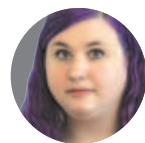


TV PREVIEW

Buscemi, Radcliffe heavenly in 'Miracle Workers'



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When Steve Buscemi plays God, he really is just a slob like one of us.

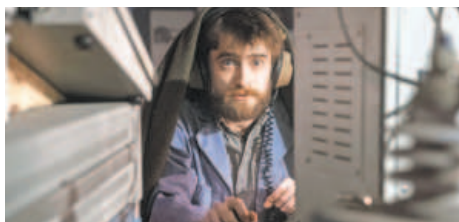
Buscemi gets otherworldly in TBS' "Miracle Workers" (Tuesday, 10:30 EST/PST, ★★☆☆), a limited comedy series co-starring Daniel Radcliffe that imagines heaven as an "Office Space"-style corporation (Heaven Inc.), with angels toiling as drones in the departments of dirt and male nipples.

It is, despite the heavenly moniker, a rather hellish interpretation of the afterlife that only gets worse when God decides to end the world, mostly because he's bored and depressed. A rag-tag group of angels, including under-

achieving prayer-answerer Craig (Radcliffe); up-and-coming employee Eliza (Geraldine Viswanathan); archangel Sanjay (Karan Soni); and God's belabored assistant, Rosie (Lolly Adefope), try to save the Earth. How do they do this? By winning a bet with God that they can get two awkward young adults to share a kiss.

It's a ridiculous, unwieldy concept that at first feels too slight to jell as a cohesive story. Especially in the first two episodes, the tone and writing are off. The dark subject matter of the imminent apocalypse doesn't quite jibe with the characters' sunny disposition. A weak running gag about a newscaster who has to report horrible stories about amazing, good-hearted people is repeated ad nauseam.

Things don't get heavenly until the



Daniel Radcliffe is underachieving
Craig in "Miracle Workers." TBS

third episode, a long time to wait in a miniseries with six installments. But (especially as a binge-watch) the four final episodes are strong enough to redeem the show.

In later episodes the series focuses on the great actors: When Radcliffe, Viswanathan, Soni and Adefope play off each other, "Workers" finds its miracles.

Buscemi's slothful, an all-knowing creator is a reliable comedy engine, and the actor leans into every gross, idiotic line he's given.

Radcliffe is delightful as the dorky co-worker who ends up making coffee for everyone else because he's such a push-over.

But the real star of the series is Viswanathan. She's an absolutely magnetic presence after a breakout performance in last year's "Blockers," and she continues to show an apt talent for comedy.

Its short run makes "Workers" not a particularly earth-shattering series. But it's a charming, chipper story that suggests humans are inevitably good. And in a world drowning in cynicism and terrible news, it never hurts to see positivity about the human existence.

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TAKE THE HIGH WAY

ACROSS

- Interjection from Scrooge
- Talk smack about
- Place to dream
- Divya's delivery
- "Citizen Kane" director Orson
- Tavern offering
- Beach cart roller
- No-win situation?
- Virus named for an African river
- Graffiti artist's signature
- Galahad's garb
- Abrasive stuff
- "Wait a minute!"
- Regarding, on a memo
- Barber chair part
- Duck hunters' hideouts
- Game show creator Griffin
- Kravitz of "Big Little Lies"
- Big star's small part
- Disreputable sort
- Diplomatic go-between
- Stockholm's land (Abbr.)
- George Orwell's alma mater
- Scum of the earth
- All the things you want
- Place for tools
- Gave a buzz to
- Rudely short-spoken
- Feisty "Cheers" waitress
- Lincoln or Ford
- With 15-Down, like Death Valley
- Arbor, Mich.
- Triangle or square, e.g.
- "The Simpsons" barkeep
- Longtime Ebert partner
- Tickled-pink feeling

