Looters

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Logline

A Black family in a tiny Florida Panhandle town fights a corrupt government, racist neighbors, a Category 5 hurricane and creatures from beyond to save their failing Bonsai tree farm.

Summary

"Looters" is a dark comedy/drama/horror show based in a fictional rural North Florida town, Tukabatchee. The initial conception is for a limited seven episode story arc, with tons of potential for sequels or spinoffs.

A Black family in a tiny, corrupt North Florida town fights off increasing aggression from their racist neighbors, plots to avoid foreclosure by surviving a category 5 hurricane and fights off sinister forces that want to use the cover of the storm to destroy the entire town.

What's the Point?

This story was inspired by a report that during Katrina, white looters were described as "finding" food in a grocery store and Black people finding food in a grocery store were called looters. Violence was advocated against the Black looters, but the white looters' actions were excused. A lot of people claimed that they had a right to shoot looters on site, but everyone claiming that was white. My plot idea was to flip that and have a Black property owner shoot looters on his property and how the bigger community would respond to that.

To up the stakes and provide action, the story is set during the time before and during the landfall of a category 5 hurricane. The last element that pulled everything together was the idea that the storm opens a portal to another, darker dimension and increasingly more deadly creatures come through the portal to wreak havoc on the small town of Tukabatchee.

There's a stretch of Interstate 10 near the Florida/Alabama state line where there are a BUNCH of Bonsai tree farms, randomly. That gave me the story's overall location and a unique set of details to add flavor to the plot. There aren't a lot of TV shows set on a Bonsai tree farm.

Comparable shows and movies include:

- Stephen King's "Storm of the Century": The small town facing a big storm and supernatural elements that arrive with it.
- "Remember the Titans": An athletic story of players struggling to make the high school team and win a championship that could set them up for future success. Except this story is basketball. It's less of a documentary like "Hoop Dreams" and more a sports drama like "He Got Game."
- "Pacific Rim" and "Godzilla" and H.P. Lovecraft: Throughout the story, other-dimensional monsters come through a portal and attack local residents. The size and danger of these monsters increases until the finale when the heroes must face off against a kaiju intent on destroying the town.

The Themes

The characters, premise and setting give the opportunity to explore numerous themes:

- What does the word "looter" mean? Does it only refer to those who steal during a natural disaster? Or people that embezzle money from the government? Or corporations that pass their costs on to consumers? In this story, everyone is a "looter" under some definition of the word.
- Diversity exists in the population and has a major influence on nearly everything.
- Racism, sexism, homophobia and corruption are intimately linked.
- Not only does power corrupt, it particularly corrupts those who benefit from entitlement in the first place.
- Families are complicated, with both good people and bad people in every family. But also, individuals within a family can do both good and bad towards each other and those outside the family.

The Characters

Main Characters

Dwayne Early, BM, 40s, husband/father. Dwayne is a Blerd. He's a little overweight and dresses in printed t-shirts and jeans most of the time. He didn't grow up on a farm and has few farming skills, but he is both personally fascinated with Bonsai trees and with living on a farm. He believes he has won at life, that he has earned peace. He has no real knowledge of conflict

and has never been in a fight. His primary motivation is to protect his family and property. He's a little stuck in his own head and often is neglectful of his family. He always has some kind of project and he focuses most of his energy on that, to the detriment of other things.

Judith Early, BF, 40s, wife/mother. She grew up on a farm and now she's a published author of nonfiction books to some success. She doesn't really want to live in the small town, but she's supporting her husband. She loves him, even if she thinks he's a little silly and doesn't take things seriously. She thinks of herself as the smart one, but she's unfulfilled living in the small town and it's getting worse.

Kyra Early, BF, 18, oldest daughter. She is a lesbian who hates living in this small town. She went to SCAD for a semester and came back home. She does want to go back to school and get a degree in art, but she's scared. She was inspired by an artist she saw on a trip to Puerto Rico and makes pop culture statues out of scraps of metal. She has AD/HD and has trouble connecting with people. She's overweight and self-conscious about it.

