

Ridley Scott is back to making operatic sci-fi in new *Raised by Wolves* trailer

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Today marks the release of a new trailer for HBO Max's upcoming sci-fi series *Raised by Wolves*, produced and initially directed by Ridley Scott, who also directed *Alien* and *The Martian*.

Compared to the initial trailer that landed recently, this one fleshes the world out a bit more by introducing additional characters and more thoroughly explaining the central conflict in the series.

Here's a quick recap of what we know about the series so far: it principally stars a female, possibly part-biological android named Mother, who has left behind some catastrophe on humanity's home planet to travel to a new one. There, she raises a group of children who will be the seed for a new human civilization that avoids the mistakes that purportedly destroyed civilization as we know it. But in the course of raising them, it becomes clear that the young humans are susceptible to the same tendencies that Mother claims were humanity's undoing.

The first two episodes will be directed by Ridley Scott, who has a history of producing grandiose, high-concept, philosophical sci-fi (see: *Prometheus* and *Alien Covenant*) as well as treatises on religious tribalism (like in *Kingdom of Heaven*).

Below: Screenshots from the new trailer.

- Two androids—Mother and Father—travel to a mysterious planet to plant the seeds of a new civilization.
- Mother is stricken with emotion upon the birth of the first humans on the planet.
- Mother raises and trains the children, telling them to forego religion and avoid the mistakes of the past.
- Travis Fimmel plays a leader of another band of humans who've traveled to retrieve the children and bring them back to the main human civilization.
- Here are some humans preserved in an ark.
- Mother flies to a crashed human spaceship to take care of some things.
- This sequence indicates Mother is powerful enough to battle many human soldiers at once.

In this trailer, we learn that Mother is joined by another android named Father but that they appear to disagree on some key things. Additionally, it fleshes out the arrival of the series' apparent villain (we'll see if he really is, in the end), played by Travis Fimmel of *Vikings* and *Warcraft* fame. Fimmel arrives with a group of human soldiers dressed in crusader-like spacesuits, and they have come to reclaim the children for the rest of humanity.

Violent conflict, philosophical musings, and character development surely follow, as the trailer suggests. *Raised by Wolves* is set to premiere on HBO Max this September 3.

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