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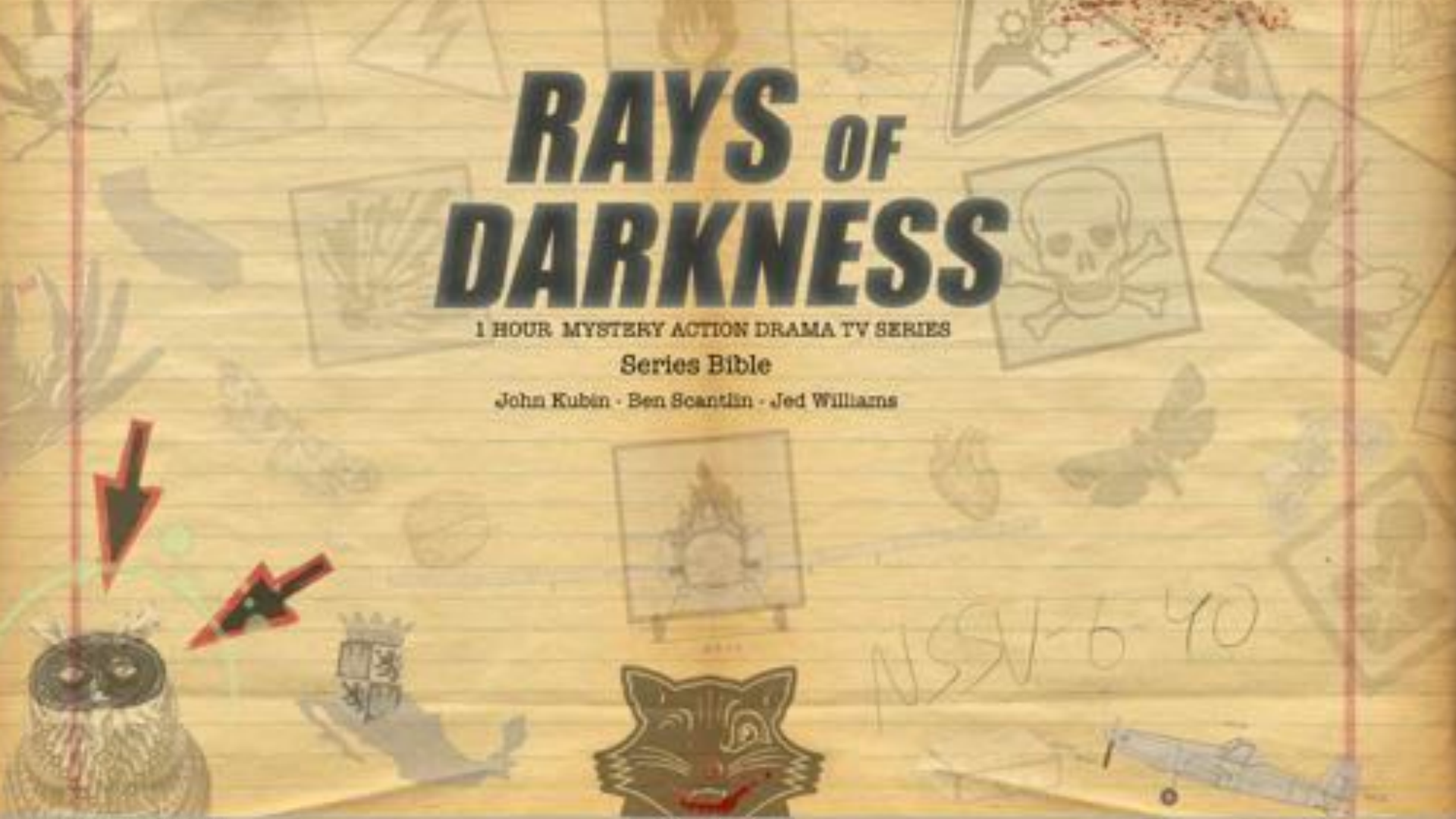
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# **RAYS OF DARKNESS**

1 HOUR MYSTERY ACTION DRAMA TV SERIES

Series Bible

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RAYS OF DARKNESS

# LOGLINE



- **A rural Ag Pilot's criminal past comes back to collect, and the only means to his family's survival is in their involvement working for The Perch; an illegal concierge service catering to the whims of the rich and demented.**





# ***RAYS OF DARKNESS***

SERIES  
SYNOPSIS



# RAYS OF DARKNESS SERIES SYNOPSIS

**Rays of Darkness** is a mystery action drama series that will take our audience down an adrenaline-soaked, bizarre rabbit hole known as **The Perch**; a unique a strange syndicate that offers to satisfy the evil whims of an elite society for boatloads of cash, At the hinge of this service is the unsuspecting Ryan family, now bound to pull off it's illegal doings for their own survival.

After years of burying his impeccable criminal past, our anti-hero **Greg Ryan**, a greasy old **crop duster** and family man from rural **Bakersfield, CA**, comes out of criminal retirement to yet again **mastermind the bizarre and illegal jobs for The Perch**. Greg, aka "Redneck McGyver", has an exclusively brilliant gift for problem solving and concocting genius-level plans, yet lacks common social graces and an emotional connection with his family. When Greg is threatened to pay his debt back to his old partner Felix Castillo, proprietor of The Perch and fall guy who served time to save Greg from prison, Greg takes an extreme risk by plunging his two sons **CJ & Eric** deep into the underworld of The Perch to save the family from harm.

At the core, Rays of Darkness is a **modern day Cain and Abel story** where sibling rivalry leads to an **all out war between two brothers** of a **Mexican cartel dynasty; Felix Castillo & Javier "Jinx" Castillo**. The fate of their outcome lies in the hands of our protagonist Greg and the Ryan family, through which our story is told. What once was a lucrative business partnership, now has put Greg at odds with his long time friend Felix. After Felix returns from prison a hardened changed man; he is hungry to keep the illegal businesses going. Greg must **choose between the family he loves or the friend he owes**. Will he simply solve the ultimate plan to keep his family alive, or will old age, family dysfunction, selfish ambition and greed cause his gambit to fail?

Our story builds from the small town world of the Ryan family, to the high class secret society of The Perch, and ultimately into the overarching macrocosm of the prominent Mexican Castillo Cartel. A contrast you don't want to miss in this all out **action packed mystery series**. We will tease our audience with the slightest glint of hope that the Ryan family may prevail through it all, but their outlook remains bleak. So give in, draw the curtains, get uncomfortable, and let in the...

**RAYS OF DARKNESS.**



# BACKSTORY SUMMARY


1. 1978 - During the late 1970's a controversial US government program contracted seasoned Ag Pilots to spray the herbicide Paraquat on marijuana fields in Mexico to combat the drug problem making its way over the border. Begrudgingly taking the lead on the missions is salty Ag Pilot **Greg Ryan**, whose plane gets shot down by the **Castillo Cartel** during a spray run. He survives the crash, but is taken prisoner and tortured. During this time, a power struggle between **Felix Alfonso Castillo** and **Javier "Jinx" Castillo**, the two sons of infamous cartel leader **Juan Sebastian Castillo**, drives the two brothers to kill the other in order to seize their dying Father's throne. Felix loses the battle to Jinx, but still outsmarts him. He saves Greg Ryan's life and uses him to fly them both the hell out of dodge as they escape with the cartel's finances. Felix discovers that Greg is something of an idiot savant, as he masterminds a way for them both to fly back into the United States with hordes of stolen cash untouched. During the long journey, an unlikely friendship develops into a business partnership as Greg proclaims he can help Felix **launder his money through the US agriculture system**.
2. 1989 - After buying up the **Agriculture world in the Southern California San Joaquin Valley** with Greg's help, Felix has turned his stolen cartel money into legitimate assets. He becomes a large vineyard owner; Greg sprays his crops and remains a loyal friend and consultant to Felix as he helps further the money laundering scheme with his wife **Debbie Ryan**, who happily goes along with cooking the books and the lifestyle that Felix provides. Greg continues his Aerial Spraying business as a front because of his love for the business and flying planes, to which Felix funds completely. Greg and Debbie start a family with their two sons **Eric**, and **CJ** in **Bakersfield, CA**. Meanwhile, Felix is not fulfilled by Agriculture. He sees himself as a king without a castle, stripped of his due royalty. He invests his time becoming a part of powerful circles amongst the Los Angeles elite. After a chance entrance, he becomes enthralled with a secret society, Felix learns of all kinds of strange and twisted desires members of the society have. Felix discovers an opportunity to create a very unique business. He names it **"THE PERCH"**; **where the rich and powerful can have their twisted desires carried out in secret for boatloads of money**. Greg becomes the Golden Goose of masterminding unique heists and other strange requests for Felix's new venture. Greg loves each new challenge and feels more alive than ever by dreaming up, and executing heists and other strange requests. He tries to keep his new venture with Felix a secret from Debbie.



# RAY'S OF DARKNESS

## BACKSTORY SUMMARY

3. 1995 - The Perch becomes infamous; as new clients and requests pour in right and left. Felix provides Greg with a trusted team of criminal professionals that he uses to help execute more complicated Perch jobs; they don't get along with Greg due to his lack of social skills. At home, Greg bonds with his sons by teaching them what he knows: how to be good con-artists. CJ and Eric worship their Dad for this and love working and learning from him; much to Greg's delight and Debbie's dismay. She doesn't want her sons growing up to be criminals like their parents. Debbie demands the whole family go to church on a regular basis to purge those demons. Felix starts a family and frequently visits the Ryan household. CJ and Eric refer to him as "Uncle Felix". After discovering what The Perch really is and how deeply involved Greg has been, Debbie's moral conscience reaches its limit. Greg has become more enthralled with criminal activities than being a good Father. Debbie gives Greg an ultimatum to get out of the Perch world or she will take the kids and run. Greg takes this to heart, but can't easily back out on Felix who needs him to keep working. He attempts to quit, but it does not go over well. He promises Debbie an exit strategy. Felix runs into heat with FBI and problem clients within the Perch. Greg begins to have deadly problems with his Perch team that must be dealt with. Jinx discovers that Felix is still alive after all these years. He murders Felix's family, and leaves his brother to burn alive in his own mansion as revenge. Greg saves Felix's life by fire-bombing his house with his 802 Fire Boss plane. Jinx avoids law enforcement and escapes back to Mexico assuming Felix is dead. Evidence found in the fire aftermath gets Felix arrested and sentenced to prison for 15 years as he won't rat out Greg. Greg and Debbie agree to end their criminal endeavors for good after tying up all loose ends. They burn a giant horde of Felix's money they are stashing to destroy evidence, and poetically be done with the life.
4. 2010 - Felix returns. He's survived prison and made alliances on the inside. It's a total surprise to the Ryan family when he shows up at their door a very different man than they remember; cold, and demanding that they pay a debt that is owed. When Felix discovers that they burned his cash they were stashing, he becomes furious. He needs the money as he has debts to pay for protection on the inside of prison, as well as a new mystery business plan in the works that demands a large payment. His plan is now stalled. Rather than kill Greg and his family, he decides to utilize them to help make back the money he needs and the Ag infrastructure he needs built up. Felix revives the infamous Perch. Greg feels like he owes Felix, and can't decide if he's a little excited about being "forced" to come out of criminal retirement or scared shitless. His age and health have become a new obstacle to overcome. Greg agrees to help achieve the mystery plan on the condition that he can do things his way, and pick his own team this time. He doesn't trust any of Felix's scary prison lackeys to help. Felix agrees. Strangely, Greg recruits his eldest son and black sheep of the family Eric to help with Perch jobs, and pushes CJ, the more capable and willing son away. CJ hates his Dad for this, and feels pushed out by his entire family. Thus, he goes prodigal to pursue a career in motocross and prove to his family he doesn't need them. Greg and Eric go on to perform a number of Perch jobs, until a major screw up takes place that Eric is responsible for. Felix turns ruthless as his assets and timeline must not be disrupted.



8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, "Where is Abel thy brother?" And he said, "I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?" - Genesis 4:8-9

## SEASON ONE OVERVIEW



**Cain** and **Abel** were the first two sons of Adam and Eve in the biblical Book of Genesis. Cain, the firstborn, was a farmer, and his brother Abel was a shepherd. The brothers made sacrifices to God, each of his own produce, but God favored Abel's sacrifice instead of Cain's. Cain then murdered Abel, whereupon God punished Cain to a life of wandering.



