

SLAYERS EAST SEASON TWO

Episode Six Big Town

There's a very special bus in town, with tinted windows and gaudy colors, and its passengers aren't looking for the usual tourist spots...

In this episode, a supernatural tour group pull into town. They have come to see the sights in America's newest supernatural nexus point... and they've heard rumours that there's a slayer in town...

Madsen will discover this incursion and act to stop it. He wants Candy on side, especially now that he knows she is a/the slayer. Mr Pipe will be definitely on the scene, trying to win Candy's assistance.

If the character arcs come together like Jenni and Margie indicated, Cynth and Candy might have a fight this episode. It should be a pretty serious fight, enough to drive Candy in a different direction entirely.

Tremis is not on the scene at all this episode.

"Sophie" will possibly be fired at the end of this episode, or the bus will cease to exist, or perhaps she will ride away on the bus, never to be seen again until the next episode. Either way, she should end up staying in Exeter.

The Tour Bus

The bus is an owner-operated tour experience, exploring places of supernatural interest throughout the New England region. Its clientele is made up of those who are aware of the supernatural underside of reality, who are often keen for an entertainment catering specifically to their kind. The bus operates under strict 'no smoking, no killing' rules, which most passengers are happy to abide under. The logic is, of course, that any killing will only draw attention to the tour bus.

The bus parks out in the woods, near a cave and a stream. The Exeter portion of the tour will take in the Langborn Estate, the old Columbus Theatre, Gom's tree, the Irie Totems, and the cave which is an entrance to the Underworld.

The people on the tour bus are as follows:

- Mr Louis Monigan, an eighty-year old fothrys demon. He looks very much like Jim Rose, pencil moustache and motormouth and all. The tour was his idea. He likes what he does, and while he's amoral, he thinks he's being a good guy – entertaining the nasties, taking killers off the streets, giving them some perspective, hell, giving them a hobby - everybody wins! The other angle he runs if trouble rears is warning people to leave them alone, or the whole tour will start causing mayhem, and no-one wants that. Except the demons and vampires

themselves. Monigan is a very talented hypnotist, but he prefers to run a con than an induction. Monigan can also work a little simple magic to disguise the appearance of his charges, if necessary. At the time of the murder he is on his cellphone in the bus. He eats blood and bone, and fish food, and eggs.

- “Sophie”, a 15 year old human girl. She ran away from home and got caught up in the tour, where she has worked for seven months. She does simple menial work and goes where the others can’t.
- 3 oriental sisters, Chung Yi, Hsin Ju, and Ju Ching. They are all members of the Yang family. They smile and bow but never show their teeth. They wear simple dark blue dresses with high white collars. Their complexions are very pale. They are powerful sorcerors with an interesting morality, but they will mostly attempt to stay out of anything that happens. At the time of the murder they are engaged in a ritual in the woods.
- 1 Halian demon, Knussus. Halian demons are small and shaped like beetles, but with a mouth at the apex of their back. They feed on human livers. Knussus lives in a box, with a mute, bald human carrying it around and attending to it. Knussus calls the human “my slave!”. Knussus is completely mad, and thinks it is touring the empire it will be granted when its plans (undisclosed) come to fruition. At the time of the murder Knussus claims to have been in a theatre “of some kind”. “My slave adores the theatre!” If pressed, he says he heard stringed instruments playing. Unfortunately for him, the movie theatre certainly hasn’t seen slave go in.
- 1 fanboy of the supernatural, Villa Plumridge. Villa is nineteen and goofy with a mad enthusiasm for hidden truths. He wants to find out as much as possible about the hidden world he has discovered. At the time of the murder he says he was in Taco Bell.
- 2 pokrin demons, Cholastrick and Weckling. These demons eat rocks and minerals, grinding them up in their fearsome diamond molars. They do not eat humans, nor have any great enmity towards them. They are fiercely shy of their eating preferences and rarely speak, because they know other beings covet their teeth. They are along to feed their intellectual curiosity. At the time of the murder they were off in the hills eating.
- 1 cat demon, Laysier, a sultry Louisiana native with an eye on the prize. She’s along to meet interesting people. She knows Brisker, and thinks he’s a nasty stinking tom. But sexy. Laysier is currently shedding. At the time of the murder she was eating steak at a steakhouse.
- 2 Florida vampires, Ethel and Sid. They were both turned in their sixties, and are old and wrinkly and completely devoid of any morality, or taste. They are along for a good time to see sparkly sites. They find many attractions of dubious value. They expect they can have everything their own way, because that was how it was for them in life. At the time of the murder they were walking in the woods.

