

1. Serenity 1 & 2 (The pilot)

Serenity Valley (battle between Alliance and Browncoats)

- Mal is leader
- Zoe is his second in command
- Bendis is just another soldier
- Mal has faith (kisses his cross) then loses it (when they have to surrender)

Persephone:

- Meeting with Badger
- Rich -- can afford to peel an apple
- Dangerous - well-armed, violent tendencies, threatening to expose Mal to Alliance
- Mal was a 'sergeant' in the war -- now he calls himself Captain (of his ship)
- Reference to the 'wheel of fortune' and being on the 'rim' (outer planets)
- "Man of honour in a den of thieves" -- quote from Bible, Jesus working with the fallen
- Why does a Shepherd (missionary) know details about ships?
- What are Reavers? Hm

Passengers:

Dobson:

Simon Tam:

Simon is concerned about his 'cargo'

Dobson is a clutz (tripping, bumping into Simon)

Imara returns:

Mal is mean to her

Shepherd seems confused by her

Kaylee likes her - clearly friends

Kaylee and Shepherd in the kitchen - Kaylee eats a strawberry (fruit is expensive - back to Badger)

Dinner Conversation - little insights to the world/verse,

Jayne - full of contradictions -- rude and crude, but 'happy to be doing good works' and bows his head for Grace.

Mal is protective of Kaylee - kicks Jayne out for being rude

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Simon is the mole -- no wait...

Shepherd is the mole... no what?!

Dobson is the mole!

Kaylee gets shot

Shepherd wants to protect Dobson

Simon negotiates an escape, which Mal only tolerates because of Kaylee

Simon cares for Jayne

Jayne watches on in fear

Mal finds River in a box

He tells the story of how we got here

Alliance has done 'something' to River - Simon smuggled her out to keep her safe, and get her well

River is: insanely smart, gifted in dance, art, math, etc

Sent to a school - but sent word "they're hurting us - get me out"

She is 'broken' - unable to block our fear - unstable

Now Simon is a fugitive - the Alliance wants her back (we don't know why yet)

Now Mal is mad.... A federal mole on board, Kaylee is hurt,

Simon confronts Mal - accuses them of being afraid of the Alliance- that doesn't go well

Dobson - Mal and Jayne question him

Our Crew stumbles across a small ship flying without core containment -- Reavers

- The crew is warned, and they prepare to be boarded

On Whitefall:

Mal has the plan, fills the others in

On the ship - Dobson breaks out, hurts Shepherd

On Whitefall - the exchange with Patience:

- Do we trust Jayne? (when he puts Mal in the crosshairs)

On ship:

- Dobson captures River

On Whitefall

- Mal and Patience engage in a gunfight
- Zoe goes down

On Board:

- Wash and Simon bond
- Kaylee warns everybody that Dobson has River

On Whitefall

- Mal wounds Patience, Zoe survives
- Mal gets paid
- Reavers!

On Board:

- Dobson and Simon struggle for a gun, Simon holds him at gunpoint,
- Simon is conflicted
- Mal shoots Dobson dead even while he holds River hostage (no hesitation)
- Run from Reavers begins

- Wash shows extreme calm and focus
- Kaylee helps him complete a Crazy Ivan - a reverse action in space where their off-gassing is ignited
- We see tension between Inara and Mal -- Mal is worried for her safety
- Kaylee (with Shepherd's help) flips the ship backwards while accelerating
- This ignites the exhaust exploding the Reaver ship
- Jayne yells and celebrates while Wash just sits and breathes, the picture of calm

Mal: "We're out of the woods" → flashback to when Inara said "you're lost in the woods, we all are, the difference is Mal likes it like that"

Book: "I think I'm on the wrong ship"

Inara "maybe you're exactly where you ought to be"

Simon and River chat

- River: "I didn't think you'd come for me"
- Simon "Well you're a dummy" = sibling love