Karl Early, BM, 16, only son. He doesn't care about anything but basketball. He's a sophomore and will be the starting point guard this season, but he hasn't started any games before. He's a good player and getting better and he's very team- and winning-oriented. He wants to get a scholarship and use it to get a degree that will help him get a job that helps Africa, although he has no idea how. He has a bit of an anger problem, particularly when he perceives injustice.

Marylin Early, BF, 15, youngest daughter. She is a normal and popular kid who hangs out with the popular girls. She has more compassion than they do, but is often afraid to show it for fear of being ostracized. She hasn't figured out what she is really interested yet, so she's a little lost, but she doesn't care, she's having fun. Before they moved here, she was bullied, so she really loves it here.

Charley Hasley, WM, 50s, husband/father. He's a pretty conservative, old school guy. He's a racist, but we don't see a lot of it because he has a stroke and has to go away for most of the show. He will die by the end of season 1, but his values will live on in his sons. He is a former mayor and son of a former state senator. He retired and opened the junkyard. He is a member of the Black Sheep Civic Society (BSCS).

Barbra Hasley, WF, 40s, wife/mother. She's a devoted wife and mother who lives by her husband's conservative values, although she isn't racist like her husband or her sons. She believes that she must bow to her husband's authority, but once he dies, she becomes VERY active and opinionated and will not defer to her sons. She becomes a manipulator who was building up all her dreams, desires and petty jealousies for years and they're about to break free.

Billy Hasley, WM, 25, oldest son. He is the oldest son, but he's not the brightest. He's angry that his parents openly prefer George. He takes charge of the family when his father gets sick, but he is paranoid about George (and later his mother) taking control. He thinks they're stealing

what is rightfully his. He is NOT a member of the BSCS and once he finds out about it, he gets angry and jealous.

George Hasley, WM, 23, second son. George is the favored son and he's going to run for mayor. He's mad that everybody wanted Billy to run just because he's older, so he became an overachiever and passed Billy's accomplishments a long time ago. He's smarter than Billy, more attractive and people like him better. He's gay, but he has never acted on it or told anyone except Kyra. When she rejects his advances, he vows retribution. He is a member of the BSCS and wants to keep Billy out. When Charley isn't coming back, he angles for a leadership position.

Russell Hasley, WM, 19, third son. Basketball has always been his thing. He's always been a star player, but he's not very smart and his skills are in decline. He always played forward, but he hasn't grown in years and the other players all passed him in height. His only dream is to play for the Dallas Mavericks and now that he's a senior, it's obvious to everyone but him that he won't likely even play college ball, much less the pros. He had a severe illness as a sophomore and got an extra year to play basketball because his dad was the mayor. He has very significant rage issues.

Keith Hasley, WM, 16, youngest son. He has undiagnosed and untreated autism spectrum disorder and often acts out when things he doesn't like happen. He was fixated on the dog Jeffrey, but once the dog is killed, he becomes fixated on Marilyn. He would never do anything to hurt her or anyone else. He's been bullied enough by his family that he's triggered by conflict and avoids it at all costs.

Other Characters

Jeff Buss, WM, prisoner. Former owner of the Early property. He was falsely put in jail. He is one of the prisoners used to do missions for the BCSC outside of the prison.

Muschetti, WM, **prisoner.** He is one of the prisoners used to do missions for the BCSC outside of the prison.

Barkley, BM, prisoner. He is one of the prisoners used to do missions for the BCSC outside of the prison.

Jackson, BM, prisoner. He is one of the prisoners used to do missions for the BCSC outside of the prison.

Ronnie, BM, prisoner. Gang member hired as part of the plot to kill the warden.

Ricky, BM, prisoner. Gang member hired as part of the plot to kill the warden.

