

# 24 LIVE ANOTHER DAY – HAIL TO THE CHIEF

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24 has never shied away from killing off one of their main characters in order to push the story. By the end of the episode, that’s what it seems like. But if what seemed to happen is true, will it make any impact on the show?

Heller decided to sing his swan song and go out his own way, not wanting to give in to the ravages of Alzheimer’s. In the middle of the confusion, Heller seems to be the one with the clearest head, making the decision to turn himself over to Margot for her to give up controls of the drones. He entrusts Jack with his decision who’s understandably not entirely enthusiastic about it, but after an impassioned speech (and an Alzheimer’s admission) from Heller, Jack decides to help carry out his plan. Frankly, William Devane (Heller) NEEDS to get an Emmy nomination for that performance.



*Heller is going out on his own terms, whether Jack likes it or not. (FOX)*

What he needs is complete secrecy from Jack. Nobody can know what he's planning on doing, not even Audrey. Especially Audrey. But he DOES need another person to be in on it, Jack says, especially if he needs to get past secret service to get to **Wembley Stadium** where Margot will exact her revenge. Heller thinks he knows someone else he can trust...Boudreau. Now, I don't know if he remembers Boudreau hiding important information from him concerning Jack's capture (the Russians are still breathing down his throat), but his trust seems a little misplaced. Anyway, he brings him on the plan. This makes the situation a little uncomfortable for Jack and Boudreau, but they find a way to keep their misgivings of each other at bay for Heller's sake.

What makes Heller's decision a little bit harder to swallow is the beautiful scene between the phenomenal Devane and Kim Raver (Audrey) who, for several seasons, so effortlessly captured the close knit relationship between father and daughter. The scene is bittersweet. He asks, "Do you have the photo of when you were a little girl on the beach?" making sure to not show any kind of sadness. She shows the photo (her good luck charm) to him and they reminisce for a while, but she cuts the nostalgia short. She has to get back to work. It makes you look into your own life and makes you realize that sometimes you have no idea when you'll lose someone close to you, and Audrey has no idea what's about to happen. Close to tears, Heller leaves her office to face his decision/fate.



*Heller saying his last goodbye to Audrey. (zap2it.com)*

### **Simone Tells It All**

Well, almost. She's in dire straits and is put in a coma. To relieve pressure in her head, doctors need to drill holes there. If they wake her out of her coma prematurely, she could die. That doesn't help the situation, seeing that Margot put them on a deadline before she detonates the other drones. Heller's new deal with her could make that null and void, but they don't know that yet. Kate and Navarro are ready to talk to Simone, but doctors tell them that's a no go. Kate tries to tell Jack this, but he doesn't want to hear it. "If she dies, so be it." He tells Kate to do what she has to do. Taking him at his suggestion, she pulls a gun on the doctor, telling him to wake her up. He does and Kate gives her all the information she knows, namely the information Naveed left under Margot's floorboards.

### **Margot and Co. Head Out**

Margot and Ian (and other guys we've never seen before, must be moving men) are heading out of their hideout. Ian is concerned that Heller could be playing them and wants to be cautious. But Margot trusts that Heller is a man of his word, so she's willing to take that chance. Besides, they have to move out since Simone had already given Kate information on them.