Jayne is worried about having River on board

Simon makes it clear River stays

Mal calls Jayne out on Dobson's deal --

Jayne: "Money wasn't good enough"

Jayne makes it clear he may someday turn on Mal

Simon joins the crew - Mal says he'll be safer, the ship needs a medic,

Mal "if I ever kill you you'll be awake, you'll be facing me and you'll be armed"

2. Train Job:

Mal picks a fight in an Alliance-friendly saloon (western reference) on 'Unification Day'
Wash saves the day by flying up just at the right time

Kylee is recovered from her injuries

Their job is to steal cargo from a moving hover train, and deliver it to the buyer -- simple crime

River is having frightening flashbacks to needles and doctors experimenting on her

Simon tries to get River to talk about what happened while the Academy had her hostage

How does River know what kind of ship she is on -- she must be smart

River: "Mal. Bad, in the laten." She is 'odd' -- seems to know things, slightly off, very bright

Shepherd is interested in Mal's motives -- Mal is NOT interested in Shepherd's religion

Kaylee and Inara chat about Kaylee's crush on Simon -- they are very much like sisters
We find out that Inara chooses her own clients, and has to follow the laws of her Guild

A guild is a group of artisans who work together to create safe work environments

Mal starts insulting Inara - warns her about Niska who is dangerous

This proves Mal is protective of Inara

They land on the Skyplex and meet Crow, a massive violent tank of a man (security guard)

- Crow foreshadows death..

Niska has an Austrian accent, symbol of Nazi Germany, WW2 reference

Niska is fixated on 'reputation'

Crow tortures Niska's nephew (yikes!) as a threat to Mal and his crew

They will be stealing Alliance goods --

Mal and Zoe ride the train as passengers, so they can help hook up the cargo from inside
Jayne comes in from above thanks to Wash and his flying skills

Shepherd and Inara chat about the caper, and how Inara prays for him when he goes on a mission
We find out Inara has only been with the crew for 8 months

Simon and Kaylee chat - it's a little awkward...

Jayne brings up the idea of turning Simon and River in to the Alliance

On the train - Zoe and Mal hook the crates up to Jayne's cables from above

The plan goes wrong, Jayne gets shot, and the Feds break in to the train car

Aoe and Mal escape back to the train care posing as normal travellers

Jayne and crew get the goods on board the Firefly

ON board the Firefly, Jayne is losing his mind over being shot, and now needs Simon to hep him (Ironic)

-- At Paradiso, we find out the the crew was actually stealing medicine off the train -- now Mal feels awful

-- on board the Alliance ship - THe Alliance couldn't care less about a small settlement

On the Firefly, Jayne is escalating

- Jayne wants to finish the deal and go to Niska, leaving Zoe and Mal behind

River starts being 'weird' -- "2 by 2, hands of blue..... Over and over..."

More weird things about Shepherd and his past -- we just don't know...

Shepherd knows baotu Niska, Simon gives Jayne a shot for pain

----- on Paradiso

Mal says "this is a nightmare" looking at all the sick people -- he feels just awful about what he's done...

Mal and Zoe are interrogated by the sheriff - pretend to be married and looking for work

The planet is a mining planet - hard work -- and the mine exposure causes Bowden's Malady - a disease that makes people lose muscle mass and have breathing issues. The Pescaline-D (the drugs they stole) is the only treatment

-----on board Firefly

Jayne's drugs kick in... he passes out.... And Slmon now has to dal with the consequences

Wash and crew now make a plan to find Mal and Zoe -- hey....Lets get Inara to help!

----- on paradiso

Inara manages to pop the 2 free.... While getting in a few good jabs at Mal

Her 'respectability' allowed her to walk right in and talk them into releasing the 2

----- on board Firefly

Jayne is still passed out

Zoe and Mal want to return the cargo

Jayne is still dopey....