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- DOWN**
- Sweetie pie
 - Many a 32-Down
 - Largest city on Hawaii
 - Lowest prime number
 - Accept as a tenant
 - Utah ski resort
 - Gave the brush-off to
 - HRH part, sometimes
 - Jewish girl's rite of passage
 - "The Waste Land" poet
 - Leaping critter on road signs
 - "Nothing left!"
 - See 57-Across
 - Sculler's tool
 - Google Maps lines (Abbr.)
 - Hypothetical cases

- Bruins Hall of Famer Bobby
- Pre-K basics
- Side with fish and chips
- Big name in cable service
- Muscat resident
- Works out in a pool
- Move like slime
- Gave the once-over to
- New evidence might reopen one
- Roth IRA, e.g.
- Most common English word
- "Rugrats" dad
- Under the weather
- Windbag's delivery
- Lake resort rental
- Sac fly stat
- Sleep under the stars
- Paul who wrote "She's a Lady"

Monday's Answer

BALSAM SPEW TIRAN
UNION TADA SOLO
STOCKS PLIT AVIS
TINKLE SEITPIECE
HEAD ADDED
TACO TIPP INN
ELOPE SOFT TOUCH
CST RECLUSE TOO
HOLYSMOKE DIALS
FAT ALT CHAT
CHART SAKE
AUTOZONE UNBOLT
INON NATESILVER
RANT UPON SUAVE
ONES SAND HELIX

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WORD ROUNDUP

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- Find and Circle:
- Five dairy products
 - Four country capitals starting with B
 - Three Rolling Stones
 - Dignified and virtuous
 - Country on the Iberian Peninsula

Monday's answer: CAMBODIA CANADA CYPRUS CHINA CHILE CHAD CUBA / GLOBAL SYSTEM / PANDA CAMEL / GROOM BRIDE / WALT DISNEY

QUICKCROSS

By John Wilmes 2/12

Singer Azalea

"Auld Lang ____"

Persia, now

Scatters

Egyptian goddess

Greek sandwich

Chew (on)

Cravings

Monday's Answer
STOP
WIKI
AMIE
BEES

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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).

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UP & DOWN WORDS

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1. DESKTOP

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

OUT

Clues:

- HP or Dell product
- Intel offering
- Contribute
- "Malcolm _____ Middle" movie
- Robert Redford baseball
- Logical arrangement
- Have food delivered

Monday's Answer

- BUMPY
- LANDING
- PAD
- THAI
- FOOD
- COLOR
- COLOR
- IN
- OREGON

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x2 box contains the numbers 1 through 6 (no repeats).

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		6	2		5	

DIFFICULTY RATING ★★☆☆☆

Monday's Answers

1	3	6	4	7	5	8	9	2
2	4	5	9	1	8	6	3	7
7	8	9	6	2	3	4	5	1
8	5	7	9	2	8	1	4	3
4	6	1	3	5	7	9	2	8
9	2	3	8	4	1	7	6	5
3	9	2	1	8	4	5	7	6
5	1	4	7	6	2	3	8	9
6	7	8	5	3	9	2	1	4

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TXTPERT

Across	Down
2. 74686	1. 387
3. 3764	2. 744
5. 769	3. 337738
7. 7626	4. 6722
9. 393	5. 74337
10. 273	6. 94357
11. 787	8. 624

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Today's theme
Animals

Use the phone keypad to decode the clues.

For example:
2 could be A,
B or C, and
5/6/8 could be LOST

Yesterday's solution

DON'T QUOTE ME!

Children's author Dr. Seuss argues in favor of reading.

Rearrange the words to complete the quote.

KNOW LEARN MORE PLACES READ THAT WILL

“THE MORE _____ YOU _____, THE MORE THINGS YOU _____, THE _____ THAT YOU _____, THE MORE _____ YOU'LL GO.”

Monday's Answer: "Drink moderately, for drunkenness neither keeps a secret nor observes a promise." - Miguel de Cervantes

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