



Ghost Wars: “Ghost in the Machine” Review

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Trek On

Ghost Wars and its story continues to unapologetically trek on. New characters are introduced with no backstory and it makes me just want to keep watching more. The writers don't feel the need to stop and explain every single person in the town. You just know them and you will learn things about them at the writer's pace. I love that! This review is spoileriffic so if you don't want things ruined stop reading now!



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Things Are Not What They Seem

This episode brings in Billy, Kim Coates of Son's Of Anarchy fame, as the disgruntled brother of the Mayor who has a depressing past. He lands on the island and is immediately harassed by his ghost. It shakes him because he knows exactly who it is following him. Or so he

thinks. A tragedy struck when he and his little brother were younger. He pushed too far and got his brother killed out at sea. We believe to have our first believer! Roman runs into Billy in the watering hole and Roman strikes up a conversation about what's following Billy. Billy immediately hangs on every word Roman speaks; he wants to be rid of his baby brother's ghost at any cost. Roman and Billy make a pact that if Roman helps Billy, Billy will get him off of the island. Roman discovers the ghost haunting Billy isn't actually his brother! Billy tricks Roman and leaves without him, only to be bounced back in a weird space time paradox where he sails directly to the dock he just left.

A body washes up in the town and the ghosts make it look like it's Billy's brother. The Mayor and Sheriff try to get to the bottom of who may have done this; their findings bring them to Goler, an old nemesis of Billy's father. As it turns out this is the ghost haunting Billy. When the Mayor and Sheriff find Goler's body hanging it makes his ghost leave the ship where Roman and Billy are. Goler gets into their heads and the Mayor shoots the Sheriff in the arm. There is no closure, Goler is left running amok!



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Ghosts Everywhere

So far in the show we haven't met much of the town. The effects of these ghosts haven't gone further than a few of the main players and not everyone knows what's going on. As far as believers go, it seems like Roman has Billy and Father Dan on his side. Father Dan probably

won't say anything to the public. He confides in Billy about his feelings towards the paranormal, but I think that's only because they go way back.

The ghosts are still so creepy. I get shudders sometimes when they're on the screen and as a big horror fan that doesn't happen often. I also love that this show doesn't hold back on the gore when it wants to and that the gore isn't used as the main horror element! One observation I had was that so far only Maggie seems to be able to talk. None of the other ghosts communicate aside from blinking in and out and causing chaos. Maggie has the ability to speak and stay a solid figure. She also seems to be the only non malevolent one. I am really curious what her story is! I love the super raw emotion of this show. There is fear, depression, and sadness. Each character has so much weight hanging on their shoulders and we've only scratched the surface. I still give this show a 10/10.