

= Raised by Another =

" Raised by Another " is the tenth episode of the first season of the American drama series Lost . It first aired on December 1 , 2004 , on the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) . Directed by Marita Grabiak and written by Lynne E. Litt , the episode was the first to reveal the backstory of Claire Littleton (Emilie de Ravin) . It also represented a shift from previous Lost backstories by being one of the first to emphasise the series ' mythology ? a decision that made the network nervous at the time .

In this episode , flashbacks depict the story behind Claire 's pregnancy . Rejected by her boyfriend when he refused to raise their child , Claire decides to go to an adoption agency out of a belief that she will struggle to raise it alone . Claire visits a psychic (Nick Jameson) who warns her of a dangerous future for her unborn child if she does not raise it . In the present , Claire experiences terrifying nightmares and begins to suspect that somebody is trying to harm her unborn child . In response , Hurley (Jorge Garcia) decides to start a census of all of the survivors .

" Raised by Another " marks the revelation that Ethan (William Mapother) is not among the remaining survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 and is instead an outsider , revealed to be one of the Others alluded to in the previous episode . The final scene involving Claire and Charlie (Dominic Monaghan) being approached by Ethan was lauded by television commentators .

= = Plot = =

= = = Flashbacks = = =

Claire Littleton takes a pregnancy test with the assistance of her boyfriend , Thomas (Keir O 'Donnell) , and it is positive . Thomas reassures her that everything will be fine and that they will be good parents . Claire goes to a psychic , Richard Malkin (Nick Jameson) , who knows she is pregnant . After touching her hand , he has a supposed vision and becomes upset , but refuses to tell Claire what he " saw " . Later , Thomas tells Claire he is leaving , saying that he is not ready for the responsibility of a child .

Claire returns to the psychic and asks him for another reading . Richard knows that Thomas left her and says that Claire must raise the baby , as , if anyone else parents it , the baby will be in danger . Though the psychic repeatedly tells Claire not to give the child away , she tells him that she 's going to an adoptive services agency . Claire is about to sign papers so that a couple can adopt her baby , but none of the pens she tries work . After Claire thinks , she leaves the adoption agency and goes to the psychic . He gives her \$ 6 @, @ 000 and a ticket on Oceanic Flight 815 , explaining that a couple in Los Angeles would adopt the baby and give her an additional \$ 6 @, @ 000 . Initially Claire is skeptical about giving her child to complete strangers in Los Angeles , but Richard assures her that " they 're not strangers " and that they are " good people . " Even though Claire initially finds this change of heart suspicious , she accepts .

= = = On the Island = = =

It is Day 15 , October 6 , 2004 , and Claire wakes up from nightmares two nights in a row , screaming . In the first , Claire wakes to find herself no longer pregnant , as she walks into the forest and encounters John Locke (Terry O 'Quinn) at a table , playing cards . She asks him why he is there , but Locke interrupts , telling her " He was your responsibility , but you gave him away , Claire . Everyone pays the price now . " Locke looks up with one white and one black eye . She hears crying and finds a baby crib . After unfolding several layers of material she dips her hands into a pool of blood and then wakes screaming ; she has injured her hands by digging her nails deeply into her palms . In the second dream , someone holds Claire down and injects something into her stomach , though she has no wound .

Claire 's attack persuades Hugo " Hurley " Reyes (Jorge Garcia) to take a census of the survivors

to have a clear idea of who actually resides on the island . The next day , while conducting his census , Hurley talks to Ethan Rom (William Mapother) , who seems concerned about giving his information to Hurley . Jack Shephard (Matthew Fox) suggests to Claire that she imagined the attack and offers her a sedative . Claire becomes upset that Jack does not believe her , deciding to leave the caves and move back to the beach .

Boone Carlyle (Ian Somerhalder) tells Hurley that James " Sawyer " Ford (Josh Holloway) has the flight manifest from the plane , and that could help him take the census . Sawyer uncharacteristically gives it to Hurley without any objection . While Charlie Pace (Dominic Monaghan) tries to help Claire move back to the beach , she starts having contractions . Charlie says he can deliver the baby , but after he accidentally confesses that he is a recovering drug addict , she yells at him to get Jack , which leaves her alone in the jungle . Charlie finds Ethan and tells him that Claire is in labor and to get Jack . Charlie goes back to comfort Claire , who tells him the story about the psychic . Charlie suggests that the psychic knew the flight was going to crash , and this was his way of forcing Claire to raise the baby by herself . Claire stops having contractions .