Crow and crew arrive to get their crates - crow = foreshadowing

Mal cancels deal -- says ' here's your money back, you can't have the crates of medicine

Crow challenges him, there's a fight, Jayne shoots crow

On paradiso --

Mal and Zoe drop off the crates, but the sheriff is there-- he lets them go

Back on the firefly:

Mal tries to talk to Crow, to explain the deal is off, and crow gets sucked into an engine (whoops)

The next henchman agrees to tell Niska the deal is off rather than die

Slman sews up Mal,

River keeps chanting "2 by two, hands of blue"

The Alliance gets a visit from the Operatives in blue gloves....

How did River know?

3. Bushwhacked

The crew plays basketball-ish
River is analyzing the movements
A proximity alert signals them that trouble has found them
A dead body bounces off the windshield
River says "its a ghost"

They decide the floating ship -- the derelict -- is without power
No distress call
The two ships connect, and something slithers from the derelict to Serenity
Simon is freaked out by putting on a space suit
Mal and Zoe head over to the derelict wearing suits
They see a tricycle, a beach ball, a balloon floating just off the ground, and abandoned meals
- Whatever happened, happened fast
Back on serenity, River panics and cries "There's too much screaming" "There was..."
Jayne and Simon go over.... Simon suits up and heads over following Jayne
Simon is breathing heavy, scared
The crew all think he looks ridiculous because they've realized the air is fine and taken off their suits
Turns out Jayne is messing with him, and the suit was on wrong anyway

Mal has figured out it's likely Reavers
River has gone missing from the Serenity (Inara checks on her)
River - barefoot on the metal - is following some inner sense
Kaylee figures out the ship is working fine, had no reason to stop
We discover Kaylee is very strong, and Simon is not
Jayne ransacks the galley
River Mal and Zoe come across the bodies, hung from the ceiling in a net
Jayne is jumped from behind
River "I followed the voices"
Back in the galley
Jayne "he came at me from behind, big though, strong" "He looked bigger when I couldn't see him"
They find the man, who seems very afraid

Inara and Kaylee have compassion for the found man, Jayne thinks he's a murderer
Mal thinks he's a reaver, saying "Cattle from the slaughter"
Shepherd is relieved he'll live, Mal thinks he'd be better off dead -- knows he's a Reaver

Reavers - confirmed -- not Jayne is scared

Simon is confident to go over and take down the bodies
Shepherd: "How we treat our dead is part of what makes us different from those that done the slaughtering"

Mal knows the ship will be booby-trapped, so he needs Kaylee and Wash to fix it

River screams, and the Reaver is armed
Kaylee saves the day by cutting the lines to the trap

The Alliance pulls them over...

They're getting tickets for all sort of infractions
Simon Tam and River are wanted, but details are classified

Mal tells Simon to go get River - conflict ensues

The Alliance boards Serenity, Mals' papers aren't up to date
Mal plays dumb about the 'missing brother and sister'

The crew gets taken to the Alliance ship

The crew are interviewed - overlapping interviews bring double-meanings and comic relief

Hartnik: "If they're hiding anywhere on the ship we will find them" (River and Simon are in space suits, stuck up under the firefly, hiding, like space trash)

Alliance thinks Mal and our crew attacked the derelict

Mal is used to find the Reaver, River knows the Reaver is on board again

They find the Reaver, the Alliance takes all their booty (stolen goods) and they continue on their way