# SEASON 1 OVERVIEW

RAYS OF DARKNESS

## MAIN PLOT:

- We explore two unique storylines in season one that explore the evolution of family, friendship and sibling rivalry. Our **A Story** we focus on the present, where Felix and Greg become at odds and their friendship dissipates out of Felix's insatiable need for revenge against his brother Jinx. Sibling rivalry also takes place between Gregs two sons CJ and Eric as they have to work together in crime under Dad's wings in order to save the family in disarray. Our **B story** focuses on the flashbacks of how Greg and Felix first met in 1978, became friends and ultimately business partners in a very lucrative business called The Perch, as well as the never ending and deadly sibling rivalry between Felix and Jinx.
- In our opening series pilot, we begin in a unique place. Our story begins far into the timeline of our series; a pivotal point in Felix and Greg's relationship. We learn that they were once old friends, but circumstances have changed. Felix has turned aggressive, power hungry, and manipulative to achieve a mysterious and ambitious goal. His mechanism in achieving this plan is by continuing to further build the Agriculture laundering front, and a revival of the infamous Perch.
- Greg is Felix's Golden-Goose in executing illegal Perch doings. After doing time in prison for both of their crimes, Felix demands a debt be paid in full and pulls Greg out of criminal retirement to execute brand new Perch jobs. Greg has lived through the glory days of high crime. Now he's old, his health is failing, and wants nothing more but to safely find an exit strategy to this seedy world he's exposed his family to.
- After a freak plane crash, Greg's plan gets derailed as he is now physically incapable of executing jobs for The Perch, and fears repercussions. He must now choose to either hang up his hat for good and take his family on the run, or double down and recruit his two sons CJ and Eric to take his place in criminal doings to clear their debt. He chooses the latter. He believes getting in deeper is the best way to get out quicker. Throughout Season 1, we'll follow the dysfunctional, moral unraveling of the Ryan family as they all try and work together for their survival, and ultimately release ties to Felix and The Perch. Greg Ryan will mastermind bizarre and always different Perch jobs given by Felix in a way that his sons Eric and CJ will be able to execute successfully, and not get themselves caught or killed. The weight of the world is on his shoulders. CJ and Eric are brothers who don't get along to say the least. However, when they work together in crime it's a beautiful thing to watch. CJ is a methodical daredevil; Eric is fast-thinking and unconscionable.





# ***RAYS OF DARKNESS***

SEASON 1  
SUB-PLOTS



# SEASON 1 OVERVIEW

## SUB PLOTS:

- **The Perch Society** - The ever mysterious and powerful world of the Gatherings and Clientele; How they operate, the kind of people they attract, and how clients are selected. With new, returning, and troublesome clients as they each request wild and bizarre tasks in exchange for boatloads of money.
- **Greg's Rise and Follies** - as he struggles to recover his full health whilst masterminding crime for his sons to execute safely. Also, his awkward attempts to be a Dads Dad with his sons, and a charismatic husband with his wife as he just cant quite get it right with all the chaos happening. Greg will begin embracing his heart over his head for the first time ever and it will cause problems executing jobs for the Perch.
- **CJ and Eric's sibling rivalry** - as they become at great odds with each other, yet have to work together to accomplish Perch jobs. Eric feels threatened by CJ's presence as he knows CJ is a fast learner and more capable than he is. CJ becomes violent and scary, causing Eric to become paranoid and defensive.
- **Eric and Vegas's volatile relationship** - as they both cope with the descension of their morals and mortality. Eric becomes a substance addict, Vegas becomes an enabler.
- **Eric's crew of Misfits** - become more involved in helping Eric and CJ accomplish Perch jobs, but become a growing problem as they begin to know too much about the level of crime the Ryan family is involved in.
- **Debbie takes matters into her own hands** - she forsakes her Christian faith by plotting to assassinate Felix and his cronies on her own against Greg's wishes.
- **Vegas becomes the mafia nurse** - As Eric pushes her corruption and she gives in, Vegas will work her way up to ultimate power within the hospital she works at to make alliances and hold dirt on other staff as she begins to help the Ryan family with anything they need to accomplish Perch work.
- **CJ's Rise** - as he loses himself in crime and easy money, with "Uncle Felix". He rises fast in The Perch and is taken under the wing of Felix as his collateral pawn in order to keep Greg working. Felix manipulates CJ into choosing him as the Father-figure CJ deserves. CJ becomes a control freak plotting and executing Perch jobs and embraces his dark side. Greg worst fears come to fruition as he sees CJ making all the same mistakes he made in life. As he begins to lose his son all over again, it hurts him deeply.
- **Jinx's sheer madness** - A psychological exploration of a true schizophrenic psychopath; from his early days of being 'different' to his obsession with cats, poetic killing methods, and his paranoid, insatiable need to eliminate his brother Felix at all costs.
- **Felix's Ultimate Plan** - We discover Felix is executing a large scale revenge and poetic justice attempt against his deranged brother and Mexican Drug-Lord Jinx. Felix procures an alliance with a rival cartel to end the reign of the Castillo Cartel dynasty in all out war, in exchange for a safe and monopolized drug trade route utilizing Felix's American Agriculture Business.

# ***RAYS OF DARKNESS***

SEASON ONE  
EPISODE  
BREAKDOWNS





# RAYS OF DARKNESS

## SEASON 1 - EPISODES BREAKDOWN



# RAYS OF DARKNESS

## SEASON 1 - HOW OUR STORY IS TOLD

FOLLOWING TWO INTERWOVEN TIMELINES:

A STORY (2010)

&

B STORY (1978)

Our story is told through a non-linear timeline through the present A Story and past B Story. In each episode, we see a unique duality between these interwoven timelines that eventually catch up to each other. What's different about our series is that we follow "Parallel Themes" from our past and present that seamlessly connect and continually evolve our characters.

Following a non-linear timeline keeps our audience guessing, and serves as a unique format to learning about our backstory and how the past reflects the future.

# SEASON 1 EPISODES BREAKDOWN

## EPISODE 1



"THE PILOT"

## EPISODE 2



"IRRITANT"

### "THE PILOT"

#### **A. STORY**

2010 - After Ag Pilot Greg Ryan has a freak plane crash, his prodigal son CJ is manipulated to return home and discover his crop dusting family is deeply involved in something nefarious, and in desperate need of his help on a mysterious illegal job for their survival. CJ goes along with the plan and teams up with his brother Eric on a heist, planned by Greg. During the job, CJ finds out just what the bizarre crime actually entails. They escape, but when CJ refuses to go along any further with the plan, he gets kidnapped by unknown men and Eric lets him take the fall.

### "IRRITANT"

#### **B. STORY**

1978 - Mexico - A young Greg Ryan is working for the DEA spraying Paraquat on the Castillo Cartel's marijuana fields. Greg's plane gets shot down. He survives and meets a young Felix Castillo for the first time. He is quickly taken prisoner by the cartel.

#### **A STORY**

2010 - Flash forward to the present. A kidnapped CJ is delivered to Felix. The aftermath of the cryo job plays out with the Ryan family. Eric lies to Greg and Debbie about what happened to CJ, saying he bitterly went back to his old life, and advocates for the family to leave town without him. Felix knows that Greg and Debbie were preparing to skip town and sends a message. Felix Interviews CJ and commends him for helping accomplish the Perch job. He plants a seed of doubt about his father Greg's true motives, then offers him a proposition.



# EPISODE 3



"OXIDIZER"

# EPISODE 4



"VENENO"

## SEASON 1 EPISODES BREAKDOWN

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### "OXIDIZER"

#### **B. STORY**

1978 - Mexico - Felix interviews Greg in his cage and is impressed with his candor and intellect. Felix is very inquisitive about the Ag world that Greg comes from. Introduction to Juan Sebastian Castillo, Felix's father and leader of the cartel. His health is failing fast and he wants his dynasty to continue reigning. He denies his oldest son Javier Felipe Castillo, (Jinx) the power to take over when he dies, and says that instead Felix will take his place because something is mentally wrong with Jinx and his father wants him to get help. A brotherhood rivalry brews. Jinx takes out his frustration with this news by immolating a stray dog.

#### **A. STORY**

2010 - Vegas tries to help Eric console over letting CJ take the fall for him as he goes out on a guilt filled drinking bender, Eric breaks up with her and takes off to be alone. Felix sends CJ home to his family with a bag full of money and the next Perch job, it's a total surprise to the family because Eric lied. CJ has it out with Mom and Dad and is torn with the current family circumstances, but advocates for the family to continue on with the next Perch job as it's meant to do some good in the world. No sign of Eric. The job involves covertly kidnapping a rich man's daughter from a cult compound, and getting her in a room with a deprogrammer. Greg and Debbie need to keep the Ag front going. They are only able to get 73 year old pilot "Buddy" to fill in.

### "VENENO"

#### **B. STORY**

1978 - Mexico - Jinx lethally poisons Greg with his own Paraquat from the crash. Juan Sebastian Castillo suddenly dies. While Jinx is distracted with the news, Greg lures Jinx's cat and manages to snap it's neck, and uses it's teeth to saw through his restraints. He gets free. He slows the effects of the poison, by diving head first into kitty litter nearby and eats as much as possible to soak up the poison in his system. He throws it all up and then tries to make an escape from the compound. He almost manages to get away by stealing a small Cessna drug plane, but his takeoff gets blocked and he crashes and gets taken prisoner again.

#### **A. STORY**

2010 - Eric sobers up and returns home to face his family, expecting the prodigal son treatment like CJ. He wants CJ to go after him, but CJ is strangely detached from revenge at the moment, causing Eric more anxiety. The brothers don't resolve their issues, and carry masked hatred toward each other. CJ helps get the spraying business up and running again with proxy pilot Buddy. Greg plans out the Cult job with both sons. Debbie tries to force both CJ and Eric to leave with her in the middle of the night unbeknownst to Greg, but neither son will go with her. Debbie has a full meltdown. She packs a bag and drives off in the middle of the night.

# SEASON 1 EPISODES BREAKDOWN

## EPISODE 5



"MALADAPTIVE"

## EPISODE 6



"LONG TERM HEALTH HAZARD"

### "MALADAPTIVE"

#### **B STORY:**

1978 - Mexico - Miraculously, Greg doesn't die from the poison, but suffers immensely. Jinx has a psychotic breakdown and builds a coup against his brother Felix; now in power. Felix is intrigued by a proposition from Greg and protects him from further harm. Jinx's number two man Osvaldo "Oz" Flores, murders Felix's allies within the cartel. Felix's hand is forced and makes a last minute escape for his life after cleaning out all of the cartels finances. He takes Greg with and uses him to fly themselves and an airplane full of cash out of the city in the middle of the night.

#### **A STORY:**

2010 - We explore the origin of a new female Perch client that is pursuing a meeting with Felix. Greg is a sloppy mess at Debbie leaving the family. Greg goes along with CJ and Eric on the Cult job. CJ gets injured during the Cult job, and Eric is to blame. We see the Cult Deprogrammer go to extreme measures to reverse the effects of cult brainwashing. Debbie abandons her faith and hires a hitman.

### "LONG TERM HEALTH HAZARD"

#### **B STORY:**

1978 - Mexico - Felix and Greg embark on a journey to get over the border with all of the money. Greg's health is deteriorating from poison after effects. Felix takes a risk by making good on a promise to get Greg proper medical care. He takes Greg to an old doctor friend near the border to nurse him back to life. The old friend helps Greg, but turns on Felix by alerting Jinx to their current whereabouts.

#### **A STORY:**

2010 - Eric calls Vegas to nurse CJ's injury. CJ sees Vegas as a potential threat to the Ryan family agenda. Eric and Vegas get back together, against CJ's guidance. Eric bonds with Luke to feel empowered because he's losing his status since CJ's return. Greg deals with more health issues. Debbie reunites with family. Felix makes a covert trip down to Mexico to set up a mystery deal. Afterwards he makes a poetic stop at the old doctor friend's home and kills him for vengeance, and to send a message to Jinx.

# EPISODE 7



“CORROSIVE”

# EPISODE 8



“HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT”

## SEASON 1 EPISODES BREAKDOWN

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### “CORROSIVE”

#### **B STORY:**

1978 - Mexico - Greg finally has enough strength to find a payphone and call Debbie and let her know he's alive. Debbie tells Greg the DEA lied to her about what happened to him. Greg tells Debbie he'll be home soon and not to worry. Felix and Greg bond. Greg convinces Felix that there is a lucrative business front in the California agriculture world. They shake hands and agree to be partners. Felix loses his control on a Mexican local and kills him over seemingly nothing out of anger. Greg sees this as a red flag to going into business with Felix, but carries on.

#### **A STORY:**

2010 - Problems in the Ag money laundering front come to light. A new Perch gathering brings a job for a female client who needs controversial insider stock information. Debbie tells CJ why she risked going into crime with Greg all those years back. Vegas gets caught writing prescriptions for Eric and loses her nursing license for life; she has a total meltdown. Vegas cheats on Eric. Afterwards, she realizes it might have been CJ who outed her.

### “HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT”

#### **B STORY:**

1978 - Mexico - Greg comes up with an ingenious plan to get Felix, himself, and the money safely over the border. The Federales have been alerted that Felix Castillo is in the area and are in pursuit to arrest him. Jinx and a hit crew also pursue them and are getting close.

#### **A STORY:**

2010 - A chemical spill at Ryan Aerial. Debbie gets poisoned loading for Buddy. They both have to dodge the EPA. Greg takes care of Debbie while planning out the new Perch job. CJ and Eric go to Arizona and steal every motorcycle, trailer, and tool that the McCracken Racing Team owns and drives it back to SoCal, where they strip it down and repurpose everything for the next adrenaline fueled Perch job, which involves stealing inside stock information and delivering it within a very small window of time. During the excursion, Eric and CJ bond. In an overly intoxicated state of mind, Vegas tells Eric she messed up, but that CJ is the one who snitched and made her lose her nursing license. Vegas gets physically violent with Eric, but then it bizarrely turns into a sexual encounter.



