

TRANQUILITY

Episode 2: VISIONS - A synopsis

Lizzy has finished assessing the engine damage and radios Val to update him on the status. Getting no response, she notifies Autumn. Over her objections, Nika goes to investigate.

Meanwhile, the stranger with the shotgun isn't buying Val's explanation of who they are and why they can't lift off. Just as he is about to fill Val full o' lead, Nika arrives and blasts him with the taser rifle.

Once the stranger regains his senses, Val explains that they mean him no harm and invites him into the ship to help the crew understand what has happened to them. The stranger - Tobias - explains to the crew that they are in Kansas, circa 1863 but the rest of his revelation mystifies Autumn and Sukio: Kansas has joined the Confederacy and there is no Civil War - yet. Because Lincoln has already been assassinated, the Emancipation Proclamation was never issued. The Tanakas hypothesize that this can only mean one thing: the space anomaly is a portal to a parallel universe and they now reside in it!

As an Earth historian, Autumn explains that a nearby town will be slaughtered in two days by a band of ruthless outlaws if the crew does not intervene. She also reveals that she has traced her ancestry back to 19th century Earth and that she is a distant relative of one of the leaders of the vile group.

Val and company decide to head into Lawrence to warn the town but are ambushed by bushwackers. All four of the attackers are killed, but Val and Sukio are badly wounded and unconscious. The group decides to continue into town rather than head back to the ship, given the woeful condition of sickbay.

Meanwhile, back at Tranquility, another rider has found Tranquility. He enters the ship and surprises Lizzy, taking her hostage. Lizzy manages to get word to Nika via her communicator but the stranger intercedes. Knowing others will be coming to rescue Lizzy, he decides to lay a trap for them.

Nika and Autumn must continue into town to tend to their wounded so Zeb and Tobias agree to head back to the ship.

Lizzy escapes her bonds and turns the tables on her captor just as Tobias and Zeb arrive to rescue her. The three keep guard over their mysterious unwelcome guest while debating what to do with him and if/when they should rejoin the others.

Nika and company finally arrive in town and head to the saloon, as this place seems to have the most activity. After some "convincing" by Nika and a passionate plea from Autumn, the saloon keeper - Sarah - allows them to use the local doctor's facilities to treat their wounded.

Tranquility's mysterious guest turns out to be Lizzy's former captain whose ship crashed here three years previous. He is in fact the same man Tobias spoke of earlier and Tobias is itchin' for revenge. Lizzy convinces him not to off the man until he has given the group useful intel.

Sarah pays the group a visit at Doc Griswold's office and is immediately smitten with Val, as he reminds her of her dead husband. Sarah relates to Nika and Autumn how her husband was murdered and her link to Tobias. Nika and Autumn confide in Sarah why they are really here - to warn her and the other townsfolk of Quantrill's plan to pillage the town.

Back in 26th century space, a new Syndicate ship has arrived at the radiation field. The savvy captain of the crew reasons that Tranquility must have somehow safely navigated through the field and sets a course to travel around it to continue to search for the ship that still possesses their valued cargo.

Episode 2 comes to an end viewing first Miscov's charred ship, and then inside the bridge where all seem dead...until Miscov's hand twitches.