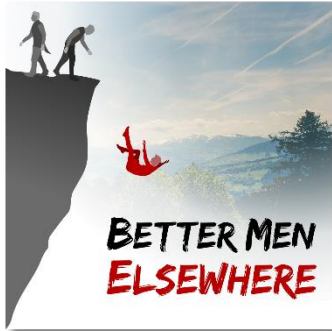


# BETTER MEN ELSEWHERE



## Media Kit 2023



**LOGLINE:** *A convict is sentenced to the strange town of Coventry, where mysterious occurrences and political strife make his sentence more dangerous than he ever could have imagined.*

**FORMAT:** Full-Cast Audio Drama/Narrative Podcast

**GENRE:** Thriller, Mystery, Magical-Realism, Drama

**RUNTIME:** 11 episodes, avg. 20-30min each

### MAIN CREDITS:

<b>Created by</b>	Angelo Espiritu
<b>Written by</b>	Various (see episode details below)
<b>Directed by</b>	Various (see episode details below)
<b>Produced by</b>	Angelo Espiritu, Catie Espiritu, Michael Pantazis
<b>Published by</b>	Chiral Studios, LLC
<b>Audio Engineer</b>	Pat Mahoney
<b>Music by</b>	Pat Mahoney and Angelo Espiritu
<b>Sound Design by</b>	Angelo Espiritu with additional sounds courtesy of Epidemic Sound

*For additional credits including cast, see episode details below.*

### LINKS AND SOCIALS

<b>Podcast RSS</b>	<a href="https://feed.podbean.com/bettermenelsewhere/feed.xml">https://feed.podbean.com/bettermenelsewhere/feed.xml</a>
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Better Men Elsewhere is an American thriller with a dash of the supernatural, magical realism, and gothic fiction. Follow Jason Miranda, a prisoner sentenced to the mysterious mountain town of Coventry for 10 years for his crimes. Coventry is not your usual town and it is not your usual prison. While the townsfolk must cope with a convicted criminal in their midst as part of this unconventional arrangement, Jason must also have his wits about him as he traverses this even stranger, upside down and mysterious corner of the world.

The world of Better Men Elsewhere is very similar to our own with a few quirks such as a population of invisible people, towns that can act as hosts for prisoners, and unusual headstones. Within this magical realistic world is the even stranger and wilder rural town of Coventry. cannibal tenants, murderous governors, a forbidden lake, anachronistic technology, and so much more await Jason in this labyrinth of a mountain town as he tries to make the most of his 10-year sentence.



## Awards and Accolades

### Minnesota Web Fest 2023

- *Best Drama Podcast* - (Nominated)
- *Best Podcast Director* (Angelo Espiritu) - (Nominated)

### New Jersey WebFest 2023 (\*in Narrative Podcast)

- *Outstanding Drama\** - (Winner)
- *Best Cover Art* - (Winner)
- *Best of the Best\** - (Nominated)
- *Best Ensemble Cast\** - (Nominated)
- *Best Leading Performance\** (Max Vitkus) - (Nominated)
- *Best Chemistry\** (Jonathan Price, Max Vitkus) - (Nominated)
- *Best Editing\** (Angelo Espiritu) - (Nominated)

### Baltimore Next WebFest 2023

- Official Selection (categories TBA)



## Who is Chiral Studios?

Chiral Studios LLC is a production company run by a husband and wife creative team operating in Virginia, US. We want to tell fun, creative, character-based stories across different media. While we are a small-scale production company, that won't stop us from telling epic stories. You don't need a big budget to tell big stories. You just need a little bit of honesty and heart. Our endeavors range from feature-length films, short films, audio drama/narrative podcasting, video games, and more!

## How did *Better Men Elsewhere* get started?

*Better Men Elsewhere* originally started as a screenplay by Angelo Espiritu tentatively titled *Ierba Mates*. It was intended to be an episodic webseries/TV show. The first two episodes were written, but the project was eventually shelved once he realized that he would not be able to produce it with that scope.

Angelo met Catie in 2016, and after they wedded in 2020, they created **Chiral Studios** as a publishing umbrella for their creative endeavors. Their first project together was a feature film called *Bleeding Pages*. One of the biggest hurdles they encountered was their lack of knowledge in audio production and how much it impacts the quality of a film. Knowing this, they decided to branch out into the world of audio fiction to learn more about the auditory experience.

