

The Seeker
Treatment
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Type of show

1-hour television drama (mystery or police procedural), single camera

Hour-long, single camera, six acts with a teaser to set-up the episode and a tag for the next episode.

Target audience: 18-49, Thriller/Mystery/Supernatural

Logline

The Seeker is a character-driven procedural drama about a Former FBI agent, Dr. Paula Jackson, with supernatural abilities and her specialized team six years after the privatization of law enforcement in 2034.

World of the show

Fort Hope, Florida is an island just off the coast of Southwest Florida in the Gulf of Mexico. Created as a haven for the Cercatire (Sir-cat-tree) by billionaire real estate tycoon Alexander Hope, in 2030. The island is the entire world of the show with a population is between 200,000 and 250,000 Cercatire and humans. There are times when characters visit other areas but are minimal. Primary locations include the home of Paula and her husband Gene, Dr. Mikayla Ivanovna's office and areas inside and outside of the Sunshine Institute where she works, Office space for Paula's team, Community, Order, and Public Safety (COPS) organization, and possibly others. Other sets needed are a jail cell, storefronts, streets, hotel rooms, and beaches. The show is grounded in realism and the issues that surround the loss of traditional law enforcement. Supernatural occurrences involve abilities such as mind reading, mind control, energy manipulation, and control of matter.

Cercatire (Sir-cat-tree) are supernatural, but not immortal, but physically stop aging in their thirties, and tend to live long lives. Usually, a Cercatire only has one supernatural gift, but there are some who have several. Their abilities include keen intellect, capacity to hear the thoughts of others, quick healing, healing minor wounds of others, the manipulation of energy, and mind control.

Themes

This show has two central themes. One is the implications of focusing on the emotional and often selfish desires of people. The second is the intellectual power that comes from a strong moral code and the structure that comes with enforceable boundaries. The first examines how the wants and desires of the people can bring chaos that destroys a community. The second provides the hope and joy that comes from how doing the right thing, such as using gifts and skills for the good of others, can rebuild that same community.

Story engine

The story in this show comes from the desires of the public and the government's decision to privatize all law enforcement in the United States. The collision occurs between the private police force determined to uphold the law and the criminal element who believes themselves to be the law, but seem to function more like a gang.

The primary story model is that of Dr. Paula Jackson (PJ) and her team who are unwilling to stand by while their families, friends, and community are threatened. The team must learn how to maintain their sense of honor, duty, and moral standards while dealing those who operate under a different and deadly code of their own.

Another story model involves the people who populate Fort Hope. Many pressure PJ to use her supernatural abilities to apprehend criminals but not all criminals have abilities, and she struggles with the moral implications. She has to maneuver the internal politics of the law she is determined to uphold, the desires of her team, the love for the city she swore to protect, and her own personal demons.

Summary of events prior to the show

In the 1980s, the idea of running prisons for profit began. Unfortunately, its beginnings were not good. However, in 2020, major reform commenced in the United States. Prisons pay changed from the number of criminals incarcerated, to the number rehabilitated each year. Programs to assist the education and rehabilitation of inmates much like the Halden's Prison in Norway. By 2023, the number of inmates per 100,000 people in the United States reduced from 707ii to 502, a 29% reduction. A majority of these prisoners are not eligible for parole.

Responsible Community Engagement, Inc. (RCE) the company behind this successful program, collaborated with Community, Order, and Public Safety (COPS), to create an alternative to traditional law enforcement in 2025. COPS created a private police force because of the waning financial and public support for officers who were losing their jobs due to continuing budget cuts. With the backing of RCE, COPS offered better pay and staffing for officers working in their stations. One of the most successful rehabilitation programs from the RCE jails was their law enforcement program. The government determined who better to police those who commit crimes than those who themselves were rehabilitated? COPS stationed these rehabilitated officers over the poorer areas of communities. Oversight for the COPS program came from state chiefs who were part of the governor's office, although it was limited.

Until 2028, COPS provided a supplement to traditional policing, but due to the ongoing unrest civilians felt, increases in staffing costs, and lawsuits, the United States Government held a special session to privatize all law enforcement.