# SEASON 1 EPISODES BREAKDOWN

## EPISODE 9



"PINCH"

## EPISODE 10



"SHOCKER"

### "PINCH"

#### **B STORY:**

1978 - Mexico - Felix rents out a local airfield hanger and buys a similar looking plane to the one Greg initially flew down to Mexico with for the Paraquat mission. Greg builds a stripped down replica of his old plane with a paint job, spray booms, and his former plane identity numbers. Mexican Federales show up and surround the airfield. Jinx and his hit crew also show up to the airfield with superior firepower. A huge shoot-out takes place. Greg manages to escape during the chaos with his new plane.

#### **A STORY:**

2010 - Davi McCrackin youtube promo reveals all his racing bikes and materials have been stolen. Eric and CJ execute the Perch job, however it ends in an all out police chase due to the heat they received from stealing the inside stock information. With Greg's ingenious planning and CJ fearlessness, he manages to escape capture with Eric through a dangerous stunt. They complete the job successfully. Eric tries to make things right with Vegas and helps her become the Perch mafia nurse.

### "SHOCKER"

#### **B STORY:**

1978 - Mexico - Jinx captures and tortures a Federales to try and gain info on Felix's whereabouts. Greg flies back to basecamp for the DEA Paraquat operation and lies about why he's been gone so long. They buy the lie and clear him to fly back to the US. Greg lands back in California and reunites with Debbie, except they have a guest. Felix and the money have stowed away in his plane. Felix and Greg shake hands to begin their venture into the agriculture business.

#### **A STORY:**

2010 - Jinx discovers Greg is still alive and working for Felix. Jinx tells his hitman Oz to cross the border and take out Greg. A new rush Perch job involving stealing a Stradivarius Violin from a world renowned touring company. Greg plans out the job as quick as he can, but they need help. Eric recruits Luke to CJ's dismay.

# EPISODE 11



“DECONTAMINATE”

# EPISODE 12



“FLAMMABLE”

## SEASON 1 EPISODES BREAKDOWN

WAYS OF DARKNESS

### “DECONTAMINATE”

#### **B STORY:**

1985 - At a Secret Society party in Los Angeles, Felix is trying to climb the high society ladder. He strikes up a conversation with a peculiar high stakes bidder and gets propositioned for an odd crime. Felix passes on the offer as he finds it off-putting. Felix visits Greg and Debbie who now have 1 year old baby Eric and are pregnant with CJ. Felix also has a son he brings over. Felix catches up on the Ag business with Greg. Greg shows Felix his brand new 802 Fire Boss plane. Felix mentions the peculiar man's strange request. Greg is intrigued with the request and says he could pull it off. Felix considers. The seed of The Perch is planted.

#### **A STORY:**

2010 - Heat on the Ryan family from the local police due to the motorcycle heist; they question CJ about working for the McCrackin team in Arizona. They don't have enough evidence to pursue the lead further. Luke works with CJ and Eric on the rush Perch job stealing the Stradivarius. Luke gets shot during the job and CJ and Eric argue about whether to take him to a hospital or finish him quick to continue on with the job. CJ abruptly solves the dilemma for the safety of the family, and kills Luke to Eric's shock and horror. The Violin gets delivered to a private underground concert, where the colorful Perch client dressed as the Devil plays an awe inspiring solo on the violin. Afterwards he smashes it to pieces and gets a weird sexual satisfaction out of it. Meanwhile, Jinx's hitman Oz has Greg at gunpoint at Ryan Aerial, but instead gets sniped and killed by Debbie's hitman she hired to take out Felix. CJ and Eric clean up a body; Greg and Debbie clean up a body. Greg asks Buddy for a favor.

### “FLAMMABLE”

#### **B STORY:**

1991 - Flashback to Jinx burning Felix's family alive. Greg saves Felix's life by firebombing his house with the 802F Fire Boss plane. Fire Department and Law Enforcement find incriminating evidence in the aftermath of the fire to arrest Felix.

#### **A STORY:**

2010 - The Ryan Family fights off a Cartel hit squad sent by Jinx to take them out at Ryan Aerial. Redneck firepower and ingenuity are put to the test. Assault-Forklift. Buddy saves the day by with the 802 Firebomber by dumping 800 gallons of Napalm on the cartel hit squad. Greg fires off a roman candle and lights them up.

RAY'S OF DARKNESS  
SEASON 1 EPISODES BREAKDOWN

# EPISODE 13



“BOTTLED UP”

## “BOTTLED UP”

### **B STORY:**

1991 - Felix gets sentenced to prison. He won't rat out Greg for less time. Debbie panics and burns all of Felix's money they have on hand for fear of the FBI finding it. Greg and Debbie both agree to end their criminal endeavors for good and focus on their family.  
1990's Promo video for California Agriculture Industry.

### **A STORY:**

2010 - Montage of current California Agriculture industry: Immigrants plant grapes. Crop-duster sprays vineyard. Grapes go to winepress. Paraphernalia stashed into wine barrels and sealed with the Castile Monarchy Coat of Arms logo. A large purchase order from Mexico for California wine. Export / Customs / Inspection. Truck driver ships wine to Mexican business. Wine barrels opened and paraphernalia exhumed. A toast amongst cartel leaders of the Carracito Cartel (Castillo Cartel Rival) as phase one of a drug trade route is proven by Felix. The Ryan family cleans up a huge mess, disposing of charred bodies and other evidence in the chemical mix tanks and pesticide barrels at Ryan Aerial. Law enforcement visits Greg, but don't uncover the truth. As Eric and Vegas descend further into drugs and alcohol to cope with the status quo, Eric plots to kill CJ out of fear and anger over CJ killing Luke. Vegas agrees.



Vintage:  
2009  
Varietal:  
Castile  
Appellation:  
California  
Vineyard Designation:  
Juan Sebastian Vineyard  
Alcohol %:  
14.5  
Wine Enthusiast  
90



## *2009 Castile Zinfandel*

The juicy Juan Sebastian Vineyard Castile from Felix Family Vineyards is bright, focused with Red Raspberry as the predominant fruit and dark ruby in color. However, Black fruit and Cherry are also found. There is also faint clove contributed from oak aging. The wine is medium bodied, with soft medium tannins. The acidity of the wine amplifies the fruit flavors, and a nice hint of Mocha lingers long after the wine has been swallowed.

SEASONS 2-5  
OVERVIEW





# SEASON 2 - 5 OVERVIEW

## SEASON 2 OVERVIEW

**A Story:** Phase 2 of the drug trade route to Mexico goes into effect, building up the Mexico side of the fence agriculture business and front. Felix has gained the trust and alliance of the Carracito Cartel, but the money must keep flowing to continue on building the trade route and war machine against the Jinx Castillo Cartel; Perch jobs continue to accomplish this. Greg is forced to work with a couple of Felix's Thugs to oversee and protect each Perch job that Greg and his boys execute. Eric decides last second not to kill CJ, but his actions still go too far. CJ doesn't know who tried to kill him, but he highly suspects it was Eric. Their brotherhood rivalry continues and the death of Luke is still what drives Eric's hatred. They are both paranoid of each other now. Vegas falls deeper into addiction and unravels Eric even more. Debbie is acting out of character, sneaking out at night and meeting with people. Greg is worried he's pushed her too far away and that she's seeking a different kind of exit strategy. Greg tries to uncover the secret she's been hiding. Heat from law enforcement makes executing new Perch jobs all the more complicated. Felix takes CJ under his wing and grooms him for something bigger. The drug trade route to Mexico gets completed. Greg is released from his Perch contract, but now Felix needs something else from him. Greg refuses. Felix takes CJ down to Mexico to give him a promotion; and continue turning him against his own family. Jinx disrupts the Ag trade route.

**B Story:** Flashbacks to the original Perch jobs, seeing young Greg at his best, making due with poor circumstances & resources. He masterminds unique, complex heists and bizarre jobs. We meet an extremely colorful batch of original Perch clientele and how Felix caters to each unique personality. Greg works with a team of various criminals provided by Felix to help execute each new Perch job for twisted clients. Greg's growing moral conscience, lack of emotional connection, and lack of charismatic leadership make him a burden to work with. Soon, Felix's men helping Greg, want a bigger piece of the pie. Distrust builds with Greg and Felix after a job goes south and a horde of cash goes missing. Felix becomes paranoid that Greg is playing a bigger game and wants answers. A mutiny is building between Greg and Felix's men with each new Perch job. Greg's new mission becomes a whodunit search for a thief amongst thieves, whilst trying to balance protecting himself and family from harm and prison, and then coming home to try and be a normal Dad. Debbie tries to raise her boys up in a Christian household, but gets sucked into helping Greg perform Perch jobs and protecting her boys from violence. Jinx discovers that Felix is still alive after all these years.



# SEASON 2 - 5 OVERVIEW

## SEASON 3 OVERVIEW

The Ag business is turning into shambles and a hot bed for police/FBI heat. The Ryan family has to stay in a safe house until things cool down. Perch jobs are getting more and more aggressive and going against Felix's old ways of maintaining a moral code, people are dying. Jinx shows up and corners Debbie in a room. Debbie's pride and refusal to go any deeper gets her killed; she sacrifices herself against Greg's wishes to protect the rest of the family. CJ blames both Greg and Eric for Debbie's death and falls deeper into immorality working closely with Felix.

## SEASON 4 OVERVIEW

CJ's hatred of Greg and Eric grows. Felix becomes CJ's business partner and Father-figure. Vegas pushes Eric to his breaking point. CJ kills Vegas to protect Eric and hides her body. Eric thinks Vegas abandoned him and falls into a deep depression. Jinx and Felix go head to head in cartel warfare. Jinx kills Felix in an all out brotherhood battle. In the aftermath, Jinx assumes control of the drug trade route with CJ at the helm. Greg decides to go get CJ out of Mexico with a band of old Vietnam vets. Eric finds out that CJ killed Vegas; he doesn't tell Greg. Eric convinces Dad to let him go on the mission down south to help get CJ back. Greg caves. For Greg it's a rescue mission; for Eric it's a murder mission.

## SEASON 5 OVERVIEW

Final showdown between Jinx VS Greg and Eric VS CJ. Greg attempts the ultimate sacrifice to bring his two sons back together.

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# *RAYS OF DARKNESS*

CHARACTERS

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CHARACTERS  
DRIVING  
OUR SERIES.

Our story focuses on the **Ryan Family** and how their world becomes entangled with **The Perch** and the **Castillo Cartel**.



ERIC RYAN



CJ RYAN



VEGAS



FELIX CASTILLO



GREG RYAN



JINX



PERCH CLIENTS



DEBBIE RYAN



CASTILLO CARTEL



# THE PILOT. THE MASTERMIND. THE DAD.

## GREG RYAN:

**THE ANTI-HERO.** Redneck Macgyver, Idiot Savant, Criminal Mastermind, Crop Duster, Emotionally Stunted, DAD. These are just a few ways to describe the protagonist of our series. Greg is a greasy old, out of shape, balding crop duster who's reached the breaking point with his family as he's made one too many wrong decisions in life to earn their love and respect. He's never been a strong romantic husband that would sweep his wife off her feet, but instead embark on a loyal partnership together in business a la Bonnie and Clyde. He's not a "Dad's Dad"; never one to take his kids to a baseball game or teach them how to shave. Greg connects with his kids by teaching them mechanical things or how to be good con-artists. Either a monster of his own making, or just unlucky in life, Greg has lived a mysterious life of crime and gotten away with it. He's not evil, just makes desperate decisions to please others. He's a misunderstood creature that truly loves his family, yet still seems to always find trouble for them. His poker face is legendary as you never know what he's really thinking... a man of few words, as he speaks through actions. He'll always do the dirty job no-one wants to do and truly enjoys it. Greg's greatest weakness is that he's a true people pleaser; and can't say no to a challenge. An unsuspecting rebel and daredevil at heart with an IQ of 176.

Actor Type: Mel Gibson, Nick Nolte, David Harbour, Sean Bean



YOUNG GREG RYAN

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# MOM.

## DEBBIE RYAN:

### THE MORAL COMPASS

Greg's Wife, Mother to CJ and Eric. Debbie doesn't have time for poetry, nor does she speak the language of bullshit. She grew up the only daughter in a household of boys who were all hell-raising trouble-makers. However, she was never allowed to participate in the shenanigans. Her strict Mother would never allow it. Debbie resented her Mother for this and was all the more excited years later to marry the dangerous hotshot pilot Greg Ryan after 3 dates and a plane ride. She was once Bonnie to Greg's Clyde, but has since become a Christian woman who struggles with her faith over the guilt of her past actions. Now that the family is back into crime, Debbie resents Greg as she feels betrayed. She now begrudgingly cooks the meals for the family and the books for the Ag business, which launders money for Felix Castillo. She doesn't hold her tongue around Greg or anyone for that fact, and constantly convinces herself she won't walk out on Greg because she doesn't believe in divorce. She does believe in God and in the moral consequences of her and Greg's past sins catching up to them and falling upon their children. Her past guilt drives her to stay in neutral. She wants to take drastic action, but feels powerless and the odd woman out once again in a family of boys. However, Debbie has a demon inside of her waiting to be let out. If and when cornered, there's no lengths she won't go to protect her family.

