

= Rose and Bernard Nadler =

Rose and Bernard Nadler are fictional characters on the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) television series *Lost* , played by L. Scott Caldwell and Sam Anderson respectively . Rose and Bernard visit a faith healer on their honeymoon in Australia , in the hope of healing Rose 's cancer . When Bernard visits the restroom during the return flight , the plane splits in half , with the two halves crashing on different parts of an island in the South Pacific . The couple reunite midway through season two , and Rose reveals the Island has healed her . After time traveling in season five they separate from the remaining survivors and build a cabin near the ocean to live in .

Originally , the story of a woman separated from her husband when the plane crashes was going to be used for Kate , but when Kate 's role in the series changed the producers kept that story for Rose . Much of the couple 's story prior to the plane crash was based on the events of Caldwell 's life ; she married her husband even though he was dying . Due to Caldwell and Anderson having other acting commitments , the writers found it difficult finding time when both actors could appear together in the show , resulting in neither character featuring in most of season three . Critics reacted positively to the couple , often hoping they would appear more frequently , and both actors were praised for their work .

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Most of the couple 's backstory is told in flashbacks during " S.O.S. " . Rose Henderson , an office manager , meets dentist Bernard Nadler when her car becomes stuck in a snowbank one night . After dating for five months , Bernard proposes to her , which prompts Rose to reveal she has cancer that had gone into remission but has now returned ; she only has a year left to live . The two marry regardless , and on their honeymoon in Australia , Bernard takes Rose to a faith healer named Isaac (Wayne Pygram) . Despite her initial protests , she agrees to see him . Isaac is unable to heal her , but Rose tells Bernard that he was able to , in order to stop him from wasting any more of the time that they have left together . During a flashback in " Pilot : Part 1 " , Rose is seated alone across from Jack Shepherd on Oceanic Flight 815 , after Bernard leaves to use one of the restrooms , when the plane suddenly hits turbulence . It splits apart in midair , with the fuselage and tail @-@ section landing at opposite ends of an island .

Upon impact , Rose lies unconscious on the beach with the fuselage survivors , but is eventually revived by Jack (Matthew Fox) . During the first few days on the Island , Rose is in shock , and keeps herself away from the other survivors , attracting the attention of Jack . While Jack believes that Bernard is dead , Rose is adamant that he is still alive . After Claire (Emilie de Ravin) is kidnapped by the Island 's inhabitants (known to the survivors as the Others) , Rose comforts Charlie (Dominic Monaghan) , who believes it is not his fault and encourages him not to lose hope and prays for him .

During season two it is shown that Bernard lands with the tail @-@ section survivors on the other side of the Island . After the Others invade their camp , Bernard finds himself as one of the few remaining survivors . They move inland , and discover an abandoned research station , where they find an assortment of items , including a radio . Bernard uses the radio , and makes contact with Boone (Ian Somerhalder) , one of the fuselage survivors , but Ana Lucia (Michelle Rodriguez) switches it off , dismissing it as a trick by the Others . After three of the fuselage survivors , Michael (Harold Perrineau) , Jin (Daniel Dae Kim) and Sawyer (Josh Holloway) meet the tail @-@ section survivors , they reassure Bernard that Rose is alive and well . They all set off to migrate with the fuselage survivors . Near the fuselage survivors ' beach camp , Ana Lucia accidentally kills one of the fuselage survivors , Shannon (Maggie Grace) , she refuses to allow anyone to go any further , but they eventually press on without her ; Bernard is then reunited with Rose . In " S.O.S. " , Bernard concocts a plan to create a giant S.O.S. sign on the beach , but Rose discourages him from spreading false hope among the survivors , and refuses to take part . She confesses that she was not healed in Australia , but has now been healed by the Island , so fears that her illness will return should she leave the Island .

