the world China was behind King Asilas and America 100%. Forgive me, but I think one has to question your sources here, Charles.

Charles: Obviously, people need to be skeptical of all things mentioned on the news these days, right Tom?

Tom Novak: I’m not sure what you mean. But let’s move this along, shall we? America’s military is moving into a particular part of Israel –just outside of Megiddo. You understand, a lot of Christians worldwide see this move as the beginning of Armageddon. Should everyone be alarmed and start preparing for the end of the world?

Charles: [chuckles lightly] You say this as if it would be a bad thing, Tom. No one knows why the king is assembling his forces there, but I am more inclined to think he is readying an assault on the Middle Eastern Alliance. That seems more plausible since Israel is, honestly, the only ally we have in that—that is close to that region at the moment. My guess is that America will try to take the Middle East first before going after China.

Tom Novak: Many experts think that simply will not be easy to do—even with all of the advantages America has over the Middle East. What do you think King Asilas's motives are with these moves? Do you think he will try anything diplomatic or simply start bombing his former allies?

Charles: All I know, Tom, is regardless of what King Asilas's motives are, the end result will likely be more death in this world. Death will come on a scale we haven't seen—and we have seen an incredible amount of death already. It might as well be Armageddon, honestly. So, people truly ought to prepare for it. I believe this in my heart—**He** is coming and will bring the apocalypse with him. [boom]

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>>>SCENE TWO

[transition music]

Narrator: King Asilas met with members of his High Council, arriving on a white horse in Israel, to formulate plans to conquer the Middle East and China. Lords Oreb and Shelley proposed using the Trishul, bio-warfare and alien technologies taken from the Drax to cause their enemies to turn on themselves. Though part of the American Alliance Army was in Megiddo to war with China and the Middle Eastern Alliance, the standoff quickly dissipated. China and the Middle Eastern Alliance simultaneously retreated from any military engagement and returned to their homelands without firing a single shot. As all this was transpiring, Asilas was visited by his longtime Guardian, the angel Raziel, who told him he was entering a world where no one unworthy could possibly survive—essentially triggering the *Tribulations*. He said Asilas had an important destiny to fulfill before mankind could enter the next phase of their fate on earth.

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Raziel: Never fear to do what is just, Asilas. The aggressive provocation of your former allies has caused them to retreat. That was a smart play. [pauses and breathes in deeply] Your maturity and integrity will strengthen when it all starts to feel right, but that will take some time. Your heart—it is telling you to question why it is necessary to war with those you once entrusted. Throughout history, the events that truly mattered have always come at the expense of benevolence—even solidarity. This is fairly different, however. For what is at stake is something of immense significance. Just remember, with all the assurance I have provided you since you were a child, you are at the threshold of a global change. Everything **has** to change and nothing can nor should feel right until **that** change is complete.

Asilas: And when exactly will this completion happen?

Raziel: It is not for me to say and certainly not for you to know. Not at this time, anyway.

Asilas: Everyone is questioning my motives. I can't say for sure how long people will tolerate my erratic behavior before they all turn against me. I won't be able to complete my destiny if that happens.

Raziel: Indeed. The world is destined to turn against you—especially since they see you as an instrument of change. No one is comfortable with coerced paradigm shifts. They see you as the personification of the world's deviation. They will not simply turn against you, Asilas. They will burn with hatred for you in their hearts. The very people you wish to free will be the ones who will yearn to cut your throat.

Asilas: This is hardly comforting, Raziel.

Raziel: When you asked God to grant you understanding of the world, did you gain this?

Asilas: Yes, without question.

Raziel: And when you submitted yourself to *Him* to use you as a tool among the people—to use you for whatever purpose or calling *He* bestows upon you; Did you not say to yourself you would accept whatever God sends you to do?

Asilas: Yes, I did. And meant every word of it.

Raziel: Well then, you must proceed with what the Lord has asked of you. You will receive your directives through many forms and only you can decipher them and authenticate them as coming from our Father. Only **you** have that ability. [pause] Now, others around you cannot see or understand these things. They cannot because they are not meant to. Do not allow your rage or discomforts be the reasons for their sufferings. They will suffer for other reasons, though the world will become hopelessly confused and blame you anyway. You will not bleed from these arrows of blame. Do you understand this, Asilas?

Asilas: I do understand this. I accept my role in all of this. But I need you to help guide me. I need another source. I need to know what my enemies are planning, thinking, doing, wanting.

Raziel: When you wake in the morning, Asilas, there will be a book unlike any before. This book will be in your personal study in New Eden. The pages will be full of secrets—all the secrets everyone has; friends and enemies alike. Use the secrets in this book as you embark on your campaigns.

