

TERMINATOR'S SUMMER GLAU AND THOMAS DEKKER

The actors behind Cameron and John Connor talk about Season 2.

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US, September 5, 2008 - One of IGN TV's favorite new series of the past year, *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles* returns with new episodes this Monday night. I recently sat down with two of the show's core cast members, Summer Glau ("Cameron") and Thomas Dekker ("John Connor") to get some new information on what's to come for the Connor family and their various Terminator friends and foes in Season 2.

IGN TV: I know you have to keep secrets, so what can you reveal that we should expect to see in *Terminator's* second season?

Thomas Dekker: Musical numbers. Outlandish comedy. Guest appearances from RuPaul. No... what do we have?

Summer Glau: Season 1 ended with an explosion. Season 2 begins with that explosion. From then on, it's just constant, constant shocking events that happen. People are changing quite a bit. Each character is diving into their own journey and it's darker. It's more dangerous.

Dekker: You can't trust any of us. Nobody.

IGN: Even John? Because Cameron we were already a little shaky on.

Dekker: Yeah. Nobody is on the same turf. Nobody is in character and the story... I think people will be way more addicted to our show this year, because when I read each script, the end of every episode I'm just like... It's almost got that *Twin Peaks* vibe of "What?!" It's really cool.

IGN: The show was very fast paced in Season 1. You only did nine episodes, and yet people didn't hold onto things for too long – secrets come out and things aren't drawn out for a long time. Is that something that impressed you both about the writing?

Dekker: [Showrunner] Josh [Friedman] and our other writers, the ideas just seem to be endless. They've got six seasons planned out or something. It's really kind of crazy. And yet they still found time for poetry and meaning.

IGN: Do you guys tend to ask questions about what's to come or do you just like to get the script and see what's in store next?

Glau: We definitely want to know and sometimes they'll tell us. But we have a hard time getting anything out of Josh, because it's really important to him that we keep the audience guessing and excited.

IGN: In the episode set in the future, we saw a very different side of Cameron. Was that interesting for you to play Summer and will we perhaps see that again?

Dekker: Episode 4, you'll get the whole history of Cameron.

IGN: Were there surprises for you?

Glau: It's just a beautiful, beautiful story. Our writers work so hard and it was better and more moving than I ever could have pictured.

IGN: Your characters have an interesting bond, yet you also have someone like Derek living with you, who can't trust Cameron. Thomas, it seems like John is sort of in the middle sometimes, keeping the piece in that house.

Dekker: I think that this season it's even more complicated. Last season, John was a bit rude and brotherly [turns towards Glau] and not very nice to you, because he was so much in love with you. That was his cover up, because he knew he shouldn't and couldn't feel those things. I think he does love Cameron, and probably still does this season – I'll go as far as to say that. But I think his relationship with Derek is very rocky. It was maybe only my decision, but a lot of people I think were ready, now that Derek was in, for John and Derek to forge this kind of great [relationship] – his one chance at a father. I disagree with that. I think that he does on the one hand want a father figure, but on the other hand, Derek kind of rubs John the wrong way! Especially this season, for many reasons. So that also makes him gravitate to Cameron more. What kind of bothers him about Derek leads him to defend her a little bit more. It's become pretty hard to defend her this season, because [to Glau] you keep messing up, in very bad ways!

IGN: Summer, your character is supposed to be learning as she goes, but at the same time she is a robot. Do you have times when you are going to play something a bit bigger and with more emotion and then realize you should pull it back?

Glau: I can't give it away, but yeah, there's going to be a lot of sides to her [shown] and more manipulation from Cameron too. She's going to be portraying human characteristics more.

Dekker: We're so grateful to have Shirley.

Glau: She's fantastic.

Dekker: She's awesome. She's so sweet and we were very surprised that our show was cool enough to get her. She plays a woman named Catherine Weaver who owns this computer company that sort of may or may not get involved with the Turk, this computer we've been searching for, kind of by accident. She's just a very pristine executive and that's the funny thing – we were saying how all our costumes are covered in filth and ripped up, and she's one of the new characters who doesn't know about this whole thing that we do – even my girlfriend character. It's very cool. She's got this great strength to her.

Glau: She always looks so polished and beautiful.

Dekker: Yeah, that's her thing.

IGN: Will Cameron be taking on Cromartie again?

Glau: Oh yeah. He needs to get ready! I'm coming after him!

Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles - Season 2 premieres Monday, September 8th at 8:00pm ET/PT on FOX.

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