Actor Type: Sigourney Weaver, Geena Davis, Diane Lane



# THE REBEL.

## **ERIC RYAN:** **HOMETOWN HERO.**

Eldest Son of Greg and Debbie, older brother to CJ. Winner of numerous Darwin awards, and still town record holder for oldest guy to ever attend prom. Eric is constantly in search of keeping his high. He's a true believer in yolo and living life with no regrets. He wisecracks with a devil-may-care attitude. Eric is the small town guy that everyone knows and likes no matter his faults; yet he'll always be the guy you'll still want to keep your distance from professionally. He loves to party, take the joke way too far, and will always mistake cockiness for confidence. Yet underneath that rough exterior, he grounds himself in strong loyalty to his family. He worships his Father after finding out who he really is and wants to be just like him; but maybe with more flair and personality. He becomes Dad's partner in crime...literally, and very focused and driven when given a concrete task, yet still manages to find the fun in every illegal job they pull off, and is good at it. Quick thinker, fast talker, and total shameless trailer park tornado who eventually finds a way to destroy everything in his path. He lacks perception in his volatile relationship with Vegas, he's the Sid to Vegas' Nancy. He highly resents his prodigal brother CJ as the favorite son who abandoned the family. When CJ returns, sibling rivalry is in full swing.

Actor Type: Young Matthew McConaughey, Evan Peters, Shia Labeouf





# THE PRODIGAL SON.

## **CJ RYAN:**

### **THE PRODIGAL SON.**

Youngest son of Greg and Debbie, brother to Eric. The Loner. That kid who always had something to prove, yet never did. CJ has always sunk his heart and soul into everything he's pursued, but it was usually careers that geared heavily towards delusions of grandeur in order to obtain love and fame. When he discovered motocross at an early age, he was off to the races, literally. Growing up under the wing of this father, he became excellent with anything mechanical. Much like Dad, CJ thrives on chaos and enjoys unique challenges in order to prove himself. He's been Dad's protege since an early age in criminal activities and is quite capable of being assistant to Greg as Apprentice. However, his Mother infused enough morals in him to never go too far over the edge. Now he's gone prodigal and uses his dark talents for petty crime whilst chasing a motocross fantasy in the Arizona desert. For a time, CJ and Greg connected deeply through criminal teachings, but CJ took it so seriously that it scared Greg. CJ is a guy who's never satisfied in life and fills his voids with new challenges and mountains to climb rather than waste time with messy relationships. He's full of rage for not being as successful as he desires and finding something that truly drives him. Yet, what he's really lost and lonely for is family. He wants reconciliation and to just fit in somewhere, but is waiting for someone else to take the first step.

Actor Type: Dane Dehaan, Miles Teller



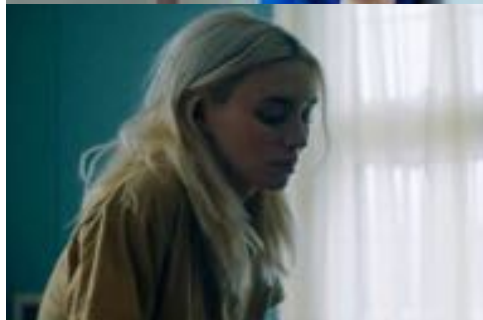
# THE NURSE.

## **VEGAS:**

### **THE FIXER.**

She looks like the girl next door, only the one who would influence your older sister to smoke a cigarette under the bleachers in Jr high. She's great at what she does: an emergency room nurse as she is kind, caring and professional. However, as her name might suggest, there is always a chance to win big or lose all with her. Vegas is unselfish to a fault; often willingly allowing herself to be taken advantage of in order to garner love and attention. She's addicted to volatile relationships which makes herself and Eric a match made in hell. The two have dated on and off since high school. She's a man-fixer and determined to change Eric's bad-boy ways which was the initial attraction, but has now worn thin. However, it's high school all over again as Eric is now involved in a more lucrative crime world and needs Vegas's love and help at every wrong turn. Her resentment for Eric's ways are overshadowed by her caring nature. She loves him and wants to help anyway she can; even if that means corrupting herself for him.

Actor Type: Julia Garner, Emma Stone, Rooney Mara



# THE KING WITHOUT A CASTLE.

## THE ANTI-VILLAIN.

**FELIX ALFONSO CASTILLO:** 2nd Son of Juan Sebastian Castillo. Younger brother to Javier Felipe Castillo (Jinx). The Castillo dynasty is a distant bloodline to the famous Spanish Castile Monarchy. Felix considers himself royalty; A true King without a castle, due to past trauma with his brother Jinx. He lives a strange fantasy through The Perch society which he conjured and built with the help of unlikely friend and business partner Greg Ryan. Felix is every bit as suave and pragmatic as he is scary and demanding. He served 15 years in prison for he and Greg's crimes, solely taking the fall and has become a hardened man. He's the only one who can match wits with Greg, and still has a tiny place in his heart for his old friend. Felix doesn't trust family in general; he thinks it makes a person vulnerable and foolish in his work. He's been burned in life figuratively and literally; His destiny stolen and his loved ones murdered. He's on the razor's edge of throwing away anything good left in him in order to accomplish his poetic revenge against Jinx and dismantling the cartel his father built.

Actor Type: Benicio del Toro, Antonio Banderas





# JINX:

## EL DIABLO.

As his name might suggest, Jinx is bad news and bad luck. Think El Chapo meets The Joker. Once known as Javier Felipe Castillo, Jinx is one of the most wanted drug lords in Mexico. He's run the infamous Castillo Cartel in Mexico for over 30 years and is still out to murder his brother Felix at all costs and maintain dominant power of the drug trade in Mexico. He is a true schizophrenic psychopath. His madness started at an early age in Mexico possibly due to a condition called toxoplasmosis. He has steadily become more violent and bizarre as time has progressed. He takes on the name Jinx (Spanish: Gafe) from a weird cat obsession he had in his early stages of schizophrenia.

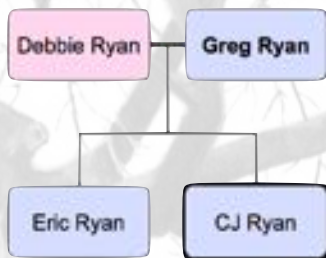
Actor Type: Javier Bardem, Jordi Mollà, Benicio del Toro



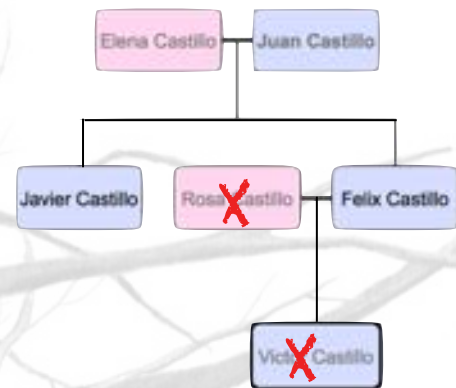




## RYAN FAMILY TREE



## CASTILLO FAMILY TREE



**This show is a family drama.** Although our plot is a driving force, losing sight of our characters has not been overlooked. The whole foundation of the show is rooted in the **Ryan Family** relationships. Themes of love, power, betrayal, sacrifice, manipulation, jealousy, and hatred all play out through our story. Whether you root for certain characters to succeed or fail, there's a glimpse of each character that we can all connect with on a human level. We'll see patterns in certain characters, but won't pigeon hole them into being one note or lacking in depth. Even a family of redneck farmers have a vast amount of history, emotion, and personality. We stand firm that our characters are primarily what keeps viewers watching, and giving each of our cast an arc to evolve or devolve keeps our attention. We want to care enough about our characters to basically punch a hole in the TV when one dies off, or go online and write an essay on why you mercilessly hate Jinx.



# RAYS OF DARKNESS

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# SHOW FORMAT

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# SHOW FORMAT

## SHOW PLATFORM:

This show is intended for streaming services; Netflix, Amazon, Apple, AMC, Starz, HBO, Hulu, Crackle, YouTube RED, etc. This fits in the Mystery Action Drama Genre, and in the vein of Black Mirror, Breaking Bad, Bloodline, and The Path.

# SHOW FORMAT

## INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Male 18-60, Female 25-40. Skewing more male audience, but instilled are strong female characters, and real / toxic relationships.



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## **TONE:**

Logic In A Fictional Setting: Even though this series is a heart racing action mystery drama based in a fictional setting, we want to ground this in a reality that feels logical and not such a Hollywood feel to it. Through the extensive research we've done, a significant amount of our backstory and present story is actually inspired by true events. The reality is that this crazy shit has happened running an agricultural front, laundering money through it, and pulling off jobs you would find as BuzzFeed articles about the seedy world of the dark web.

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## FORMAT:

What we enjoy about this series is that it's a continual discovery as we progress forward through a past and present storyline. There's a lot of unpredictability, and your mind can take you down a rabbit hole or plot theory as you progress. You get invested and hooked trying to figure out how it's all gonna play out in the end. What it's not is a plot twist nightmare. We're not trying to go for the Shyamalan approach by doing big reveals in our show that make an audience lose their shit. Because our show isn't a show about plot, it's a character based show revolving around a family who have to work out their problems in order to function together in life or death circumstances for their own survival. As we develop the storyline through we learn that there is a big world this seemingly low level rural family is involved in, and we care about their relationships and their mortality.

## COMEDIC RELIEF:

With a heavy premise comes the trap to fall too deep into our genre. We think that creates a lull in our story. In reality, there's a lot of humor in adrenaline and tragedy. Giving our audience a chance to switch gears and see our characters in their private moments creates a lot of opportunity for comedy. Believable character truths that are relatable down to the smallest detail will draw in our audience back week after week because they are not being spoon-fed only highlights of our characters drama. We want to see painfully awkward moments, nervous ticks, and totally absurd decisions that our characters make to make us laugh and stay entertained to have more layers and dimensions.



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## EASTER EGGS:

The Bible, Greek Mythology, Shakespeare, Fables, Colors, interesting facts of life you didn't know all play a unique part of telling our story in a creative way and foreboding a fate yet to come. We want to make our audience feel smart when they watch our show and be able to dig as deep as they want into discovering these hidden elements. We want them to pause and look up on their phones what this allegory means... or what this animal symbolizes, etc. This will make for a much more interesting, intelligent driven series where our audience can fan-theory what might happen next, and more than anything just be more engaged.

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## LOCATIONS:

Bakersfield, California... in Hollywood's own back yard. With visuals of crop dusting planes spraying fields, vineyards, countryside, small town life and mischief etc. It lends itself to a huge contrast to Felix and the world of both the Mexican cartel as well as the Perch secret society parties. We think making a blue collar family responsible for the success or failure of a Mexican cartel just makes you shake your head and go, "WHAT?!? Alright, let's see how this plays out!" Los Angeles... The Perch finds itself uniquely popping up spontaneously in some of Los Angeles' and surrounding areas most unique settings. LA has a lot of dirty secret high society and wealthy creatures, and this is the elite of the elite. Mexico...We explore the world of a thriving Mexican cartel and the inside of what goes on, the hierarchy, and how a dynasty can be torn apart from a rift between two brothers.



MEXICO



LOS ANGELES



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY



PERCH GATHERINGS



PERCH JOBS

WHERE THE ACTION GOES DOWN



**Ryan Aerial, Bakersfield, CA:** Ryan Home - Ideal for crop dusting, a heavy agriculture based town. Rural, but still in close proximity to a major city, Los Angeles. It's dingy, full of rednecks and country bumpkins, as well as druggies and tweakers. It is somewhat off the grid and not exactly the hot spot for money to be seen coming in and out. The Ryan's own a private airfield "Ryan Aerial" and use it to fly their agriculture applicator front, as well as store planes, money, and other secrets for The Perch. This is also Greg Ryan's domain to mastermind jobs for The Perch.

**The Perch:** Mansion Parties ever-changing in spontaneous locations. It is the gathering of the elite, not just rich and sinful, but beyond the appetite of drugs and orgies. Felix heads these parties, and wears an owl mask to remain anonymous. *The Owl's Nest* - Felix' official room where he decides to grant his clients their deepest darkest requests.

**Perch Jobs:** These jobs can be tailored to any relevant / current social issues, unexplored crime worlds or businesses, or just outright bizarre doings that could be illegal or not, based on human desire.

**The Hospital:** Where Vegas works. Also where the Ryan family visits regularly when they get injured on Perch jobs or from aerial spraying mishaps. Most of the hospital staff knows Eric well from his frequent injuries, or just to visit his girlfriend Vegas.

**Indian Casinos:** Where Eric and his misfit crew hangs out to launder money by smurfing; and also to just to drown out reality.

**Local Bar:** The Rusty Nail Tavern, where the locals go, and where if you weren't a local you'd get right back in your vehicle and keep driving. It's dingy, gross, full of regulars who never amounted to much. CJ and Eric are known there, and also where they have highly intense discussions.

**Motocross World:** Where CJ has run to for the last year trying to build his name in motocross. He is frustrated with the politics of the McCrackin Team and leaves. CJ still rides on local tracks to escape from reality.