Asilas: Is there a failsafe in case the book is discovered by anyone else other than me?

Raziel: The pages will appear blank to eyes other than yours, Asilas. Only you will be allowed to read the words on them. [pause] But remember, these secrets are for the purpose of having you succeed in your next campaigns—nothing more. Our Lord will be very angry with you if you use these secrets for anything other than what you are meant to do on this earth. Do you accept this?

Asilas: I do accept this, Raziel. Thank you. Thank you. [fade out]

>>>SCENE THREE

[transition music]

Narrator: Unbeknownst to everyone since the conclusion of the *Great Revolution*, King Asilas was visited by the Alpha Omega and was given a directive to “go out into the world and conquer it.” Essentially, King Asilas became the *White Horse of the Apocalypse*—to bring war and conquest to all lands of the earth. This, of course, was against everything the king had set out to do when he became the ruler of America. He had visions of bringing peace into the world; to free humanity from the grips of the evil *Monster Group*. But since his “freeing of mankind,” the world became a much more hostile and dangerous place. The expansion of the kingdom had reached all four corners of the world, and Asilas had to find a way to conquer all remaining countries on the planet. This put him at great odds with his allies. The American Alliance was on the brink of war with the Middle Eastern Alliance and China. In a meeting with his war strategists Lords Oreb and Shelley, King Asilas stated his demands for how the war effort had to be initiated.

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Shelley: Sir, I think it would be wise to make a move on both the Middle Eastern Alliance and China simultaneously. We have plenty of resources and can use the Drax needle ships, for which they do not have an answer for and make this conquest swift.

Asilas: You make it sound so easy, Lord Shelley. But I assure you, it won't be. The Chinese also took some of the Drax technology and do have an answer for those needle ships.

Shelley: How do you know that, sir? The Chinese have never shown they have anything that could counteract our weapons.

Asilas: Lord Shelley, it still surprises me you insist on underestimating the Chinese. They are immensely formidable. Do not, for one second, think they haven't thought of every scenario also. They were our allies for a long time and I taught them some things. I now wish I hadn't, but honestly I only taught them what they needed in order to be useful. Now, they could use all of that knowledge against us. But don't worry, I've got many other tricks up my sleeve. We just have to be a little patient and then we can make our moves on them.

Lord Oreb: Sir, Perhaps Lord Shelley can head up the campaign to steer China one direction while I lead the charge against the Middle Eastern Alliance. I happen to agree with Lord Shelley that we meet our targets simultaneously. We certainly have enough soldiers to fully engage them on two different fronts.

Asilas: I think what you both are not understanding is that this is exactly what they want us to do.

Shelley: Why, sir? They must know they cannot fight us head-on and beat us. We have way more fire power and soldiers than both of them combined.

Asilas: Because they still have nuclear weapons. Listen to what I am saying, they want us to meet them on two fronts. They'll lure us into strategic places and bottleneck our soldiers where they will be vaporized by nuclear bombs --which they'll have underground long before we ever get there.

Lord Oreb: Sir, are you saying they are willing to sacrifice their own soldiers and eradicate their own lands to blow up our troops? That's insane!

Asilas: Of course it is. That's what they are banking on. If we think they would not do such a thing, they will plan on us facing them on two fronts and boobytrap their fronts with nuclear bombs all along the line and when we are making progress and push a bulk of our troops into the area, they will detonate the nukes on us. We won't know where they are—and they'll be underground anyway so we won't be able to use the Net Ray to stop them. Well, that's what they are thinking anyway.

Shelley: Ok, so we shouldn't meet them on two fronts in an all-out military brawl then?

Oreb: Lord Shelley, I think what the king is suggesting we do is shank them in a way they would never see coming. We make them think that's what we're going to do—and allow them to plan out their suicide nukes, but we'll actually be readying something quite different. Am I right, Your Majesty?

Asilas: Indeed, Lord Oreb. But this is going to take some time and ingenuity. They need time to start moving their nukes underground at strategic places, and they'll be very careful about it. Also, we need time to start manufacturing enough poison to eliminate a billion Chinese. [boom]

>>>SCENE FOUR

[transition music]

Queen Rebekah: Jacob, we need to always have the banquet hall ready for when the king does come home. This is your main responsibility and when I went by the hall, it looks like it hasn't been maintained in a few days. This is simply unacceptable.

Jacob: Well, I have been pretty busy. Father has me working on (coughs) other matters. Besides, I don't think he will be coming home for another week. Something big is happening in the Middle East.

Rebekah: Yes, I know. Everybody knows. It's all over the news. [pause] Listen, you are not busy 24 hours a day, so set aside at least one hour to make sure the staff is upkeeping the banquet hall.