Michael, BM, prisoner. Gang member hired as part of the plot to kill the warden.

Sheriff Ted Boone, WM, 50s. He's an old school conservative politician. Law and order. He's racist and blames crime on Black people. He's diplomatic in public, but he never arrests white people (other than Jeff Buss). He can trace anything back to race. He is a member of the BSCS.

Koy, Filipino male, 30s, mercenary for the BSCS. He's very competent and professional. Doesn't put up with any bullshit, so when the locals start getting weird, he abandons them. He is a member of the BSCS.

Vaught, WM, 40s, Florida Corrections Officer. Racist man who enjoys violence, particularly against people of color. He is a member of the BSCS.

Warden Bryant, WM, 60s. Doesn't like Black people, but isn't openly racist like the others. He always assumes Black people are guilty. More importantly, he's trying to get rich. He wants to retire soon and wants to do it in style. He is a member of the BSCS.

Neyland, WM, 20s, Florida Corrections Officer. Answers to Vaught. Does what he's told, believes authority in all cases.

Audrey Newman, WF, 40s. Successful businesswoman and Judith's best friend. Runs a businesswomen's roundtable.

Roth, WM, landscaping foreman. Nice guy, runs a fun landscaping business. His crew includes **Meyers** and **Ronnie Storm**.

Theo Rodriguez, **HM**, **starting forward**. Young guy growing into his size, becomes a starter this year, displacing Russell.

Dennis Lien, AM, reserve point guard. Plays for the Tuckabatchee basketball team as a reserve. He's good, but he's young, small and inexperienced.

Aaron Kleinfeld, WM, starting guard. A 6' tall guard. Good defender, but not a particularly good shooter.

Coach John Gallant, WM, Tuckabatchee High basketball. He's a good coach who cares about his players.

A **Scout** and a **Radio Announcer** who discuss the talent level of the basketball players.

Mack Johnson, BM, starting center. A nearly 7' tall player for Tukabatchee. He's good, Will play D1 college ball next year.

Darci, WF. Popular girl at the high school, friends with Marilyn.

Tameka, BF. Popular girl at the high school, friends with Marilyn.

Valentina, **HF.** Popular girl at the high school, friends with Marilyn.

Ricky Howard, BM, 30s, politician. The only Black member of the county commission. Is the only Black Member of the BSCS. His true sympathies are unclear, it's not even clear that he knows. He's kind of a kiss ass and errand boy at the BSCS. He wants to run for state senate.

Wyndham Waterford, author. Writer of "The Tukabatchee Massacre."

Allie, WF, 20s. Allie meets Kyra and not only becomes interested in her art, they start developing a romantic relationship. Allie is Darci's older sister.

The Conflicts

The Main Plotlines

A Plot: Dwayne vs. Charley & Barbra. Who provides for their family better in THEIR own way. Dwayne has to rise up and keep his family together against racist neighbors, corrupt politicians and extradimensional monsters. He thinks he has to do it himself, but he needs help or he'll fail. Charley has a stroke and has to leave town for treatment. He's forced to give up control of the family business. Barbra refuses to stay behind and that leads to a power vacuum in the family and town. Once Charley dies, though, Barbra is freed to be her true self and she may be the worst of the bunch.

B Plot: Judith vs. Billy. Judith didn't want to move here and has to find something to do with her time. She's a writer, so once she comes across a tiny book about a local massacre, she finds her next project. But who is behind the massacre and what will they do to stop her? **Billy** is the oldest brother and is in charge while his parents are gone. Afraid his brother George will take over, he grows more and more hostile towards the Early family and starts harassing Judith. As Billy grows more and more frustrated with George encroaching upon what he believes is his rightful place, the more aggressive his efforts become. Annoyed and threatened by the Hasley brothers, Judith decides to run against George for mayor.