What the government did not expect was what would happen without agencies such as the FBI, FDLE, and state and county police departments. Some of those rehabilitated COPS officers took this as an opportunity to govern their communities in a way that was anything, but civil. Over the next six years, the line between right and wrong continues to blur, and there is a need for strong leaders.

One such leader is Dr. Paula Josephine Jackson; she goes by the nickname PJ. As a Criminal Phycologist and former FBI agent with several supernatural abilities such as slow aging, capacity to read minds, and manipulate matter, PJ has the skills, knowledge, and moral code for the job. PJ runs a private organization with team members who each have unique skills to assist with the tracking and apprehending of those working on both sides of the law.

Tone

The tone of this show is a fundamentally empathetic look at what happens to people with and without boundaries. At its highest and lowest, the show provides moments of greatness and despair because of choices.

Character bios

DR. PAULA JOSEPHINE JACKSON goes by PJ.

Physiology: PJ is biologically 66 but looks 36. PJ is Cercatire. PJ has multiple gifts. She can hear the thoughts of everyone she meets. She heals quickly, and she can heal minor wounds of others. She can manipulate energy and can form a protective shield around herself when she feels a threat to her life, but it is unpredictable. She must control her temper because when she becomes angry, she manipulates others and makes them do what she wants. Most of the time she can control her emotional outbursts because she relies on a strict moral code of what she considers right and wrong. PJ is loyal to those close to her, intelligent, and strong-willed. PJ dresses in casual clothes most of the time. She wears dark slacks and polo and comfortable shoes most of the time.

Sociology: PJ was born in upstate New York and is a United States Citizen. PJ's family came from Italy in the early 1900's. She is the only child of Paul Joseph and her Irish mother, Colette. The family raised champion Thoroughbred racehorses. Her father wanted a boy and was disappointed when she was born. If she had been a boy, she would have been Paul Joseph, thus the name Paula Josephine. Growing up she did everything to prove that she was the son her father would never have, but PJ's life changed forever after a chance encounter with David Berkowitz, aka "The Son of Sam," just before he started his killing spree in 1975 when she was seven.

She followed his arrest, trial, and conviction and became fascinated by the criminal mind. When PJ graduated from high school, at 17, she informed her father of her intention to become a Criminal Phycologist and join the FBI instead of following in his footsteps. Her father was devastated, and their relationship barely recovered before he died, unexpectedly.

Once in the FBI, she became a star with her ability to track down some of the worst criminals, especially serial killers. PJ is well educated with a doctorate in Criminal Psychology; Master is Sociology and the author of several books on the criminal mind.

She grew up with Owen Casey, and they are like brother and sister. PJ has strong Christian faith and believes that the supernatural abilities she has are gifts from God. She often struggles with knowing the best way to use them. PJ often finds it difficult to deal with others who treat others poorly and doesn't like people who feel they are above anyone or anything especially the law. PJ moved to Florida in 2015, and Andrew Hope asked her to come to Fort Hope upon completion in 2025 to serve as a leader in the community.

PJ is selective with her friends, which primarily consist of those people she works with and a few who go to her church. To her friends are family.

Psychology: PJ married GENE JACKSON, shortly after she moved to Florida in 2015 and they are happily married. Her family taught her the importance of loving others the way Christ loves her. Sometimes she allows her anger to surpass this truth and then feels bad about it. *The biggest issue PJ has is the use of her abilities on humans, even those who break the law.*

Signature trait: She has a strong sense of right and wrong that comes primarily from her faith.

OWEN CASEY

Physiology: Biologically Owen is 50 but appears to be 36. While in the FBI, PJ and Owen were partners. During their last case, a subject shot PJ in the arm and her rage grew with the pain. She uses her energy shield to reflect the subject's next bullet, but the shot hits Owen in the chest and causes a mortal wound. As PJ held pressure on Owen's wound, blood and tears fell causing him to come back to life. This incident transfers some of PJ's abilities, such as anti-aging and quick healing to his natural ability to track criminals. It is clear that Owen takes care of

himself. He is attractive and still looks like a Navy Seal. He wears his hair short without any facial hair. He often wears casual clothes, like a polo shirt and jeans or cutoff shorts when not working.