4. Shindig:

- Shindig = party where people kick up their feet (dance) and have live musicians
- We predict: Inara might be involved (people need dates for parties) OR Mal and Inara may have a chance to admit their feelings OR this could be a true barn dance in western tradition
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- Inara flips through client profiles, choosing who to contract with
- She chooses Atherton Wing -- a frequent customer
- Inara is going to the Ball -- with Atherton
- Mal is annoyed by Mal choosing clients.... (cuz he loves her)
- The crew lands on Persephone, looking to refuel, get a job, and move on
- Kaylee gets all excited about the frilly clothes
- Mal doesn't like them all talking about Inara's life style
- Mal lashes out at Kaylee
- Zoe and Kaylee take off annoyed
- Badger talks to Badger, gives him a deal
- Badger's deal is getting some 'stock' from Worrick Harrow he wants to sell
- The deal will go down at the 'social event of the season' -- the same ball as Inara
- Mal needs a date..... He takes Kaylee (awwwwww)
- Inara is horrified -- seeing Mal really puts a wrench in things with Atherton
- Wash and Zoe have one on one time --
- Wash foretells the future -- "Jayne cuts my throat and takes over"
- "I'll read a nice poem at the funeral.... Here lies my beloved Zoe, my autumn flower..."
- Kaylee finds the fruit, tries to mingle with the 'mean girls'
- She is saved by a lovely gentleman who insults the girls
- Mal contacts his Mark but is distracted by Inara's flirting with Atherton
- Worrick Harrow isn't interested, until
- Mal gets into a tussle with Atherton and it is amusing to Harrow
- Mal has to learn to use a sword
- Badger and his crew hold Kaylee, and the rest of the crew hostage on the ship
- Inara sneaks into see Mal, and train him on how to fight with a sword
- Mal asks Inara why she's with Atherton - prompts a difficult discussion
- Back on ship, while the crew plan a way out, River provides a distraction where she seems to know things about Badger....
- Mal asks Inara to not take the deal with Atherton, (because he loves her)
- Duel: Atherton tries to toy with Mal, Mal wins and instead of killing him, humiliates him instead
- Mal gets the deal to ship the cargo (cows)

5. Safe:

- Flashback to the Tam childhood home
- River is a-ok - making sense, playing, very smart
- River's dad is sexist, unsupportive of River
- Back on the ship:
 - River is upset, Mal is worried about her cattle going mad with her screaming
 - River has been avoiding the cattle
 - Simon diagnoses River with Paranoid Schizophrenia
- On the planet: Jiangjin
 - Ship lands to sell off the cows
 - Hillfolk watch, wondering what they can take or steal
 - Now that we're on the planet, River talks to the cows
 - "They weren't cows inside. They were waiting to be but they forgot. Then they saw the sky and they remembered"
 - It *feels* as if Mal is preparing to leave Simon and River on the planet
 - Kaylee and Inara go shopping in town.... Kaylee looks for a present for Simon but then he offends her by calling her garbage
 - What is it with men who can't talk to women in this show?
 - They chat about the post hole...
 - Simon is grumpy... overly concerned about River, mad about being on Serenity, mad at Mal, he calls Serenity crap, Kaylee gets mad
 - River wanders off... uh-oh
 - The Grange brothers arrive to do the deal
 - The cows are branded -- so they haggle on the price
 - Shepherd picks up on a weird vibe...
 - Back in town.... Simon scrambles to find River, sees the sheriff instead and gets scared
 - Back at the corral, the Grange Brothers settle on a price, and book -- the sheriff comes to arrest The Grange Brothers. (with a twist!)
 - Simon finds River wandering into a field, and what looks like a festival, she joins the dancing and we see happy River for the first time
 - This is intercut with scenes from the gunfight at the corral, speaking up the sense of forward motion in both scenes
 - The gunfight picks up, the dancing speeds up, and the clips get shorter and shorter back and forth so it all feels like it's building to a peak
 - Shepherd gets shot.... It's bad.... Where's Simon?
 - Inara reminds Mal they could get help at an Alliance medical centre
 - The crew leaves Simon and River behind :(
 - Meanwhile, Simon starts helping the townfolk, because he's a doctor
 - River 'hears' what a mute girl is saying, and is deemed a witch by the locals, and witches need to be burned at the stake (flashback to post holes....)
 - Meanwhile, Shepherd book gets fixed with no hesitation -- one look at his ID card and they whisk him away for saving
 - They return a healing shepherd to his crew, everyone wonders what's up with his past

- Simon has officially now joined the crew Mal: "you're on my crew"

6. Our Mrs Reynolds

Mal and Jayne tackle some robbers who have been picking on the people of a town
Mal in a dress serves as comedic relief

Jayne gets a rainstick

Mal gets a.... Wife (drinking the wine of some young girl, wearin ga flower crown)

Mystery girl -- Saffron -- is on board as cargo.... His wife?

