

Series Study Research: Snowpiercer

Netflix, Distributed by TNT

45 minute dystopian TV drama

Season 3

Cast by: Jackie Lind

Plot Summary:

Snowpiercer is an American post-apocalyptic dystopian thriller. It is a dystopian thriller television drama based on the 2013 film and French graphic novel *Le Transperceneige* (1982). TNT scheduled the debut episode of Season 1 to air on May 31, 2020 but it was brought forward due to the increase of consumer demand following the outbreak of COVID-19.

Snowpiercer is set in 2021, seven years after the world becomes a frozen wasteland. It follows the remnants of humanity who have taken shelter on a gigantic, perpetually moving train that circles the globe. Designed and built by the eccentric billionaire Mr. Wilford, the train has 1,001 carriages and circles the globe 2.7 times per year.

The constant motion of the train provides energy and stops the passengers from freezing. Since the catastrophe the train's population has become rigidly separated in class, riddled with social injustice and politics of survival. Season One shows the passengers caught up in a revolutionary struggle against the strictly imposed hierarchy and unbalanced allocation of resources.

The First Class hold power over workers, while a condemned Prison Class struggles to survive on the Tail of the train. We open the Season with a grisly murder stoking the class division. So, Melanie Cavill the powerful head of hospitality, gets the help of a dangerous rebel to help solve the killing - Andre Layton. The world's only surviving homicide detective.

Season 3 is set to be in production from 3/2/2021 - 7/23/2021

Main Cast:

- **Daveed Diggs as Andre Layton**, is a quiet thinker who spends his days tending to his cage of rats. He is a prisoner barely surviving the harsh conditions in the Tail end of the train and a reluctant participant in a struggle that could upend life on the train. Following his success of solving the murder aboard the train, Layton figures out the mystery surrounding Mr. Wilford. In an attempt to protect her identity, he is suspended in the drawers by Melanie Cavill.
- **Jennifer Connelly as Melanie Cavill**, is the Voice of the Train, who makes the PA system's daily announcements. Though many of her peers are dismissive of the lower class passengers, Melanie is fascinated by them. In secret, Melanie is pretending to be the mysterious Mr. Wilford, who although mentioned has not been seen yet. She is one of the engineers that designed and created *Snowpiercer* and is the true mastermind behind the train's design. She abandoned the real Wilford to die when the journey began, believing that *Snowpiercer* wouldn't survive with him in charge. After escaping execution, Melanie aids Layton in taking control of the train, returning to her former job as an Engineer before the arrival of *Big Alice* brought back the real Mr. Wilford and Melanie's daughter Alexandra, whom she had believed to be dead. Melanie now serves as the Head Engineer of *Snowpiercer* and works with Layton on keeping the train safe from Wilford.
- **Mickey Sumner as Bess Till**, is a thoughtful, empathetic, and savvy brakeman who is part of the train's security force. She finds herself at the center of a mystery that rocks the train's uneasy status quo. She later becomes a member of Andre Layton's revolution. In Season 2, Layton promotes her to Train Detective.
- **Annalise Basso as Lilah Junior "LJ" Folger**, is the daughter of lawyer Lilah and Robert Folger, she lives uptrain with her parents in a First Class carriage. She is the true mastermind behind the serial murders on *Snowpiercer* committed by her bodyguard and boyfriend Erik Sotto. LJ was named after her mother. Since the death of LJ's mother, LJ is now sometimes referred to primarily as **Lilah Folger**.
- **Alison Wright as Ruth Wardell**, Melanie Cavill's right hand, and announces to the Tail frequently. She takes pride in her work, but does not like to be challenged. When the Tail revolt, and six guards are killed, Ruth

demands that six Tailies are killed in return to maintain Mr. Wilford's balance. She eventually settles with freezing Suzanne's arm off, and takes pleasure in watching the arm be smashed to pieces.

- **Roberto Urbina as Javier “Javi” De La Torre**, is a member of the Breach Team, the train's equivalent of a fireman, who is also part of a polyamorous relationship that's reeling from a personal tragedy.^[1] During the revolution, Javi initially sides with the Folgers and Commander Grey, but later helps Melanie to escape execution, allowing her to help Andre Layton and the Tail win.
- **Susan Park as Jinju Seong**, is the finest chef at the train's finest restaurant and a member of the train's elite. Jinju is in a romantic relationship with Bess Till, which Till prefers to keep secret for the time being. Jinju believes Till to be uncomfortable with her comparatively lower social status since Till is a Third Class citizen while Jinju is a Second Class citizen.
- **Lena Hall as Miss Audrey**, is instantly willing to help Andre Layton in his search for the train murdered and pledges to make all information from the Night Car known. She furthers her friendship/alliance with him when she reveals that Melanie Cavill must be hiding something given she will not allow her guard down.
- **Sheila Vand as Zarah Ferami**, is Andre's ex-wife. She wanted to join the family in order to face the situation together and almost certainly die in a short time, but Andre convinced her to attempt to board Snowpiercer by force instead, which they did. She came to resent that decision, having trouble adjusting to the rigors of life as a Tailie.
- **Iddo Goldberg as Bennett Knox**, is one of the original engineers who helped design the train, he is one of the few passengers who knows the deepest secrets of Snowpiercer. Bennett is a reserved member of *Snowpiercer's* management and follows Melanie Cavill's orders closely. Despite his devoted loyalty, he did not outright explain that he felt uneasy about pushing ahead at full speed despite Javi's warnings that the mountains around were not safe. When the mountain collapses, he investigates the damage done to one of the Ag-Sec carts with Melanie, and she vows him to secrecy; on the inside, however, he is conflicted and believes she is starving the train from the Tail to First.

- **Jaylin Fletcher as Miles**, is one of the few children in the tail end of the train. Whip smart and talented, he has the intelligence to potentially move up the train if he can get a coveted apprenticeship.

Developed by:

Josh Friedman (Known for Terminator: Dark Fate (2019), War of the Worlds (2005), Chain Reaction (1996), Snowpiercer (2020-2021))

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