

TRANSCRIPT - PATIENT ZERO: EPISODE TEN

FAITH

Hello everyone. It's Faith, and you are about to hear the final episode of Patient Zero.

There is some Spanish in this episode as there has been in others. If you need it, there are transcripts with translations available at apollyon.observerpictures.com.

Now, I know you would like to get to the show, so please stay tuned after the episode for some updates on Apollyon. Enjoy.

NARRATOR

Observer Pictures presents Patient Zero. This is episode 10. After.

LUCAS

I became an ecologist to make this world better, save the places and organisms that make it so beautiful. The idea that I was here.

(switches to a recording in a large room)

See a species that's been gone for over a century. It's my dream come true. I have to come back. Even without funding, I'm coming back. I have to. I have to.

DR. KHANNA

Ms. Guzman, have you heard these recordings before?

ANGELINE

No.

DR. KHANNA

Do you believe that they have been altered in any way?

ANGELINE

I do not understand what you mean.

DR. KHANNA

Do you believe this is actually Dr. Soto and not any sort of artificial intelligence?

ANGELINE

What? Why would someone pretend to be Lucas?

DR. KHANNA

So you believe these are his recordings?

ANGELINE

Of course.

DR. KHANNA

Do you agree that Dr. Soto's breathing seemed increasingly labored once he returned to the site?

ANGELINE

Yes. He was having some trouble on hikes.

DR. KHANNA

Did he complain of pain in his arms or legs?

ANGELINE

No.

DR. KHANNA

Were you taking his vitals regularly?

ANGELINE

Yes. Every morning I took his temperature, pulse, and listened to his lungs.

DR. KHANNA

You didn't draw blood?

ANGELINE

There was no need for that. Why won't you tell me why I am here?

DR. KHANNA

Anything out of the ordinary when you took Dr. Soto's vitals?

ANGELINE

Está bien. (*All right then.*) He had some chest congestion. I assumed he was coming down with a cold, and I told him to drink plenty of water and rest.

DR. KHANNA

Have you ever seen a reaction like this to a snake bite? Trouble breathing?

ANGELINE

Como reacción a una mordedura, sí. Pero nunca después de un tratamiento eficaz. (As a reaction to a bite, yes. But never after successful treatment.)

DR. KHANNA

English, please. For the record.

ANGELINE

I've only seen those symptoms as a reaction to a bite, but not after the bite is properly treated.

DR. KHANNA

Was the snake ever recovered?

ANGELINE

No, we were unable to locate it. *He contestado muchas de sus preguntas. Podría, por favor, contestar la mía. (I've answered many of your questions. Will you please answer mine.)*

Khanna continues typing.

ANGELINE

Es como hablar con una pared. (It's like speaking to a brick wall.)

DR. KHANNA

I am no brick wall, Ms. Guzman. I'm simply doing my job. Were you, Mr. Rodolfo Jimenez, or Dr. Reina Mitchell showing any signs of respiratory distress, fever, or body aches?

ANGELINE

No.

DR. KHANNA

Are you aware that Rodolfo Jimenez died two weeks after this expedition?

ANGELINE

Yes. I was told it was pneumonia.

DR. KHANNA

The five others who worked at the clinic Dr. Soto was treated in also died. Was that pneumonia as well?

ANGELINE

I don't know.

DR. KHANNA

Dr. Mitchell's death occurred around two weeks after the expedition. It was reported as pneumonia as well.

ANGELINE

Díos mío (Oh my God), Dr.... Dr. Mitchell is gone, too? I didn't know.

DR. KHANNA

You, Ms. Guzman, are the only one who was in direct contact with Dr. Soto for an extended period of time who is still alive.

ANGELINE

¿Qué significa eso? (What does that mean?)

DR. KHANNA

After much research, we believe that Dr. Soto was the first to contract the Apollyon virus. And you, it seems, are immune.

ANGELINE

That's why you brought me here.

DR. KHANNA

Yes. Do you have family?

ANGELINE

No. My parents died a long time ago.

DR. KHANNA

No brothers, or sisters, or children?

ANGELINE

No.

DR. KHANNA

We need a list of everyone you've been in contact with since the expedition with Dr. Soto, and you'll need to sign these consent forms. If you push that button, it'll translate to Spanish.

Dr. Khanna gets up and heads for the door.

ANGELINE

Espere. ¡Espere! No aceptaré nada hasta que usted me responda. (Wait. Wait! I won't agree to anything until you answer me.) You still haven't told me. Why do you need me, Dr. Khanna?

DR. KHANNA

Ms. Guzman, we need you so we can save the world.

NARRATOR

This episode featured the voices of Manuel Ravelo as Lucas, Beus Lunaire as Angeline, Pamela Paul as Savreen Khanna, and me, J Cuevas, as narrator. Written, directed, and produced by Faith McQuinn.

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FAITH

Hey everyone. It's Faith again. Thank you so much for listening to Patient Zero. I really hope you enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed making it. I want to send out a special thank you to the cast, J, Juliana, Beus, and Manuel. You were all absolutely amazing, and I feel so honored that I got the opportunity to have each of you bring these characters to life. Also, thank you for all the Spanish dialect lessons. I definitely needed them.

I'm currently writing Season Two of Apollyon, and we will be in production in early 2023. A release date has not been set yet, but I can say it will be in the spring. In the meantime, please continue telling your friends about Apollyon and Patient Zero, and check out our other shows, Boom and Margaritas and Donuts. If you are financially able, please buy us a few coffees at coffee.com/observerpix, or join our Patreon at patreon.com/observerpix for ad free episodes and a bunch of other perks. Those links are also in the show notes. If you want to keep up with everything we're doing, you can find us on social media at Apollyon Pod or Observer Pix. P-I-X. Once again, thank you so much for listening. Until next time.

