The Healing Project:

The Story of The Xilas Syndicate

A Story Treatment

# What is a Treatment? *Document Background*

This is a comprehensive look at the structure of the story, what scenes will appear in order, the characters that inhabit the story and the visuals we envisioned. Concepts such as potential dialogue are included as well.

A film treatment…

* Is a document the presents the story before a full script is written
* They are/have..
  + Present tense
  + Narrative like
  + Highlight important information about the story
  + Title
  + Story summary
  + Logline/premise
  + Character descriptions (completed prior)

# The Xilas Syndicate: Story Summary

*21-year-old Leon Velasco, is a university senior at Arcadia University. One day, he daydreams about “Humanity Beyond”, a story his paternal grandmother, Irene, used to read to him and aliens saving the universe. Leon’s advanced chemistry professor, Peter Lowenski, catches Leon daydreaming and asks him a trivia question regarding the course, something Leon answers correctly right away. Despite the frequent daydreaming, Leon is eager to help Peter out with what he can on Xilas drug studies. Xilas is often ignored by the medical industry but Peter and Leon believe it can free people from disease and death.*

*After class, Leon sees a commercial on a drug called “Circus”, portrayed by the fierce and arrogant Rodrigo Sonhe of Sonhe INC. and his underling, Arnold Shepard on a TV in the campus halls. Circus has many harmful properties that the general public isn’t aware of. Leon calls his parents, Penny and Conejito, about starting a mission to make Xilas more in the spotlight, but they warn him about going too far.*

*Leon’s classmate, Prudence Barrett, introduces Leon to “It’s okay to be a science nerd” on Newpeepsandmemories, where Leon meets Arham Abadi. The trio decide to meet at the “Hipster Young at Hearts Nightclub” to further discuss their plans. Arham brings up an acid rain making experiment he had a horrible accident with, which makes him unsure about the mission, but Prudence and Leon, as well as DJ Funky Tomato (Stephen Reynolds), convince him it will be a good opportunity. Before Leon leaves, Prudence pitches the name “The Xilas Syndicate” for their new online group on Instantkeepup.*

*As Leon leaves the event early due to being overwhelmed by strobe lights, he takes a cab home. On the radio, it is reported that Circus may be untested and dangerous, which Leon takes note of. Numerous journalists are invited to a press conference held by Sonhe INC. Rodrigo and Arnold assure them that these are conspiracy theories because they’ve been successful in the pharma industry.*

*At the same time as the events above Peter is looking over Leon’s research and notices some unprecedented calculations Leon discovered. As Peter notes this, officials show up and demand that he reveal where he gets these “unverified” calculations or lose his job. Peter refuses, so he ends up getting fired as a professor and fleeing the country.*

*After this point and other tricky events, Leon, Arham and Prudence decide to move into an apartment at Tyche City to further pursue their mission.*

*After the trio move, they discuss their goals and Prudence uses an analogy of a successful acid rain experiment, which resembles the one Arham had his accident with. This infuriates Arham, and Prudence also gets upset at Arham’s reaction. This temporarily makes the crew unsure about their mission, but Arham’s father, Amar, shows up to visit their apartment and tells them to pursue their mission and to not worry about the experiments anymore.*

*As the Xilas Syndicate continues to develop, it becomes viral, which enrages Rodrigo. At home, Rodrigo goes on about the Xilas Syndicate to his brother, Antonio Sonhe III, who is the head scientist at Sonhe INC’s Circus development division. Rodrigo after a fiery argument with his brother retreats to the top floor of his home, the place his sister, Jane, is resting is in a coma. Rodrigo has a soft spot for her, and says, “*’ll always be here for you, I promise you won’t be alone much longer.”

*Three people, Monica Zabu who invites her initially reluctant friend Lulu Choi, and Miles Ricard come across the mission and contact the Xilas Syndicate to offer help. Arham, in particular, is suspicious about Monica’s overly-eager character. However, Leon decides to meet her while masking.*

*After the six meet in person, Sonhe INC releases a new drug “Circus X“. People become hopelessly addicted to it and experience adverse side effects. The Xilas Syndicate loses a lot of hope at this point. Suddenly, a group of people kidnap the six by knocking them out and flying them to Mensah Island.*

*Adrian Mensah, a billionaire, who formerly worked for Sonhe INC. but fell out with them, takes a liking to the Xilas Syndicate’s influence and wants to help them for a variety of reasons including his own revenge on Sonhe INC. and to improve his status after a series of failed space missions. Adrian apologizes to the Xilas Syndicate about how the crew got there, agrees to help fund for the Xilas Syndicate. and says that they are in the same boat when the crew is suspicious about Adrian’s views due to the wider society not supporting him. He also introduces time chamber technology from being a billionaire that allows the space training to be much shorter than the typical two years in real-time.*

*Jacqueline Stevens of “What’s Happening Jacqueline?” also requests for an interview with the Xilas Syndicate, but they decline because of its potential ties to Sonhe INC. This angers Jacqueline, which leads to her start a hate campaign against the Xilas Syndicate, further degrading the Xilas Syndicate’s status. Rodrigo eventually calls Jacqueline to tell her that unless she continues to put the Xilas Syndicate in a negative light, Sonhe INC. will no longer offer funding or associate with her news outlet.*

*At this point, Peter is currently in Hwarang, trying to get away from people going after him, as he knew too much to be kept alive, but an assassin successfully kills him. A day later, the news is reported on Hwarang News. As Miles and Monica find out, they inform Leon, who grieves for days over the loss. The rest of the Xilas Syndicate convince Leon that now more than ever they need to go on the space mission, and Leon agrees.*

*A few months later, as people in Tyche City are becoming hopelessly addicted to Circus X, Adrian takes the Xilas Syndicate to where they will take off on his helicopter, where he and Leon deliver a speech about the launch and what the crew hopes to accomplish. The Xilas Syndicate’s mission appears to be a huge cultural event that even Jacqueline is forced to cover, although with a negative spin.*

*After the crew takes off, they meet Hegro, an alien prince of the Mojaki race. Hegro talks about how Helse, the planet they visit, is free from disease and death and their lack of corruption, which inspires Leon. He also says that Vanilon is unreachable with the spaceship they have, and upgrades it so they can reach Vanilon. They eventually meet The Titan telepathically, who is one of The Great Elders who founded the universe. On the planet Vanilon, his home ever since he was banished by the other Elders. The Titan shows them the Orb of Healing, which Leon has wanted to see. Leon explains his own findings and the general public perceptions to The Titan to explain why he has kept a lot of it a secret. Miles is inspired to write a story about the mission.*

*On Earth, Jacqueline Stevens ramps up her hate campaign against the group by pushing her reporting to new lows, going as far as being on the brink of doxing their identities and those of their loved ones. This sets off a mysterious fanatical follower of the Syndicate to kidnap one of Stevens’ interns and publicially threaten her. This tanks The Syndicate’s image further, and since they are in space they have no way to defend themselves.*

*The Titan entrusts the Orb to Leon as he sees him as the great hero to push humanity further. He receives training from The Titan and unlocks a small percentage of the Orb’s power, something he can now use to save Earth.*

*On Earth, Jacqueline reports the death of 16-year-old Patricia Li, who dies from Circus X. This enrages the community and many try to protest as Jacqueline interviews several people about the death.*

*After the crew leaves Vanilon, an emergency meeting is called by the Council of the Galaxy Headquarters (U.N. stand-in) to discuss humanity’s new powerplay as news of the Orb’s new host spreads. The Mojika and Ume Kvinna are feeling hopeful that humanity can now be included in the council as a new partner for peace, while the Ocani support the Elders’ worries and harbor a deep insecurity about Earth’s new power. The Ocani warn that if they keep growing they’ll be forced to step in, something that quietly angers the Ume Kvinna and Mojika who have pacifist policies and bad blood with the Ocani.*

*The Xilas Syndicate lands to find out about Patricia’s death. Prudence reminds everyone that the next few days will not be the time for slacking. They need to take immediate action to heal the world with Xilas and the orb. Patricia’s best friend, Alicia Chen, wants to speak out, but feels that the media won’t be much help. She contacts the Xilas Syndicate to discuss the next steps of degrading Sonhe INC. 's status and regaining the Xilas Syndicate’s popularity at her favourite restaurant, Cheer For Natural. Miles also gets the opportunity to promote this restaurant’s products for his report.*

*Meanwhile, at Sonhe INC., Rodrigo scolds employees for not paying attention to Circus’ properties because no proper testing was done and that they need to figure out how to get back on track. As they are talking, at least 20 people protest outside the office, banging their doors and screaming “FRAUDS!”, “SCAMMERS!”, and “MONEY GRABBERS!” Jane is also upset at the outrage her family has caused.*

*At Patricia’s funeral, after the tributes; Patricia’s parents, Justin and Esther; Alicia, and the Xilas Syndicate decide that suing Sonhe INC. and using Xilas and the healing orb will be the best courses of action.*

*Leon and his crew eventually decide that a speech on their findings would easily attract their followers. Around this time, Justin and Esther meet with lawyer, Angelos Kokkinos of Kokkinos Law Firm, for the suing process on the What’s With Happening Jacqueline show. Antonio also apologizes for the error.*

