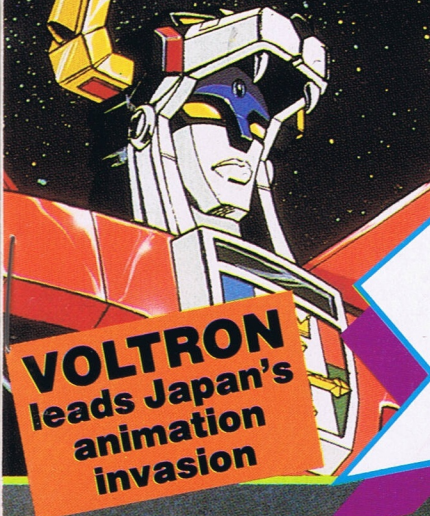


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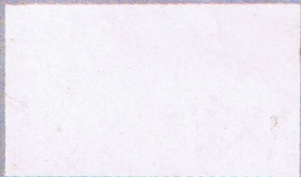
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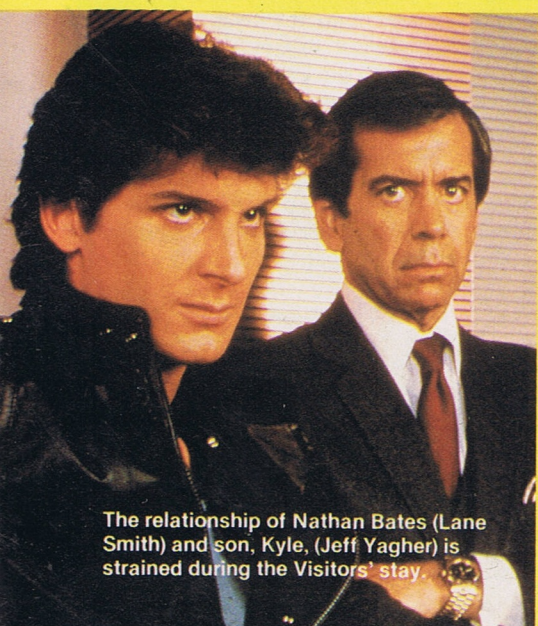


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Lizards beware! They're the Resistance (left to right): Elias (Michael Wright), Robin (Blair Tefkin), Chris (Mickey Jones), Ham (Michael Ironside), Julie (Faye Grant) and Donovan (Marc Singer).



The relationship of Nathan Bates (Lane Smith) and son, Kyle, (Jeff Yagher) is strained during the Visitors' stay.

## The Complete Guide to

# "V"

They're mean. They're nasty. They're lizards. They're the Visitors and they want mankind—for lunch.

By BILL COTTER

**T**hey said they were our friends, here only to ask for help in solving an ecological disaster on their home planet. They promised medical and scientific advances. And claimed they would do their best to minimize the disruption of Earth society. They lied.

As the world eventually discovered, the alien "Visitors" were here for a far more sinister purpose: while they did indeed have an ecological problem at home, their solution was shocking. Their seemingly human appearance disguised the fact that the Visitors were a reptilian race who considered humans as a food source. Their vast armada of spaceships contained storage lockers which would be used to haul the Earth's population away, much like a fleet of space-bound cattle trucks.

In addition to food, the Visitors also needed water, and pumping stations were set up to drain the planet dry. All of these maneuvers were undertaken in utmost secrecy, for John, the alien commander, knew his forces needed time to infiltrate Earth's governments in order to achieve total control.

Like many would-be rulers before him, John hadn't counted on the fierce desire for freedom shared by humans throughout the centuries. The accidental discovery of the Visitors' schemes led to the formation of a small band of Resistance fighters who became a constant thorn in John's side. Despite the best efforts of the alien commander and his evil assistant, Diana, the Resistance continually thwarted the Visitors' plans for conquest.

Eventually, the Resistance was able to drive the aliens from the Earth by using a powerful toxin deadly to the reptilians but safe for humans. Unfortunately, Diana discovered a weakness in this defense and brought the fleet back, hoping to accomplish the aliens' ultimate goal—turning the human race into breeding stock for food and armies.

this was the premise of "V", first seen as two mini-series. Their high ratings lead to the production of "V—The Series," which featured mankind's continual struggle against their unwelcome "guests." STARLOG has provided extensive coverage on "V" and now continues with a complete episode guide to this unique series.

