

HARVEST

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A crime and medical procedural twisted into one. Amidst the underground workings of the black market organ trade, a dealer, a cop, and a surgeon are constantly forced to confront the grey area between good and evil. With their disparate lives threatening to intertwine, each must find it in themselves to fight a certain darkness. For the dealer and the cop, the darkness is the disturbed world around them: a pair of psychotic knife-happy twins, a series of organ-less corpses, and a sister that prefers drinking blood to wine. But for the surgeon, all the more difficult to face, the darkness is within.

The Concept:

The medical world of New York is split into two layers. Above ground is what we see in broad daylight. The center of this story is sweet-hearted Eve; a transplant surgeon, a mother, and a wife, fed up with the politics behind the donor list at her hospital, she finds her way deeper and deeper into the twisted network of illegal organs. A search for justice results in Eve discovering something ominous about herself. Underground, there is Adam the acquisitioner, a promising medical school dropout, stuck deep in the web of the black market organ trade. As much as he despises it, he finds himself increasingly numb to the gore and murder. Fate brings the organ acquisitioner and the surgeon together. They learn from each other, Adam teaching Eve the ropes, and Eve teaching Adam to feel compassion once again. As a team, they develop a code to stalk and harvest organs from unwilling “patients” who don’t deserve them. All the while, they must stay a step ahead of Victoria, a bright, new-to-her-badge detective, who will stop at nothing to uncover their secrets.

The Tone:

Harvest is about exploring the grey area between good and evil and the philosophy behind the true value of a life. With almost all of the characters working in such close proximity with death, *Harvest* forces audiences to realize their own hypocrisy: fearing death yet numb to the idea of it when it’s portrayed in the media. The show is slow paced, dark, and suspenseful and ultimately focuses on Eve decent into a world of madness and chaos. The audience will feel torn: should Eve let go and fall or should she grasp onto the life she holds her? With an ensemble of hair-raising characters in the underground world, a good but clearly opposing police force, the expectation of who to root for is anything but clear. In a world twisted with the theme of doing right for the wrong reasons and doing wrong for the right reasons, *Harvest* allows the audience and it’s characters to embrace evil instead of fight it.

The Characters:

Eve Knite (34) – A mischievous but soft-spoken sweetheart who is hardworking to a fault. Raised by a single father, Eve, unlike her older sister, doesn't have a single recollection of her mother. Also unlike her older sister, Eve was always the good one: she knew her place, she respected her superiors, and she stuck to the rules.

Top of her class at Johns Hopkins Medical School, she was hired directly out of residency as a transplant surgeon at Kindred Spirits Hospital, a state-of-the-art medical often tending to rich clientele. Years later, Eve is renowned as one of the best surgeons in her field. What sets her apart from her peers, who see themselves as mechanics and the bodies they work on as machines, is that Eve cares, sometimes even too much. A strong internal sense of justice guides her to do lawful good.

Her new promotion to the Chief of Surgery at her hospital opens the truth of really goes on behind the scenes at Kindred Spirits Hospital, and it Eve is shocked to realize the corruption that had been happening right beneath her eyes. Unsure of where to begin, she takes matters into her own hands and begins to look into ways to acquire organs for her patients who don't have the financial backing to climb the waiting list at Kindred Spirits. This leads her straight to Adam and the heart of the black market organ trade. The two of them develop a code to work as a team to help those who need it and hurt those who deserve it.

What begins as a vigilante mission quickly spirals out of proportion, as Eve begins to realize how much she enjoys playing god. Terrified but thrilled, Eve finds a guilty pleasure in exploring this dark side of her that loves blood and power. Along the way she discovers that her father and sister have known this side of her all along and that her long-forgotten mother may have something to do with it. While Eve searches for answers on why this twisted world feels so right, she must fight to keep her loving husband and infant son out of the darkness.

