

SLAYERS EAST SEASON TWO

Episode Eight Extremis Mortem

The manipulator in the shadows is revealed, but it may be too late to halt his dark purpose... and is Brian once again working with the wrong side?

Tremis has wreaked havoc on the Slayers. His careful and subtle manipulations have brought about John's death, removed first Alison and then Hubert, led Brian into an alliance with the domineering Madsen, and begun placing an immense psychological load on Zak, who he perceives as the weak link among the young slayers.

Its goal is nothing less than the final rising of the ancient and powerful R'Thiliach. Tremis has placed Lex Madsen in a position where he will cast an ancient magic to empower R'Thiliach, in return for R'Thiliach wiping out the vampires. Tremis will use this moment to offer greater power to Madsen, knowing he will accept, and knowing the rising of R'Thiliach will inevitably follow.

But the vampiric watchers are not going to let this come to pass. The Slaughter Child and his followers arrive to destroy the mortals who dare meddle in forces beyond their comprehension...

Character Plotlines to follow:

Brian under suspicion, over the present and the past

Zak and Candy's relationship

Candy's growing anxiety

Cynth deal with her sisters "maybe you shouldn't hang with Candy so much?"

Heather thinks she is a demon and is in isolation care at home. She isn't coping. Zak will have to help her when she escapes (thanks to Tremis) and stays at the dark one's side.

So we get a four-way standoff this time:

Tremis and Heather and Sophie: manipulate the spell as it is cast.

Zak and Candy and Cynth: kill the bad guys, save the world

Brian and Madsen: kill the vampires, save the children

The Slaughter Child: take Shanks and Pipe and use them to stop Madsen and Brian.

Plot elements:

Shanks is made a vamp

The Slaughter Child comes for Niles – do they save him?

Tremis claims Heather and Sophie.

Brian and Madsen solve the riddle of the casting and find out what is necessary – the empowering of R'Thiliach... such a small cost.

Cynth is given the hard word by her sisters – maybe you shouldn't hang with Candy.

Meryll involves herself again, against her better judgment.

Tremis:

- Tremis visits Heather and corrupts her further.
- Tremis visits Sophie and corrupts her further.
- Tremis gives Heather cause to escape.
- Tremis gives Sophie means to escape.
- Tremis welcomes his demonic servants.
- Tremis sets the Slayers against the Slaughter Child, to keep both sides from interfering.
- Tremis, Heather and Sophie go to Langborn and protect the ritual.
- When the ritual is underway, Tremis utters a parallel incantation that offers Madsen greater power still. Madsen can choose to accept, but it will bring R'Thilliach closer to wakefulness.
- Tremis leaves when the ritual is definitely over, or when Madsen has made a definite decision about the greater power. Or he might be attacked, but he will be impossible to kill forever.

Brian and Madsen:

- Madsen moves into the newly-rebuilt mansion.
- Brian gets his study.
- Madsen and Brian compare notes.
- Madsen asks Brian for access to Alison's books. If Brian refuses, Niles Pipe will simply take them.
- *If Madsen gets access to Alison's books, and Brian gets access to Madsen's books, and the two of them compare notes, they will be able to complete the Beauchamp Theorem. Brian will need to refer to Madsen's personal notes to determine the cost of the casting. Madsen is keeping secret that the cost is Brian himself.*
- As soon as it is completed, they will prepare to cast the Theorem.

The Slaughter Child:

- Kill Liam, who supplied books to Brian.
- Arrive in Exeter and set up a lair in the warehouse where the nightwatchman operated.
- Track down Shanks at his home and kill him, then make him a vampire.
- Track down Niles Pipe and kill him, then make him a vampire.
- They rise that night in the City Morgue.
- Use Shanks and Pipe to get the Child into the inner sanctum.
- Kill Madsen, kill Brian, kill them all.

Zak and Candy and Cynth:

- Heather is at home behind locked doors. She is still unwell.
- Sophie is in psychiatric custody. She is also still unwell.

- They discover that Madsen has moved in, perhaps from Shanks, who is helping Niles with final arrangements (maybe they see him driving past during the day, in his “Shanks and Son” pickup)
- They learn that Lolly is pressing charges against Sophie.
- They may discover that Brian is helping Madsen, because Meryll is worried and confides in Zak. (Note that Candy should see Zak and Meryll getting on.)
- They discover another cyst is growing near the school.
- They may discover the attempt on Pipe’s life and halt it, or not.
- They discover the Slaughter Child’s plans. They learn from the Slaughter Child what Madsen is trying to do, and what the cost will be.
- They may learn from the Slaughter Child what happened to Brian in the Incident.

End scene:

Alison returns. She gets off the plane, and is met by Candy and Cynth and Zak. The group reunites. Zak and Cynth’s relationship must be made clear.

(Next season: Andrew, Lolly, Stephi and Christian are united against Candy and Cynth and Zak and Heather – bad bad vibes. Candy is clearly a freak, and Heather tried to kill Lolly. It’s all bad for them... and maybe that’s when Candy will lose it and spin over into Sophie’s territory...)

THE BEAUCHAMP THEOREM

This involves lots of incantations and magical supplies, and is a long ritual indeed.

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AFTERMATH

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