**Church:** Where Debbie goes to pray for the family and also plays piano for the worship team.

**VFW:** Where Greg goes to drown his sorrows with the local old timer Vets who reminisce about the days of war.

#### **FURTHER INTO OUR WORLD:**

- Prison
- Vietnam War
- Mexican Cartels

WHERE THE ACTION GOES DOWN





**Bakersfield, California** consistently ranks as the **top most polluted place in the U.S.**, according to the American Lung Association. The city, located in Kern County, sits in a wide valley at the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley, bordered on three sides by mountain ranges. Like most of its neighbors in the Central Valley, Bakersfield is a huge oil and agriculture hub for the state.

GEAR UP FOR A WILD RIDE





LINEAR  
SERIES  
TIMELINE



# RAY'S OF DARKNESS LINEAR SERIES TIMELINE

1.

1978 - After being contracted by the DEA to spray the herbicide Paraquat on Marijuana fields in Mexico, Pilot Greg Ryan is shot down by the Castillo Cartel and taken prisoner. During this time, a power struggle between two sons of a major cartel leader drives each brother to kill the other in order to seize their Father's throne. Felix loses the battle to Jinx, but his life is saved by Greg Ryan as they both escape with the cartel's finances. Felix discovers that Greg is something of an idiot savant, as he masterminds a way for them both to escape back into the United States with hordes of stolen cash. An unlikely friendship develops into a business partnership. Greg proclaims he can help Felix launder his money through the US agriculture system.

2.

1989 - Felix and Greg have bought up the Ag world in Southern California, turning their dirty money into legitimate assets. Greg continues his Aerial Spraying operation and his wife Debbie happily goes along with the plan and easy money. They start a family with their two sons Eric, and CJ. Felix meanwhile, is not fulfilled by Agriculture. He sees himself as a king without a castle, stripped of his due royalty. He invests his time trying to become a part of powerful circles amongst the Los Angeles elite. When he stumbles upon a secret society, he becomes enthralled. During his slow ascent into this new world, Felix learns of all kinds of strange and twisted desires members of the society have. One particular desire, claims that if fulfilled, it would be worth a very large sum of money. Felix shares the story with Greg, who says he could pull it off. He does. Felix is paid and discovers a very unique opportunity to create a very unique business. He names it "THE PERCH". Felix begins to host wild secret society parties for the likes of Silicon Valley, Famous Actors, Oil and Real Estate Tycoons etc. Greg becomes the Golden Goose of masterminding unique heists and other strange requests with a team he puts together. Greg enjoys each new challenge and he feels more alive than ever.

3.

1995 - The Perch becomes infamous. Felix starts a family. Greg begins to have major problems with his team that must be dealt with. Greg and Debbie try and raise CJ and Eric in a moral household amidst the chaos. Felix runs into heat with FBI and problem clients within the Perch. Jinx discovers that Felix is still alive and murders his family, but Greg saves his life. Jinx escapes back to Mexico. Felix sentenced to prison for 15 years. Greg and Debbie agree to end their criminal endeavors for good after tying up all loose ends.

4.

2010 - Felix returns. He's survived prison and made new alliances on the inside. He's got a new master plan to which he will need Greg's help scaling up infrastructure in the agriculture business, laundering money like never before, and also reviving The Perch. CJ and Eric are grown up and begin helping Dad with Perch jobs out of necessity. The two brothers can't work together long and become at odds.

5.

2011 - War. A large showdown in Mexico between the Castillo Cartel led by Jinx, and the Carricito Cartel led by Felix. Felix has garnered a deal with the embattled Carracito Cartel to dismantle Jinx's empire once and for all. In turn, Felix will open up a sophisticated drug trade route using his US Agriculture business he's built over time. Greg's sons are held as collateral down in Mexico until the dust settles. Greg must choose to either obey Felix and stay home, or risk everything and try to pull his sons out of the middle of a war.



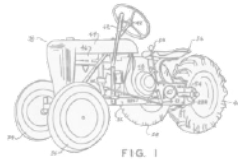
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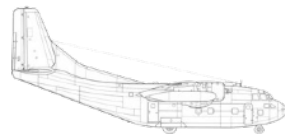
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## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY



1948 - 2010

- 1948 **GREG RYAN** grows up on dairy farm driving tractors at 5 years old. All he knows is work. He doesn't get to participate in normal kid activities like sports or school dances. He's the smartest kid in school, but doesn't care about getting good grades, he'd rather raise hell or take apart engines. He has 3 siblings who all help Dad run the family farm.
- 1969 Vietnam - Greg's older brother **DEE RYAN** is drafted into the military at 18. Greg (16) doctors his birth certificate in order to join his brother in service and avoid the dairy life.
- Greg learns to fly C123's, and Huey helicopters. He is very adept and young to be rising in the ranks so fast. He clashes with higher ranking officer **JOHN C. LAWN** that has is out for him. Greg and his brother Dee end up serving in the same unit. Brother Dee ends up dying from exposure to Agent Orange after Vietnam. Dee is not given proper tribute or recognition by the U.S. Military because he did not die in the combat zone. Greg hates the Military for this. Greg returns to the dairy farm after Vietnam War ends in 1975.
- 1975 Greg sees an aerial sprayer one day while driving. He wants to know what it's all about. He soon falls in love with the idea of crop dusting as a way to keep flying, give him the adrenaline rush he constantly craves, and conquer his fear of chemicals. He buys a radial engine Stearman 75 (an original WW2 trainer) and begins as a pilot for hire in the ag industry, he goes to work for Whitham Aerial.
- **DEBBIE** meets Greg as he is the local hot shot pilot for hire in town. She works at Pizza Hut, where Greg frequently dive bombs with his plane in order to spray a nearby field. Greg runs out of gas on a run and has to land in town, where he parks at pizza hut and flirts with Debbie. They immediately hit if off. After 3 dates and a plane ride, they get married.
- 1977 Owner of Whitham Aerial, **BUTCH WHITHAM** crashes his plane into a telephone wire and tells Greg to come buy the business right now. Greg and Debbie get an outstanding loan from the bank and buy the business.



The U.S. program, codenamed Operation Ranch Hand, sprayed more than 20 million gallons of various herbicides over Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos from **1961** to **1971**. **Agent Orange**, which contained the deadly chemical dioxin, was the most commonly used herbicide. In addition to its damaging environmental effects, the chemical caused major health problems for those exposed.

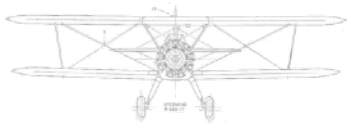


DEE RYAN



# VIETNAM - 1971

The herbicides were sprayed by the **U.S. Air Force** flying **C-123s** using the call sign "Hades". The planes were fitted with specially developed spray tanks with a capacity of 1,000 U.S. gallons of herbicides.



## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY



- Greg and Debbie struggle to run the new 'Ryan Aerial' business. They have a rough couple of years. They are broke, and in massive debt to the bank. They are both too proud to declare bankruptcy as recommended by their ambulance chasing lawyer **BRAD PISTOTNIK**. Debbie drags Greg to church with her and they pray for a miracle, Greg is not a Christian, but goes to appease Debbie. The next day, a miracle comes. Greg gets a visit from the D.E.A. and they invite him to participate in a new covert program spraying paraquat on marijuana fields in Mexico in order to destroy the crops and help end the massive drug problem making its way into the U.S. They need good pilots to take on some of the more risky areas. The pay is good, but Greg is disgruntled when he learns that the person in charge is a familiar commander from Vietnam: John C. Lawn. They still equally hate each other. Debbie convinces Greg to take the job anyway because they need the money.
- Greg flies down to Mexico to join the operation. To spite John C. Lawn, he takes over the operation and thoroughly plans multiple strikes for various pilots. Greg does a fantastic job and the operation goes without flaw. Greg himself takes on the most dangerous areas known to be Cartel oriented in order to keep the other pilots safe. He has a few close calls getting shot at occasionally, but successfully sprays and kills large Marijuana fields with minor bullet holes to his plane. On his final day, his plane is downed by wires set up by a cartel. He survives, but out of the fiery crash, Greg gets taken prisoner by the Castillo Cartel, where he has his first encounter with **FELIX ALFONSO CASTILLO**.
- Felix decides to protect Greg from harm as he currently is Prince-Regent to the cartel while his Father is sick. His brother **JAVIER FELIPE CASTILLO, AKA JINX**, is older, but Jinx's regent powers were nullified by his Father **JUAN SEBASTIAN CASTILLO**. Jinx's Father believes something is mentally wrong with his oldest son, and doesn't trust him to run the cartel business properly if he dies. Besides that, Jinx is power hungry, untrustworthy, and a true sadist.
- Greg is tortured as the cartel's play thing, as they explain just how much money Greg has cost them in dead marijuana fields. The D.E.A never comes to his rescue or even looks for him. The program is shut down and swept under the rug to avoid public scrutiny because the Paraquat Chemical manufactured by Monsanto they were using becomes extremely controversial as it is a deadly toxic poison to humans. John C. Lawn lies to Debbie and says that Greg defected from the operation, abandoned her and is probably living on a Mexican beach somewhere right now. This devastates Debbie, she says Greg would never do that.



# MEXICO - 1978

PARAQUAT



## *POISONOUS FALLOUT FROM THE WAR ON MARIJUANA*

During the late 1970s, a controversial program sponsored by the US government sprayed **paraquat** on cannabis fields in Mexico. Following Mexican efforts to eradicate marijuana and poppy fields in 1975, the United States government helped by sending helicopters and other technological assistance. Helicopters were used to spray the herbicides paraquat and 2,4-D on the fields; marijuana contaminated with these substances began to show up in US markets, leading to debate about the program.



## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY



- Felix Castillo takes an interest in Greg while he's held captive. Greg is the gringo Felix strangely enjoys talking to on a regular basis; Felix needs someone to vent to as he stresses about his family problems within the cartel. He is very eloquent, and speaks extremely good English. He explains his Father insisted on high intelligence...learning multiple languages in order to do business in multiple countries, reading many books, and to always being the smartest person in the room, because it creates fear in your enemies. His Father taught him that "power is all". He tells Greg that his family is a distant bloodline to a famous Spanish monarchy... The Castile Monarch. Felix explains his brother has a very different approach and they clash often. Felix is very curious about Greg and the Ag Industry. Felix has always taken a keen interest in farming his marijuana and poppy fields and making money from selling them to the United States. He is very knowledgeable himself about the history of chemical use. He tells an interesting story about the German creation of pesticides during World War 2 and how they were used in the holocaust. Greg also knowledgeable of this, corrects Felix's story. Felix is impressed with Greg's intellect. He questions why anyone would want to become a Crop Duster of all things. Greg gives him a good answer. Greg explains an interesting proposition to Felix about the Ag Industry.
- Jinx is going mad with his Brother in charge and keeping Greg not just alive, but well taken care of. Jinx finds a way to distract Felix and enters Greg's cell. Jinx has a creepy dialogue with Greg while he strokes his black cat "Gafe", which he has a weird obsession with. He explains he was able to bottle up some of the paraquat he found in the wreckage of Greg's plane and presents it to Greg. He forces paraquat down Greg's throat while trying to ultimately kill him, Jinx with his cat watches him slowly die, Jinx is interrupted with news his dad is dying from natural causes, leaves his cat with a tied up Greg. Greg tips over his chair and into the kitty litter box nearby. He eats as much kitty litter as possible and throws it up to soak up the poison and slow the effects. He manages to get a hand free from restraints and he breaks the cat's neck. He then uses the cats teeth to saw thru the rest of the ropes. He finally gets loose.
- Greg makes a break for an old plane in a nearby hangar and takes off while the group is tied up with father of the cartel's death taking place. They block his take off on the runway. He can't get the plane to pull up in time and his landing gear catches the blocking vehicles and he crashes again. They capture him again. Greg's in terrible shape and will soon die from the poison.





The **Castilian Civil War** was a war of succession over the Kingdom of Castile In Spain that lasted from 1351 to 1369. The conflict started after the death of king Alfonso XI of Castile in March 1350. It was fought primarily in Castile and its coastal waters between the local and allied forces of the reigning king, Peter, and his illegitimate brother Henry of Trastámara over the right to the crown. Following his killing of his half brother, Peter I, Henry of Trastámara took control of the crown of Castile as Henry II. A new nobility rose in prominence to gain land grants of large estates and vast royal privileges. This class of nobility was driven by their desire to reclaim family holdings and was generally compelled to use any means necessary.





**Zyklon B** was the trade name of a cyanide-based pesticide invented in Germany in the early 1920s. It consisted of hydrogen cyanide (prussic acid), and was infamous for its use by Nazi Germany during the Holocaust to murder approximately one million Jews in gas chambers installed at Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek, and other extermination camps.



# POISON. TOXIC. DEADLY.

Paraquat poisoning most often comes from swallowing the chemical. This can occur after consuming contaminated food or beverages. Workers who are frequently around the chemical are also susceptible to poisoning that can lead to lung damage. In the past, some batches of marijuana were found to have traces of paraquat, which when inhaled could lead to poisoning.