Adam Walker (25) – An observant brooding young man with too many grey hairs for his age. He relies on cigarettes and alcohol to calm his nerves. Orphaned at a young age, Adam shut himself off from the world. The only way to cope with abandonment was to convince himself that he neither felt nor cared, and this mentality has stuck with him over the years. He had but one companion throughout in the city orphanage, a girl six years older than him named Jessica. She took care of him and he took her last name

Despite his sullen disposition, Adam is incredibly intelligent. With Jessica's encouragement, Adam self-studied his way into university and after that Johns Hopkins Medical School where Eve was once his TA. Years later, Jessica reveals to Adam her plan to start a special kind of hospital, and completely in her debt and unable to leave her, Adam goes along with it. Even with his promising

grades, Adam drops out of school and falls into the web of the black market organ trade.

Since then, Adam has worked for his sister to assist the running of an underground hospital where only half of their patients are supposed to make it out alive. While there is a part of him that can't help but feel that what he is doing is wrong, he grows increasingly numb to the gore and pain of others.

That is until he meets Eve. Fascinated by this surgeon who can kill and care at the same time, Adam seeks to learn from her. In a way, he wants her to save him from the darkness he feels surrounded by, that is until he realizes it might be Eve who needs saving from the darkness within.

Victoria McCoy (28) – With a personality as fiery as her hair, Victoria is a talented and eager-to-please rookie homicide detective. She becomes fascinated and borderline obsessed with the case involving a series of killings with every victim missing a few or all of their organs. Ever since they went through academy together, Victoria is a close friend of Sebastian Knite and through him she is on friendly terms with his wife, Eve. Like Eve but without the dormant darkness within, Victoria believes in a lawful good and doing the right thing. The further she delves into this case, the less certain she becomes of the division between good and evil.

Sebastian Knite (36) – Eve's doting husband with a life much simpler than hers. While he enjoys his job and its benefits, the only he truly wants is to be with his family. He is straightforward, loving, and understanding. He is unexpectedly in touch with his feminine side, and doesn't mind at all that Eve makes more money than he does. In fact, he's waiting for the opportunity to become a stay-at-home dad.

Lin Chun Yu (21) – The Knite family's heavily vetted babysitter. Intelligent and charismatic, Lin has a natural ability with children. As an undergraduate student studying pre-medicine, Lin sees Eve as a hero. She dedicates herself to her studies to one day be as talented as a surgeon as Eve.

Dr. Vihaan Kohli (41) - Eve's uncompromising boss. As someone who often has to be the one to make tough decisions, Vihaan is relatively desensitized to death. He is someone who believes in the greater good at the sacrifice of an individual life, and because of this he is relatively unpopular in the hospital. While he is one of the main reasons why Kindred Spirits Hospital is as corrupt as it is, Vihaan truly believes that what he is doing is the right thing.

Atticus Knite (1) – Sebastian and Eve's one-year-old son. With two full-time working parents, more times than not he is taken care of by his babysitter Lin, whom he feels reasonably attached to.

Jessica (Jez) Walker (32) – Jessica, now known as Jez by the underground community, is Adam's older "sister" [see Adam Walker] who is kind as she is

manipulative. The self-proclaimed medical director of her underground chain of hospitals, she is the queen of the New York black market organ trade. She is seen as a mother figure to those who work for her. Never without deep red lipstick, she is fascinated by blood, specifically with the taste of it.

Belle & Bane Wolfhart (26) – The two of them, extremely similar in appearance and mannerisms, make up a pair of psychotic twins that give the impression that they can read each other's mind. Jessica "adopted" these two as "surgeons" for her hospital. All the fitting, Belle and Bane love nothing more than the warm feeling of sticking their hands elbow deep into the opened ribcage of a living human. The two of them are tasked to work under Adam's supervision, but given their chaotic tendencies, Adam has a difficult time keeping them focused. Their murderous instincts are coupled with rather childlike personalities. Deep within, Belle and Bane are sad and frustrated that no one in the world understands them. Even they understand that Adam and Jez are just using them for their own gains.

Ted Colby (43) – A stoic but caring man, he is the head of homicide at the NYPD and has recently tasked with the assignment of taking Victoria under his wing. He is a fan of following procedures and caring more about the case than the individual. Levelheaded and strong, Ted Colby too is a man desensitized by death.

Christine Yang (37) – Head of forensics at the NYPD. While on the job, it seems like she has never laughed at a joke in her life. With no tolerance for incompetence, she's one of the best at what she does.

