

BLACK VEIL: SERIES BIBLE

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INTRODUCTION

Black Veil is a one-hour sci-fi action-adventure.

Set in a post-apocalyptic future reminiscent of *The 100*, *Mad Max*, and *Mortal Engines*. *Black Veil* explores an unrecognizable broken-Earth, and the baser instincts of human nature. One sheltered group of survivors inherits a wealth of technology, while the rest of the world struggles in darkness.

Greed, envy, corruption, and fantastic new landscapes shape this transformed Earth. Heroism, friendship, sacrifice, and ending the technology-killing effects of the Black Veil are the only things that will save it.

We will encounter vibrant, contrasting characters that are rooted in a deep history of their altered world. Some are self-serving, some reluctantly valiant, and some pure evil. All will clash in a colorful conflict of power, survival, and betrayal.

Themes of cyberpunk, western steampunk, and airship-pirate steampunk are at play throughout the story. Augmented people with cybernetic enhancements occupy SHINE TOWN, while the outside world makes use of old-school mechanical enhancements that are meant to better lives, or take them.

Air Isles and their pirates will span the airspace of Earth's broken horizon. The land-locked people of the Continental Prides populate the unforgiving environment on the ground. And the isolated, technology rich city of Shine Town outshines them all behind their protective walls.

These polar opposite worlds will collide in an epic battle for their lives, and their way of life. The next world they create may not be as nice.

HISTORY: WHERE WE CAME FROM

Once upon a time man went to war, and there was no end in sight, except for the destruction of man-kind itself. To save what was left of humanity, scientists at Lucerne created a weapon of peace known as the Black Veil. It's sole purpose was to temporarily disable the terrifying, merciless technologies of war that were driving humans to mass extinction.

The hope was to bring about a cease fire and force each side to talk. But instead, the Black Veil nearly destroyed the Earth.

To power the Black Veil scientists tapped the energy from the Earth's core, and it set in motion a cataclysmic event. A large portion of the planet cracked open creating the Air Isles that stretch into outer-space. Whole continents shifted and crashed into each other. The oceans rose and fell. In an instant peace was achieved through utter destruction.

Through it all people survived. But while the rest of the world was thrown back into the dark ages, Shine Town remained unscathed, and unaltered by the Black Veil -- a preserved piece of history.

Shine Town crests atop a tall mesa that is protected by their biological, plague carrying weapons, called Feral Humans. Behind the city's impenetrable walls, Shine Town sits like a beacon of envy to all who behold its glowing lights. War between the Continental Prides and Air Isles raged over who would possess the isolated city, but none ever could.

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

While the rest of the world enjoys the life sustaining gifts of mother Earth and freedom, Shine Town has had to adopt a more totalitarian life-style in order to survive in the confines of their city.

The citizens have traded freedom, privacy, and the truth about the outside world, for safety and an addiction to technology.

But all is not well behind the glorious aurora of their lights.

Life behind walls is life in jail.

Shine Town is slowly dying. One young man, Kael, is leading a rebellion to free his people from starvation, and a lifetime of lies. His goal: restore power and technology to the world by shutting down the Black Veil's suffocating effects, and then lead his people into a new way of life outside the walls.

Caught, and exiled for treason, Kael is cast into the wilds of the real world. Outside he becomes hunted by those who seek to exploit his mission.

After all, restoring power to the world would mean making the powerful even more dangerous.

THE STORY

In **SEASON ONE**, Kael will find allies in a strong female lead character, ABILENE "BLACK VEIL" LARKIN, a bounty hunter who is falsely accused of murdering her father. She will be the bearer of Kael's RESISTOR TECH that allows him to use his technology in the outside world. Another strong female ally is DOCTOR EFFIE HARPER, an augment surgeon trapped in a debt to the corrupt Sheriff of Independence. She's looking for a way out of bondage and thinks she's found it in Abilene and Kael.

Together they will set in motion an impossible task to shut down the effects of the Black Veil. They will fight through overwhelming odds in the Air Isles, suffer betrayals among friends, face hard losses of loved ones, and discover a dark secret hidden deep within Shine Town. This secret is named, CALIX AMIAS, the centuries old, preserved Overseer who has been extending his life through cloning, and cybernetics. He has been searching for a cure to death by genetically experimenting on his own citizens -- a cure that Abilene holds.