*During Leon’s speech, people are so moved that Leon now has powers with the orb, that an overwhelming majority of the population now looks up to the Xilas Syndicate instead of Sonhe INC. Many earlier characters and followers give heartfelt comments to the Xilas Syndicate. Rodrigo completely loses hope at this point.*

*As Jacqueline reports on the Xilas Syndicate’s latest success, a shocking discovery of Sonhe INC.’s practices are made via blockchain technology. The police, Luke Icarus and Andrew Phoenix, show up at Feta Man’s to arrest Rodrigo, Antonio and Arnold. Sonhe INC. eventually has no choice but to go defunct.*

*The story finishes with five of the Xilas Syndicate members (Except Leon) watching the construction of the Xilas Syndicate Academy by using the funds from earlier, while making close remarks.*

*A few months later, the original six members train newer members on how to harness the healing orb.*

*Shortly after, Leon reads the report him and Miles created to Irene, who smiles at him in tears.*

# The Xilas Syndicate: Scene Sequences

## Episode 1

### INTRO

Settings: Leon’s house and university classroom

Characters: Leon Velasco, Irene Velasco, Peter Lowenski

*A child version of Leon is laying down on his bed as his grandmother Irene is reading him the story “Humanity Beyond”. The story is about alien friends named the Dolis (The good guys) and the Ecos (The bad guys) The Dolis couldn’t fight the Ecos when they got in a war, but when humanity got the Dolis’ message about friendship, they went beyond their limits to help their friends. The Dolis, like humans, were afraid of judgment when meeting new people.*

*As Leon closes his eyes, Irene’s words come to life and he begins to see the alien heroes saving the universe in a scene of imagination. Suddenly, a bell rings and we see Leon as a man in his 20s sitting in his university class, everyone around him gets up and tries to leave. Professor Lowenski shakes his head and scolds Leon about daydreaming. He attempts to get one up on him by asking everyone to stay in class, they will only be allowed to leave if Leon gets a question right.*

*“ Who was the man who discovered flavonoids?”*

*“Hungarian Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi discovered flavonoid in 1938.”*

*Leon knew the answer thanks to Peter’s ongoing fascination with Gyorgi that resulted in him covering The Doctor for his PhD thesis.*

### Sequence 1

Setting: University Lab

Characters: Leon Velasco, Peter Lowenski

*Leon is once again at the lab, a place where he goes frequently. Even when he falls into daydreams often, he’s very motivated to help his Professor’s studies into Xilas. Peter and Leon discuss a breakthrough they are on the brink of making* ***(growing Xilas)*** *but Leon is once again warned of going too far with his radical views about Xilas being significantly better than other types of drugs. Lowenski is cautious that his star student might get himself into trouble with forces much stronger than him.*

### Sequence 2

Setting: In university campus hallway

Characters: Leon Velasco, Penny Velasco, Rodrigo Sonhe (First appearance on TV)

*As Leon leaves the lab, he passes a TV, where Sonhe INC. has a commercial about new Circus drugs being released (With Rodrigo on TV). Slightly fed up, Leon calls his parents, Penny and Conejito about how he wants to make a difference about using Xilas instead, and Penny, after Leon’s daydream from earlier, ironically brings up “Humanity Beyond”. An idea suddenly sparks with Leon. He wants to find friends to help him with his mission. Leon’s parents mention the dangers. He says he wants to do it anyway.*

### Sequence 3

*Setting:*

*Characters: Leon Velasco, Prudence Barrett*

*Leon researches science groups online, and eventually one day during class, overhears one of his classmates Prudence talking about “It’s okay to be a science nerd“, a forum on Newpeepsandmemories, which has at least 12 attendees. He asks her about it and she sends him a link to join.*

### Sequence 4

Setting: *Quick sequences show Leon going through his days in the span of over a week and checking his phone and laptop as he bonds with Prudence and Arham (Arham’s first appearance). Sequences also show lab research scenes.*

*Characters: Leon Velasco, Arham Abadi, Prudence Barrett*

*Finally, after building a bond and sharing their hatred of what the world has become, Leon, Arham, and Prudence decide to talk more about it at “Hipsters Young at Heart Nightclub”.*

### Sequence 5

Setting: Hipster Young at Hearts Nightclub

Characters: Leon Velasco, Arham Abadi, Prudence Barrett, Tanya Bella, DJ Funky Tomato (Stephen Reynolds)

*Leon gets a table with Arham and Prudence (Leon orders a beyond meat burger, Arham orders a beyond meat fajita and Prudence orders a large Greek salad). The nightclub being understaffed has led to Tanya Bella, the server, having to work overtime. We find this out because she is briefly talking to Funky Tomato about it, and he shows his sympathy. After Tanya takes the group’s orders, and after sitting at the table for at least 45 minutes, Leon finally announces his plan to the group. Arham is initially reluctant because of his past experiment accident, while Prudence is ecstatic about it and tries to convince Arham. What happened to Arham was he accidentally spilled hydrochloric acid all over his right arm dur\ing a “Making acid rain” experiment.*

*Funky Tomato notices the discussion and especially Prudence’s enthusiasm, and convinces them to go for it. He says to the crew, “You know why my name is Funky Tomato? I submitted an in-depth tomato once for an art contest in elementary school and won! I hope that inspires you!”. The group spends the rest of the time chatting to each other about their youth and different gripes they have with the establishment. Leon pitches the name “The Xilas Syndicate '' to Prudence and Arham, as he explains the connection between them and Xilas, largely seen as useless yet possesses untapped greatness. They both agree.*

### Sequence 6

*Setting: Leon separates from the group and enters a Taxi to go home. Using his upcoming finals as an excuse because some of the strobe lights were overwhelming him.*

Characters: Leon, Taxi Driver

*The taxi is dripped in a quiet air, the rain falls deeply as Leon and the nameless driver remain without conversation. To save them from any more awkwardness the driver turns on the radio. The radio DJ announces the news of the day, most of it is regular local news (Rain will clear out shortly, a church’s 50th anniversary, slight traffic jam on one of Arcadia’s main highways) but then suddenly the biggest jolt of motivation Leon could get is heard. There is a building controversy among medical experts that Circus is untested and dangerous but is largely waved off by the DJ. Leon takes note of this.*

### Sequence 7

*Setting: Lab*

*Character: Peter Lowenski*

*At the same time Leon is in the cab, Peter works late in the lab and learns about Vanilon and the fact that it has fully grown Xilas in its vast vegetation report. Once he knows Vanilon could be the answer, his computer starts to beep with a stay in place warning.*

### Sequence 8

Setting: Sonhe INC. press conference.

Characters: Rodrigo Sonhe, Arnold Shepard

*Rodrigo handles the room full of journalists with class and even the attempts of seasoned veterans to get him to slip up is unsuccessful. He remains firm that any hesitation regarding Circus is unfounded and conspiracies. He reassures the public that Sonhe INC. has been at the top of the pharma industry for close to 100 years thanks to their transparency and quality.*

***(FOR SPEC SCRIPT: What the journalists and veterans say to him)***

Journalist questions -

* “Barbara Pique, National Editorial —- “Sonhe INC. has spend a large chunk of the year promoting Circus with a company record $560 million PR campaign that has spanned the globe. A lot of independent experts have questioned why a drug that has been polarizing at best and dangerously reckless at its worst is being pushed out so aggressively”

ANSWER - Well Ms. Pique although I’d be willing to bet it’s Mrs.Pique (arrogant laughter) oh boy I’ll get in trouble with that one I guess. (room erupts into laughter except for a silent Barbara Pique). Ok well back to the topic at-hand, Circus is change, change is scary for most. Those independent experts you called upon, well there’s a reason they are independent. No board or foundation backs their findings, Circus is a powerful drug yes sure that can’t be argued, but that’s because it has powerful solutions to cure people of what plagues them the most — pain.

* “Mr Sonhe, Bill Walters TYC News — “Your company has held what some have called a monopoly over the pharma industry for decades, what do you say to people who say this has led to an unprecedented level of low standards in the pharmaceutical industry?

Answer - Well Bill I’d challenge those individuals to produce any industry backed findings of Sonhe INC.’s failures to maintain high standards, I’m sure they’d only find cobwebs.

As Rodrigo finishes his words he’s motioned over by a team of bodyguards, he excuses himself and is told about the discovery found by Peter. He rushes to end the press conference. Off screen Rodrigo is a wildly aggressive man, he barks orders at his people and grabs one of his key underlings and tells him to “fix this now”.

