

# GIRL OF STEEL

Laura Vandervoort reprises her 'Smallville' role as Supergirl and gears up for intergalactic war on 'V'

**F**or Laura Vandervoort, it seems like it's all aliens, all the time. The actress is coming back for the second season of "V" (airing on Tuesday nights starting in November; check local listings for debut and times) as the conflicted daughter of Anna, the leader of the Visitors, but not before she swoops in for a return visit to "Smallville" as Clark's cousin, Kara (aka Supergirl). She recently descended from the heavens for a talk with Wizard.

**WIZARD:** The first season of "V" ended with Anna proclaiming "vengeance" and the sky turning red, which does not seem like a good thing for the human race, correct?

**VANDERVOORT:** Well, you would suspect that.

Do you know what the intense interest is with Tyler (Logan Huffman) beyond the obvious dramatic conflict it creates for the show?

I do. We actually discover that in the first episode back. I can't say what it is, but that is revealed, why we're after Tyler, what the red sky is, what side Lisa has decided to be on and the introduction of a new character.

You mean Jane Badler, from the original "V" series, who's playing your grandmother?

Yes. She's very lovely. I'm excited to work with her.

Did you have a chance to really talk to her at all?

We just kind of chatted. She's just out here for the show, so we were talking about how some of the cast might go out to a jazz club. She's just really relaxed and comfortable and beautiful.

In the pivotal episode where Anna hit

you, to pretend you had been attacked by the Fifth Column, she smacked you pretty hard. Was there any feedback from family or friends who didn't enjoy seeing you in the beaten-up makeup? My mother, my boyfriend, my father, my grandma and my nanny. Nobody really enjoyed watching that scene. But I mean, I understand, especially for my mom, she was like, "Oh how could a mother treat her daughter that way? And you're my daughter..."

I think I was in the makeup chair for like three hours, bruising from head to toe for the scene where she's lying in the healing center. I took some photos and sent them home and I think it concerned a few people. But it looked great, which is all that matters.

What else can we expect from your character this season?

I mean, it's fairly obvious which side she's going to be on, but once it's a definite side that she's chosen, it's gonna be tough for her, being groomed

for the throne and dealing with her emotions and where she's at and where Tyler is at. I think you can expect a stronger Lisa, a Lisa who's not gonna take any crap anymore.

Jumping onto "Smallville," you're returning this year. Did you always know that they wanted you back at some point?

Yeah. I did Season Seven, returned for one episode Season Eight and now it's Season Ten and they had left my storyline wide open. I went off, flying to another planet to look for my mother, so I've been gone for a year and a half. I guess I kind of knew that it would make sense to bring me back to close the storyline, to tie it up, I just didn't know when.

How was it being on set again?

It was great. I mean it feels like nothing has changed, everyone is still wonderful and I got to do a bit of the green screen and the flying like Season Seven. And this episode is called "Supergirl," so it's not necessarily about what she's been up to since she's been gone. But in this episode she's like a little therapist [for] Clark and Lois, kind of opening up their eyes to who each of them are and how their relationship could or couldn't work. She's just kinda there for Lois, girl to girl. It's the usual antics on "Smallville." Kara messes up, Clark messes up, and they teach each other a lesson.

And do you actually have a full costume this time?

I am in the Supergirl costume this year. There is not an "S" but that doesn't mean it's not what people hope it is.

Who's the villain in your episode? Is it some sort of reference to Darkseid?

Yeah. It can morph into different people. I'm not sure how much I'm allowed to say. I always get in trouble. Okay, there is a dark villain and it will be around for most of the season, I believe, and it does take different forms. And we do come in contact with it and try to stop it. That's all I can say. 🦹

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Laura Vandervoort, aka "Smallville's" Supergirl, is using her X-ray vision on you right now—and she doesn't like what she sees.