It's also possible to be poisoned after skin exposure. This is most likely when the contact is prolonged and the chemical concentration of the paraquat is high. It's also more common if the chemical makes contact near a cut, sore, or rash.

Paraquat poisoning is also a leading means of suicide, particularly in countries where its use is unregulated. Regulations of paraquat appear to be reducing the number of paraquat-related suicide deaths. It's estimated that around **30 percent** of the world's suicides are from pesticide self-poisoning.





## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY



- Miraculously, Greg does not die from the poison. A few days go by of immense suffering, and Felix takes Greg on as his new pet project to nurse him back to life. Jinx discovers Greg has killed his cat and has a psychotic breakdown. He plans to skin Greg like a cat, but Felix denies him the opportunity, saying he needs more time to question Greg and that he is in charge for the moment.
- Jinx displays his schizophrenia and tries to convince Dad on his death-bed that he is better now and ready to carry on Dad's legacy with honor, he is eerily convincing. Dad sees through the facade and officially appoints Felix the younger brother to run the entire business. He's been grooming Felix from a young age to become the United States "ambassador" of operations for the cartel dynasty. The Doctor gives Dad a week to live. The same doctor offers to help Jinx with his mental illness.
- Juan Sebastian Castillo dies a few days later, leaving Felix officially in power.
- Jinx now butters up Felix promising to get treatment for himself and eventually help run the business and monarchy with his brother through the bloodline. Felix sees right through the whole charade, and knows the clock is ticking before his brother will try and take him out. He knows Jinx is better connected to the more violent cartel members, especially his number two man, Osvaldo 'Oz' Flores. One by one, Felix's allies are killed, or just flat out abandon ship. He is no longer protected. Jinx murders the doctor giving him treatment with his own medical tools. We get the idea that Jinx is very poetic in his murders.
- Felix doesn't trust anyone anymore, and is even afraid to leave home base. He resorts to Greg who has been imprisoned and still not quite recovered, he convinces Greg that they are both in jeopardy and for both of them to survive he needs Greg to fly him out of country, there is also some cargo they will be taking with them. Greg bargains for proper medical attention, Felix agrees when they are safely away. They desperately need each other. Meanwhile, Jinx is building his coup, whilst Felix is cleaning out all of the cartels finances. He prepares a great escape. In the middle of the night, Felix busts Greg out of his prison and they board a plane. Felix kills the last few men amidst loading tons of suitcases filled with cash to leave no trace. They escape in the night.

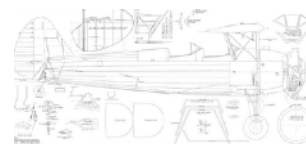




**Louis Wain** (1860 - 1939) was an English artist best known for his drawings of anthropomorphised cats. In his later life, Wain developed schizophrenia, which psychiatrists speculated at the time was brought on by toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection that can be contracted from cats. He was first committed to a mental hospital in 1924. He was transferred to the Napsbury Hospital in St Albans in 1930 and this is when his artistic style took on a dramatic transformation. He became increasingly deluded but carried on painting cats. Psychiatrists point to the abstract patterns in his paintings as evidence of his schizophrenia.



## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY



- Felix and Greg have a 7 day adventure escaping Mexico, dodging police and cartel with the horde of money they robbed from the Castillo Cartel. Greg is extremely smart and keeps the money safe and them both from getting caught or killed. As a result, Greg almost collapses from exhaustion and poison after effects. As promised, Felix takes a risk by taking Greg to a connection he has in a city close to the border: a Doctor that can get Greg proper care from the poisoning after effects. While Greg takes a few days to get treated, rest and recover, Felix can't stop thinking about Greg's insight on how to launder money in the Agriculture business. Greg finally has enough strength to find a payphone and call Debbie. She can't believe the news. Debbie tells Greg how the D.E.A lied to her and how the whole operation was swept under the rug. This infuriates Greg. He's been screwed by the Military, and now the D.E.A. He's not a fan of the U.S.A. right now. Felix checks up on Greg and tempts him with the idea of a partnership in the Ag Industry. He offers to fully fund not only Greg's crop dusting operation, but everything that goes with it. Greg can't say yes fast enough. He's ready to screw over the country that has screwed him. First, they have to get over the border. He calls Debbie one more time and tells her he'll be home, and that it's finally time to take control of their future. The doctor turns on Felix and alerts Jinx to their current whereabouts.
- Greg comes up with an ingenious plan to get themselves, and the money safely over the border. During this time, Felix and Greg bond. Felix recognizes that while Greg is very unconventional, he's an absolute prodigy. A wrench is thrown into the friendship when Felix is disrespected at a diner in Mexico and ends up flash temper killing that person. This makes Greg very nervous about going into business with Felix, but he continues on. The Federales are alerted to their presence and begin chase.
- With Luck and Felix's money, they travel to an airfield and buy a similar looking plane to Greg's old Stearman 75. Greg goes to work building a faux replica of his old plane. He finishes by painting on his old ID numbers on the side of the plane. Jinx and his Cartel show up to the airfield the same time the Federales do to capture Felix and Greg and have a shootout. During the chaos, Greg and Felix escape and fly away once again. Greg flies back to the spraying operation home base in Mexico. No one is the wiser on the plane being different. Greg makes up a story about why he's been gone so long. They buy it, but won't let him leave. John C. Lawn shows up to question Greg hard. Greg punches him and demands his money for spraying the cannabis fields and his immediate release to go home or else he will go to the press. John C. Lawn can't do anything but approve his pay and let him go back home with his plane for fear of backlash on the project. The plan works. Greg flies back home. Debbie watches him land back at their airfield, the only problem is that he's not alone. Felix and money have stowed away, hidden the entire time. The plan worked.





The **American Airmotive NA-75** was an agricultural aircraft marketed in the United States in the 1960s, created by remanufacturing military surplus Boeing Stearman trainers. The aircraft were fitted with a completely new, high-lift wing, and one of the cockpits was replaced by a chemical hopper. By 1980, over 200 Stearmans had been modified in this way.





## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY



- 1979 - Greg keeps Felix in hiding. He helps Felix change his identity and starts him over as a US citizen, Felix and Greg begin buying farmland property to start their agriculture business off, Debbie, now 20 years old gets a taste of the money and rockstar life and she's on board. She went to college for a secretariat degree and is now happy to put those skills to work by cooking the books for the new Ryan Aerial. Felix funds Greg's new planes, airfield, crop dusting business, to which Greg owes Felix a strong return over time. Greg introduces the farmers to Felix to which Felix buys out their assets, yet keeps them working. Greg manages the agriculture businesses.
- Felix buys property in Bakersfield with a vineyard, starts a wine business, with Greg's property right next to Felix's. They run the Ag business for 6 years, during which time Greg and Debbie try to have kids, but can't get pregnant. They wonder if all of the pesticides they've been around is the possible cause. Debbie prays and prays for children, and finally a miracle. 1984 she gets pregnant with her first child, **ERIC RYAN**.
- 1984 - Felix has all his money tied into assets, and has done extremely well, but not to the level of his desire. He wants power and to ultimately follow in his father's footsteps of running an empire, and do it in a sophisticated way. His Father used to host extremely elaborate parties for famous and influential people including Oil Tycoons, Famous Actors, and even the likes of Fidel Castro. Felix already has his agriculture business as a front and way to launder money, now he just needs to network with powerful people. He eventually runs into an old friend of his Father's that he used to do business with. The man is still a very powerful figure and recognizes Felix for who he really is. He and Felix hit it off and the man plugs Felix into the powerful social circles in Los Angeles.
- Felix around 33 years old. In an attempt to rub elbows with the rich and powerful, he begins to host his own wild and elaborate parties; like his Father used to in Mexico. his grandeur attracts the attention of Silicon Valley, Hollywood Elites, and even Secret Societies to host their own events. Felix becomes completely enthralled with the secret society world. He craves their power, flair and influence. One particular party, a drunk Billionaire spouts off to Felix about desiring something illegal and how he'd pay insane amounts of money for it. Felix doesn't think too much of the request, until telling Greg about it. Greg jokes it would be really easy for him to obtain the illegal item. Felix contracts Greg to pull off the heist. Greg is enthusiastic about the challenge and easily pulls off the job. No-one gets hurt, and Felix makes a LOT of money.

## Symbolism:

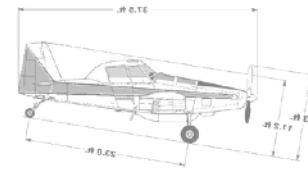
- Wisdom
- Mystery
- Transition
- Messages
- Intelligence
- Mysticism
- Protection
- Secrets



**The Owl** is a master at maneuvering within the realm of unknown. It thrives in the world of shadow. Therefore, the owl can help us manage these sometimes scary, dark spaces.



## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY

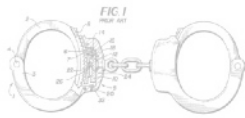


- A light bulb goes on in Felix's head. He's built the perfect platform to start a new business. That business is: **THE PERCH**, an illegal concierge service that caters to the whims of the rich and demented. The Perch business becomes word of mouth. With each new menagerie that Felix hosts, a type of fantasy world is created with the purpose of enticing rich and powerful people to share their deepest and darkest desires. A place where nothing is off limits or out of bounds. Felix wisely keeps himself anonymous at this point. Making himself more of an idea than a person. He starts to get numerous requests that are all over the map, some completely bizarre as these new 'clients' completely open up to Felix about their sinful desires. Felix attempts to maintain his own unique moral code as he protects his clients secrets and more times than not, turns down extremely sick requests. Felix continues to rely on Greg to mastermind these unique unethical/illegal doings. Greg continues to deliver, even though the jobs get more dangerous. Debbie doesn't know the full extent as to what Greg has been doing. She couldn't be happier with the money coming in from the Aerial Spraying. She helps cook the books. 1985 - She now becomes pregnant with her second child: **CJ RYAN**.
- 1990 - After almost losing their home to a wildfire, Greg gets into Fire Bombing in addition to Crop Dusting. He get all the proper licensing and buys an 802F Fire Boss plane. He works with Southern California firefighters on call to put out fires. He likes it, but doesn't see as much action as he hoped. The 802 Fire Boss sits in the hangar and collects dust. Felix continues to build up his new business to make his dead father proud, he's building an empire. His clientele list grows as he and Greg remain in the shadows. They do a few jobs a year, make a horde of cash, and then launder it through the Ag Business. Everyone is happy. Felix has a son and is now married. His wife dies shortly after of a brain tumor. Felix loves his son and is eager to teach his heir many things.
- Jinx is still leader of a ruthless cartel all these years later. He sees his brother on TV with rich and powerful people and is consumed with revenge. He crosses the border with a small hit crew and finds Felix. He ties up Felix and Felix's 5 year old son inside the house. He soaks Felix's son in gasoline. He says since Felix torched his own family's legacy, Jinx will now torch his. He immolates Felix's son in front of Felix. Jinx boards up the doors of the house and they set it all on fire. They leave the house to burn with Felix helplessly tied up inside. The cartel runs off in the middle of the night. Greg up late the same night tinkering in the shop, sees the fire. He knows it's Felix's house. He immediately calls the fire department and tells them to get over there. Greg runs and unsheathes the dusty 802 Fire Boss, he fills it with water and fire bombs Felix's house. He saves Felix' life.





RAYS OF DARKNESS



## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY



- In the aftermath of the fire, an investigation goes into effect of Felix. They find evidence to convict Felix of a major crime. US Government knows Felix has something illegal he's involved in, but can't figure out what the scam is. They tell Felix if he won't give them any information then he will be sent to prison for 25-30 years. Felix finally cuts a deal. He tells them who he really is in exchange for information on the Castile Cartel now run by his brother Jinx. Felix is given full U.S. citizenship, but must still do some prison time. Felix agrees, but gets appointed the harshest judge available who then sentences him to a maximum 15 years for federal identity fraud.
- Greg and family coast off of their earnings from the past. From the beginning, Greg and Felix set up the Ag Business on a handshake deal that Greg's name would be on ALL of the assets and property, and then Felix would have access to the cash at anytime he wanted. This way the government would have no way of connecting Felix to the Ag Business and seizing it. It works. The Ryan family is never connected to Felix thru assets or business on paper. Greg hides hordes of money they are still trying to launder thru the business. The money goes relatively untouched for fear of being monitored by the FBI. The well dries up as the Ag business doesn't do so well during this time.
- Felix gets protection by ratting out his brother Jinx to the feds to save himself from a cartel revenge in prison, Felix builds up an infrastructure on the inside for when he gets out of prison. Greg and family are living low key and struggling to make ends meet. Thinking he is probably out of the business for good, Greg connects with his sons by teaching them how to work hard, and occasionally showing them how to pick a lock, or hot-wire a car... etc. The kids latch on to the more criminal stuff he teaches them.
- Felix gets out after 10+ years. He is hellbent on revenge and wants to not only kill his brother, but poetically dismantle the entire empire of the Jinx Castillo cartel. He's devised a plan and puts it into motion. During the first Perch gathering in 10+ years, Felix invites a prominent Mexican cartel leader who is a smaller and rival cartel to the Castillo Cartel, to hear a proposition. The proposition is this: Help me destroy my brothers empire by going to war, win, take the spoils, then I will open up trade routes to the U.S. for drug trafficking through my agriculture business. The rival cartel leader agrees on the condition that Felix continue to prove faithful on the agreement by paying annual deposits of cash to their cartel. No missed payments or the deal is off.