### Sequence 9

*Setting: Back in the taxi*

*Character: Leon*

*Leon reads the breaking news about the sudden ending of the press conference and gets a bad feeling. He tells the taxi driver to head for the university lab.*

### Sequence 9.5

*Setting: University lab*

*Character: Leon Velasco*

*Leon enters the room to see a ravaged lab and no sign of Peter.*

*\*End of episode 1\**

## Episode 2

### Sequence 9.5

*Leon updates his friends so they can find out where Peter is. Leon discovers a clue Peter left about where he is in his newest notes, hidden in a page near the end of the folder is a photograph of a Hwarang monument with the initials A.S.G.*

### Sequence 10

*Setting: Alternate empty laboratory*

*Character: Leon, Arham, Prudence*

*Leon and the crew move rooms to further discuss how to continue research, fight against pharma industries, and raise funds under the Xilas Syndicate. Finally deciding Tyhce City is the place to be.*

### Sequence 11

Settings: Leon packing his things into boxes at home

Characters: Leon and his family.

*Heartfelt scene of Leon and his family saying goodbye. His mother tells him she wishes he wouldn’t leave, but Leon says he needs to finish his studies. Leon hugs his mother and says he has something bigger to do.*

### Sequence 12

Setting:Moving truck and outside new house

Characters: Leon Velasco, Arham Abadi, Prudence Barrett, Phil Ioannou (Moving truck driver), Zoilo and Kyra Alexander (New neighbours)

*Leon thanks Arham and Prudence for agreeing to move in with him so they can further focus on The Xilas Syndicate. Phil asks them all about it, the crew explains, and Phil tells a story how he once was confused about life and everything he tried seemed to go wrong. Until one day he went on a late-night walk and as he was crossing the street without paying attention he heard the sound of a car crashing. In front of him was a young man lying motionless with blood flowing from behind his head. He realized that he too wasn’t paying attention to the road but unlike Phil he was not lucky enough to have someone else in front of him. Phil realized that life is a game of luck and any second could be a moment of great luck or an extreme lack of it. Phil tells them the only thing to be afraid of in life is not pursuing everything they want without holding back.*

### Sequence 13

Setting: In new apartment as group is continuing to build online

Characters: Leon Velasco, Arham Abadi, Prudence Barrett and Amar Abadi

*As The Xilas Syndicate grows in popularity, the group discusses their goals of educating group members that Xilas properties are more environmentally friendly than Circus properties. This triggers Prudence to bring up her most successful science experiment, a vinegar and leaf one, which relates too heavily to the acid rain making one that Arham had an accident with. Arham gets furious with Prudence, which leads to Prudence crying in the bathroom, but Leon talks it over with Arham. Arham’s father, Amar, shows up at their place to check it out. Arham explains the incident to his father, and Amar tells him not to get too stuck in the past, and that the mishap shouldn’t get in the way of their mission. They all agree, and the trio make up. Amar stays for the night.*

### Sequence 14

Settings: *the Syndicate’s Apartment*

Characters: The Xilas Syndicate (members so far), Amar

*A day later, after heavily done research and the group sharing their own findings, they begin an online campaign to their followers and even strike viral status with their opinions on Pharma industries and capitalism. Amar leaves early but wishes the crew luck on their research and to keep him posted.*

*They further discover the history behind Xilas and how it has been frowned upon in the past by the public because pharma industries have misled them into thinking things that aren’t true. For example, people had a misconception that some (Mostly minorities) Xilas users took part in violent crimes during a Depression period in the country, which ultimately led to other plants and drugs leading to higher popularity than Xilas.*

*In particular, the Xilas Syndicate says that capitalism is not the answer because they need to consider a variety of sources of approval from health experts and government officials, which Sonhe INC. has not been doing. The audience considers the importance of credible sources and actually looking into the science over narrowly focusing on some concepts such as how Circus has successfully treated mental illnesses in the past.*

### Sequence 15

Settings: Sequence of worldwide news covering the newest internet trend The Xilas Syndicate ending with Tyche City’s number 1 show “What’s happening Jacqueline”

Characters: Jacqueline Stevens, The Xilas Syndicate

*Jacqueline speaks about the group and their popularity among the youth. She retains their mission is largely a mystery but that they are shaking the scene for big corporations and makes a joke about hosting them for an interview while giving a cheeky wink.*

*The joke is to her side-presenter, Brian Briani, “ Brian, how would you feel if a bunch of people were all of a sudden pitching new types of drugs on the day we interview the Xilas Syndicate?” Brian says, “We’d probably be overbooked!”*

### Sequence 16

Settings: Monica’s house and Lulu’s house

Characters: Monica Zabu and Lulu Choi

*In Tyche City, Monica reads about the Xilas Syndicate, such as their mission and posts about the environment, when looking through her iPhone and after a day, when Leon posts about wanting tech people to help in the future, it clicks with her. Monica makes the decision to join after seeing the coverage. She realizes she can help the group with their internet persona with her web skills and decides to pitch herself to the group. She contacts them through their group email* [*XilasSyndicate@goodmail.com*](mailto:XilasSyndicate@gmail.com) *and Dms them on their Instantkeepup - XilasSyndicate.*

*She runs next door to Lulu’s house to inform her of the mission. Lulu refuses because she is clueless with science and is more into the arts such as dancing. Monica talks to her about it, and then Lulu agrees that getting out of her comfort zone while changing the world would be a significant achievement. After that, she sends the Xilas Syndicate another message saying she will bring Lulu with her.*

### Sequence 17

Setting: Library

Character: Miles Ricard

*Miles encounters the mission at the Tyche City Library and it only took a few minutes to decide that this would be a great networking opportunity for him because he has struggled to find a job after recently taking part in an internship. Miles also contacts The Xilas Syndicate.*

### Sequence 18

Setting: Sonhe INC.

Characters: Rodrigo Sonhe, Arnold Shepard

*Rodrigo finds out about the Xilas Syndicate and is enraged, particularly when the group notes about Xilas leading to longer lifespans than other drugs because he feels it’s not true. Rodrigo tells Arnold that he wants to stop them in every way possible. Arnold agrees, as he shares the same views and enjoys sucking up to his boss, but is often clueless of Rodrigo’s way of doing things. Arnold tends to be clueless about how Rodrigo approaches competitors he sees as threats.*

## Episode 3

### Sequence 19

Setting: Sonhe Mansion

Characters: Rodrigo, Antonio and Jane Sonhe

*Rodrigo slams the door as he returns home. He goes on and on about the Xilas Syndicate’s mission about lengthening life spans and how useless Arnold may be with helping him stop them to his brother Antonio, head scientist at Sonhe INC. Rodrigo bemoans how useless everyone is and how no one is as serious about Sonhe INC. as him, finally ending with him throwing an expensive china his mother bought on the ground, shuddering it completely. Antonio begins to yell at him and Rodrigo brushes him aside by taking the elevator to the top floor. As the elevator grows closer he becomes calmer, this place is not one for anger, simply pain.*

*His little sister Jane is laying motionless hooked up to wires and IV drops, in a coma. Rodrigo can barely look at his younger sister and bites his lip to the point of bleeding, he clutches the cold bed sheet and thinks how different things would be with her around. In a quiet, painful voice he says ,*“I’ll always be here for you, I promise you won’t be alone much longer”.

### Sequence 20

*Setting: Xilas Syndicate Apartment*

*Character: Leon, Prudence, and Arham*

*They debate whether they should let Monica and Lulu join after they read her email and Dms. Prudence feels they can be a big help to them while Arham is wary of her as a potential mole because she comes across as wanting to use them. Leon is undecided but suggests they meet with her to further find out about her. Arham feels he is going too far but Prudence agrees with his plan. Leon decides to arrange to meet with her alone. They are also excited to see Miles’ request, as there is nothing suspicious about his character.*

### Sequence 21

*Setting: Local Tyche City Park at Night*

*Characters: Leon and Monica*

*In order to protect his identity, Leon decides to meet with her without showing his face. Monica agrees. When they meet, it is an instant attraction, but they don’t say anything about it.*

### Sequence 22

*Setting: Downtown Tyche City*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Monica, Lulu, Miles, Rodrigo, Rodrigo’s siblings and Arnold*

*They meet by Tyche’s City landmark statue and discuss everything, from how Monica got kicked out of university to Lulu’s dance ambitions. This way, they find common grounds on how to go about the mission.*

*Monica talks about how she spray painted “Professor Harold Gooney is a fascist” on her university campus walls after her Computer Science professor, Harold Duney, angrily lectured her on punctuality and due dates while censoring her papers. She decided to do it because her friends dared her to do so.*

*Lulu talks about dance moves she’s advanced and how her dance instructor, Ariana Dougenis, is a strict but super caring choreographer. Lulu has come a long way because of her demeanour. She says the mission will especially be fun as a learning experience and jokes about performing a dance or singing piece in relation to it once they accomplish their goals. Leon associates Ariana with Peter.*

*After talking more, they discover that Leon, Arham and Prudence being into sciences; Monica being into technology, Miles being into journalism and Lulu being into performing arts can make this project work super well.*

### Sequence 23

*Setting: Sonhe Inc. lab*

*Characters: Rodrigo, Antonio and Arnold*

*Rodrigo advises Arnold to help with the work on the new drug. Arnold goes on about a few things but eventually gets to work on his press release about the new product. He goes on about how excited he is for his golf tournament (Treated more as a gag), how excited he is for the new Circus drug because it may be even more effective than the ones he took for his mental health issues, which inspired him to join Sonhe INC. in the first place. He also talks about how his wife Jules could use the new drug because she’s had major anxiety episodes. While Rodrigo does support his feelings, he eventually grows irritated with his annoying blabbering.*

*Antonio helps Rodrigo and Arnold on the new drug: Circus X.*

### Sequence 24

Setting: The Xilas Syndicate apartment

Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Monica, Lulu and Miles

*A commercial comes on about a new Circus product (Circus X) that becomes a big enough hit with the general public that all six heroes-to-be are feeling hopeless.*

### Sequence 25

Setting: The Xilas Syndicate apartment

Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Monica, Lulu and Miles

Minutes later, there is suddenly a knock on the door. An unknown group kidnaps the Xilas Syndicate in and knocks them out with sedative drugs/needles to make them unconscious.