#### "V" (Four-hour mini-series)

Airdates: Part 1: 5/1/83 and 8/26/84

Part 2: 5/2/83 and 8/27/84

Writer: Ken Johnson

Director: Ken Johnson

Cast: Marc Singer (Mike Donovan), Faye Grant (Julie Parrish), Richard Herd (John), Jane Badler (Diana), Blair Tefkin (Robin Maxwell), Robert Englund (Willie), David Packer (Daniel), Michael Wright (Elias)

The Visitors arrive and Earth welcomes them with open arms. Soon, they all but control the world. Their only opposition is a small band of humans who have discovered their true purpose, a secret the Visitors will protect at any cost.

#### "V—The Final Battle" (six-hour mini-series)

Airdates: Part 1: 5/6/84

Part 2: 5/7/84

Part 3: 5/8/84

Writers: Brian Taggart and Diane Frolov

Story by: Lillian Weezer, Diane Frolov, Peggy Goldman and Faustus Buck

Director: Richard T. Heffron

Cast: Marc Singer (Mike Donovan), Faye Grant (Julie Parrish), Richard Herd (John), Jane Badler (Diana), Frank Ashmore (Martin), Michael Ironside (Ham Tyler), Blair Tefkin (Robin Maxwell), Robert Englund (Willie), David Packer (Daniel), Michael Wright (Elias), Mickey Jones (Chris)

Although the world has realized the Visitors' true nature, the alien forces are so strong that it appears impossible to defeat them. Led by Julie Parrish and Mike Donovan, the Resistance perfects a deadly poison that drives the Visitors back into space. Angered by their defeat, Diana unleashes a doomsday device to destroy Earth, only to be stopped by Elizabeth, a half-breed child created through one of Diana's own experiments.

#### "V—THE SERIES"

Cast: Marc Singer (Mike Donovan), Faye Grant (Julie Parrish), Jane Badler (Diana), Michael Ironside (Ham Tyler), Lane Smith (Nathan Bates), Jeff Yagher (Kyle Bates), Jennifer Cooke (Elizabeth), June Chadwick (Lydia), Frank Ashmore (Martin/Philip), Judson Scott (Lt. James), Aki Aleong (Mr. Chaing), Howard K. Smith (Himself), Blair Tefkin (Robin Maxwell), Robert Englund (Willie), Michael Wright (Elias)

#### "Liberation Day"

Airdates: 10/26/84 and 5/17/85

Writer: Paul Monash

Director: Paul Krasny

Guest Stars: Michael Durrell (Robert Maxwell), Jenny Beck (young Elizabeth)

One year after the red dust chased the Visitors away, Diana is put on trial. She is, however, spirited away on the orders of Nathan Bates, a wealthy industrialist who wants to rule Los Angeles. His plan suffers a setback when Diana escapes, killing Martin in the process.

#### "Dreadnaught"

Airdates: 11/2/84 and 5/17/85

Writer: Steven E. de Souza

Director: Paul Krasny

Guest Stars: Michael Durrell (Robert Maxwell), Jenny Beck (young Elizabeth)

Diana returns to her ship and orders an invasion of Los Angeles, only to discover that Bates has rigged a deadly toxin bomb at his plant. He and Diana form an uneasy alliance which places the city off-limits to all combatants. The aliens have other ideas, however, for Diana plans to vaporize the city, the toxin—and Bates.

#### "Breakout"

Airdate: 5/24/85

Writer: David Braff

Director: Ray Austin

Guest Stars: Pamela Ludwig (Annie), Xander Berkeley (Isaac), Christian Jacobs (Billy)

Nathan Bates' son, Kyle, is among the inmates in a Visitor prison camp guarded by a deadly creature that lives underground. Diana plans to use Kyle to enhance her position with Bates, but when Donovan and Ham are also imprisoned, Kyle joins them in escaping. (This episode was not aired dur-



They're beautiful and bitchy, Lyda (June Chadwick) and Diana (Jane Badler).



Willie the friendly Visitor (Robert Englund) and the celestial madonna, Elizabeth (Jennifer Cooke).

ing the series' first run, but it was included in the proper order for reruns.)

#### "The Deception"

Airdates: 11/9/84 and 5/31/85

Writer: Garner Simmons

Director: Victor Lobl

Guest Stars: Nick Katt (Sean), Sandy Lang (Alien Captain)

Knowing that Donovan can lead her to Elizabeth, Diana stages an elaborate ruse to trick him into believing the war is over. Despite the drugs, the technological devices and his son's traitorous behavior, Donovan discovers the trick and races to warn the Resistance.