C Plot: Kyra vs. George. Kyra hates it here and wants to leave town. She is focused on her art so she can return to college at SCAD in Georgia. She's a lesbian and doesn't have any real friends locally. **George** has a crush on her and when she rejects him, he goes on a tirade trying to get everyone to hate her because she's a lesbian. The local teens are more woke than that, though, and the plan backfires on George. He's running for mayor and his attempts to smear Kyra lead to him getting a big election challenger, Judith.

D Plot: Karl vs. Russell. Karl becomes a starter on the basketball team and even though he plays a different position than **Russell**, Russell is angry at him. Karl doesn't love basketball, but he's really good at it and plans to get a scholarship. Russell long planned his life around being a pro basketball player and now that it isn't going to happen, he grows more and more angry. He has no other options in life. Karl doesn't even really care about basketball and takes it for

granted, driving Russell's bad behavior on and off the basketball court. Their conflict will rise to the level of violence and it will be Russell's physical abuse which will spur Karl to shoot him during the hurricane.

E Plot: Marilyn vs. Keith. Keith doesn't fit in with his family or at school. He doesn't have the racism of the rest of his family. He's extra empathetic and he sees **Marilyn** with her injury and the alien virus she catches from the dog bite. They become friends but he says some weird things that offend her. She rejects him and he starts spreading rumors that she is racist against white people. But nobody buys it and he becomes so much of an outcast that Marilyn feels sorry for him. He confides in her that he hates his family and she befriends him again after she learns that he's been abused. The other kids hate him and tell her to abandon him when he does something bad. She says no and they begin to ostracize her, too. He realizes she's the only one who has ever been nice to him and he takes her side against his family at a crucial point in the story.

Hurricane Carl. The storm forms in the Gulf of Mexico during the pilot episode. It reaches category 5 before making landfall. But then it goes back offshore and strengthens further to category 6 before hitting Tukabatchee a second time. The storm serves as an underlying threat throughout the season that escalates upon landfall.

The Menagerie. As the storm comes, it brings with it creatures from another dimension. Some smaller, less deadly monsters arrive in advance of the storm, including the glowing, many-legged blue snakes that kill Muschetti and bite Jeffrey the god. The closer the storm is, the bigger the creatures. Several large monsters appear when the storm first hits the shore, but the one that arrives after the second landfall is kaiju-sized. Other times, there are other smaller, but still deadly, monsters, a new one in each episode. They all have the same blue glow, related to whatever dimension they came from. Each of these monsters interacts with humans, including multiple deaths.

The Black Sheep Civic Society: A secret society of conservative male leaders in the county. They are funded by the Tungenbund Corporation to help watch over the corporation's oil rigs in the Gulf. The Society runs a protection racket, collecting money from local business owners. Now that the Bonsai farm has been in the Early family's possession for a year, it's time they start paying up. Once several prisoners die because of the BSCS's activities, the organization comes in direct conflict with Dwayne, Judith and the prisoners.

Other Conflicts

Jeffrey the Dog. In episode 1, Jeffrey has multiple conflicts with the Early family. Bites Kyra and infects her with an alien virus. Nearly kills Dwayne and infects him as well, before Dwayne kills him.

Basketball Season. The Tukabatchee team is talented and will play several games during the show, although it won't show the full season, it will show the team at their best in the first game,

conflict arises among the team that costs them a game and then the suspension of players after the looting incident.

The Connections

The Early Family: The family is closely-knit and they love each other a lot. They are a team, even if Dwayne sometimes acts on his own, he does it out of love and concern for his family.

The Hasley Family: The Hasley's used to be VIPs but have become more and more outcast since Charley left office. He held the family together by force of will, with him removed from the picture, the family begins to fracture. They're still together at the beginning of the show, but in Charley's absence, they start to go their own ways.

Marilyn and Keith: While the youngest members of each family have conflict with each other, Keith isn't like the rest of his family and Marilyn understands this on some level. She goes out of her way to be friendly to him, even when it costs her personally, and he recognizes and responds to that friendship and support.