### Sequence 25.5

Setting: Mensah Island

Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Adrian Mensah

The kidnappers bring the Xilas Syndicate to an unknown island. Once the crew becomes conscious, *Billionaire Adrian Mensah introduces himself and apologizes to them about how they got there. He shares his knowledge of Xilas and Vanilon, says that the life changing plant is out of reach and says he’s a “Xilas Syndicate” at heart. Therefore, he agrees to help the Xilas Syndicate fund for their project. When the Xilas Syndicate are unsure about working with Adrian, he turns on the TV to tell them they are on the same boat with their views on Xilas and Vanilon. He plays a report centered around him. It discusses his obsession with space travel and how he once was a very high ranking member of Sonhe INC.’s board but was ousted by controversy.*

### Sequence 26

*Setting: Mensah Island*

*Characters:* The Xilas Syndicate, Adrian Mensah, Jacqueline Stevens

As the report *finishes, Jacqueline Stevens contacts the Xilas Syndicate for an interview, but after a discussion with Adrian, they eventually decline it because of its potential ties to Sonhe INC. Stevens is not pleased with them.*

### Sequence 27

*Setting: What’s Happening Jacqueline newsroom*

*Characters: Jacqueline, Brian Briani, Nicholas Pappas*

*A day later, this leads Jacqueline to start a hate campaign.*

*The hate campaign against The Xilas Syndicate starts with the smearing of the group’s online activities such as inflammatory old social media posts that were politically expressive against corporations and certain politicians who voted on a bill that was in support of anti-environment and sabotaging natural medicine policies. Statements such as “Down with the system” and “This is why old fossil politicians should die”. Stevens argues how such a combative group of “radical leftists” can be trusted to carry out such a big operation that can change society?. She also questions their “anonymous” status and accuses the group of looking to tear down society through promotion of chaos and dangerous ideologies.*

### Sequence 28

*Setting: Rainy alleyway in Hwarang*

*Characters: Peter Lowenski, a man wearing all black.*

*A grizzled bearded Professor Lowenski now finds himself fleeing to Hwarang to escape danger to his life because he’s had too many people going after him since getting fired from his job. His refusal to give up Leon or the research has made Lowenski a target of many powerful people and on this alleyway in Hwarang a hired assassin is about to end it all. One silenced pistol shot to the head is all it takes, Peter Lowenski is dead.*

## Episode 4

### Sequence 29

*Settings: Mensah Island*

*Characters: Adrian Mensah, Leon, Prudence, Arham, Monica, Lulu and Miles*

*After an initial period of hesitancy and reserved tension the crew decides to let loose after an impassioned appeal from Lulu to enjoy these luxuries for all their worth. Monica, Prudence, Lulu and Miles spend the day lounging around the island and having fun with massages, the waterpark and eating quality food while Leon and Arham are much more reserved, preferring to keep themselves on high-alert..they sit by the sea, drinking. Since Adrian enjoys Italian food, a lot of it is Greek pasta and pizza and Italian-inspired beers. The water park has at least 10 slides including one that is over 100 feet tall. At one point, Leon and Arham see a guy who looks like Rodrigo flying by. They freak out, but it’s a false alarm.*

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### Sequence 30

*Setting: Adrian’s dining room*

*Characters: Adrian and The Xilas Syndicate*

*The grand hall of this hulking mansion is one straight out of Versailles, a picturesque palace. The crew is stunned and overwhelmed standing timidly as one of Adrian’s maids tells them to walk into the dinning room to join him for dinner. Adrian greets them warmly as he gullfs down a variety of red meats, he tells them to sit down and eat. Something they don’t need to hear twice, all of them sitting and eating roughly, Adrian gives a hefty laugh. Eventually Leon brings up the need to discuss business, Adrian teases him about being serious but appreciates his toughness. They begin discussing Adrian’s plan and he tells them they will need training before going off to space.*

*As Adrian is a billionaire, he has hyperbolic time chamber technology (Dragon Ball Z reference) that allows the training to be completed quicker than the typical two years, he says. He talks about the stages of accessing space stations, using vehicles, becoming familiar with equipment, having some training outside the station; and then eventually meeting more experienced astronauts, including his friend Theo Dimitri.*

### Sequence 31

*Settings: Mensah Island*

*Characters: Leon, Monica, Adrian and the rest of the crew*

*After the lavish dinner and introduction to technology that’s not even released to the public, Adrian extends his official offer for the Syndicate to accept his funding in return for exclusive corporate rights to the group. Half the crew including Lulu, Prudence and Miles agree this would be a needed sacrifice for their greater mission. Monica and Arham offer resistance. Leon is undecided but is convinced by the arguments of Monica and Arham. He refuses to give away the rights of the group. Adrian tells him to take his time to decide.*

### Sequence 32

*Setting: Water park*

*Characters: Prudence, Monica, Lulu and Miles*

*The next day Miles, looking through his phone, comes across Hwarang News in horror once he recognizes the name Peter Lowenski. He tells the other three, who are also in horror. They agree that Monica should have a private talk with Leon about it. Monica mentions a nearby ice cream shop on the island, and decides that she will take him out to ice cream alone to talk about it.*

### Sequence 33

*Setting: Mensah Ice Cream Shop*

*Characters: Leon and Monica*

*Monica says to Leon, “We need to talk about something but I don’t want too many people to hear.” Leon, who is still spending his time thinking over Adrian’s offer, reluctantly agrees to go get ice cream with Monica. She tells Leon about the news. Leon is devastated and is overwhelmed with sadness, he cries with an unnerving gust of grief. Monica hugs him tightly.*

### Sequence 34

*Setting: Bedroom at Adrian’s mansion*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate and Adrian*

*Everyone tries to comfort Leon as he is grieving. He hasn’t been able to move much aside from thinking of Peter and feeling guilt over his professor’s death. He tries to get his mind off it by participating in group daily Wordle and Heardle challenges and watching CooCoo videos in his room but nothing succeeds. Prudence reminds Leon that should push him to accept Adrian’s offer, that once they go to space and find a way to regain the public’s trust, even if just by small steps they can begin the process to push Xilas forward , he’ll get his revenge. By not doing anything he would continue to let Sonhe INC. grossly influence the public. Leon agrees and decides to accept Adrian’s offer.*

*\*Quick scenes of training\**

### Sequence 35

*Settings: “What’s Happening with Jacqueline” HQs*

*Characters: Jacqueline Stevens and staff with Rodrigo on a video call*

*Jacqueline is discussing with her team the latest slump in viewership the show is experiencing. Her team suggests going further with more controversial topics and opinions (Such as animal rights and universal healthcare). Suddenly, her assistant, Nicholas Pappas, tells her there’s a call coming through for her and she tells him to put it on the monitor. Rodrigo comes on the screen with an air of confidence and everyone in the room becomes tense, he instructs Jacqueline that Sonhe INC, will pull their sponsorship from the show unless they ramp up negative coverage of Xilas and the Xilas Syndicate. A bee mysteriously made its way to the office, and Rodrigo swallows it after he says his words.*

*Jacqueline rushingly agrees with what Rodrigo told him.*

### Sequence 36

*Settings: Quick shots of various parts of Tyche City and Arcadia City*

*Characters: the public in the streets*

*Hordes of people are passed out and experiencing withdrawal as Circus has become the newest hot drug on the street. Over time, the Circus Craze starts to take over as parents and loved ones become hopeless, unable to stop those around them from abusing the drug. In response to this, the mainstream media remains hushed while Stevens continued to rail against the Xilas Syndicate.*

*A few unnamed residents talk about how their children or spouses have been less into activities previously passionate about since taking the drug. Plus, many have had severe headaches and nausea.*

***(FOR SPEC SCRIPT: What Jacqueline says about the Xilas Syndicate)***

### Sequence 37

*Setting: Tyche City Central Square*

*Characters: Leon, Adrian*

*Adrian gives a speech about the launch after a few months of not hearing anything about it. Leon addresses the team personally about what they hope to get done.*

### Sequence 38

*Setting: Split between Mensah’s company headquarters and “What’s Happening Jacqueline”*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Jacqueline Stevens*

*The space mission becomes a hot topic among the public and becomes a huge cultural event. The festival has space-themed food shops, several fair rides, and live performances. The syndicate approach their spaceship while changing into their gear and final preparations. Meanwhile Jacqueline discusses on her show if the group has the best interest of the people in mind while people are dying at record rates from addiction. As the engineers and astronauts give them their final instructions, the crew is set to go off into space.*