- 2 Baltimore vampires. People call them the “ropes”. They don’t have any other name that people recognise. They both speak only the word “rope”. One of them is swarthy and scarred, the other is goateed and pale. They are part of an obscure Baltimore collective of vampires who, according to legend, insert a snake into their mouth and let the snake eat part of their vocal cords. This leaves them with the ability to form only one sound, which can be roughly approximated by the word “rope”. They are come to investigate the demise of their fellow, who was working for the White Lady here in Exeter. At the time of the murder they had abandoned the bus to head to the Langborn Estate.
- 1 Nordic troll, Ult. Ult has come here to learn the ways of modern man. He was woken from a sleep of centuries by a band of researchers in Greenland, who counted Hubert among their number. He is not a killer, but he is a warrior and a hard drinker. At the time of the murder he might be off drinking with Hubert, or he might be keeping Monigan company.

The Killing

“I knew we shouldn’t have let a human on the bus.”

Villa steals an ornate knife from Chung Yi Yang and ties a blindfolded transient up, then tries to kill him in an occult style. He is trying to be “in with the in crowd”. He can’t go through with it, and he flees, hides in a Taco Bell, then makes his way back to the bus. Unfortunately for the transient, Knussus’ slave finds the victim strung up, and kills him, leaving the knife beside the victim. Knussus is appalled at the breach of manners, and covers up for his slave, who he has become quite fond of. Knussus creeps over to Laysier’s bunk and lifts some cat hair from it, then deposits it around the corpse. Knussus has no idea that the knife belonged to the sorcerors.

Then, lastly, Ethel and Sid find the site, and they drink up. They think this must be part of the tour, and if they are not caught in the act, they thank Louis profusely for the treat.

So the murder site has a dead body tied up, one stab wound to the neck, bruised from fighting, and bite marks (2 sets). Blood runs from the neck wound, not the bite marks. There is cat hair on the floor in clumps and a dagger with blood on it.

The Langborn Estate

Things might bring the group back to the Langborn Estate, which is under heavy guard. Earthmovers are resculpting the grounds and cranes are reconstructing the main building. It is a hive of activity. Niles Pipe is on site much of the time, and staying in a local hotel.

If there is evidence of supernatural activity Niles will contact Candy and try and put her on the case. This might be how she gets involved in events, if it doesn’t seem like it’s working.

Precredits

Start with Sophie getting some supplies. She meets the Stevens-Knight family in the shop. The supplies might be a tiny bit odd – blood and bone, fish food, eggs. She gets jumped by the vamps Candy didn’t kill in the movie theatre, and it’s all on from there.

Louis Monigan's
World Famous
Dark Magick Places
Bus Tour!

Tour Party for May 2000:

- Chung Yi Yang, Hsin Ju Yang, Ju Ching Yang – sorceror sisters from China. (Special needs: avoid eye contact.)
- Knussus – Halian demon from Maine. Like most active Halian demons, Knussus lives in a box carried around by a human slave. (Special needs: none known. Should not need to eat for duration of tour. Keep slave well fed though!)
- Villa Plumridge – human, apparently, from Boston. (Special needs: none known.)
- Cholastrick and Weckling – Pokrin demons from Minnesota. (Special needs: eat rocks and minerals, need privacy when they eat. Don't speak.)
- Laysier – cat demon from Louisiana. (Special needs: let her hunt the forests in cat form, she'll survive on birds and vermin quite happily.)
- Ethel and Sid – vampires from Florida. (Special needs: keep out of sunlight. Keep blood on hand at all times. Make sure the blood is cold. Make sure the bus is not too draughty. Make sure the light isn't too bright. Make sure the noise isn't too, uh, noisy. Make sure their bedbunks aren't too lumpy. Etc etc etc.)
- The Ropes – vampires from Baltimore. (Special needs: can't speak, care in communication. Blood needed, keep out of sunlight.)
- Ult – troll from Norway. (Special needs: none known.)

The Exeter portion of the tour will take in:

- the Langborn Estate, site of power for ancient demon R'Thilliach
- the old, haunted Columbus Theatre
- Gom's trading tree, a central place for the supernaturals of the region
- the Irie Totems, powerful site of Native American mystic power
- the Joliet Cave, which is an entrance to the Underworld.