The Basketball Team: With the exception of Russell, the rest of the team grows closer and closer over the series. Karl will become good friends with Theo, Dennis and other players and they stand up for him after the conflict between Russell and Keith results in violence.

The Black Sheep Civic Society: The BSCS members do provide each other with support, but their connections are tenuous. Each of the members is self-interested and their participation is all about their own agenda. Except for George, who actually believes in the stated goals of the Society, even when the other members ignore those goals to pursue self-interest.

The Prisoners: The men incarcerated at the state prison grow more and more activist after several prisoners are killed, notably Muschetti and Buss. They work together to try to save themselves from the storm, the monsters and the men.

The Businesswomen's Roundtable: Audrey runs the organization, which is subversive compared to the very conservative and male-dominated political scene. There aren't a ton of business women in town yet, but Audrey wants to expand that and wants to fight local corruption, particularly once Judith starts uncovering details about the massacre and current events.

Kyra & Allie: Kyra meets Allie and they not only collaborate on art, but they start a relationship. Despite George's efforts to ostracize them, their relationship becomes stronger as the show goes on.

The Locations

The show is set in the fictional city of Tukabatchee, Florida, population 4,308. The town represents a lot of the small towns across the Florida panhandle.

The Early Home/Bonsai Tree Farm: Main location for Early family storylines. A small Bonsai tree farm that also has a four-bedroom farmhouse.

The Hasley Home/Junkyard: A smaller and dirtier home next door to the Early family. The surrounding property is an active professional junkyard. Someone is dealing drugs from the Hasley home.

Tukabatchee State Prison: A small minimum security prison that is old, shabby and overcrowded. The warden runs various illegal operations from the prison.

Tukabatchee High School: Two kids from each family attend the school. It's the primary location where the basketball stories and the interactions between Keith and Marilyn.

Tukabatchee Hospital: Early in the story, Charley is hospitalized. Later Marilyn and Dwayne spend time after they are bitten by the dog that was bitten by a monster.

Black Sheep Civic Society Lodge: The meeting place for the BSCS. It is a center for the town's illegal activity.

Rincon's Hardware Store: Local mom and pop hardware store.

Tugendbund Oil Rig: A big corporate oil rig that the BSCS watches over under the direction of the Tugenbund corporation, which provides some funding for the BSCS.

Sid's Delicious Cafe: A small coffee and cupcake shop with coffee sizes like "puny," "mediocre" and "ridiculous" and cupcakes with names like "apple glitter," "tricolor cruller," "red velvet quake" and "carrot heartbreak." Kyra gets a job here.

Boar-ly Wore-ly Grocery Store: Local mom and pop grocery store.

The Episodes

Each episode will revolve around the primary plotlines, A-E. These will be set in the backdrop of Hurricane Carl and one of the ongoing storylines will interact with the menagerie at least once an episode.

Specific Episodes

Episode 1: "The Coming Storm" (written): Hurricane Carl forms. The first monsters arrive. We meet the Early and Halsey families. Charley Hasley has a stroke and is hospitalized. His family scrambles to take care of things while he's hospitalized. Muschetti is attacked by a

glowing blue snake and killed while doing a gig for the BSCS. Warden Bryant is concerned and calls for a BSCS meeting. Judith hires landscapers to save the bonsai trees from the hurricane. Kyra steals from the Hasley junkyard for her art projects. She is called out for it by George, who hits on her and gets angry when she rejects him. Keith overtakes Russell on the basketball court and Russell is benched. Jeffrey the dog bites Marilyn. She is hospitalized and Dwayne confronts the Hasleys. They promise to get rid of the dog, but when they don't, Judith calls the sheriff. He takes the dog away, but secretly gives it back to them later. Charley has to leave town to get treatment and Barbra is going with him. Billy is going to be in charge, much to George's chagrin. Keith and Marilyn grow closer. Judith discovers that the farm might be foreclosed on and is stalked by Billy. Ronnie and his friends tell Jeff he must murder Warden Bryant, which he reluctantly agrees to do after they threaten him. Marilyn gets sick from the dog bite and ends up in the hospital. Ronnie starts a riot at the prison to give Jeff the time to stab Bryant. He does and is beaten into submission. Dwayne attempts to lock down his barn when Jeffrey the dog attacks him. He has to kill the dog.