Jacob: Don't you think it will be a waste of food, Mother?

Rebekah: Do not concern yourself with that. That banquet hall needs to be ready for the king the moment he arrives. Is that understood?

Jacob: Yes, Mother.

Rebekah: And if the staff can't do it, fire them all and hire help that *can* do the job!

Jacob: As you wish, my queen. [footsteps walks away]

Rebekah: [talking to herself] If this kid is going to be king someday—[hears voices in the hall-gasps] Spartan Guards. If they're sweeping in the halls, that means Asilas is coming home soon.

Spartan Guard Mendez: We have a lot to get to and not a lot of time to do it all.

Spartan Guard Thomas: Where should we start?

Spartan Guard Mendez: Let's start by sweeping the top three floors. All listening devices have to be disconnected or removed. King's orders.

Spartan Guard Thomas: Yeah, I'm pretty sure he doesn't want anyone to hear him and Lord Shelley getting it on.

Spartan Guard Mendez: [chuckles] Sure, like, especially *the queen*. Can you imagine if she found out about how hot and heavy those two get?

Spartan Guard Thomas: Ah, no one would believe it. Lord Shelley likes—

Spartan Guard Mendez: [interrupting] Hey! Ok, let's cool it, Thomas. Let's stop talking about it.

Rebekah: [whispering] Oh my God! Asilas and Lord Shelley?

Spartan Guard Thomas: There could be devices in this wing. My mistake, Mendez.

Rebekah: [whispering louder] That son of a—Ugh! I'm going to kill that man!

Spartan Guard Mendez: Just shut it already, Thomas. Look. The banquet hall is up ahead. Let's begin the sweep there. [sounds of opening double doors and walking into a large hall. [Sounds of electronic device as they scan the banquet hall for devices.] Hey Thomas, come take a look at this. [sounds of wires being pulled and a speaker device]

Spartan Guard Thomas: It looks like a hologram speaker. [pause] Huh. Why would there be one of these in the banquet hall?

Spartan Guard Mendez: I don't know, but it's very strange. These are deception devices. We better tell Prince Jacob. Put it in your bag. Let's go. [footsteps walking away]

[boom]

[SONG: "GUNSLINGER (GOING DOWN SWINGING) BY BABY SINISTER]

>>>SCENE FIVE

[sounds of water from a stream running and Asian birds]

President Wei: I know we did not have the best friendship before, King Hussein. But I think now you understand why it was necessary to be extremely careful with Asilas.

King Hussein: I admit I did not trust you, President Wei. I was completely and blindly loyal to Asilas. And all it got me was an alliance mired in turmoil.

Wei: The time has come for us to finally join forces. Don't you think?

Hussein: I believe we simply have no other choice. [pause] What do you propose we do?

Wei: [breathes in deeply] Well, first look at this garden. It is so beautiful. Our planet is a very beautiful place. I believe we must do whatever is necessary to preserve our world.

Hussein: I agree.

Wei: We must use the deception as motivation to save all we can. I mean, Asilas promised to free humanity. But instead, people have become slaves. Even more now than before. I believe it is up to us to stop this madness. Even if it means we destroy half of our lands to do so.

Hussein: Destroy half our lands? I don't understand what you mean. That seems very contradictory.

Wei: You see, King Asilas believes we think he wants to demonstrate his military might. He believes we are planning to fight America using technology we retrieved from the Drax in Antarctica. And honestly, we do plan on using them. But I think what we should do is use our nuclear arsenal.

Hussein: But they have that Net Ray. Our nuclear missiles are useless against them.

Wei: If we launch them into the air, then yes they are useless. But if they are underground, the Net Ray will not be able to neutralize them. Do you understand what I mean?

Hussein: You mean, make a mine field of nuclear bombs? And when the Americans cross into those lands, detonate nuclear bombs and destroy everyone—including our own soldiers? That is insane, President Wei. You are proposing suicide bombing on a much bigger scale.

Wei: Of course, I also believe Asilas thinks we are planning this.

Hussein: Well, if he does, then this conversation is for nothing. He will have an answer for it.

Wei: We should let him believe this, King Hussein. We will have our construction crews begin the tunnel projects. This will convince Asilas we are planning the suicide nukes. But we have an advanced stealth boring machine which will dig deep underground and is undetectable. We will secretly tunnel beneath the desert, beneath Jericho and the West Bank. Right under Jerusalem.

Hussein: You want to destroy the Holy City from underground? What will this accomplish?

Wei: It will cripple the entire Christian world and will put America—and King Asilas—into the tailspin of chaos. Then, we attack them on their lands!

[outro music]

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