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Donovan's son Sean (Eric Johnston) becomes a frozen food delicacy aboard the Visitors' mother ship.



#### **"Visitor's Choice"**

Airdates: 11/23/84 and 1/25/85

Writer: David Braff

Director: Gilbert Shilton

Guest Stars: Sybil Danning (Mary Kruger), Jonathan Caliri (Barry), Robert Ellenstein (General Larson), Chad McQueen (Resistance fighter)

The terrifying news of an improved machine to process humans into food results in a Resistance raid at a Visitor conference in which Julie almost becomes one of the machine's first victims. Her rescue is endangered by the tenuous relationship between two Resistance groups which both want to destroy the machine and its inventor.

#### **"The Overlord"**

Airdates: 11/30/84 and 6/14/85

Writer: David Abramowitz

Director: Bruce Seth Green

Guest Stars: Sheryl Lee Ralph (Glenna), Michael Champion (Garrison), Robert Thaler (Daniel)

Human collaborators have enslaved the population of a small town and are forcing them to mine cobalt, which Diana plans to use as a power source for a new weapon. When the Resistance answers a plea for help, they find themselves the unwitting pawns in a struggle for power within the traitors' inner circle.

#### **"The Dissident"**

Airdates: 12/7/84 and 6/21/85

Writer: Paul F. Edwards

Director: Walter Grauman

Guest Stars: John McLiam (Jacob), Anthony DeLongis (Galen)

Diana forces an alien scientist to complete his work on a powerful force field which can disintegrate anything it touches. Bates allows her to use it to encircle Los Angeles, hoping to increase his power. Diana, of course, has other plans.

#### **"A Reflection in Terror"**

Airdates: 12/14/84 and 6/28/85

Writer: Chris Manheim

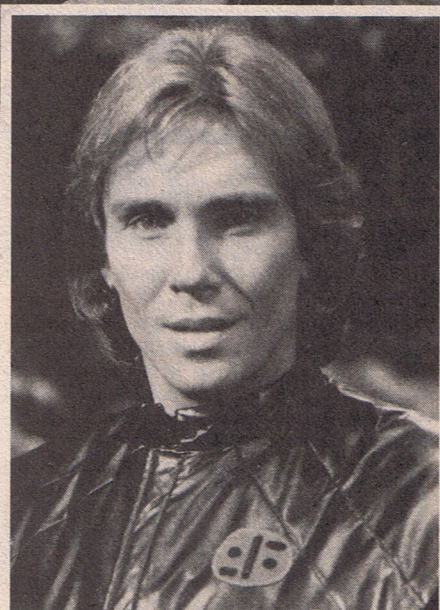
Director: Kevin Hooks

Guest Stars: Mickey Jones (Chris), Jenny Beck (young clone)

Using a cell sample taken from Elizabeth, Diana clones a duplicate of the Star Child. The new Elizabeth looks the same, but is unnaturally evil. Eventually, she sacrifices her life to save the original Elizabeth. Meanwhile, Bates discovers Julie's role in the Resistance and orders the death of all involved.

#### **"The Conversion"**

Airdates: 1/4/85 and 7/5/85



Father saves son (Eric Johnston) from the grip of the Visitors.

#### **"The Sanction"**

Airdates: 11/16/84 and 6/7/85

Writer: Brian Taggart

Director: Bruce Seth Green

Guest Stars: Nick Katt (Sean), Thomas Callaway (Klaus)

A master in Visitor fighting techniques is Diana's newest weapon in her war with Donovan, for his son is to be used once again as bait in a trap. True to form, Donovan risks his life to save the boy, but only narrowly escapes.

Judson Scott enters the fray between humans and reptiles. Which side is he on?

Writer: Brian Taggart  
Director: Gilbert Shilton  
Guest Stars: Duncan Regehr (Charles), Mickey Jones (Chris)

The alien ruler sends an emissary, Charles, to take command from Diana and Lydia. He sets a plan in motion to brainwash Ham Tyler into betraying the Resistance and killing Donovan.