*Margot*

*reassures Ian that Heller is a man of his word. (zap2it.com)*

### **Jordan makes it Out Alive...Maybe**

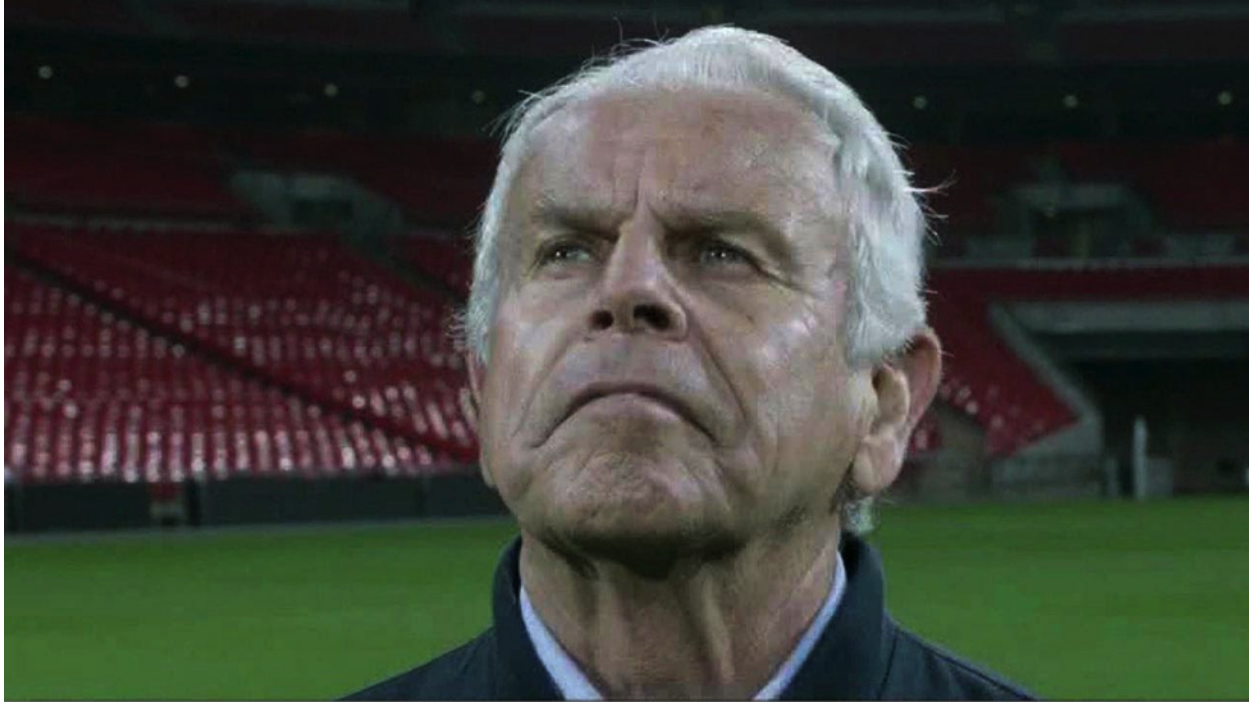
After Jordan's **brush with Navarro's assassin last week** (who seems to be the worst assassin in the world. Is this his first day on the job?), Jordan drags himself to the nearest phone to tell Navarro what's been happening. Little does he know, at that point, that Navarro is the one behind it. Navarro promises to save him, but we all know that's not true. He gives the assassin information on Jordan's whereabouts. But **Jordan** is smarter than he looks. He figured out that it was Navarro who sent him, since he's the only one who knows where he is. Unfortunately, he got stabbed. Fortunately, he was able to shoot the assassin. He's lying on the floor losing consciousness.

### **Audrey Blames Boudreau**

Audrey now knows that her father is off to be killed by Margot and lays the blame squarely at her husband's feet. She says she can't trust him now, but I think that shipped had already sailed with the whole 'Jack fiasco'.

### **Time of Reckoning**

With the CIA now having vital information on Margot and her plans (thanks to Simone), they now have a small chance (and a small window of time) to stop her. The information is now in Chloe's hands, but since she has to keep looking over her shoulder (in a pub no less), her job is going to be cut out for her. She has what she needs on the drones, but there really isn't anything big she can do with them since they are coded and protected. But she still tries. Jack understands she's doing the best she can. But he has another situation at hand. It's Heller's time of reckoning (don't know if he knows it's supposed to be by drones). He says his last goodbye to Jack and walks smack dab in the middle of the stadium.



*Heller meets his fate. (FOX)*

Margot and Ian had already been waiting for him to show up, with drones loaded and ready to be locked once he got into position. But I think viewers were waiting for something to happen, like the drones not working, or Chloe figuring out how to deactivate the drones in time, or Jack coming up with some last minute saving grace...somethin'. But that something didn't come, and when Ian was locked onto Heller, and Margot fired off that missile.....

President James Heller was blown up. I'm hoping for a miracle. Or I could be in denial.



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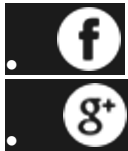
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