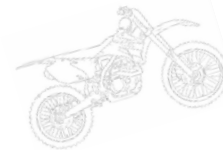


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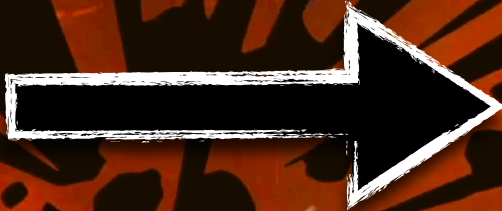
## DETAILED LINEAR BACKSTORY



- Felix revives the infamous Perch and it goes into full swing. Felix goes right to Greg and cleans him out for all the money he's been storing for Felix. Felix asks Greg to get back into things again... because Greg owes him for taking the fall.
- Greg feels like he owes Felix for doing the prison time and not ratting him out. Felix tries to tell Greg they are family and must accomplish the new goal of killing Jinx and destroying the entire cartel he runs. Felix explains that nothing else matters except his revenge and he doesn't care if he lives or dies as long as the mission is fulfilled. This puts Greg in a tough predicament as he is now getting old and doesn't want to put his family in any more danger. Greg reluctantly agrees to help build the capital Felix needs by starting up Perch jobs again. Meanwhile, Greg and Debbie's sons are growing up. Eric becomes rebel without a cause and gets into all sorts of trouble in school and after. CJ is more of a loner and sees his brothers self destruction taking place.
- CJ catches on the Dad is involved in something illegal. He catches him red-handed during a Perch job. CJ is enthralled about the illegal activity and wants to be involved. Greg says absolutely not, as he tries to look out for CJ's future and wellbeing. CJ is upset about this, but agrees to keep a secret. Meanwhile, Eric and his crew of misfits are up to no good, drinking, drugging, and soon try to knock over a K-MART. Eric almost gets himself and others killed when he rolls his car in a police chase that ensues. With the help of his Father, Eric goes to jail only for a small stint. Greg sits Eric down in the aftermath and says he won't allow Eric to continue his downslide anymore, and that if he wants to do crime, then he is going to do it with Dad the proper way. Eric starts doing Perch jobs with Dad and straightens out. He becomes a much better person and quits the drugging and drinking for a time, and finds new found joy in finally connecting with his Dad.
- CJ suspects that something is going on with Eric since he is so different lately. He decides to tail Dad on a shady outing and catches him red handed again in some sort of illegal doings... this time with Eric. CJ blows a gasket and says he's done with this family. He takes off to Arizona to pursue motocross. Dad tries to give him money to fund his venture, but this only infuriates CJ more. He turns down the money and says he will go and make it on his own.
- A year has gone by. CJ is still at odds with his family working as a mechanic in AZ for a pro motocross team. Greg and Eric have performed 5 Perch jobs, but have botched the last job due to Eric being sloppy. Perch clients continue to make requests, and Felix sets up another party to make up for the last failed job and payment due to the rival cartel.

# ***RAYS OF DARKNESS***

THEME



# A HAZARDOUS THEME

Hazardous symbols will be a recurring visual that we connect this series to. We see them in everyday life, and are reminded of the dangers that surround us. In reality, the aerial spraying business is very heavily covered in these symbols, and makes logical sense to use them as our series theme. We are also entitled to free advertising of our associated imagery because every time someone sees these symbols in real life situations, they can serve as a subliminal plug to our show.

Cash  
Illegal Activity  
Poison Chemicals  
Knives, Guns and Explosives

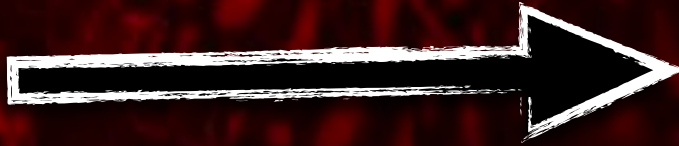
Our show is mysterious, fast paced and chaotic. Each world we've created, The Ryan Family, the Aerial Spraying business, Ag World, The Perch, and the Castillo Cartel Dynasty is a dangerous, and unpredictable enterprise that all of our characters will be deeply involved in. Only a tone and style that reflects the volatility of each will do.





# *RAYS OF DARKNESS*

THE PERCH



# THE PERCH

- GATHERINGS
- CLIENTELE
- JOBS

SECRET SOCIETIES  
MASKED PARTIES  
FANTASY  
ENTERTAINMENT

A WORLD CREATED BY  
FELIX CASTILLO TO  
ENTICE THE RICH AND  
POWERFUL TO DIVULGE  
THEIR CLOAK AND  
DAGGER DESIRES AND  
SHADY BUSINESS  
DEALINGS TO BE  
CARRIED OUT FOR THE  
RIGHT PRICE.



RAY S O F D A R K N E S S



# *The Porch,* *The Porch,*

*Has cordially invited you to join us this  
evening for a most enchanting experience.*

*Please come with invitation in hand as  
well as costume ready or you will not be  
admitted!*

*Beware!*

*Anyone who deviates from the rules  
will be cast out. - The Host.*





# THE PERCH.

An illegal concierge service that caters to bizarre whims of the rich and demented. Think of the Perch as the original "Dark-Web"; a tangible environment where potential clients attend in secret society fashion. To be carefully selected for their deepest darkest desires to be heard and fulfilled by someone only whispered as "The Host". Those lucky enough to be attending these elusive gatherings, are treated to a mysterious and thrilling experience that is always a secret, always a show, and always different... much like each request that gets carried out for exorbitant amounts of cash. These unique criminal requests have gone down in history as unsolved, unexplained, and quite "out there". As not all of the acts committed end up being illegal... sometimes they actually do some good in the world, or just explore the truly strange nature of human desire.



Many societies and cultures associate owls with darkness, negativity, and mystery while others associate them with wisdom and prophecy.



# THE CLIENTS.

## **PERCH CLIENTELE:**

The Perch clientele are as powerful as they are mysterious. Most attempt to remain anonymous. Some are hugely in the spotlight, others try to maintain a low profile. These people are everything from completely deranged, to normal hardworking people that need various affairs settled under the table. They include... Politicians, Business Tycoons, Famous Personalities, and Hollywood Celebrities.

**Actor Type: Various. Celebrity Cameos.**





## PERCH JOB EXAMPLES

### 1. STEALING A STRADIVARIUS:

The 1697 "Molitor" Stradivarius, once rumored to have belonged to Napoleon (it did belong to a general in his army, Count Gabriel Jean Joseph Molitor), sold in 2010 at Tarisio Auctions to violinist Anne Akiko Meyers for \$3,600,000, at the time a world record.

Stradivarius instruments are at risk of theft. Stolen instruments are often recovered, however, even after being missing for many years. They are difficult to sell illicitly as dealers will typically call the police if approached by a seller with a Stradivarius known to have been stolen.

A number of stolen instruments remain missing, such as the Davidoff-Morini, stolen in 1995, the Le Maurien, stolen in 2002, and the Karpilowsky, stolen in 1953.



## PERCH JOB EXAMPLES

### **2. A Con Man Used Masonic Paranoia to Strip an Aristocrat of Her Family Fortune...**

In the age of the internet, it's hard to believe that hucksters and con men can still run a good game. Sure, lots of "deposed Nigerian princes" exist, but those are pretty much it, right? Apparently not, as one talented (and sadistic) con artist named Thierry Tilly made more than £4.3 million off the gullibility of a French aristocrat.

According to former rich person Christine de Védrines, Tilly convinced her (and ten members of her family) that she was the target of a vast conspiracy perpetrated by an evil cabal which was composed of various entities including other members of her own family. Tilly incited them to increasingly paranoid behavior, to the point that the group was barricading itself behind the doors of its ancestral home, Chateau Martel.

Over the course of a decade - from 1999 to 2009 - Tilly reportedly siphoned the family's vast fortune into offshore accounts and even made off with the family's historic jewels. He's now serving 10 years in prison for extortion, imprisonment, and even occasional abuse, and Christine de Védrines and her family are completely broke.

## PERCH JOB EXAMPLES

3. HARVESTING ORGANS AGAINST SOMEONE'S WILL
4. KILLING OR INJURING A RACE HORSE
5. CORPORATE ESPIONAGE
6. CHARACTER ASSASSINATION
7. JURY TAMPERING
8. CHANGING THE RESULTS OF A DNA TEST
9. STEALING INSIDE STOCK INFORMATION
10. KIDNAPPING A FAMOUS MUSICIAN AND FORCING THEM TO PLAY AT AN EVENT / BIRTHDAY PARTY
11. DIY VASECTOMY PERFORMED ON SOMEONE WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE
12. HIRING A PROFESSIONAL LOOK-ALIKE / IMPERSONATOR TO COMMIT A CRIME AND THEN BLAME IT ON THE PERSON THEY ARE IMPERSONATING
13. FAKING SOMEONE'S DEATH / GIVING THEM A NEW IDENTITY.
14. STAGING AN ALIEN / UFO ABDUCTION

# CROP DUSTING



**Crop Dusters**, also known as agricultural pilots or Ag pilots, are pilots who fly small planes at low altitudes to spray fertilizers, fungicides, and pesticides on fields of crops via aerial application. There are approximately **1,350** aerial application businesses in the United States and 1,430 non-operator pilots using 9,000 aircrafts that cover 180,000,000 acres of farmland. It's big business and it's dangerous.





**Crop Dusting** is an efficient and economical way to keep farmland productive. Without a crop duster, it would take countless man-hours to spray acres of potatoes, mint, barley, wheat, tobacco, grapes, apples, and oranges. Despite the environmental concerns of aerial applications of chemicals, crop dusters can spray huge areas efficiently and effectively.



The **Air Tractor AT-802 Fire Boss** is an agricultural aircraft that may also be adapted into fire-fighting or armed versions. It first flew in the United States in October 1990 and is manufactured by Air Tractor Inc. A number of aircraft have been converted to the Fire Boss aerial firefighting configuration, which utilizes Wipaire 10000 amphibious floats, so that it can land on a traditional runway or on water. The Fire Boss can scoop water from a lake or river for use on a fire.





In response to the United States Air Force's LAAR program and the growing requirement for light counter-insurgency aircraft, Air Tractor developed an armed model, the **AT-802U**, in 2008, with engine and cockpit armor, a bulletproof windscreen, self-sealing fuel tanks, and structural reinforcements for the carriage of 9,000 pounds of payload.



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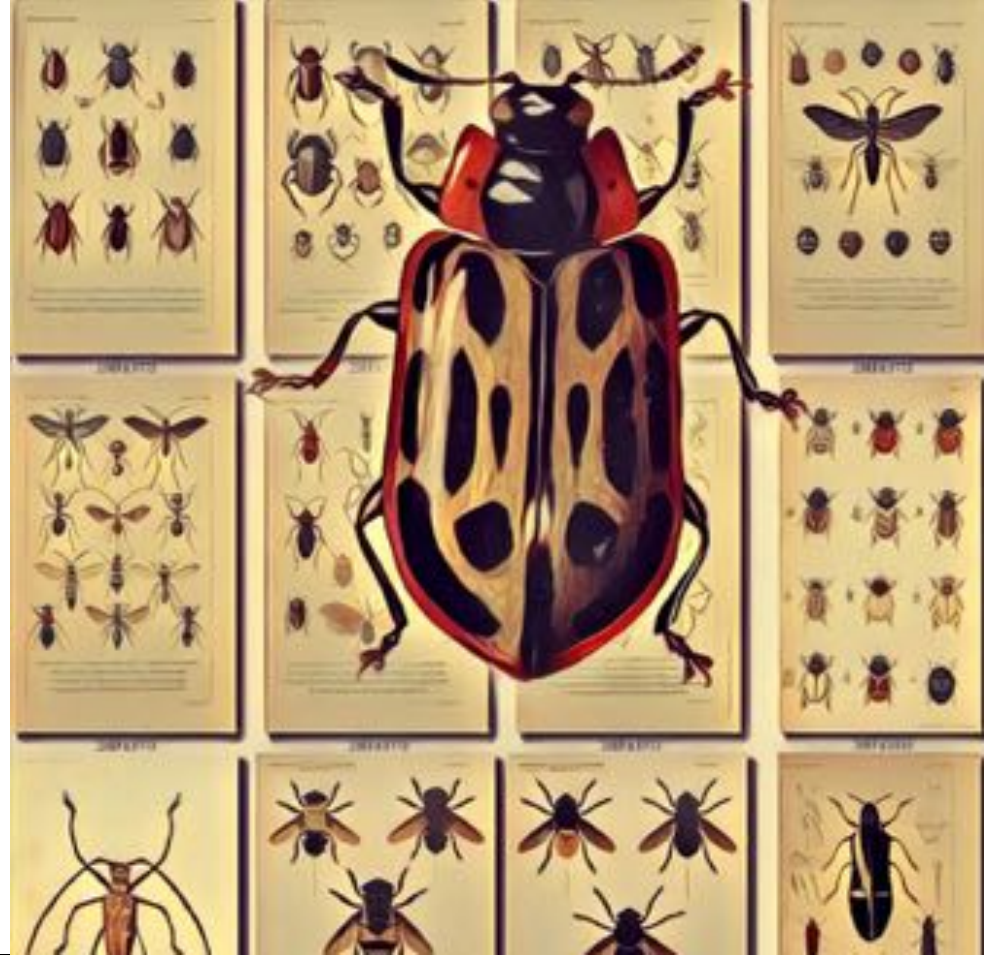
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Importance of California Agriculture to the US Economy and a pivotal part of our show's driving mechanism.