#### "The Hero"

Airdate: 1/11/85 and 7/12/85  
Writer: Carleton Eastlake  
Director: Kevin Hooks

Guest Stars: Duncan Regehr (Charles), Mickey Jones (Chris), Bruce Davison (Langley)

The Visitors seize several hostages and announce plans to kill one each hour unless the Resistance surrenders. Their real plan is to introduce a spy into the movement, with orders to seduce Robin and create another Star Child.

#### "The Betrayal"

Airdate: 1/18/85  
Writer: Mark Rosner  
Director: Gilbert Shilton  
Guest Stars: Duncan Regehr (Charles), Bruce Davison (Langley)

The alien infiltrator tries to betray the Resistance, but Robin discovers his treachery. Seriously hurt, Willie is narrowly saved from death by Elizabeth, who employs Visitor medical secrets.

#### "The Rescue"

Airdate: 2/1/85  
Writer: Garner Simmons  
Director: Kevin Hooks  
Guest Stars: Duncan Regehr (Charles), Darlene Carr (Joann Davis), Ian Fried (John Davis)

Julie helps a pregnant woman give birth as the Visitors search nearby. Meanwhile, Charles plans to rid himself of Diana by marrying her, but she kills him and frames Lydia for the crime. Following Nathan Bates' death, the "open city" concept fails, igniting all-out war. Ham leaves Los Angeles to lead a Resistance group in Chicago. (Note: the series changed format and a number of cast members were dropped after this episode).

#### "The Champion"

Airdate: 2/8/85  
Writer: Paul F. Edwards  
Director: Cliff Bole  
Guest Stars: Deborah Wakeham (Widow), Gordon Ross (Joe Sampson), Ross McCubbin (Deputy Carnes)

Philip, the fleet's Inspector General, arrives to investigate Charles' death. All are surprised to learn that Philip is the brother of the slain Martin. The battle shifts outside of Los Angeles to a rural community that has acquiesced to the Visitors. Donovan stirs them to action and the farmers turn away a heavily armed attack squad.

#### "The Wildcats"

Airdate: 2/15/85  
Writer: David Braff  
Director: John Florea  
Guest Stars: Rhonda Aldrich (Ellen), Gela Jacobson (Marta)

A group of teenagers has taken to the hills to fight the Visitors, but when a Resistance group stumbles into the area while searching for a medical storage site, the young rebels—one of whom is a traitor—mistake the Resistance members for invaders.

#### "The Littlest Dragon"

Airdate: 2/22/85  
Writer: David Abramowitz  
Director: Cliff Bole  
Guest Stars: Leslie Bevis (Angela), Brett Cullen (Robert), Wendy Fulton (Glenda)

A family of Visitor defectors escapes from the ship to give birth, taking the power source for the ship's lasers to guarantee their safety. Philip swears vengeance and follows them to Earth, unaware that Diana has arranged his death.

#### "War of Illusion"

Airdate: 3/8/85  
Writer: John Simmons  
Director: Earl Bellamy  
Guest Stars: Conrad Janis (Dr. David Atkins), Josh Richman (Henry)

When a computer hacker taps into the Visitor communications network, he becomes the object of an intense hunt. The boy won't help the Resistance unless they free his father from the Mothership. While the Resistance wants his secrets, the Visitors want him dead.

#### "The Secret Underground"

Airdate: 3/15/85  
Writers: David Braff and Colley Cibber

**Jenny Sullivan and Marc Singer portray journalists who fall into opposite camps when the Visitors first arrive.**

Story by: David Abramowitz and Donald R. Boyle  
Guest: Stars: John Calvin (Dr. Steven Maitland)

Donovan and Julie must sneak aboard the Mothership to retrieve a list of the Resistance members. Once aboard, Julie meets a former lover who may be a Visitor collaborator, and Diana plots the murder of Lydia's brother.

#### "The Return"

Airdate: 3/22/85  
Writers: David Abramowitz and Donald R. Boyle  
Story by: David Braff and Colley Cibber  
Director: John Florea

Guest Stars: Marilyn Jones (Thelma), Ashton Wise (Guard), Tawny Schneider (Newscaster)

The Leader declares a ceasefire and travels to Earth to halt the war. He takes Elizabeth on his ship, but Diana has hidden a bomb on board in a plot to become the new ruler.

And so ended "V." Or did it? The sets are in storage in Burbank. Warner Bros. and NBC are now discussing a final TV movie to resolve the plot elements left unresolved during the series. And will the Visitors really leave Earth in peace? If enough people convince NBC, perhaps the answer will be revealed.★