Sociology: Owen, a Navy Seal before joining the FBI, is a straight shooter, honest, and helps PJ control her emotions. He is her confidant and helps her to stay level headed while dealing with others. Owen and PJ grew up as brother and sister on her father's horse ranch, where Owen's father was in charge of the ranch.

Psychology: Owen has a strong will and has no issue standing up for those things he believes. Signature trait: Owen's nickname is Bloodhound, as he has an even temper and patient, but stubborn.

MIKAYLA ELENA IVANOVNA

Physiology: Biologically Mikayla is 42 but appears to be 32. Mikayla is Cercatire. She is from Beslan, Russia. She came to the United States at 16 as a Russian Mail-order bride, four years after her parents died in the Beslan school siege in 2004. PJ believes Mikayla only has the gift of mental healing, but she also has various gifts, which include teleportation over short distances, mind control, and manipulation. Mikayla is always wearing stilettos and the latest styles.

Mikayla runs the Sunshine Institute and works closely with the government to help people with emotional issues re-enter society.

Sociology: After her billionaire husband, gave her everything she wanted, including her Ph.D., in Criminal Psychology, she murders him. With her husband, the only way she could do that and keep his fortune was to murder him, but she manages to accomplish this without anyone suspecting her.

PJ met her in during a case when Mikayla was with the FBI. PJ calls Mikayla her best friend and thinks they have no secrets, but she shields her thoughts from PJ. It is hard for anyone to trust Mikayla because she refuses to let anyone close to her.

Psychology: Mikayla often uses her powers of manipulation to get things to go her way and won't hesitate to use her feminine charms. *Signature trait:* Mikayla is only out for what is right for her and when she determines that someone is no longer of use she removes them from her life.

NICHOLAI PATRINOS, (38)

Physiology: Nicholai is from Greece. Nicholai is human but tends to act as though he is a Greek god. He wears his black hair, beard and mustache neatly trimmed. He wears his dress shirts unbuttoned far enough to see the dark hair on his chest. His skin is deep tan.

Nicholai worked with Owen and PJ in the FBI and came to work for PJ when she left the FBI to come to Fort Hope.

Sociology: At 12, Nicholai and his twin sister Aleta, left abruptly from the home of his mother after he found his stepfather molesting his sister and he shot him. Nicholai is passionate and loyal, but tends to draw Nicholai respects PJ and her moral code but often dismisses it when it is inconvenient.

Psychology: Mikayla and Nicholai are often in each other's beds. Nicholai considers himself a lady's man and the idea of a serious relationship is the last thing on his mind. *Signature trait:* Nicholai tends to walk on the edge of right and wrong and sees nothing wrong with walking that line.

GENE JACKON (62)

Physiology: Gene looks a lot like PJ's father did before he got sick. He has the same temperament, and PJ depends on him.

Sociology: Gene retired from the Air Force, and now he builds beautiful wooden tables, chairs, desks, and other wooden treasures. Gene was also an only child.

Gene seems to understand PJ on a level that no one ever has in her entire life. In many ways, he is the father she lost as a teenager but is also her best friend, lover, and confidant.

Signature trait: Steadfast and true.

ANDREW HOPE

Physiology: Biologically Andrew is 106 but appears to be 36. Andrew is Cercatire. His the ability is to get people to like and trust him. He is a multi-billion dollar landowner and the creator of Fort Hope. He is originally from Germany, but no one knows he is from Berlin. He fought in World War II. Now Andrew is the go-to person for anyone who needs help.

Sociology: Andrew is like an uncle to PJ. He knew PJ's father.

Psychology: Andrew has a dark, secret history. *Signature trait:* Andrew is a shrewd businessman, and people believe him to be honest.