## Episode 5

### Sequence 39

*Setting: Approaching outer space*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate*

*Arham is nervous and Prudence is excited, as usual. The crew enjoy the smell of the fresh atmosphere after all the uncleanliness and drama at home. As they all enter space, their phones fly out of their pockets. They freak out, but the astronaut, Theo Dimitri, assures them that the shuttle is secure enough to keep all their belongings safe. Luckily, nothing breaks.*

### Sequence 40

*Setting: Space*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate and the Mojaki race*

*As their journey continues the crew spends most of their time being amazed at being in space and generally horsing around together, mostly laughing at Miles for not having enough paper to report on his findings in space and not bringing a charger to charge his 10% battery phone, while the astronauts focus on their work. It’s treated more as a gag than a super serious scene. But suddenly there is an undefined object getting closer to them. All games stop.*

*The astronauts become cautious while the Syndicate all attempts to see what’s going on. People start freaking out again only to be calmed down by the shouting of a surprisingly angry Arham, earning him praise from stressed out astronauts. Before they know it the ship is completely swallowed into the hulking object that has now hovered above them. It’s a Mojaki spaceship and it teleports the Xilas Syndicates ship into their own. The crew passes out from the sudden lack of oxygen. They are awoken by a team of Mojaki travelers who speak to each other in a language close to the sound of dragonflies’ wings clattering. The crew is scared and confused.*

### Sequence 41

*Setting: Helse*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate and Hegro (Mojaki alien)*

*The Xilas Syndicate spaceship becomes a part of One of the aliens, Hegro, prince of the Mojaki presents what life is like on Helse and Leon immediately realizes that because these aliens can live as long as 300 years, and are indeed inspired by the fact that death and disease is far less common here. The stuff presented is a clear sign that Xilas on Earth instead of Circus will make people’s life spans much longer. In addition, there is a rule family rule.*

*Hegro also says that no one has survived entering Vanilon and disappears quickly when they do. Plus, the ship they’re on is unable to reach Vanilon in a decent amount of time for humans. However, Hegro says he will upgrade the ship if the crew agrees to take him along. They agree to do so.*

*Miles asks them if it’s okay if he can write a journalistic story about Helse and Vanilon once they get back, and Hegro says yes because it will inspire many. Lulu insists that people on Earth may have a hard time believing that such life on Helse exists, but Leon reminds her that Jacqueline’s coverage of the event was noticed by many and that the information will be credible because it comes from people who really went to space.*

### Sequence 42

*Setting: Back in outer space*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate and Hegro*

*Hegro continually converses with the Xilas Syndicate and educates them on the types of races and their planets. Prudence and Monica are especially curious about the Great Elders, but Hegro says that they aren’t particularly willing to engage with humanity. Leon asks if there are any exceptions, and Hegro says that The Titan is quite unlike the other three and that they may get a chance to meet him at Vanilon.*

### Sequence 42.5

*Setting: Back on earth at Sonhe INC. HQs*

*Characters: team of scientists working on Circus X, Antonio*

*With Antonio as the lead Sonhe INC.’s scientists are working on more Circus X production. In the middle of the loud sounds of machinery and calculations, Antonio sneaks off to an undisclosed port of the complex free from cameras and locks the door behind him. He ties a sling around his arm and shoots up on a stronger unreleased Circus X prototype, when taken through his veins the hit comes much faster and stronger but also increases the danger. He begins sweating heavily and closes his eyes while laying down against the wall. He breathes heavily as he says “Here I come Jane.” He keeps this a secret from Rodrigo.*

### Sequence 43

*Setting: Whats Happening Jacqueline playing on the big screen of Tyche City Grand Hall*

*Characters: Owen Bell, Jacqueline, her intern, and random citizens*

*Without the Syndicate’s presence on Earth the propaganda against them is ramped up to new levels with coverage doxing where members potentially went to school and going as far as interviewing people with shady pasts and criminal histories claiming to be family members of the members. Stevens stops shy of revealing their identities fearing the public backlash and her team being unable to crack the discovery. Suddenly the screen turns black and a flash of text is shown.*

*“Time to herd the sheep, oh dear public why is it you are so easy to trick?*

*Simple words that’s all you need to turn against all that’s good*

*The Syndicate cannot speak, but don’t worry I will”*

*At that moment a tied up man screams in pain as he is electrocuted repeatedly. A harsh robotic voice tells him to keep quiet and jolts the camera towards himself. He’s wearing military armor and a mask with a snakehead design.*

*“Little Jacqueline, if you want to keep marching forward with your lies, I’ll pick apart your toys one by one. The choice is yours.” the screen turns black again as the public looks on in shock.*

### Sequence 44

*Setting: Jacqueline’s private suite in her luxury apartment*

*Characters: Jacqueline, Rodrigo*

*After a restless night and day Jacqueline and her staff are shaken by the kidnapping of her intern and the masked snake man who authorities have been unable to locate. She takes a shower and while in a robe she drinks some wine. Suddenly her door unlocks and she hears footsteps towards her living room, she grabs her pistol from her purse and slowly walks towards the sound. She peeks over and sees nothing, relieved she turns around only to find Rodrigo behind her. She screams as he coyly says “You really need better security Jac.”*

*Rodrigo goes on to explain to Jacqueline that the vigilante figure is actually a blessing in disguise. They can use this extremist as another hit against The Syndicate. Jacqueline expresses hesitance and fear over provoking him further. Rodrigo reminds her in a friendly yet threatening tone that he wasn’t asking her but simply telling her.*

### Sequence 45

*Setting: Various scenes of large parts of the public turning against the Syndicate*

*Characters: People in bars, crowds of up to 2,000 people protesting, and online fan pages closing*

*A group of men at a bar are discussing The Xilas Syndicate negatively, one man calls for their jailing and outing of their identity, a large protest gathers outside of What’s Happening Jacqueline HQs in support of the intern that’s been kidnapped. Burning of the Syndicate’s symbol takes place while they scream “Burn them all.” Formerly supportive organizations and online pages are all closed in light of the scandal.*

## Episode 6

### Sequence 46

*Setting: Space*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Hegro, The Titan*

*The Xilas Syndicate meet The Titan, who communicates telepathically, and although he is disgusted with what is happening on Earth, he has full faith in them. The Titan has always taken a pity on humanity as masters of their own doom and always wished there would be a great catalyst to push them towards salvation. He sees The Xilas Syndicate as a symbol of this, specifically Leon. The Titan talks about their backstory and humanity story.*

### Sequence 47

*Setting: Vanilon*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Hegro and The Titan*

*The Titan takes only The Syndicate to a hidden path within his planet at the crack of dawn. The Titan tells them of how he built this planet for himself, by going on a mission of finding the most natural gases and dust possible to form outstandingly natural planet building blocks (By carefully looking at characteristics of neutral helium atoms) but despite all this, finds it a prison more than a freedom from his enemies. Leon asks them where they are headed to. The Titan reminds him of the importance of the virtue of patience. Finally, they approach the secret they were searching for.*

*The Titan buried the Orb of Healing in the deepest part of the fall to make sure it does not fall into the wrong hands. The Orb is the most powerful object in the universe able to overrule fate itself, which contains Xilas. Anyone who wields its great power is no longer limited by the laws of the universe. He turns to Leon and asks him how he found out about the orb and why he has been keeping it a secret.*

*In a flashback sequence, Leon is tampering with equipment and notes in the lab when suddenly a sealed hidden file under Professor Lowenski’s desk drops on the ground. This file is not one that was included in the ones reported to the university as the seal was different and Leon realized this was something different from the usual. He opened it carefully and began reading the notes, they were unfinished equations on the connection between mythological legends, alien technology and human natural medicine. But the professor couldn’t piece it together — something Leon did once he cracked the code on the connecting answer being Xilas.*

*After recounting all this to The Titan, he looks on nervously awaiting the wrath of the God, instead The Titan tells him he’s greatly impressed at his conclusions, and tells him he’s the first human to have figured out this connection. He tells him he’s the one that he will entrust with a portion of the Orb of Healing’s power. A power that gives the wielder the tools to save humanity with the power of Xilas combined with the alien technology The Titan infused into it.*

### Sequence 47.5

*Setting: Vanilon*

*Characters: Xilas Syndicate, and The Titan*

*The Titan begins to train Leon on how to harness the Orb. Leon must build enough resistance in his body to intake the immense power that will flow through his veins. After an intense period of meditation an physical training. Leon awakens his enlightened form. His skin glows purple from the power of the orb and his eyes are a bright yellow. He can’t hold the form for long but before he lost it he was able to transfer a portion of his power into the rest of the Syndicate, everyone starts freaking out with excitement and fear. Hegro took off at this point. The Titan tells him that once the Orb deemed him worthy he was able to transfer his power into the others too.*