Episode 2: "Hurricane Watch" (not written): Hurricane Carl strengthens offshore. The second monster arrives. Dwayne struggles to overcome the dog attack, he has PTSD. This gets worse as he has to confront monsters. He also learns about the BSCS. Charley tries to stay involved in the junkyard, but Barbra deflects him. Judith starts researching her book. Billy starts researching the BSCS. Kyra looks for a job and eventually gets one at Sid's Delicious after failing elsewhere. She meets Allie. George and Ricky flirt with each other. Karl and Russell fight in basketball practice. The basketball team plays their first game, an easy win. Russell doesn't play and he gets angrier. Keith and Marilyn become closer, but he says some things that weird her out. He asks her on a date, but she says no. Marilyn stays sick from the dog bite. Jeff Buss is in solitary. Vaught threatens him. Barkley sneaks in to talk to him. Koy warns the warden that the families may not accept the money as a bribe, but the warden brushes it off.

Episode 3: "Imminent Danger" (not written): Hurricane Carl approaches the land and the weather gets worse. The third monster arrives. Dwayne starts to get sick from the dog attack. He buys a gun to make himself feel safe. A monster attacks and he uses the gun to stop it, although it almost gets him. Charley argues with Barbra about the junkyard and he talks her into looping him in on what's happening. The doctor gives them bad news. Audrey calls a meeting of the women's business round table. Maggie Brown attends the first meeting, much to Audrey and Judith's chagrin. Billy confronts George about the BSCS, but George brushes it off. George and Ricky hook up. Kyra and Allie go on a date and have a lot of fun. They go on a second date, which is interrupted by George, who bullies them. Russell learns that the only schools that were considering giving him a scholarship have withdrawn in response to the fight. Karl hits a game-winning shot. Keith starts spreading rumors about Marilyn, but nobody buys them and he becomes even more of an outcast at school. Marilyn is bed-ridden from her illness. Jeff Buss is murdered. Koy confronts the BSCS and when they reject his advice, he leaves. He warns them that they don't have as much control as they think they do.

Episode 4: "Landfall" (not written): Hurricane Carl makes landfall. With it arrive the fourth monsters. Dwayne has a confrontation with the BSCS. Judith finds Dwayne's gun and confronts

him about it. He says he'll get rid of it, but he hides it instead. The monster attacks Judith. Barbra knows that Charley is going to die soon and she starts planning for what's next. Maggie starts taking control of the women's business round table. She holds a meeting during the hurricane that Judith and Audrey can't attend and becomes the leader of the group. The BSCS starts harassing Billy without George knowing about it. George calls together his political campaign. George and Ricky's relationship develops. During their latest game, Karl refuses to pass to Russell. The team wins and Karl and his friends tell Russell the team doesn't need him anymore. Marilyn sees her classmates bullying Keith and she feels sorry for him. Marilyn gets even sicker. Barkley and Jackson find Buss' body. They get a photo of the body, but Neyland catches them. Barkley meets with his sister Anna and passes info on to her.