Flashback to 2013 when Angelo met Michael Pantazis in college. They shared a passion for the shared media they enjoyed but also wanted to create something of their own. Michael found his calling as a voice actor which naturally meant at *some point* he and Angelo would collaborate on a project. It would be years later until Angelo proposed the idea to adapt the *Ierba Mates* scripts into an audio drama.

The project was originally meant to be a proof of concept and three of them set out to produce a pilot under Chiral Studios. They reached out to professional friends to see if they'd be interested in providing additional voices for the different characters the story required. After the launch of the pilot in October of 2022, Angelo, Catie, and Michael felt confident that they had something worth exploring more and they committed to doing a full season of approximately 10 episodes.

They wrote new scripts, fleshed out the world, and posted casting calls for the new characters. Eventually, new episodes started rolling out by February 2023 and the ball has been rolling since.

## Meet the Producers



### Angelo Espiritu

Angelo has always had a passion for storytelling since he was a kid. Even as a kid, he was ambitious in his creativity. Most people start off making short films, but in high school, he jumped right into making a long-form episodic webseries with his friends. Despite his background in film, he has branched out into the world of audio fiction as a way to hone his skills in the auditory world. After all, 80% of what you see on screen comes from the sound. Since then, Angelo has fallen in love with bridging filmmaking and auditory media while respecting their own strengths and limitations. He strongly believes in never letting go of your childhood as his projects attempt to capture the joys he felt when watching TV and films and playing games as a boy.



### Catie Espiritu

Catie Espiritu is an English teacher with a passion for supporting creative endeavors of all kinds. When it comes to the creative projects of Chiral Studios, Catie is all about the background tasks. She enjoys editing scripts, taking behind-the-scenes photos, organizing schedules, and keeping Angelo on track. Catie is happiest when she's encouraging others to bring out their best creative work -- whether it's in the classroom or on a project. She strongly believes in the necessity of stories and their power to help us make sense of the world around us.



@catieespirituphotography



### Michael Pantazis

Michael Pantazis is an LA based voice actor who has previously voiced the French Narrator in Toby's Dinner Theatre's run of The Spongebob Squarepants Musical and has appeared in other audio dramas, such as, the TARN Conspiracy and The Four Woods. When he isn't performing or recording, he likes to spend his time making music and playing soccer.



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@MJPantazis

### **Episode 1: The Straw Man (PILOT)**

*Jason struggles to adjust to his new prison.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu

Directed by Angelo Espiritu

Starring (in order of appearance):

- Max Kelly as the Driver and Taron
- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Sara Jane Palmer as Lucia
- Max Vitkus as Finn
- Michael Pantazis as Patrick
- Catie Espiritu as Morgan
- Sebastian Ruiz Hernandez as Yusef

### **Episode 2: Toy Soldiers**

*Constable Carmichael is on a rampage and Dr. Argo needs to put a stop to it. In order to regain some of his agency, Jason puts himself (and Finn) in danger.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu

Directed by Angelo Espiritu

Starring (in order of appearance):

- **Alison Auth** as the Dr. Minerva Argo
- **Jonathan Price** as Jason Miranda
- **Max Vitkus** as Finn
- **Sara Jane Palmer** as Lucia
- **Steven Landes** as Constable Frederick Carmichael

### **Episode 3: Strangers and Curiosities**

*A missing girl, stolen goats, monstrous creatures, and a murder: havoc runs amok in the town of Coventry. With Constable Carmichael out of commission, someone needs to step up and take charge.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu

Directed by Angelo Espiritu

Starring (in order of appearance):

- Steven Landes as Yusef and as Mr. Everett
- Sara Jane Palmer as Lucia
- Jessy Causey as Marshal Grayson

*(continued from Episode 3)*

- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Jackie Meyer as Rachel
- Ann Harris as Ms. Hormel
- Phillip Long as Jordan Hughes
- Amy Burch as Shauna
- Max Kelly as the Beast
- Viviane Jones as the Mysterious Woman
- Amy Daml as Cecilia Hughes
- Michael Pantazis as Patrick

### **Episode 4: Governor Urie Part 1: Inauguration Day**

*As Yusef rises to take his place as Governor, new revelations threaten his control over this town and his prisoner...*

Written by Angelo Espiritu and Angelo Espiritu

Directed by Angelo Espiritu

Asst. Director: Michael Pantazis

Starring (in order of appearance):

- Sara Jane Palmer as Lucia (and Random Citizen)
- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Max Vitkus as Finn
- Jessy Causey as Marshal Grayson
- Amy Burch, Ann Harris, and Angelo Espiritu as Random Citizens
- Steven Landes as Mr. Everett and Yusef
- Max Kelly as Taron
- Catie Espiritu as Morgan
- Michael Pantazis as Patrick