A badly wounded Sayid Jarrah (Naveen Andrews) returns to camp and tells the others about Danielle Rousseau (Mira Furlan) , and that other people live on the island , besides the plane survivors . Locke looks on from the shadows with his arms crossed . Hurley reveals to Jack that one of the survivors is not listed on the flight manifest , which means that someone was already on the island when the plane crashed . Claire 's contractions begin to stop . Claire and Charlie are then met by Ethan , who looks at them ominously .

= = Production = =

" Raised by Another " was written by consulting producer Lynne E. Litt . It was the first to feature Claire 's backstory before she arrived on the island . The episode 's story was developed in September 2004 , around the time that the series premiered on television . Series co @-@ creator Damon Lindelof later recalled that when the network realized Lost was going to be popular , they read the plans for " Raised by Another " and warned the writers not to endanger its success .

The first season contained flashbacks of main characters to develop their back stories to viewers . This approach was changed for " Raised by Another " , as the writers instead approached Claire 's flashbacks as a way to reveal the island 's mythology . According to Lindelof , " the network got really nervous , because that was a deep dive into mythology . "

The episode 's director , Marita Grabiak , had worked with Lost co @-@ creator J.J. Abrams on the television series Alias . She met with him to discuss the episode 's tone , and they also regularly talked over the phone once filming began . She explained , " He was involved in every aspect of the outline , the first draft , the second draft , just constant phone calls back and forth because , basically the challenge of that show was making the schedule . "

Emilie de Ravin , an Australian actress , originally auditioned for the role of Shannon , speaking her dialogue with an American accent . Instead , they offered her the part of Claire ; she accepted without reading the script , assuming it would just be a recurring role . While de Ravin had never been pregnant , she was able to learn of the experience from her two older sisters . She found the hot weather conditions in Hawaii difficult , later saying that " in many ways , the filming is actually like the drama . You endure the muggiest weather in the rainforest ... You 're really exposed to the elements . " The actress admitted being " creeped out " by the premise of " Raised by Another " , in which a psychic tricks Claire by sending her to the island to raise her baby .

= = Reception = =

" Raised by Another " first aired on December 1 , 2004 in the United States . An estimated 17 @.@ 15 million viewers watched the episode live , meaning it finished in first place that night and in tenth place for the week among all major American networks . Among 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ old viewers , the episode earned a rating of 5 @.@ 9 / 16 making it the eleventh highest of the week among that age demographic .

Writing for Entertainment Weekly , Whitney Pastorek called it " a decent episode made much , much better by its absolutely bloodcurdling final moments . " Chris Carabott of IGN wrote in 2008 that while the episode was not the best of the first season , it was " noteworthy for its memorable reveal of the show 's first Other . " He praised the episode 's suspenseful climax , with Ethan 's revelation appearing alongside Sayid and Hurley warning them they are not alone . De Ravin 's performance was seen as another highlight . Zap2it columnist Ryan McGee , also writing in 2008 , praised the " stellar " episode for showing the first real antagonist of the series . McGee felt that Ethan 's reveal helped Lost turn " sharply in introducing an on @-@ Island , human threat for [the] survivors . " He concluded that it was among the top five best episodes of the first season .

Todd VanDerWerff of the Los Angeles Times rated the episode 58th of all Lost episodes (apart from the series finale) and commented positively on the " nicely spooky flashback to the psychic who was way too into getting her on that plane to L.A. " Rewatching the episode in 2014 , Myles McNutt stated that " Solitary " and " Raised by Another " felt like " the first that go all @-@ in on Lost as a serialized mystery , " in part as Claire 's story is the first to reveal a character 's destined voyage to the island in the form of flashbacks . In 2014 , MTV columnist Josh Wigler ranked it as the 76th @-@ best Lost episode , stating that " Ethan Rom ? s episode @-@ closing reveal is one of the chilliest moments of early Lost . "