Elder Goman traded a girl for Mal and Jayne's help

Inara: Could you be a human being for 30 seconds

Mal tries to reassure Saffron - finds out more about the planet she's from

We learn about Mal too.... He seems willing to talk to Saffron.....why?

Book warns Mal:

"If you take sexual advantage of her. you will go to a very special level of hell, reserved for child molesters and people who talk in the theatre."

"The special hell"

Saffron cooks from Mal, amuses Zoe by saying Zoe could cook for Wash,

Saffron snags the mug out of Wash's hand... in a creepy way...

Inara and Mal have a talk.... She's pissed....

Inara : "I wish you hundreds of fat children"

Inara: "Can you leave me alone for 5 minutes please"

Jayne wants to trade Vera for Saffron

Mal is in full protective mode

Saffron is full-on flirting, trying to manipulate Mal

We learn Mal's Mom had a ranch -- he never talks about his past...hmmmm

We discover the firefly is being watched... by who? It's a chop-shop!

Zoe and Wash keep talking about Saffron.....Zoe is mad that Wash takes Saffron's side

Saffron tries to seduce Mal --

Mal: "Oh Good Bible"

Mal: "I'm gonna go to the special hell...."

Mal: SOn of a..... and Mall passes out

Saffron heads off to seduce Wash --

Wash: "Whoah.. Good myth"

Wash focuses on his love of Zoe --
it fails so she kicks him and knocks him out

Down goes Wash:

Saffron bumps into Inara -- Saffron tries to seduce Inara, it fails
Inara runs to check on Mal, kisses him, passes out with a "son of a..."

Mal comes to, Inara lies... says she tripped...

Book: Isn't that 'special'

They realize they're being steered into the chop shop

Inara reveals that Saffron has had training... she's an academy-trained companion (body language, signals, manipulation)

Saffron is working with the chop shop -- Book figures it out (how does he know?)

After...

Inara and Mal chat

Mal thinks Inara kissed Saffron....

He's soooooo dumb

7. Jaynestown

- Simon goes on the job, Shepherd stays behind with River
- Jayne has a statue..... Huh?
- The crew finds the statue hilarious, and Jayne is really uncomfortable
- Jayne is terrified of getting arrested for some reason
- Inara's client is the Magistrate's son.....
- Back on the ship, River is 'fixing' shepherd bible
- Shepherd explains that believing in something enough makes it real
- River is still stymied by the parts of the bible that don't make physics/math sense
- The crew drinks 'Mudders milk' in the pub -- an alcoholic protein shake
- The minstrel starts singing the Ballad of Jayne

What? What?????????

- So Jayne and his buddy stole money from the magistrate, but were too weighed down to fly away. Rather than getting caught, they dumped the money, which fell on the slave workers... so Jayne is a hero... much like Robin Hood

Bwa ha ha ha ha.....

- Back on the ship.... River is terrified of Shepherd's hair - lol -- but it reconfirms we don't know everything about Book
- Back on Canton, Jayne is recognized, and a mob celebrates

Jayne is a hero again -- and kinda likes it..... Play into the hype

Mal tries to adjust the plan based on this new information

Simon and Kaylee drink too much..... And he still matters to insult Kaylee...

Back on the ship, River is still stressed out about the hair

Wash and Mal come back.... Wash is tipsy

Inara and Fess talk....which teaches us much about her views on what makes a man

Jayne and the mudders get closer -- he finds out how he kicked off a movement of worker independence

The Magistrate finds out that Jayne Cobb is back -- all heck breaks loose.... The Magistrate pulls a man out of a hot box -- Stictch Hitchen -- who hates Jayne, and sets him free, getting him to do his dirty work and go after Jayne

The next day..... Mal finds Kaylee in Simon's arms.... But nothing happened... Simon offends Kayle

Jayne has to go to JayneDay -- the distraction the crew needs to pull off the job

Fess and Inara chat again... about the nature of 'being a man'

Inara: "A man is just a boy old enough to ask that question" (aren't I a man now?)