Ultimately, our rag-tag group of heroes will stop the Black Veil's effects, but at a heavy price. The cost of shutting down the Black Veil, and restoring electricity to the world will mean the fall of the Air Isles, literally. The Black Veil is the only reason the Air Isles are able to float. Many will die, and the growth of Shine Town's technology will pose a new threat to our heroes as their world changes once again.

Over the course of **SEASON TWO** our heroes face the dangers of a new world, one that they created. They will deal with the consequences of stopping the Black Veil and the destruction of the Air Isles. Friends become enemies, and enemies become surprising allies as they unite against a new villain. Overseer Calix Amias and his cybernetic army.

The outside world will see the rise of Shine Town as its Overseer seeks to expand his search for a cure to his survival. Superior weapons and cybernetics give Shine Town the advantage over surrounding towns like Independence. Totalitarianism spreads like a cancer with the promise of safety, and technology.

Abilene truly becomes the BLACK VEIL when Kael reverses the effects of the Resistor Tech, and she can now kill technology nearby.

But her altered, plague-resistant DNA is what makes her valuable to the most evil man alive. Abilene's modified DNA will unlock Pandora's Box in the form of Calix Amias when he finally gets what he has been so desperately looking for -- freedom, power, and life eternal.

THE HEROES

ABILENE "BLACK VEIL" LARKIN/WESTER

Being the fastest gunslinger in the whole broken-Earth has earned her the nickname, "Black Veil", because she'll put your lights-out in a fight. Her trouble started at a very young age when Duke Bloxham wanted her family's ranch on Thunder Hill. They refused and he murdered them all, except for Abilene who escaped to Devil's Forge, which is a Feral infested nightmare that protects Shine Town. Bitten by one of the genetically modified Ferals, Abilene contracted the plague, but instead of dying, she survived. Her DNA was altered by the virus, giving her inhuman speed, healing, and stamina. She is a reluctant hero at first, and seeks only to find the men responsible for murdering her family, but the hero she becomes will reshape the Earth one more time.

DOCTOR EFFIE HARPER

What's a sweet girl like you doing in a dump like this? Doctor Effie Harper is the Einstein of steampunk augmentations and a very talented doctor. Much like everybody who works for Sheriff Magnus and Duke Bloxham, she is owned by them through blackmail. Effie uses her charming bedside manner to gather information and plot her freedom. What we learn along her journey is that she is Captain Happy Jack's run-away daughter, and she is hiding from him in the Continental Prides.

KAEL

A classic cyberpunk, native to Shine Town. The only son of Director Miwa, he is much like she used to be -- ambitious, smart, a visionary. He is driven by a strong desire to save his people by shutting down the Black Veil. Only then can they use their technology in the outside world to save themselves.

NOLA

Kael's girlfriend. Nola works in the science division in Shine Town. She has been questioning some of the drugs coming through -- one in particular, the Vitamin Boost, which is administered to non-compliants before they are exiled from the city. She discovers that it is a viral, gene-altering treatment to re-code DNA for a specific purpose. It creates Ferals, but it's meant for something else too, and Abilene is the living proof of that.

Nola believes in Kael's cause and continues his mission after he is exiled.

MIWA

The Director of Shine Town, Miwa is Kael's mother, the original rebel. Over the years she has had to make hard choices, one of the hardest was to exile her son. Now, she has taken up his mantel and seeks to help Kael on his journey outside.

QUINT

First Mate to Captain Slagg of the Blood Raven airship. Quint is a typical steampunk pirate, but his loyalty to Captain Slagg is put into question early on in Season One when the crews survival comes into play. He and Abilene will start out with a rocky relationship, but as they team-up, it will grow into a love interest.

THE VILLAINS

DUKE EDWARD BLOXHAM

One of the aristocrats of the Continental Prides known as the Plains Drifters. He is a charming southerner whose greed has lead to many deaths, including Abilene's family. He seeks to take Shine Town. He will stop at nothing to capture the Shiner, Kael, in order to use his knowledge of the Black Veil for his own power grab. The only thing Duke Bloxham cares about more than power and money is his daughter, Lady Isobel. He will lose his title and daughter early in season one, and stop at nothing to get them back.

LADY ISOBEL BLOXHAM

Daughter to Duke Bloxham. She is the quintessential southern belle. A proper lady that has been shielded from her father's dastardly side. She thinks the world of Duke Bloxham, but deep down she knows that he might not be the wonderful man she sees. When danger arrives in her life, she finds herself enjoying it. This will grow into something fierce over time. After her father's death, she will take up his mantle and seek revenge on all who she feels betrayed her.