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### Sequence 48

*Setting: Vanilon*

*Characters: Hegro, Xilas Syndicate and The Titan*

*After the training is complete they return to the place Hegro is only to find him sleeping thanks to the lengthy sleep cycle of Mojaki being 5 days on average. They all crack jokes about this and even pull pranks on Hegro by drawing funny faces on him etc. without him waking up at all. Even The Titan cracks a slight grin while bemoaning the whole thing as childish human buffoonery. A light-hearted comedy scene to humanize them further. Finally Hegro, The Titan and the Xilas Syndicate part ways, as the Xilas Syndicate tries to head home.*

### Sequence 49

*Setting: What’s Happening Jacqueline newsroom*

*Characters: What’s Happening Jacqueline crew*

*Jacqueline reports on the news of 16-year-old Patricia Li’s death from Circus-X, which outrages the community and makes Sonhe INC.’s reputation go down a notch. Jacqueline interviews several people about Patricia Li’s death.*

### Sequence 50

*Setting: Space*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Hegro*

*As The Xilas Syndicate travels back to Earth they receive communication from Hegro via relay that their presence has made quite the stir among the universe especially those who were hoping to wield the Orb for themselves. He tells them to be extra careful of what the future holds.*

### Sequence 51

*Setting: Council of the Galaxy Headquarters*

*Characters: The Mojaki, Ume Kvinna and Ocani races*

*An emergency meeting at the Council of the Galaxy Headquarters (U.N. stand-in) to discuss humanity’s new powerplay. The Mojaki and Ume Kvinna are feeling hopeful that humanity can now be included in the council as a new partner for peace, while the Ocani support the Elders’ worries and harbor a deep insecurity about Earth’s new power. The Ocani warn that if they keep growing they’ll be forced to step in, something that quietly angers the Ume Kvinna and Mojika who have pacifist policies and bad blood with the Ocani.*

***(FOR SPEC SCRIPT: What each race has to say about humanity’s new powerplay)***

## Episode 7

### Sequence 52

*Setting: In Tyche City outside the ship*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate and Alicia Chen*

*The Xilas Syndicate’s landing is met with learning about Patricia Li’s death from Circus X. Prudence reminds everyone that the next few days will not be the time for downtime or not engaging with goals, they need to get back to the Xilas Syndicate mission right away.*

*Alicia Chen, Patricia Li’s best friend, decides that the mainstream media won’t be able to help her and decides the populist Syndicate is the way her truth can be told. She contacts the Xilas Syndicate and meets them at her favourite place, the Cheer For Natural restaurant.*

### Sequence 53

*Setting: Cheer For Natural restaurant, which serves foods with natural ingredients only*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate, Alicia Chen, Daphne Onasis (Waitress)*

*At this point, as Alicia talks to the crew about stopping Circus X, they discover on their phones that even Jacqueline and her crew have chosen to slightly halt support for Sonhe INC. and Circus as the public backlash is too strong. With some team members, including Nicholas Pappas, becoming extremely addicted to Circus, Jacqueline realizes the horror she has aided. The Syndicate begins to talk about how to get the Xilas Syndicate back on track for positive media coverage.*

*Lulu suggests that Miles could do an article on this in addition to his story (Mentioned in scene 39).*

### Sequence 54

*Setting: Sonhe INC. conference room*

*Characters: Rodrigo and Arnold*

*Rodrigo angrily scolds employees at Sonhe INC., including Arnold, for not paying attention to the Circus drug’s properties. Arnold says it’s a mystery how the death happened because there weren’t any super harmful properties. Others step in and say that similar to vaccines, these drugs can sometimes cause adverse reactions and there isn’t much we can do to stop it. Rodrigo, however, says that no proper testing was done and that they need to come up with a comprehensive plan to come back to the spotlight before the Xilas Syndicate regains its image. As they are talking, at least 20 people protest outside the office, banging their doors and screaming “FRAUDS!”, “SCAMMERS!”, and “MONEY GRABBERS!”*

*The testing wasn’t done properly because there was no clear policy or deadline on when to do the drug tests. The employees just did the testing when they felt it was necessary by focusing on superficial reasons, such as no erratic behaviour based on a super small sample that tried it, for why it was good to go.*

### Sequence 54.5

Setting: Jane’s dream state with Antonio

Characters: Jane and Antonio

Jane is upset over the suffering that’s been caused by her family, as Antonio begins to move towards her with an apologetic look but Jane is cold towards him. He tells her they did this for her but she yells out “This is not for me, this was never for me.” Antonio begins to cry in pain at what they have become.

### Sequence 55

*Setting: Sonhe mansion*

*Characters: Rodrigo, Antonio, Jane*

*Rodrigo, on his phone, is upset at the coverage and that people are not only protesting at the office, but also at his mansion. Antonio enters, with clear signs of being addicted to Circus. He confronts Rodrigo about the damage they have caused, but Rodrigo brushes it off as “the cost of Jane’s happiness”.*

### Sequence 56

*Setting: Patricia Li’s memorial service*

*Characters: Alicia Chen, Patricia Li’s family and friends, the Xilas Syndicate*

*This scene shows Patricia’s parents, Justin and Esther Li, as well as Alicia, speak out about who Patricia was and that the Xilas Syndicate’s plan to further take on Sonhe INC. may work, as some people still don’t get it that Circus should not ever be used anywhere. The plan to help people using the orb and Xilas. Justin also brings up that they will actively sue Sonhe INC.*

***(FOR SPEC SCRIPT: Speech words/content)***

### Sequence 57

*Setting: Tyche City Library*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate*

*Miles is on his laptop and constructs what has happened in his story, including the space discoveries, Cheer For Natural restaurant as a good example on how to support naturals such as Xilas, and the plan after Patricia Li’s death. Leon has the ultimate idea to get the Xilas Syndicate on track. That is to inform his followers of a speech coming soon about the conclusions him and his team have made.*

*At this point, through the Orb’s power Xilas begins to be grown and produced through the Xilas Syndicate. They heal people who were previously addicted to Circus.*

***(FOR SPEC SCRIPT: Content in Miles’ story)***

## Episode 8

### Sequence 58

*Setting: Tyche City Hospital and What’s Happening Jacqueline newsroom*

*Characters: Former Circus addicts, Justin and Esther Li, lawyer Angelos Kokkinos, Jacqueline*

*Former Circus addicts are being treated at Hospitals with Xilas. Jacqueline is on the scene interviewing the former addicts and finally sees that the Xilas Syndicate is good after all. Angelos Kokkinos and the Li parents are on the show, and announce a serious lawsuit against Sonhe INC.*

*Afterward, Antonio admits they made a mistake.*

### Sequence 59

*Setting: At Tyche City’s largest park*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate and a crowd*

*Leon s gives a heartfelt speech about his mission to save the world with Xilas and what he has discovered during this journey. He discusses his new found powers thanks to the Orb and that he wants to share this great gift with all their followers, this new chapter of humanity away from harmful drugs that are destroying us, he speaks of a new Xilas lead world of natural solution with the help of the Orb of Healing he can spread this among all. He encourages others to join the group as he closes his speech. Many people, including earlier characters and followers give them overwhelmingly positive comments.*

***(FOR SPEC SCRIPT: What is specifically said******)***

### Sequence 60

*Setting: Streets*

*Characters: Tyche City residents*

*Tyche City residents cheer at the Xilas Syndicate as they learn about their success.*

### Sequence 61

*Setting: Sonhe Mansion*

*Characters: Rodrigo and Jane*

*Rodrigo, at home, realizes that everything is falling apart for his company. He turns to Jane and says, “As long as you opened your eyes again It was worth it, I really thought it was”. He has many circus pills in his hand and closes his fist to finish the scene.*

### Sequence 62

*Setting: What’s Happening Jacqueline newsroom*

*Characters: Jacqueline and Brian, The Xilas Syndicate watching from apartment room, and the Alexanders overhearing the crew’s cheering*

*As Jacqueline finishes reading about the Xilas Syndicate latest success, she reports a shocking discovery made through blockchain technology: Sonhe INC. was discovered to be illegally lobbying for Circus X to be passed through regulations and money was found in many crooked politicians accounts from a third-party that is connected to Sonhe INC. And thanks to the specific toxins in the drug, it was tested on endangered animals in increasingly cruel ways resulting in the death of over 3,000 endangered animals taken from protected lands.*

### Sequence 62.5

*Setting: Feta Man’s Supermarket*

*Characters: Rodrigo, Arnold, Antonio, and cops Luke Icarus and Andrew Phoenix*

*After the revelation was made,, as the Sonhes and Arnold visit Tyche City, they get arrested near the Feta Man’s Supermarket entrance. Sonhe INC. eventually has no choice but to go defunct.*

### Sequence 63

*Setting: Construction site*

*Characters: The Xilas Syndicate except for Leon*

*The Xilas Syndicate, except for Leon who visits Peter’s grave, give closing remarks as they watch the construction of their new Xilas Syndicate Academy building, by using the funds from earlier in the story.*

### Sequence 64

*Setting: Arcadia Cemetary*

*Character: Leon*

*Leon visits his hometown to visit Peter’s grave. By his grave, he talks about Peter saved millions from his Xilas discoveries.*

### Sequence 65

*Setting: Xilas Syndicate Academy*

*Character: The Xilas Syndicate and new members*

*A few months later the original six members train newer members at a newly opened Xilas Syndicate Academy on how to harness the healing orb.*

### Sequence 66

*Setting: Velasco home*

*Characters: Leon, Irene*

*Leon reads a report he and Miles created to Irene (Grandmother) about how they saved the world. Irene smiles at him in tears.*

# Character breakdowns

## Adrian Mensah

Adrian is a billionaire who lives on a nearby island. He once worked for Sonhe INC., but fell out with them, and now wants revenge on them. He also has a bad reputation with the public because of past space exploration failures, which cost people their lives. Very few people are willing to help him with his space mission. However, when he finds out about the Xilas Syndicate, he sees them as good candidates to travel to Vanilon to regain public trust by having a successful space journey.