Jayne all of a sudden has a conscience..... Doesn't want to take advantage of the mudders....He feels like he's finally done something good and he's leaning into it...

Fess tells a story about Jayne, but to Inara it sounds like Mal... Dramatic irony! We know he's talking about Jayne

Fess reports his father had locked down Jayne ship

Stitch finds Simon in the pub -- drags him to town centre after roughing him up a bit...

At the celebration, Stitch confronts Jayne, an innocent boy dies in the process and Jayne feels awful...

8. Out of Gas

- In media res -- starting in the middle
- Starts with an empty ship and Mal collapsing
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- Moves on to Mal showing Serenity to Zoe
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- Ends teaser with Mal bleeding through the flooring
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- Present day coloured with blue lighting
- Mal has a catalyzer, trying to get to the engine room
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- Recent past - telling stories around the dinner table, Simon's birthday
- River says 'fire' and we think its about the candle flames, but she sees the fire coming
- Fire roars through the dining hall, Zoe gets hurt
- All the air is now gone. Hence, out of 'gas'

Back to the present -- Mal struggles to find the engine

Back to the ship on fire, Zoe in the infirmary

- Kaylee is bereft, "she ain't movin" -- sounds like it's about zoe, but it's about Serenity
- Mal kicks Wash out - which ticks him off

Back to the older past -- Meeting Wash and seeing how he joins the crew

- Zoe doesn't like him (ironic)

Back to the Fire timeline -- Soc gives Zoe adrenaline to the heart

Present day - Mal gives himself adrenaline to the heart

- Now has the strength to keep fighting

Fire timeline - Kaylee worries bout Zoe

- Catalyzer and port connection coil blew --
- Kaylee is worried she can't fix it
- life support is down - running out of air
- 2-ish hours of air left
- Mal and Wash have another fight....

Back to present day, Mal stumbling through the empty ship...

Back to the past -- the first mechanic -- Bester -- is having a moment with our current Kaylee -- how Kaylee comes aboard

Back to fire timeline - Kaylee is sooooo upset about Serenity -- feels like she let everyone down

Present day - Mal in engine room, tries to install the catalyzer, drops it.... Seem

Back to fire timeline -- Mal briefs the crew, suggests everyone takes off in the shuttles looking for help
Lets us know as viewers, its not just air they need, but also heat.....
Mal will go down with his ship - a Captain's moral code
Wash installs a recall beacon to let the shuttles know they can return

Back to the past - we see how Inara came aboard

- "You want me" we think she's being forward, she's being practical "a certain respectability"
- Inara sets her boundaries (don't call me wh***e)

Fire timeline -- Mal and Inara share a moment....

Jayne has a moment with Mal....

The shuttle sleeve, Mal wraps up in a blanket and sits on the bridge

Static wakes him up -- it's a nearby ship hailing! They got the distress call! Yay!!! Mal misses it, but then sees the ship

Stranger (Salvager) talks to Mal -- wants to deal, but is wary of being ambushed

Salvagers connect to Firefly -- Mal gets a rush of air --

Past -- Jayne hold sup Mal and Zoe -- Mal learns what to do when held up.... Mal convinced Jayne to join the crew --- remember: Mal held Mal up, then turned on his own guys... so do we trust Jayne?

Back in the present with the salvagers,

- they turn on Mal, he gets shot, but has the needed engine part
- Mal grabs his gun, and hold the right back up
- Mal tries to make his way to the engine (back where we started
- Mal could kill them but doesn't
- Collapses, back where we started
- Mal tries to make his wat to the engine with the part, gets it in, fixes it.... (Thanks Kaylee)
- Mal tries to get to the bridge to recall the shuttles

Mal, in the infirmary, with everybody

They couldn't leave him and came back against orders

Mal is worried about being left alone again... "y'all still be here when i wake up?"

