

# Advance Review Eureka: The Ex-Files

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Thanks to the SyFy channel, I got a chance to review this episode early. And what an episode it was! All the old favorites are back in town; most notably Beverly Barlowe, Tess Fontana, and Nathan Stark. Some are up to their old tricks, some are back for more fun, but everyone has a part to play in the grand scheme.

We start the episode with happiness and joy. Henry and Grace are throwing a barbeque and sharing memories across timelines. Aw, they're just the cutest couple. Jack and Allison are also chumming it up as Eureka's newest lovebirds. But happiness can never last long, so a few wrenches have naturally got to be thrown into the works.

Awkwardness abounds when Tess and Nathan come back to town. Well, double-awkwardness with Nathan since he was technically dead (or floating in space/time, as he puts it). It's the revenge of the exes...except they're not really there. They're the first in a long line of hallucinations that will hit the time-traveling group, rooted in the power surge that happened during the previous barbeque and the need for them to overcome their individual fears.

The Zoe/Zane/Jo triangle is still going strong. Or going tepid, I'm not sure which. Jo and Zane were a great couple, but I've always thought that Zoe and Zane would make a cute couple. Jo gave up on the notion of their idealized relationship near the end of this episode, but she admitted it to the wrong Zane. That won't end well. Whose side should I root for? I guess I'll have to wait and see what develops.

And if the romantic entanglements weren't enough of a problem, the town's bridge disintegrates, Deputy Andy short-circuits, Carter's truck gets crushed, and Dr. Trevor Grant is overly concerned about the mysterious weapon they're testing at Global Dynamics. Just another day in Eureka.

I can't say I welcomed Barlowe's return, mainly because she never brings the good. She's causing all kinds of concerns and fears in Grant's head, which will likely have far-reaching repercussions considering she's behind the weapon getting stolen. I did, however, welcome Nathan; even if he's just a figment of Carter's imagination. I've missed him so much! I wish he wasn't dead or floating or wherever he is because Eureka is more fun with him around.

The end of the episode didn't give much in the way of resolution. Lots of loose ends left to tie up next time. But maybe, for whatever paths we have to travel, the resolution will be worth it. I live in hope.

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