TALIA JIMÉNEZ, 32

Physiology: Quiet and reserved, but good with technology. Worked as a computer technician in the FBI before they closed the doors in 2028.

Sociology: Middle child in a family of three brothers and four sisters. The family moved to Florida from the Dominican Republic after the murder of her father, when she was sixteen. Father's younger brother chose to leave and come to America in 2018. He has a successful business in Texas and a house big enough to take in Massiel, Talia, Ada Julissa, and Ioan. The others followed as soon as they could.

Psychology: Exceptional student, honest, hardworking, and somewhat naive. *Signature trait:* Talia is a hard worker and often does things over and above what is expected.

ISABELLA PAGEL, 78, Nickname Izzy

Physiology: Isabella was born in 1956 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Sociology: Celestia Jasmine Pagel, Isabella's Mama, was 17 when she decided that she didn't want to be part of the family. Celestia was following the things that were happening in Alabama and was excited about the black movement. Her father took it, as she was not proud of who she was and that she was not happy with what he provided for her. He got angry and kicked her out with only the clothes on her back. He sent word for no one to help her. With no one to turn to, she left trying to figure out what to do next. There was a carnival going on, she was raped by a white man, beaten and left for dead. A nice black pastor and his wife on their way to Birmingham to join MLK Jr's crusade found her and nursed her back to health. She got pregnant from the rape and had Isabella

Psychology: A strong woman of faith. *Signature trait:* She always says—God works all things for good.

Season One:

PJ and her team have settled into the new rule of the land. They've kept busy as they dealt the slight increase in crime over the past six years in Fort Hope. The Chief of Community,

Order, and Public Safety (COPS), Sean Jenkins, contacts PJ. Florida's Governor, who lives on Fort Hope, has requested her personally. She is told his daughter is missing.

Jenkins and his people produce their prime suspect, James, a young man from Tennessee. A female witness comes forward and states she saw James with the Governor's daughter the night she disappeared. The Governor, desperate for answers, pressures PJ to use her abilities on him. She refuses because she doesn't believe he is the culprit.

Furious at her refusal, the governor threatens to put her out of business by revoking her license to work anywhere in the state. Andrew Hope steps in and suggests COPS handle his daughter's investigation and PJ, and her team investigates another case that just came in. It is believed someone is using humans to make a pricey makeup. He agrees. As the team investigates, they discover other women have gone missing over the past six months not just from Fort Hope, but Florida and Georgia as well.

As the season continues, it is clear that members of COPS have allowed not only the missing women but other things as well. By the time the season wraps, it isn't clear who in the COPS organization PJ and her team can trust. The body of Governor's daughter is found, and PJ and her team are blamed.

Season Two:

PJ seeks to clear the name of her business and her team. Unable to trust anyone in COPS she relies solely on her team and Andrew Hope. Nicholai falls in love for the first time with Talia. She is a young computer technician referred to PJ by Andrew after they discover their current tech was spying on them. Talia is a good Catholic girl, who refuses to be with Nicholai, sexually, unless they get married. They get married but don't tell anyone.

At the end of Season Two, they lose one of their own. The woman, Angelina Newsome, is who murdered the Governor's daughter and all of the other women as well, kills Nicholai. She is the one who is making the makeup out of the bodies of the women she killed. They learn that Angelina came to the Sunshine Institute after witnessing the tragic death of her mother.

PJ reunites with another friend from school, Isabella Pagel. She was one of her professors. Andrew asks her to come in and oversee the Institute when Mikayla takes a leave of absence. Talia confides in Isabelle that she and Nicholai were married and she is pregnant with twins.

Season three:

As the season begins, three months have passed, and PJ still hasn't been able to find Mikayla. They also receive word that Angelina murdered one of the nurses in the secure wing of the Sunshine Institute and wrote in the woman's blood on the wall, "I'm gonna get you, my pretty." No one has been able to locate her either. Talia moves in with Isabella, so she is not alone.

By the end of the season, Talia goes into labor with twins, Angelina is caught, and they learn Mikayla treated her. PJ wonders if Mikayla is dead, but Angelina won't tell her anything.