## Alicia Chen

Alicia is Patricia Li’s best friend before her death. She is reluctant to talk to the media about her thoughts on her friend’s death and decides that the Xilas Syndicate would be better to talk about goals to put Xilas back in a positive light and to further lower Circus’ and Sonhe INC’s reputation.

## Amar Abadi

Amar is Arham’s father who visits the original three of the Xilas Syndicate when they first move into their apartment. He also solves the experiment conflict between Arham and Prudence because he arrives shortly after their fight.,

## Angelos Kokkinos

Angelos is the lawyer that Esther & Justin Li meet to sue Sonhe INC. This discussion happens on a What’s Happening Jacqueline news coverage.

## Antonio Sonhe

Antonio is the head scientist at Sonhe INC. and Rodrigo’s brother. He is relatively passive to the Xilas Syndicate compared to his brother. He is also untrustworthy, as he tries to secretly take Circus X during the testing phase and eventually gain an unhealthy addiction to it. He is however, not afraid to admit when things go wrong with their company.

## Ariana Dougenis

Ariana doesn’t appear physically in the story. Lulu mentions her when the six Xmeet in person together in Downtown Tyche City. She is a strict but loving choreographer, who

## Arnold Shepard

Arnold is one of Rodrigo’s underlings at Sonhe INC. (A laboratory technician). He is shown to be clueless and at times incompetent, but genuinely wants to please his boss despite these issues.

## Arham Abadi

Leon meets Arham after Prudence introduces him to the online group “It’s okay to be a science nerd”. They quickly bond and Arham becomes a group member. Arham is the most cautious member of the Xilas Syndicate, with his past accident with an acid rain making experiment being a big factor.

## Barbara Pique

Barbara is a National Editorial journalist who questions Rodrigo and Arnold when there are conspiracies about Circus being untested and dangerous.about why a questionable drug is being advertised so quickly and fiercely.

## Bill Walters

Bill is a reporter at TYC News who asks Rodrigo and Arnold about how they feel about the pharma industry having low standards when there is controversy about Circus.

## Brian Briani

Brian is Jacqueline Stevens’ journalist colleague who often appears with Jacqueline but has few speaking lines. In particular, he makes a joke to Jacqueline about being overbooked when she asks him what would happen if so many people were pitching new drugs at once.

## Chewy (Bouncer)

Chewy is the man who asks Leon for his driver’s license or health card, but once he realizes he’s a good friend of Prudence, who Chewy appears to get on with well, he lets Leon in.

## Daphne Onasis

Daphne is the waitress the Xilas Syndicate and Alicia meet when they further discuss how to regain the Xilas Syndicate’s reputation and even further degrade Sonhe INC.’s reputation.

## Doug Allan

Doug doesn’t appear in the story, but Arnold mentions him as a friend who he regularly golfs with when going on to Rodrigo about why he’s in a good mood.

## Elias Vouvali

Elias is one of Adrian’s assistants, who helps him with the projector to show the Xilas Syndicate his presentation after they arrive.

## Esther & Justin Li

Esther and Justin Li are Patricia Li’s parents who speak out at Patricia’s funeral after her death from Circus X. They agree with the Xilas Syndicate that the orb and Xilas will help heal others to prevent future incidents and that they will sue Sonhe INC.

## Gary Smythe

Gary is the funeral celebrant who represents Patricia Li’s funeral.

## Harold Duney

Harold doesn’t appear physically in the story. He is Monica’s former Computer Science professor, who would discipline her for punctuality and not meeting deadlines. He would also censor her papers. For revenge, Monica talks about him with friends and they dare her to spray paint “Professor Harold Gooney is a fascist” outside university campus doors, which gets Monica kicked out of Tyche City University.

## Irene Velasco

Irene is Leon’s paternal grandmother who appears at the beginning and end of the story. In the beginning, she is seen reading a story named “Humanity Beyond” to Leon, which is what inspires him with the healing mission. To close, Leon reads a report Miles and him created once they completed their mission. Nanny is her grandparent name, as Penny mentions when Leon calls both parents after class.

## Jacqueline Stevens

Jacqueline is the key journalist at “What’s Happening Jacqueline?”. She initially takes a liking to the Xilas Syndicate, but when they decline an interview with her because of potential ties to Sonhe INC., she starts a hate campaign against the Xilas Syndicate. However, once there are protests over Patricia Li’s death and people in her crew suffer addictions from Circus X, she changes her image.

## Jane Sonhe

Jane is Rodrigo and Antonio’s sister, who is in a coma at home and lonely, though people who use Circus are able to visit her. Rodrigo has a soft side for her.

## Jules Shepard

Jules is Arnold’s wife who has suffered from anxiety, depression and addiction issues. She doesn’t appear, but is mentioned a few times in the story.

## Kayla Ariti

Kayla doesn’t appear in the story, but Monica mentions that she is the university friend who dared her to spray paint on the university campus walls after discussing their intense dislike for Harold Duney.

## Kyle Costas

He is one of Rodrigo’s scientists who briefly appears in the scene where Rodrigo berates his employees after Patricia Li’s death. Kyle tries to argue with Rodrigo that drugs can sometimes cause adverse reactions similar to vaccines and there isn’t much people can do to stop it.

## Kyra & Zoilo Alexander

Kyra and Zoilo are the neighbours who live in the apartment room next to the Xilas Syndicate. They cheerfully greet the original three as they move into their new place (Treated more as a gag).

## Leon Velasco

Leon is the main protagonist of the story. He is inspired by his advanced chemistry professor, Peter Lowenski, and his discoveries on Xilas. Factor this with the story his grandmother Irene would read to him and Sonhe INC.’s Circus grossly influencing the general public, he wants to get a bunch of rag-tag outsiders to help heal the world with Xilas and eventually, the healing orb, which can only be obtained from planet Vanilon. Numerous obstacles such as Peter dying from an assassin, Adrian’s failed space missions and Jacqueline turning against the Xilas Syndicate prevent the mission from achieving success, but he keeps going. Once people discover Circus controversies and the good of Xilas and the healing orb, he and his crew open a Xilas Syndicate academy.

## Lily Peterson & Tyravon Williams

Lily and Tyravon are friends of Patricia Li who Jacqueline Stevens interviews after their death. She rudely cuts them off as soon as Tyravon tries to mention how Patricia took Circus X after she complained of a headache at a party on the night of her death.

## Luke Icarus & Andrew Phoenix

Luke and Andrew are the cops who arrest Rodrigo, Antonio and Arnold at Feta Man’s Supermarket when their lobbying crime is discovereds.

## Lulu Choi

Lulu is Monica’s best friend and next-door neighbour. When Monica comes across the Xilas Syndicate online, she encourages Lulu to join, but she is initially reluctant because she is more into the arts than sciences. However, once she learns that she can change the world with the mission, she joins the Xilas Syndicate. She is also an avid dancer, as she brings up when all six meet in-person for the first time.

## Martha Rosi

Martha is Tanya’s coworker at the nightclub who calls in sick. It is unknown whether she is a heavy drug user and if that resulted in her symptoms.

## Miles Ricard

Miles is a journalism graduate who discovers the Xilas Syndicate while sitting in the Tyche City Library. He sees it as a good opportunity for networking and to further enhance his career path. Therefore, he takes part in the Xilas Syndicate. He is the “journalist/reporter” of the group, who writes details about space and Xilas discoveries in a report, where Leon often helps him out with.

## Monica Zabu

Lonely and frustrated at home after being kicked out of Tyche City University for spray painting “Harold Gooney is a fascist” outside the front doors, Monica learns about the Xilas Syndicate on her phone. She becomes eager to join not only because Leon mentions having a tech person join their crew, but because sees it as a way to make social change. She also is a super outgoing, very sure about things type, similar to Prudence, which initially makes Arham wary about her. Her and Leon, however, crush on each other, but this isn’t developed until the next sequel.

## Nameless aliens in alien races

They take part in the *Council of the Galaxy Headquarters meeting after the Xilas Syndicate, Hegro and The Titan part ways. The Mojika and Ume Kvinna agree with humanity playing a role as a peace partner, but the Ocani sides more with The Great Elders and warns the other two races about the dangers (The Great Elders aren’t present at the meeting).*

## Nameless assassin

He shoots Peter in Hwarang when so many people go after him. His identity remains a mystery in the first part of the trilogy. Potential identities for him are, someone hired by Adrian Mensah, a Sonhe INC. hired assassin, or Owen “The Serpent” Bell.