In the twenty @-@ first episode of season three , " Greatest Hits " , Jack announces his plan to rig their tents with dynamite to prevent the Others from kidnapping anyone else , so Rose and Bernard assist by tying lengths of wire together . Rose grows concerned when Bernard volunteers to stay behind and detonate the dynamite . She reluctantly allows him to take part , but grows angry at Jack when the plan backfires later that night , and Bernard is captured by the Others . He is soon rescued by Sawyer , Hurley (Jorge Garcia) and Juliet (Elizabeth Mitchell) , who kill the Others holding him hostage . Rose watches on as Jack contacts a nearby freighter that he believes has come to rescue them . In the season four premiere " The Beginning of the End " , the survivors reunite in the jungle , where Locke (Terry O 'Quinn) proposes they hide from the freighter crew , as he believes them to be dangerous . Bernard allows Rose to decide whether to follow Jack or Locke , and she chooses Jack . When the people who arrived from the freighter use morse code to contact the boat , Bernard , who also knows morse code , reveals that they are lying about the message and that there is in fact no one coming to rescue them . Jack falls ill and needs his appendix removed , so Rose and Bernard help with the operation : Rose prepares the table and Bernard helps to knock him out , but Rose is confused to why Jack fell ill when the island normally heals sickness .

After Ben (Michael Emerson) , the leader of the Others , causes the Island to move , Rose and Bernard are amongst the survivors who begin to jump to different periods of time , but they eventually lose the others . After three years , Sawyer , Juliet and Kate (Evangeline Lilly) encounter Rose and Bernard , and the couple explains they have built a cabin and retired , purposely avoiding contact with the remaining survivors because they wish to live their remaining days in peace . Later , they rescue Desmond (Henry Ian Cusick) from a well , and are threatened by the Man in Black (Terry O 'Quinn) . Desmond and the Man in Black reach an agreement and leave Rose and Bernard alone . In season six , the afterlife experienced by the characters is shown , in which Rose is the supervisor at a temp agency while Bernard is once again working as a dentist . In the series finale , Rose and Bernard reunite with the other survivors from the plane in a church , where they prepare to " move on " together .

= = Development = =

In the initial plans for the series , Jack was going to die midway through the first episode , and then Kate would emerge as the leader of the survivors . Kate 's original backstory was that her husband went to the bathroom shortly before the plane split in mid @-@ air , and on the Island she would remain adamant that he was alive . However the Lost producers changed their minds about Jack 's death ; they decided he would become the leader and created a new backstory for Kate . They still liked Kate 's original backstory , so they used it for Rose . As Rose is black , the producers thought the audience would expect Rose 's husband to also be black , and decided to make Bernard a white character to surprise the audience . They expected the audience to assume Mr. Eko (Adewale Akinnuoye @-@ Agbaje) , the only black man in the tail @-@ section survivors , was Bernard . L. Scott Caldwell , Rose 's portrayer , was unaware of their plans and had been picturing her own husband , a tall black man , when playing the scenes . When she found out Bernard was white she was surprised , but not shocked . Sam Anderson was unaware of which character he would be playing when he was cast in Lost . During his audition he performed a scene where a man from the plane crash was informed his daughter was still alive , which he noted covered a similar emotion to the scene in which Bernard is told Rose is still alive . Anderson and Caldwell were given a rough idea of how much they would appear at the start of the seasons .

Caldwell and Anderson deliberately did not meet before their reunion scene in " Collision " as they wanted it to be as authentic as possible . In the following episode , Hurley comments that he did not expect Rose 's husband to be white , before Jack quickly changes the subject . The producers felt it was important to address that they are an interracial couple , and that Hurley was saying what the audience would be thinking . Caldwell agreed with them and thought it would be odd if the issue was not addressed . Anderson also was glad that Hurley brought up the issue , and liked that Jack did not pay any attention .

The couple 's backstory was originally planned to be told during season three ; however during

season two , the Lost writers wanted to tell the story of one of the background characters of the show . As Rose and Bernard are the most prominent of these characters , and fans were keen to learn their backstory , they decided to do an episode focusing on the couple . Caldwell 's husband was going through health problems during the shooting of the first season , which was the inspiration for Rose 's flashbacks in " S.O.S. " . Following this episode , Caldwell did not think Rose 's healing had anything to do with the Island and stated " If she is cured , it 's because she 's willed it herself " .

