



Louisa and Rhade fighting back the Magog...

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Rhade and Dylan have a tense reunion in *Andromeda*’s two-part fifth season opener *The Weight*. The Nietzschean is

found working for a religious zealot by the name of Thomas (Alexander Kalugin), who orders Rhade

to kill Dylan. The two nearly beat each other senseless before eventually teaming up and turning on their real enemy. Going from playing High Guard officer to hard-drinking hired

hand proved to be an interesting challenge for Bacic.

“I really had to stop and think about how affected my character is by the amount he drinks,” says the actor. “I should probably preface that by saying that I kid around on set. I’ll make myself the butt of a lot of jokes, but there’s a method to it because it helps keep me loose and relaxed. Once I get in front of the camera, though, I’m very serious about the work and I want to make sure I don’t look like I have egg on my face.

“When it comes to playing someone with a drinking problem, there’s always the danger of making him too campy or stereotypical. So with Rhade the challenge was to let go of my fears and just tell myself, ‘If I screw up and look stupid then hopefully they’ll stop me’. Fortunately, everything turned out well, but at the time it was hard for me to tell. I think I was too ‘in the moment’. I’m very critical of my acting and it wasn’t until I watched the director’s cut that I thought, ‘I guess I did okay’. Kevin was quite complimentary of my performance and that really made me feel good. It’s a pleasure to work with him because he’s open to change and is willing to listen.”

One by one, Dylan meets up with the rest of the *Andromeda* crew, but they



The ill-starred lovers in the episode *The Dissonant Interval*