## Nameless bar men

These men hang out at an unknown bar and complain about The Xilas Syndicate and are strong Sonhe INC. supporters.

## Nameless cab driver

He drives Leon home from “Hipster Young at Hearts Nightclub” after Leon decides to leave early because of feeling overwhelmed with strobe lights on the dance floor.

## Nameless classmate

When Peter Lowenski announces that the class must stay until Leon correctly answers a question, this classmate says, “*Oh man! Not again.”*

## Nameless distracted professor

This professor is in the university classroom next door when Peter screams about his discoveries on Vanilon, and the professor is distracted when it happens.

## Nameless family members

These people talk badly about The Xilas Syndicate with each other while The Xilas Syndicate is in space.

## Nameless former drug addicts

Jacqueline Stevens interviews them after the Orb of Healing heals all previous Circus-X addicts.

## Nameless massage therapist

He gives Lulu, Miles, Monica and Prudence massages while they are having fun at Mensah Island.

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## Nameless mothers

After Circus X becomes distributed to the public, these mothers discuss the side effects of Circus about their children and spouses at Tyche City Park.

## Nameless officials at Arcadia University

These officials fire Peter when he refuses to show who has been helping him with the “unverified” calculations on Xilas.

## Nameless protesters

They protest against either Sonhe INC. or the Xilas Syndicate at various points of the story.

## Nameless radio DJ

When Leon takes a cab home from the nightclub, this DJ announces local news and that there may be controversy with Circus being untested, which aggravates Leon.

## Nicholas Pappas

Nicholas is Jacqueline’s assistant at What’s Happening Jacqueline. He only has one or two lines, but appears in at least a few scenes.

## Owen Bell

Owen is a vigilante figure that perverts the message of the syndicate by taking extreme actions against Stevens and Sonhe INC. He was an ex-military Captain who was traumatized by war and turned to Circus for relief. This did nothing but make his condition worse and unstable. He identifies with the Xilas Syndicate’s fight and identifies with their message but thinks they are not taking it far enough. He takes it upon himself to push them to his twisted idea of what the Syndicate should be.

## Patricia Li

Patricia is the 16-year-old who dies from the Circus X drug during its peak period. This death alone results in lawsuits and protests against Sonhe INC.

## Penny & Conejito Velasco

Penny and Conejito are Leon’s parents. After Leon leaves class, he calls them through his mother’s number and he talks to both of them about his thoughts on Circus. When Penny refers to the story his grandmother would read to him as a child, Leon wants to go on a mission, but both parents caution the dangers.

## Peter Lowenski

Peter is Leon and Prudence’s advanced chemistry professor at Arcadia University who inspires them to change the world with Xilas and the healing orb. While he supports his star student Leon’s discoveries with Xilas, he is also suspicious that Leon may have extremist views. Peter later puts “unverified” calculations from Leon in a cabinet, where officials discover. They threaten to fire him if he doesn’t reveal who has been helping out. He refuses and gets fired. So many people go after him that by the time he is grizzle-bearded in Hwarang, an assassin shoots him. In memory, Leon later talks about how he played a huge part in the healing mission.

## Phil Ioannou

Phil is the moving truck driver who drives the original three to their new apartment. When the trio bring up their mission, Phil tells a story about feeling he couldn’t do much right in life, but once he saw a night car crash, he realized how lucky he was that night compared to the driver. He then says that life is like a game and you can either get super lucky or unlucky. Finally, he says that the only thing you should be afraid of is not pursuing goals and holding back them.

## Prince Hegro

Hegro is the prince of the Mojaki race. He tours the Xilas Syndicate around space and gives information to help the crew succeed with their mission. He informs them that reaching Vanilon is difficult with the spaceship they have, so he upgrades it. He also introduces them to The Titan.

## Prudence Barrett

Prudence is Leon’s advanced chemistry classmate who introduces him to “It’s okay to be a science nerd” on Newpeepsandmemories, where he meets Arham. Unlike Arham, Prudence is often optimistic about everything, no matter how far-fetched things may seem at the time. She can also occasionally be a show-off, as shown when she brings up her vinegar and leaf experiment, which too heavily related to Arham’s acid rain making experiment that he had an accident with. Her eagerness and quick-wit is also evident at times, such as when she says “take action now” after the news about Patricia Li’s death.

## Rebecca Samara

Rebecca is one of Adrian’s maids at his island who helps him out while the Xilas Syndicate visit.

## Rodrigo Sonhe

Rodrigo is the main antagonist, son of founder Tony Sonhe, and the current CEO of Sonhe INC. He has narcissistic tendencies and will shut down anyone who questions how things at Sonhe INC. work. He is often quick to anger, particularly with Arnold, but has a soft side for his unconscious sister, Jane. When he learns about the Xilas Syndicate, he is enraged, particularly when the coverage mentions about Xilas ensuring longer-lasting lives than other drugs. He and his crew eventually get arrested when a blockchain discovery is made about their lobbying crimes.

## Ryan German

The radio DJ mentions Ryan German as a minister at East Arcadia Church while Leon takes the cab home from the nightclub.

## Stephen Reynolds (Funky Tomato)

Funky Tomato is the DJ that Leon, Prudence and Arham come across at the “Hipster Young at Hearts Nightclub”. He overhears their discussion and especially Prudence’s enthusiasm and Arham’s skepticism, and tells them to go for it by telling a story about how he came up with the DJ name “Funky Tomato”.

## Tanya Bella

Tanya is the waitress the original three meet at the “Hipster Young at Hearts Nightclub”. She is stressed out because she has to work overtime due to staff shortage and the nightclub being busier than usual. She tells Funky Tomato about it, who comforts her (More of a gag character).

## The Titan

As one of the four Great Elders, and the more intelligent one, the Xilas Syndicate meet him telepathically when they approach Vanilon. He’s been disgusted by humanity but sees Leon and his crew as exceptions because of Leon’s calculations. He sees them, especially Leon, as ways to cure humanity. He introduces them to the healing orb and allows Leon to take it to heal the orb. This, of course, makes some other aliens upset with him.

## Theo Dimitri

*He is the astronaut who takes the Xilas Syndicate to space and also one of Adrian’s best friends.*

# Alien Races

## Mojaki race

The alien race that inspires Leon with their advanced society free from things like disease and death. They live up to 300 years and are known for their high intellect and curious nature. They’ve attempted to make contact with humans numerous times indirectly but never revealed themselves for fear of unbalancing the human world. The Xilas Syndicate encounter them briefly while on their space mission.

## The Great Elders

The rulers of the universe, they are passive and uninvolved in the affairs of humanity and prefer to observe their more advanced creations in further pockets of the galaxy. The Titan is one of the three Great Elders but is banished by the other two for his ideological differences (The Titan believes the Elders should be more involved with humanity and share their great knowledge.)

## Ocani

An aggressive war driven race, they have conquered many planets across their long existence with brutality. They are feared as a ruthless colonizing people but remain the favorites of The Great Elders, considered their greatest achievement.

## Ume Kvinna

A race of aliens made entirely of women. Inspired by the Sapphire Core from Green Lantern lore, contrasting the softness associated with their appearance they are no-nonsense people who aren’t pushed around among alien races and galaxy wide conflicts. Their geopolitical stance often revolves around preserving their culture at all costs, they believe in a female-lead universe and often campaign to women around the universe to mobilize and take charge of their fate. Known for their advancement in environmental preservation missions across the galaxy, and overall peace first policies. This pro peace policy came after their planet was at the brink of destruction at the hands of an Ocani invasion close to 90 years ago. Thanks to this and many differences in overall ideology, such as Ocani’s leanings towards misogyny, there is constant tension between the two.

# Planets

## Vanilon

The planet created by The Titan as his refuge after banishment. It’s where the famed Orb of Healing is set to have been created. This planet is where the Xilas Syndicate meet The Titan. He shows them the orb of healing.

## Earth

Home base and where most of the story takes place

## Mies

Home planet of the Ume Kvinna (Mies means peace in Latvian)

## Yogshim

Home planet of the Ocani ( Yogshim means greed in Korean)

## Helse

Home planet of Mojaki (Helse means health in Norwegian). This is the planet Prince Hegro mentions to the Xilas Syndicate and where they believe life is superior life compared to Earth.

*Note: Most planets won’t be explored until the sequels.*

# Stand-In Names and Groups

## Xilas

Hemp stand-in. It means Salvation in Azerbaijani. It’s seen largely as useless by most experts but in reality its the key to humanity’s survival.

## Circus/X

Opium stand-in. Circus is a word that comes from Ancient Rome and drills in the maze-like world a user enters while on the drug.

## Dropacco

Tobacco stand-in

## Seferis

Was once thought to be a healing herb but has largely been waved off by the medical industry as nothing more than a food ingredient.

## The Xilas Syndicate

Hero group

## Sonhe INC.

Antagonist group

## Instantkeepup

Facebook stand-in

## Newpeepsandmemories

Meetup stand-in