Wash is donating blood

Mal flashes back on the first day he saw Serenity... love at first sight

9. Ariel

- A classic heist episode
- Simon presents the crew with a mission plan (a switch of roles, since Mal always comes up with the plan)
- The goal? Break into the hospital so Simon can get River into a special scanner to figure out what's up with her brain
- The payout? Steal meds from a hospital and sell them to the people who need them for a profit
- But on an Alliance planet, where there's a warrant for them, and do we really trust Jayne?
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- Simon and River are drugged
- Mal sneaks them in, Jayne delivers his one line well -- and it's awkward
- Jayne calls the feds -- ugh!
- Jayne is back with River and Simon....
- Mal and Zoe wander off to steal the drugs, use a AED to incapacitate a doctor

- Mal and Zoe stick up on drugs
- Simon find out what they did to River's brain -- they stripped her amygdala, she feels everything and knows everything about the people around her --
- River starts flashing back, Jayne gets agitated
- Simon, River, and Jayne get arrested -- the Feds double crossed Jayne
- Mal and Zoe and Wash have to rescue them
- Jayne fights back, kills Aguero, River looks on horrified, Simon helps
- Mal and Zoe are steered remotely by Kaylee and Wash -- and boom, the Feds arrive in full force
- Jayne continues to fight his way out, and River says 'they're here'
- The men in blue gloves arrive, and start melting people's minds....
- A desperate race to get out, and they find Mal and Zoe

Mal and Jayne chat, and because Jayne has a conscience, Mal allows him to live.

- River and Simon have hope with new medicines on board.
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10. War Stories

- Wash is jealous of Mal and Zoe's past.... He's very grumpy
- River is feeling better, plays with Kaylee, eats apples from Jayne, but threw up on Simon's bed
- "I'll be in my bunk" takes on multiple meanings
- Zoe and Mal get ready to leave on the mission, but Wash has messed with the tech so he can go instead of Zoe --
- Mal is angry at this -- Zoe is his second in command
- Wash admits his jealousy
- So Mal and Wash go on the mission together --
- Back on the ship, Inara entertains her client...
- Mal and Wash are ambushed.... But not by the bad guys they thought they were meeting.....
- Wash is terrified and useless
- Mal is thinking of a way out...
- Wash gets angry on Zoe's behalf for putting her in danger...
- Zoe mounts a rescue mission --
- Mal and Wash are tortured... Mal keeps egging Wash on to keep his adrenaline up so he doesn't pass out/die
- Wash gets angrier and angrier.... And lives!
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- Zoe goes to Niska's skyplex
- Zoe sees Mal and Wash....
- Niska says she can only take one -- challenging her to choose between Wash and Mal
- She chooses Wash -- because she loves him and he won't survive, and Mal is a soldier -- he can fend for himself
- Niska cuts off Mal's ear....
- Zoe gets Wash out, Niska goes back to torturing Mal
- Wash has a transforming moment -- he starts talking about 'he's insane....' we think he means Niska, but it's Mal -- Wash owes his life to Mal....
- Wash decides he wants to get Mal out
- Zoe and Wash go back to Serenity -- with Mal's ear

- Mal continues to endure torture at Niska's hands
- Niska pulls out his special 'machine', while Mal keeps joking
- Mal screams
- Back on the ship.... Zoe and Wash prep an assault on the skyplex to save Mal
- Mal dies, but Niska resuscitates him so he can keep torturing him
- Our crew breeches the skyplex, kaylee, wash, shepherd, and simon 'holing position'
- Mal turns the machine on Nisk's henchman
- River - in the moment of crisis -- kills 3 men without looking, and with no hesitation "no power in the verse can stop me"
- Now Kaylee is afraid
- Simon fixes Mal's ear -- ewie
- Zoe cooks for her husband
- Mal teases Wash, suggesting they need to fight for Zoe....
- All is well
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- But Kaylee is afraid of River..... Duuuuhm duh dum dum dwaaaah.....