## Global Marketplace

California continues to set the pace for the rest of the nation as the country's largest agricultural producer and exporter. In 2009, California's farmers and ranchers exported more than 22 percent of the state's agricultural production for that year. In dollar terms, California's agricultural export statistics reveal that total exports were valued at \$12.4 billion for 2009.

Significantly, California is the only state in the nation to export the following commodities: 100 percent of the almonds, artichokes, dates, dried plums, figs, garlic, kiwifruit, olives, pistachios, raisins and walnuts.

California's Top 10 Agricultural Counties

County	Total Value and Rank		Leading Commodities
	-\$1,000		
	2008	2009	
Fresno	5,644,541 (1.00)	5,372,009 (1.00)	Grapes, Almonds, Poultry, Milk, Tomatoes
Tulare	5,617,955 (2.00)	4,048,355 (2.00)	Milk, Oranges, Cattle and Calves, Grapes, Alfalfa Hay & Silage
Monterey	3,826,791 (4.00)	4,033,718 (3.00)	Milk, Grapes, Citrus, Almonds and By-Products, Carrots
Kern	4,032,833 (3.00)	3,608,356 (4.00)	Leaf and Head Lettuce, Strawberries, Nursery, Broccoli, Grapes
Merced	2,999,698 (5.00)	2,460,414 (5.00)	Milk, Chickens, Almonds, Cattle and Calves, Potatoes
Stanislaus	2,473,842 (6.00)	2,310,071 (6.00)	Milk, Almonds, Chickens, Cattle and Calves, Silage
San Joaquin	2,125,793 (7.00)	2,000,414 (7.00)	Milk, Grapes, Walnuts, Cherries, Almond Meats
Ventura	1,611,069 (10.00)	1,621,575 (8.00)	Milk, Cotton, Cattle and Calves, Alfalfa, Tomatoes
San Diego	1,562,103 (11.00)	1,548,124 (9.00)	Cattle, Alfalfa, Wheat, Head and Leaf Lettuce, Broccoli
Imperial	1,584,522 (8.00)	1,452,979 (10.00)	Strawberries, Nursery Stock, Lemons, Celery, Raspberries

Top 5 Agricultural States in Cash Receipts, 2009

State	Rank	Total Value Billion Dollars
California	1	34.8
Iowa	2	21.0
Texas	3	16.6
Nebraska	4	15.3
Illinois	5	14.5

California's Top 20 Commodities, 2007-2009

Commodity	Value and Rank \$1,000		
	2007	2008	2009
Milk and Cream	7,336,603 (1)	6,924,121 (1)	4,537,171 (1)
Grapes, All	3,079,870 (2)	2,923,215 (2)	3,267,946 (2)
Nursery Products	2,538,450 (3)	2,736,560 (3)	2,848,500 (3)
Almonds (shelled)	2,401,675 (4)	2,343,200 (4)	2,203,500 (4)
Lettuce, All	1,697,278 (6)	1,589,831 (7)	1,725,799 (5)
Berries, All Strawberries	1,410,652 (7)	1,578,175 (8)	1,725,232 (6)
Cattle and Calves	1,784,101 (5)	1,884,560 (5)	1,676,375 (7)
Tomatoes, All	1,223,435 (9)	1,317,321 (9)	1,509,647 (8)
Flowers and Foliage	1,036,266 (18)	1,066,469 (18)	935,185 (9)
Rice	455,132 (17)	826,143 (11)	928,173 (10)
Hay, Alfalfa and Other	1,405,800 (8)	1,707,032 (6)	927,496 (11)
Walnuts	751,120 (11)	558,060 (17)	738,530 (12)
Broccoli	626,325 (14)	663,319 (13)	698,376 (13)
Chickens, All	713,218 (12)	724,667 (12)	691,518 (14)
Oranges, All	373,077 (19)	558,974 (16)	685,820 (15)
Pistachios	586,560 (15)	569,900 (15)	592,850 (16)
Carrots, All	461,576 (16)	517,953 (18)	499,786 (17)
Lemons	358,402 (20)	479,531 (19)	364,246 (18)
Dairy	395,667 (18)	354,379 (21)	349,918 (19)
Peaches	331,643 (23)	294,549 (24)	326,331 (20)

- Nine of the nation's top 10 agricultural counties are located in California.
- California leads the nation in agricultural exports. About 28% of the state's agricultural products are shipped to foreign markets.

# PESTS



**Asian longhorned beetle.**  
Tunnels through hardwoods, killing timber, nursery stock, shade trees and others.



**Plum pox.** A devastating viral disease of stone fruit that can ruin its marketability by causing bitterness and deformities. Tree destruction is the only eradication option.



**\* Zebra mussel.** Clogs water systems and crowds out natives, especially prolific—one female can release up to 1 million eggs.



**\* Mediterranean fruit fly.** Lays its eggs inside fruit and the emerging larvae tunnel through its pulp, rendering it unmarketable.



**\* Japanese dodder.** Aggressive, parasitic plant that can completely engulf and kill host crops, ornamental trees and plants.



**\* European grapevine moth.** Larvae of multiple generations feed primarily on grapes and their flowers, exposing clusters to rot and disease.

**Invasive pests severely impact California agriculture.** Many exotic and invasive pests are of major concern in California. The glassy-winged sharpshooter (an insect) and purple loosestrife (a weed) are two invasive species that are established in some areas but still threaten to invade other areas. Invasive species of concern to California's grape industry include European grapevine moth (EGVM) and light brown apple moth (LBAM), have already been costly to the state and the grape industry.





**Dirty Money.** How we launder money in Rays of Darkness from the Cartel and Perch world into the Ryan's crop dusting family business and Felix's agricultural assets, is not only an elaborate process, but one that is quite true and very difficult to spot.



**Mexican drug cartels** make millions of dollars annually on the black market and are considered the best in the world at **laundering money**. To launder their illegal gains, they invest in different activities, including **agribusiness**.

It's fast becoming the money-laundering method of choice for Mexican drug traffickers, U.S. and Mexican officials say, and it involves truckloads not of cash, but of fruit and fabric. Faced with new restrictions on the use of U.S. cash in Mexico, drug cartels are using an ingenious scheme to move their ill-gotten dollars south under the guise of legitimate cross-border commerce. U.S. and Mexican authorities say **trade-based money-laundering may be the most clever — and hardest to detect** — way in which traffickers are washing and distributing their billion-dollar profits.

"It's such a great scheme," said an undercover agent with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, agency. "**You could hide dirty money in so much legitimate business**, and they do. You can audit their books all day long and **all you see is goods being imported and exported.**"

Here's one way it works: Instead of smuggling the money the old-fashioned way, by simply carrying it south in bags and trucks, teams of money launderers working for cartels use dollars to purchase a commodity, and then export the commodity to Mexico or Colombia. Paperwork is generated that gives a patina of propriety. Drug money is given the appearance of legitimate proceeds from a trade transaction. By turning their mountain of proceeds into tomatoes, say, or bolts of Chinese fabric shipped and resold in Mexico, **cartels accomplish two goals at once: They transfer earnings back home to pay bills and buy new drug supplies while converting dollars to pesos in a transaction relatively easy to explain to authorities.**

[DIRTY MONEY - Los Angeles Times](#)

LAUNDERING MONEY IN AGRICULTURE

**Agribusiness**, like real estate, is being misused in money laundering schemes. Agribusiness is barely covered by anti-money laundering obligations because prices in the sector vary across districts and jurisdictions. Huge sums of money are being invested in agribusiness not only by law-abiding citizens, but also by those who misuse the sector for criminal purposes.

**Manipulation of the appraisal or valuation of cattle** is one money laundering method in the agribusiness sector. It involves the overvaluing or undervaluing of a property followed by a succession of sales and purchases. A property's value may be difficult to estimate, notably when you consider a great number of cattle and varying levels of quality. Furthermore, **money launderers can even use nonexistent cattle to launder their criminal proceeds. This area is particularly vulnerable because of the lack of government oversight and supervision. There is little structure in place to monitor taxpayers who derive income from rural activity.**

**Torture on YouTube, drugs in jalapeño cans:**  
**That's part of what the government says it has on 'El Chapo'**

When Mexican cartel boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman goes on trial in New York, federal prosecutors are expected to unveil a hodgepodge of evidence ranging from details of his sensational prison breaks to the drug ledgers of associates, from footage of tons of cocaine concealed in US-bound cans of jalapeños to YouTube video of a rival's torture.

[Read the full story](#) - CNN



**LAUNDERING MONEY IN AGRICULTURE**

# CREATORS



**John Kubin**

*Creator / Writer / Developer*

With 10 years in the entertainment industry, John has done it all. He's been an actor / stand up comedian / musician / writer and award winning director. He co-founded Pretty Nifty Productions with Jed Williams in 2011. Both write, produce and direct national tv and digital commercials. John has also been a television developer for Crackle and specializes in post production and voice over.

John is originally from South West Kansas where he grew up in a family run aerial spraying business called "Kubin Aerial", and also raced motocross. He knows the agriculture world we're creating as he has been deeply rooted in it all his life with his family.



**Ben Scantlin**

*Creator / Writer / Developer*

Ben has over 15 years of experience working in the entertainment industry. He has had the great privilege to work for and learn from Emmy Award-winning writer/producer John Wells, Academy Award-winning producer Lawrence Bender, and Academy Award-winning writer/director Quentin Tarantino. He took this experience and started Imagination 9 Entertainment in 2006. Ben has held various titles on a wide range of projects – films, television programs, commercials, music videos, and live stage productions – giving him a broad understanding of what it takes to get the job done from pre through post production.

Ben is also originally from Southwest Kansas and his small-town roots contribute to his experience and knowledge of the world we've built.



**Jed Williams**

*Writer / Developer*

Jed has worked in the entertainment business for over 10 years. Jed is a writer/actor/director from stage to screen. Jed has worked on network TV, cable, and feature films. Jed co-founded Pretty Nifty Productions where he writes/produces/directs commercials for well known brands and is a multi award winning director.

Jed studied writing in college and amongst professional classes and groups in Los Angeles. He works very closely with Ivana Chubbuck, a world renowned acting coach and writing consultant for network television such as Bones and House M.D.

Jed grew up in Puyallup, WA to a house flipping family, and a father who worked at Boeing as an engineer on 737's for 35 years.



# An Unexplored World

Writer / Creator John Kubin is from Moscow, Kansas, Pop. 250, where he grew up in a family ran Aerial Spraying business, "Kubin Aerial". John was put to work as the chemical loader when he was 13 and knows the world.

With our viewing audience, the agriculture industry, (especially the Aerial Spraying business) is a truly unique and crazy world that is unexplored and untapped for film and television. It's a business that most people have no idea how the hell it operates or why it's been such a vital industry to Agriculture since its inception in the 1920's. Most people would probably assume from Hollywood movies that Crop Dusting is just some drunk country bumpkin pilot who sprays poisons into the air just to piss off environmentalists. We want to show the Ag industry in a real light. There are positives, and there are negatives. As the late Crop Dusting heir of Walmart once said... *"Pesticides are toxic, but the benefit we get from them is the lesser of two evils."* We believe the industry deserves a fair shake for the first time ever.

Much of what you will read or shake your head in disbelief while reading our series were inspired by real people and true stories. The planes, the chemicals, the danger, the absolute rich history of crop dusting is ripe for the picking in a television series.



# 42 Years, 3 crashes, 3 poisonings later...

Top inspiration for our series Greg Kubin, real life Pilot / Aerial Sprayer has lived most of his life in the crop dusting world with his family run business "Kubin Aerial".

Greg and his wife Deb provide a wealth of knowledge and information over the span of 42 years in the family business together. They know the planes, the chemicals, the farmers. Greg knows what it's like to crash planes and be lethally poisoned. He is unbelievably still alive and fairly well today.



Greg and Deb Kubin



John Kubin and Father Greg Kubin







# WHY THIS STORY NEEDS TO BE TOLD

## MORAL OF THE STORY?

### *REAP WHAT YOU SOW*

There is no Disney ending for our characters, each suffers the consequences of their choices. They pick their poison, drink their fill, and reap what they sow. The butterfly effect of our bad decisions can spiral out of control far and beyond our comprehension. In the real world people die, they go to prison, their relationships suffer because of the crimes they commit. Our characters will not be spared those heartaches.

While our characters are fictional, they're inspired by real people with good and bad traits alike, emotional complexities, strong personalities, and justified human desires. We want people who watch our show to relate to our characters on a personal level and be invested in their wellbeing... or complete downfall.