**Episode 5: Governor Urie Part 2:  
The Old Governors**

*Something... or someone moves in the shadows of the Inauguration Day celebrations, Jason is tempted by two diametrically opposed forces.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu  
Directed by Angelo Espiritu  
Asst. Director: Michael Pantazis  
Starring (in order of appearance):

- Sara Jane Palmer as Lucia
- Amy Daml as Cecilia Hughes
- Garrett McKenna as Adam Pruitt
- Angelo Espiritu as Danny Elm
- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Steven Landes as Mr. Everett
- Viviane Jones as Mysterious Woman
- Alison Auth as Dr. Argo

**Episode 6: Ghost Town**

*The townfolks' patience starts to wear thin. As Constable Miranda settles into his life in Coventry, he finds himself making a promise he can't keep.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu  
Directed by Angelo Espiritu  
Starring (in order of appearance):

- Ann Harris as Ms. Hormel
- Steven Landes as Mr. Everett
- Amy Daml as Cecilia Hughes
- Phillip Long as Jordan Hughes
- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Jessy Causey as Marshal Grayson and as Dr. Leonhardt
- Amy Burch as Shauna
- Sara Jane Palmer as Lucia
- Max Vitkus as Finn
- Additional voices by Catie Espiritu, Angelo Espiritu, Steven Landes, Phillip Long, and Amy Burch

*(continued from Episode 6)*

Bonus Tracks courtesy of Epidemic Sound: "My Bucket List" by Arch Tremors ft. Lollo Gardtman

**Episode 7: The Doctor's Assistant**

*Dr. Leonhardt and Dr. Argo conduct research on a mysterious lake with perplexing properties. Meanwhile, Cecilia goes missing.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu  
Directed by Angelo Espiritu  
Starring (in order of appearance):

- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Phillip Long as Jordan Hughes
- Jessy Causey as Marshal Grayson and as Dr. Leonhardt
- Alison Auth as Dr. Argo
- Steven Landes as Frederick Carmichael and Yusef

**Episode 8: Fading Pictures**

*As the town wrestles with the aftermath of the murder, the governor and his team scramble to find answers.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu  
Directed by Angelo Espiritu  
Asst. Director: Michael Pantazis  
Starring (in order of appearance):

- Garrett McKenna as Adam Pruitt
- Phillip Long as Jordan Hughes
- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Steven Landes as Yusef
- Jessy Causey as Marshal Grayson
- Max Vitkus as Finn
- Naomi Tatsuoka as Margaret
- Josh Smith as Tim
- Max Kelly as Taron
- Michael Pantazis as Patrick
- Catie Espiritu as Morgan
- Viviane Jones as Eunice
- Angelo Espiritu as Danny

**Episode 9: Fading Pictures**

*Fortunes come true as Jordan and Adam take a road trip to Asphodel.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu and Michael Pantazis

Directed by Michael Pantazis

Asst. Director: Angelo Espiritu

Starring (in order of appearance):

- Viviane Jones as Eunice
- Angelo Espiritu as Danny
- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Garrett McKenna as Adam Pruitt
- Phillip Long as Jordan Hughes
- Amy Daml as Cecilia Hughes

**Episode 10: Where the Night Wind Blows...**

*Secrets come to light as Yusef, Jason, and Eunice find themselves on the precipice of another Conflict.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu

Directed by Angelo Espiritu

Starring (in order of appearance):

- Jessy Causey as Marshal Grayson
- Steven Landes as Yusef
- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Viviane Jones as Eunice

Bonus Tracks courtesy of Epidemic Sound:

- "My Bucket List" by Arch Tremors ft. Lollo Gardtman
- "No Fans of Change" by The Devil's Sway

**Episode 11: When the Moon Rises**

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*Yusef takes desperate measures to prepare for an uncertain future.*

Written by Angelo Espiritu and Jonathan Price

Directed by Angelo Espiritu

Asst. Director: Michael Pantazis

Starring (in order of appearance):

- Jerry Schultz as Eustace
- Jonathan Price as Jason Miranda
- Max Kelly as Taron
- Max Vitkus as Finn
- Garrett McKenna as Adam Pruitt
- Sara Jane Palmer as Lucia
- Michael Pantazis as Patrick
- Catie Espiritu as Morgan
- Jessy Causey as Marshal Grayson
- Steven Landes as Yusef
- Alison Auth as Dr. Argo
- Viviane Jones as Eunice