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11. Trash

- Saffron is back..... Uh oh.....
- Mal and Saffron fight...
- We find out Saffron has been lying to her new husband, Monty....
- Monty leaves them both on the planet, deserted.....
- Saffron and Mal revisit old times..... She's trying hard to manipulate him
- Saffron starts to talk about a possible job.... We don't know if Mal will fall for it or not... but...
- Mal returns to the ship, the crew is worried that Mal is bleeding
- Mal seems grumpy
- Inara plans some tea with Mal.... wants to talk business, Mal is afraid of being manipulated for the second time in one day

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12. The Message

- Simon offends Kaylee
- Mal and Inara are trying to fence the Lassiter pistol
- Jayne gets a hat
- Mal and Zoe pick up a large package.... An ex-army buddy -- Private Tracey Smith
- Flashback to the war: we see Zoe save a clumsy Tracey
- Mal blazes in: "someone's carrying a bullet for you and they don't even know it"
- And we hear "no man left behind...."
- Mal and Zoe carry the casket in a dutiful way
- Simon offers to autopsy him, upsetting Kaylee
- Zoe finds a recording, Tracey's last words
- "When you can't run anymore, you crawl, and when you can't crawl, you find someone to carry you"
- Mal and the crew decide to take Tracey back home to his folks
- Back at the post Office bad guys are looking for Mal
- Kaylee is very moved by Tracey's last words
- Mal and Zoe reminisce
- Womak hits their ship, wants his cargo back (the coffin)
- Shepherd knows that something is up with Womak.....
- Womak boards, then leaves once they make it clear he has no jurisdiction
- They get to St Albans and turn over Tracey's body, Kaylee and Simon hold hands, Mal is deeply affected.....

13. Heart of Gold

14. Objects in Space

- River wanders the ship, feeling what everyone feels
- Inara is still with the crew, but leaving...
- River is hearing their thoughts
- River thinks she's picking up a stick, but it's a gun
- "We're very much alone out here" -- but they're not....
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- Zoe and Wash notice something hovering in their wake....
- Jayne swears he didn't leave a gun out...
- Kaylee is afraid, discloses that River killed 3 men
- "Nobody can shoot like that that's a person" -- upsets Simon
- "She's a reader" -- Mal thinks River is psychic
- Simon's offended that the crew is afraid of River.... That she might be an assassin
- Simon and Kaylee have a moment in the passageway.... But are interrupted by the preacher
- Jubal comes on board while the others are in their quarters
- He takes out the crew one by one
- First, he bumps into Mal, and neutralizes him easily
- Wash and Zoe don't even wake up
- He takes Kaylee as a hostage: threatens her, make her take him to River
- We notice that Jubal speaks oddly, in a weird cadence, with awkward wording that sound slike parts of children's songs, with a odd juxtaposition of ideas
- He's very creepy
- Jubal continues to manipulate Kaylee with his words, making her say there's nobody that can help her....
- Next he disables the Preacher
- Simon notices that River is missing from her room
- Jubal and Simon tussle,
- Jubal mishears Alliance for 'a lion' -- again, not making sense
- Jubal makes it clear he's a bounty hunter
- He also makes it clear he's not quite right.... And therefore very dangerous
- Jubal threatens Kaylee.
- Jubal tells us "that ain't no shepherd" about Book
- Jubal hits Inara - when she tries to manipulate him
- River's not *on* the ship..... But she's on the intercom
- River talks to Kaylee - tells her how to help
- River now takes the lead - She's hunting Jubal
- River knows what goes on in Jubal's head....
- Tricks him outside, Mal sends him off to space, and River comes back on board
- Kaylee is no longer afraid of River

15. Serenity (movie)