SHERIFF CYRIL MAGNUS

Sheriff Magnus is the Duke's right hand man. His right arm has been fully augmented for speed, and his right eye has been augmented for accuracy. He is ruthless, and loyal, and one of the men responsible for killing Abilene's family. When the world changes in Season Two, so will he. This enemy will become a strong ally.

CAPTAIN SLAGG

When Effie calls for the help of an airship pirate to assist her and Kael in search of the Black Veil, which is located in the Air Isles, Captain Slagg comes to the rescue. Only his motives reveal a personal vendetta against Captain Happy Jack. Slagg plans to use Kael as bait to bring his nemesis to him, even if it kills his entire crew.

CAPTAIN HAPPY JACK, A.K.A. ANGEL, A.K.A. LILA WESTER

The original Happy Jack was Effie Harper's father. A sadistic, blood-thirsty pirate renown for his cruelty and success. The Happy Jack we meet in this story is a body-double that is playing the part of the infamous Happy Jack under the puppet strings of his predecessor, Lila Wester, who just so happens to be Abilene Larkin's missing sister. Taken from her burning ranch, Lila was sold as a slave to the original Happy Jack at a young age, a replacement to his run away daughter, Effie Harper. Lila endured hardships and abuse on the pirate ship, until the day she killed Happy Jack and took the ship for herself. To maintain his legend and her life, she enlisted a body-double who obeys her every command, while she plays the role of his First Mate, Angel. Lila Wester is a serious terror in the skies, but an encounter with her sister, Abilene, may change all that.

CALIX AMIAS, A.K.A. THE OVERSEER

Father of the Black Veil, and founder of Tesla City, Calix Amias is a centuries old scientist, turned dictator to his people. Over the years he has resorted to using unorthodox technological procedures, and the act of cloning himself to prolong his life. Now he is mostly a living brain inside a failing husk of cybernetics. He is more programming than man, but his clones keep what is left of his body alive and connected to the city and his people, while he searches for a cure to death. The five clones currently in use are the Board of Trustees (the BoT), and they are all avatars of Calix Amias.

COMPLETED EPISODES**EPISODE 1, PILOT**

LOGLINE

Set in a post-apocalyptic future, a young gunslinger driven to avenge her family's slaughter suddenly finds herself caught in the middle of a dangerous plot to reignite Earth's lost technology, and the war that nearly ended the planet.

SYNOPSIS

Abilene Larkin is the fastest gunslinger in the whole broken-Earth. Her journey begins with a personal vendetta to kill the men responsible for murdering her family.

After arriving in the town of Independence, Abilene finds herself caught up with a corrupt sheriff, Magnus, and a plan to infiltrate Shine Town - the only place on Earth with working technology.

Meanwhile, Shine Town exiles Kael for treason. Cast into the Dead Zone, Kael's supporters have supplied him with the tools needed to save his dying city, that is, if he can survive the Ferals, and the outside world.

Doctor Effie Harper makes a deal with Abilene to help her find evidence of the men who killed her family, in exchange she will kill Magnus. But when Abilene changes the plans in what seems like a betrayal, Effie finds a new ally in the captured Shiner, Kael.

EPISODE 2, INDEPENDENCE BURNING

LOG LINE

Vying for her freedom, Effie makes a deal with Captain Slagg that puts everyone in jeopardy. Against her will, Abilene becomes a vital part of Kael's mission.

SYNOPSIS

Tortured for his technology and his knowledge of Shine Town, Kael begins to doubt his mission, but soon finds an partner in Effie. Realizing that Kael could be her ticket to freedom, Effie makes a deal with the enemy, calling on a notorious airship pirate, Captain Slagg, to give them safe passage to the air isles, where the Black Veil is located.

Duke Bloxham tries to win Kael's trust for his own selfish, power grab of the lost technology. Abilene struggles with self-preservation and survival, or helping Effie and Kael. Slagg arrives in the town of Independence looking for the Shiner, Kael, but meets resistance from Duke Bloxham over ownership of the young man. Cultures clash, and a fight to possess Kael, and his secrets ensue.

EPISODE 3, MUTINY

LOG LINE

The Air Isles and Continental Prides unite in the bounty of Captain Slagg's ship and crew. Abilene and Effie plot to overthrow the Blood Raven, and save Kael. Miwa makes a deadly decision that threatens Shine Town's survival.

SYNOPSIS

Hell bent on vengeance, Captain Slagg orders the Blood Raven to a repair isle in order to get the ship ready for a suicidal encounter with his nemesis, Happy Jack.

