

= The Lie (Lost) =

" The Lie " is the second episode of the fifth season of ABC 's science fiction drama television series Lost . The 88th episode of the show overall , " The Lie " aired on January 21 , 2009 , on ABC in the United States , being simulcast on A in Canada . It aired immediately after the previous episode , " Because You Left " and a clip @-@ show that recapped the first four seasons . " The Lie " was written by Edward Kitsis and Adam Horowitz , who were named executive producers prior to the start of production on season five ; and directed by executive producer Jack Bender .

In 2007 , Hugo " Hurley " Reyes has trouble concealing the lie of the Oceanic 6 . Kate Austen meets Sun @-@ Hwa Kwon . At the island , the survivors come under attack by a large unseen force . The episode received mainly positive reviews from critics , with IGN giving the episode 7 @. @ 8 out of 10 , and The A.V. Club awarded it a B + .

= = Plot = =

On the island , the remaining survivors are back in the past , attempting to start a fire , when they are attacked by a barrage of flaming arrows . Some of the survivors are able to escape , but Neil " Frogurt " and a few others are killed , and James " Sawyer " Ford (Josh Holloway) and Juliet Burke (Elizabeth Mitchell) are separated from the group . Lost in the jungle , they are captured by a group of armed military men who demand to know who they are , asserting that the island is theirs . The men are about to cut off Juliet 's hand to extract information , when John Locke (Terry O 'Quinn) ambushes them , helping Sawyer and Juliet free themselves .

In 2007 , following the events of " Because You Left " , Jack Shephard (Matthew Fox) and Ben Linus (Michael Emerson) part ways , with Ben taking Locke 's body to a butcher for safekeeping . Ben tells Jack to collect any personal items he really wants and meet up with him in six hours . Meanwhile , Kate Austen (Evangeline Lilly) and Aaron Littleton , her adoptive son , have fled their home to escape lawyers demanding a maternity test . They meet up with Sun @-@ Hwa Kwon (Yunjin Kim) at a hotel , who implies that Kate should take whatever measures are necessary to protect Aaron . Sun forgives Kate for leaving her husband , Jin @-@ Soo Kwon (Daniel Dae Kim) , on the freighter when it exploded (as seen in " There 's No Place Like Home ") .

Meanwhile , Hugo " Hurley " Reyes (Jorge Garcia) and Sayid Jarrah (Naveen Andrews) are on the run after they are attacked at their safehouse ; Hurley drives the unconscious Sayid , who has been hit by two drugged darts , to his parents ' house . On the way , Hurley is pulled over by deceased Oceanic Flight 815 survivor and former police officer Ana Lucia Cortez (Michelle Rodriguez) , who gives him advice on how to avoid the real cops . Upon arriving home , Hurley 's dad , David , covers for them when the police show up and suggests that Hurley take Sayid to the hospital . Hurley refuses , and David ends up taking Sayid to Jack , who is successful in reviving him . At home , Hurley confesses to his mother Carmen that the Oceanic Six have been lying ; she believes him , though doesn 't understand his disjointed story . Later , Ben unexpectedly shows up at the house and tries to convince Hurley to go with him to meet up with the rest of the Oceanic Six , saying they all want the same thing ? to go back to the island . Hurley wavers for a moment , then runs outside and turns himself in to police watching the house , having been advised by Sayid to do the opposite of whatever Ben asks . Later , Ben visits Ms. Hawking , who tells him she has found the island and that Ben only has seventy hours to return to it with Locke 's corpse and the Oceanic Six .

= = Production = =

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When handing out scripts for the attack on the beach , Bender told the crew he and others " wanted this to be really big and really dramatic " . They used arrows on wires to simulate hitting the fleeing victims , which included Neil Frogurt (Sean Whalen) . A stunt double , Kim Koscki , was hired for

the scene to stand in for Whalen ; he applied anti @-@ burn cream over his face and body for protection , and crew members waited nearby to quickly extinguish the flames once a scene was finished shooting . Due to the abundance of wires , the actors had to be careful when running , or risk tripping over them .

" The Lie " features the first appearance of main cast member Michelle Rodriguez since the second season episode " ? " . Rodriguez 's character , Ana Lucia Cortez , was written to have a one season arc and was subsequently killed off at the end of the second season of Lost . Dressed as a police officer , Ana Lucia 's " ghost " appears in " The Lie " , telling Hurley to " stay away from the cops " . The scene makes use of the Cheap Trick song " Dream Police " .

= = Reception = =

" Because You Left " and " The Lie " were uploaded to ABC 's Medianet website on December 29 , 2008 to be viewed by members of the press for advance reviews attached to limited confidentiality agreements . Matt Mitovich of TV Guide stated that " [t] he first hour is the stronger of the two " , and that the " showstopper [is] one of Lost 's most electric and intense action scenes ever . " " The Lie " aired on January 21 , 2009 on ABC in the United States , being simulcast on A in Canada . " The Lie " , as well as the previous episode , " Because You Left " was viewed by 11 @.@ 347 million in the US , and by 1 @.@ 195 million in the UK . In Australia , the episode was aired separately to " Because You Left " and brought in 516 @,@ 000 viewers .

IGN gave the episode a " Good " rating of 7 @.@ 8 out of 10 and summarized the episode as being " a much more focused story than ' Because You Left ' but in the shadow of the season premiere 's revelations and grandeur it is ultimately the weaker of the two . The comedic moments that string together Hurley 's journey only go so far and the rest feels a bit too much like filler ... If the conclusion of ' The Lie ' is any indication though , the outside world may prove to be just as strange as the island . " IGN later ranked " The Lie " 84th out of the 115 Lost episodes , writing " this isn 't a terrible episode , but it feels like a bit of a stop @-@ gap , in the midst of a very cool run of episodes . On the Island , we do get to see a pretty cool looking Flaming Arrow attack , that kills the uber @-@ annoying Frogurt , but the encounter the group has at the end with some men dressed as soldiers is just set up for the awesome " Jughead . "

On a similar list , the Los Angeles Times ranked it at number 69 , explaining " this isn 't a bad episode . Like most Hurley episodes , it features a lot of very sweet , funny material . But it is a bit of a time killer between two really fantastic hours . " The A.V. Club gave the episode a B + rating and stated that " it 's enough for me . I don 't know about you , but I 'm ready to get Lost again . "