Other than reused footage from " Pilot : Part 1 " in " Exposé " , Rose and Bernard do not feature in season three until the twenty @-@ first episode " Greatest Hits " . The writers cited Caldwell and Anderson 's other projects as a reason for their absence . Additionally , it was feared that fans would complain if the couple appeared when many actors with star billing had received limited screentime in the early third season . The writers did not want to have the couple on the show to just stand in the background ; they wanted to have Rose and Bernard in the show with interesting storylines . Anderson found that although he normally had more fun portraying villains , playing Bernard was " one of the greatest rides of [his] life " .

= = Reception = =

Throughout the series Rose and Bernard have been well received . Chris Carabott from IGN found the conversation where Rose insists Bernard is alive " touching " . TV Guide 's Matt Roush called Caldwell " terrific " , and hoped the producers would use her again in the future . Entertainment Weekly 's Michael Slezak was surprised when he discovered Bernard is white , although he was unsure why . Mac Slocum , senior editor of Filmfodder.com , thought it was " super @-@ emotional " when Bernard asked the survivors if Rose was still alive . C. K. Sample III , of AOL 's TV Squad , liked " S.O.S. " because it showed " two characters ' back stories which we 've all been longing to see " , and noted the couple represent the theme of dichotomy within the show . Lost producer Leonard Dick called Rose and Bernard " much @-@ beloved characters " , and thought they did an " excellent job " in " S.O.S. " . Jen Chaney from The Washington Post thought it was " touching " and " poignant " that the couple 's backstory was based on Caldwell 's real life . Noel Murray of The A.V. Club conceded that whilst learning Rose and Bernard 's backstory was entertaining , it wasted time and slowed down the pace of the storytelling .

Rick Porter from Zap2it was pleased when Rose and Bernard returned in " Greatest Hits " . After this reappearance , Patrick Day from the Los Angeles Times hoped they would be featured more often , saying " If they brought these two back ... just to kill them , it will be anti @-@ climactic " . Entertainment Weekly 's Jeff Jensen called their return a " sight @-@ for @-@ sore @-@ eyes " . Maureen Ryan from the Chicago Tribune thought Rose was speaking for the fans when she said " If you say ' live together , die alone ' to me , Jack , I 'm going to punch you in your face " , and hoped Rose and Bernard would feature more often in future episodes . The couple were ranked twelfth in IGN 's list of the top fifteen characters from the first three seasons . The critics from IGN also liked Rose 's " live together , die alone " line , which they called " both surprising comic relief and the stuff of solid character development ; characters like Rose remember and evolve , even if they spend most of their time on the sidelines " . The couple were called " the unofficial heart of the show " by the critics , who noted every appearance made by them was a welcome one . Erin Martell from TV Squad thought Rose 's role in " Something Nice Back Home " was " awesome " , because she asked all the questions fans have been asking .

Variety 's Cynthia Littleton " loved seeing Bernard in Grizzly Adams mode " in the season five finale , while Ryan McGee from Zap2it compared Bernard 's appearance to both Moses and the Gorton 's Fisherman . McGee said " It ? s a gorgeous , gorgeous scene , even if it stands as a meta @-@ criticism of the angst and turmoil of the show ? s major characters " . Alan Sepinwall from The Star @-@ Ledger called it " one of the best , most moving scenes of the finale " . Noel Murray from The A.V. Club thought the scene was useful as it allowed the characters to leave the show , but also it caused him to question whether opting out was the right or wrong thing to do . The Huffington Post 's Jay Glatfelter thought their decision not to participate " all but solidified them as the ' Adam and

Eve ' [skeletons] from the caves " , although this was shown not to be the case in season six . Maureen Ryan of the Chicago Tribune listed the pair amongst her favourite characters of the series , commenting " Few things made [her] happier than seeing them comfortably ensconced in their retirement cabin with Walt 's dog , Vincent . They had the good sense to give up the whole island rat race , and their optimistic , straightforward attitudes and down @-@ to @-@ earth humor grounded Lost and gave us a window into normalcy , which , goodness knows , we needed sometimes " .