Character Arcs:

Eve Knite - After receiving a much-wanted promotion at her hospital, Eve's eyes are rudely opened to the injustice that governs the donor waiting list. Unable to just sit back at the injustice, she begins taking matters into her own hands. She finds her way into the underground world of the black market organ trade.

After a chain of events that leads to Eve performing a spontaneous surgery in the place of Belle and Bane, she catches the eye of Jessica who invites her to work at her twisted hospital. Eve is hesitant, but agrees, as any of the organs not directly purchased will go immediately to her patients in need.

As Eve delves deeper into this underground world, she and Adam develop a bond. Together, they work to create and test a code on conduct to make sure that those who receive organs deserve them, and those they harvest from don't.

Eve discovers the longer she spends within this operation, the more she feels at ease. What started as vigilantism has distorted into a lifestyle that Eve prefers to the hospital she works at during the day. Not only that, Adam becomes aware of how much Eve enjoys playing god, and being the ultimate decider of who lives and who dies. At the end of the season, Eve tries to quit, but after finds herself willing returning to Jessica's hospital, hungry for more.

Adam: Spiraling down a pit of self-loathing, hating his insensitivity to death, Adam wants to once again feel emotions. Being around psychopaths Belle & Bane don't help him with that. Adam meets Eve and immediately he sees her as someone who can save him. He sees her as someone who can care and kill at the same time, and so he follows her around like a tough but lost dog: partially to teach her how to navigate the black market, but also to learn about her ideology as a surgeon. He realizes too late that instead of him, perhaps Eve is the one that really needs saving.

Victoria: At first completely excited to get into homicide, she realizes that coping with death is more difficult than it seems, especially when she feels so helpless to stop it. The longer she stays on the force, the more nightmares she has about organs and blood. Never ceasing in trying to solve the case, Victoria soon develops insomnia, unable and in fear of sleeping at all. By the end of the season she must come to terms with what's worse, feeling too much or feeling nothing.

Sebastian: The season begins with him being a loving husband and a loyal friend, but as his wife slowly descends into darkness, Sebastian is forced to make sacrifices. He quits his job to become a stay at home father and stays up long hours to comfort Victoria. He begins to crack under the pressure. Tensions run high as he blames Eve for abandoning their family for work and within himself as he finds himself attracted to Victoria.

Lin: The innocent babysitter caught in a terrible situation. Though she never did anything wrong, after being caught by Belle and Bane, she becomes the first unwilling patient on Eve's surgery table.

Belle & Bane: Content with their lives and outlet for their psychotic tendencies, Belle and Bane begin the season as ease. Everything changes when Eve is introduced to their neck of the woods. Adam begins to neglect them, as he is busy teaching Eve the ropes. The twins resort to gruesome measures to try and win back his attention, only succeeding in angering him and attracting more attention from the police.

Ted Colby: As the lead investigator on the case involving Jessica's hospital, he gets dangerously close to the truth. To prevent him from going any further, Jessica orders Adam to trick Eve into killing Ted. The plan goes accordingly, and Victoria is forced to cope with the loss.

Season Overviews:

Season 1: Down the Rabbit Hole

- Eve finds her place in the underground black market organ trade; she learns how it works, how to select her "patients," and how to kill
- Eve must evade the police, keep up her appearances at work, and hide secrets from her family

- Adam and Eve develop a curious friendship
- Victoria discovers that homicide detective work in New York is more often defeat than glory

Season 2: The Battle of Good & Evil

- Eve must come to terms with the idea that she enjoys killing
- Belle and Bane, tired of following the rules and being used, go on a murderous rampage
- Adam and Eve try to keep up their operations and code while Belle & Bane try to tempt Eve into accepting chaos instead of order
- Victoria vows to find Ted Colby's killer, not knowing that it was Eve

Season 3: Blood is always Thicker

- With her father on his deathbed, Eve discovers that she the darkness within her was inherited from her mother and that her family had been hiding the truth from her for years
- Eve's marriage is threatened as she is forced to hide more and more secrets from Sebastian
- Adam and Jessica have a falling out as Adam tries to get out of the family business
- With Bane in jail, Belle finds herself for the first time completely alone