Episode 5: "The Calm" (not written): Hurricane Carl goes back offshore and strengthens further. The fifth monster arrives. Karl and Keith find Dwayne's gun, but they don't mess with it or tell anyone. When the Hasley's arrive for looting, they are violent and Keith gets the gun. Karl takes it from him. Barbra gets reminded of her youthful ambition. She starts maniputing Charlie to put everything in her name, not Billy or George's. A monster attacks Russell, but he's able to fend it off. Audrey officially ends the organization and closes it down legally. Maggie vows to start her own. Audrey doesn't care. Billy harasses Judith as she's doing some research. George uses campaign funds to harass Kyra and Allie. George and Ricky hook up, but Kyra catches them. Russell is secretly dealing drugs, using the junkyard as a cover. Before the storm leaves, the Hasley brothers go looting and destroying things on the Early property. Russell assaults Karl after finding him in the junkyard looking for Kyra. During the looting, Karl shoots Russell. When Marilyn won't join in the bullying against Keith, her friends get upset with her. She's very sick by now and blows up against them. Anna contacts Judith because she knew her through the council. She passes information about what's going on in the prison. Neyland threatens Barkley.

Episode 6: "Hurricane Warning" (not written): Hurricane Carl approaches landfall again. The sixth monster arrives. Dwayne gets rid of the gun, but gets attacked by a monster right after that. He gets bitten and grows sicker. Charlie dies. Barbra returns home to find the family in disarray. The BSCS meets to decide what to do about their enemies. Judith tells Audrey what she's found out about the massacre. Maggie's family was involved and they use it to shut down Maggie's new group and start up the old group again. The BSCS kidnaps Billy and threatens him. George discovers the BSCS kidnapped his brother and he vows to get revenge against the organization. George starts telling everyone about Kyra's sexuality, but it backfires and his mayoral campaign stalls. Kyra chooses not to reveal George's sexuality. Karl's shooting of Russell becomes a big local story. Both Karl and Russell are suspended for the team's next game. They win anyway. Marilyn is hospitalized for her sickness. She reaches out to Keith and befriends him. He tells her she's the only one who has ever been nice to him. The BSCS tries to kill Anna, but she escapes and leaves town. Judith starts researching Jeff Buss, who owned the bonsai tree farm before them. She finds information about the BSCS and it leads her to Koy. She visits him.

Episode 7: "The Eye" (not written): Hurricane Carl makes landfall again. The last monster arrives, a kaiju. The national guard fights against it, but it survives and moves inland. During the

big fight, Dwayne passes out from the sickness and Judith and the kids have to save the day. Barbra pulls everyone together and tells them that she's back and she's going to fix everything. The BSCS uses the storm to attempt to kill the Early family and several other enemies. But the kaiju spoils their plans. Judith has enough to make a deal for the book and she sells her publisher on it. The big advance will help them recover the damage to the farm caused by the storm and the Hasleys. George and Billy reconcile. Billy shoots the sheriff. Judith discovers what George has been doing and decides to run against him for mayor. The truth about Russell comes out. Once the true story reaches Coach Gallant, Karl is reinstated to the team and Russell is kicked off the team. Russell plans to get revenge against Karl. When the Early-Hasley conflict hits its peak, Keith repays Marilyn's kindness and takes her side against his brothers. Marilyn is absent from the proceedings as she has slipped into a coma. Koy connects with Judith and he helps them in the final battle. The BSCS uses the storm to kill off prisoners connected to Jeff Buss and the warden's stabbing. The storm hits the prison and another riot breaks out. The prisoners catch the BSCS men and kill them.

The Future Season(s)

- Charley dies at the end of Season 1. Barbra returns home to find things in disarray. She takes charge of the family and runs a much tighter ship than Charley or Billy.
- Marilyn is in a coma now and she could die if doctors can't figure out what's wrong.
- Season 2 would happen later the same year and would continue the basketball season.
- The election would take place in season 2.
- The kaiju hasn't been dealt with and it goes further inland. But it also returns to the sea and will pass through Tukabatchee a second time.
- Federal government comes in to investigate what happened. DOJ for the looter shootings, FEMA for the storm and various agencies to deal with the kaiju and other monsters.
- Recovery and rebuilding of the city. Who and what stay, and who and what go away.