In doing so, he condemns Kael to death by denying him lifesaving medicine on the nearby isle of Eden. Effie and Abilene try to convince Slagg that Kael's life and the Black Veil technology is more important than revenge, but Slagg is only interested in a showdown with Happy Jack. Abilene is forced to take on a leadership role in order to save her people from Slagg's personal vendetta. Her plan, take the ship.

Back in the town of Independence, Duke Bloxham calls for a parlay between the Air Isles and the Continental Prides. A bounty is issued across the isles and prides for the Blood Raven crew and the capture of Kael.

Miwa finds herself in the middle of a dispute between rebels Nola and Axon. Axon has found a way to communicate with Kael, but it involves launching an old rocket with an aging warhead. Nola has discovered that the genetics labs are experimenting on exiles. Her hack into the secure system has put her in danger of being discovered, and Miwa must now make a difficult decision to save her and the rebels. A sacrifice is made. The rocket is launched, and the aftermath will be devastating to all involved.

EPISODE 4, UNITY

LOGLINE

Nola struggles with a new position, and the fallout in Shine Town. Unexpected doubt and betrayal brings danger to the Blood Raven. Meanwhile, Abilene finds a new ally as enemies close in on their position.

SYNOPSIS

In order to save Nola, the rebels, and the city's future, Miwa implicates herself and two others in the launch of the rocket. Nola is given the gut-wrenching task of turning them all in to authorities, and she becomes a hero to her people, so much so, that the Overseer has made her the new Director. Her first task is to execute the traitors.

With the Blood Raven under Abilene's command, the airship arrives at the shoals just outside of Eden. Abilene takes a small group to the isle to gather provisions and repairs for the ship, and get Kael much needed medical attention. Effie's knowledge of the isles threatens to expose her past life. An old friend presents Effie with her ticket to freedom, but it means leaving Kael and Abilene behind in order to save herself.

Bear keeps his promise to Duke Bloxham, and sends word of their location, which brings the Hangman and his Imperial Isle warship, Black Dagger, to Eden.

The relationship between Abilene and Quint grows.

EPISODE 5, RUN AND GUN

LOGLINE

An adrenaline rush of action erupts when all of Eden hunts for Kael, Effie, Quint, and Abilene. Wade enlists Slagg's help to save his friends. Bear keeps a promise to Duke Bloxham and plots to deliver Isobel safe and sound.

SYNOPSIS

The Black Dagger arrives at Eden, and the Hangman launches a bloody free-for-all in search of the Blood Raven bounty, and Kael. Abilene learns to trust Quint as they join forces to survive the Hangman's First Mate, Salvo who is war-machine augmented from head-to-toe.

With Kael awake, on the mend, and a little high from painkillers, Effie and Sig flee underground to the Sub-levels Eden to escape the Hangman. But Effie will have to sacrifice herself to help Kael avoid capture.

Desperate to help his trapped friends, Wade seeks the advice of Captain Slagg to help rescue everyone from Eden. Slagg's plan involves the danger of releasing his imprisoned crew to help man the ship, and deliver the rocky shoals directly to Eden's shore.

Bear and Isobel have other plans that involve stealing a longboat and surrendering to the Hangman, in hopes of reuniting with Duke Bloxham, Isobel's father. If Bear keeps this promise, maybe the Duke will keep his and free Bear's Tribe.

EPISODE 6, IN THE RED

LOGLINE

A dark secret is brought to light when Ferals attack Shine Town.

SYNOPSIS

After surviving the rocket launch three rebel survivors are trapped in the bunker and face the harsh reality of their condemned fate. Only one will make it out alive.

Nola attempts to calm and comfort the citizens of Shine Town, but a mystery is brought to her attention... some of the missing people in the fallout shouldn't be missing at all.

A doctor from bio-engineering hints to Nola that the missing are being held in the top secret Red Labs. A plan is hatched to use the sole survivor, Nyka, from the bunker to infiltrate the Red Labs as one of the missing.

Inside the bio-engineering facility, Nyka learns that the missing are being experimented on for the Overseer. The failed experiments turn citizens into Ferals. In order to expose the lies, Nyka unleashes the Ferals into the city, and uploads Red Lab files to the Rebels, who in turn expose the truth to the public.

Keeping her true loyalties close, Nola is forced to take extreme actions to prevent the Rebel viral attack on the port exchange. The city shuts down all power.

Finally, the communications satellite locates Kael's port in the outside world.