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Netflix still to release another 13 episodes of Last Hope, Part 1



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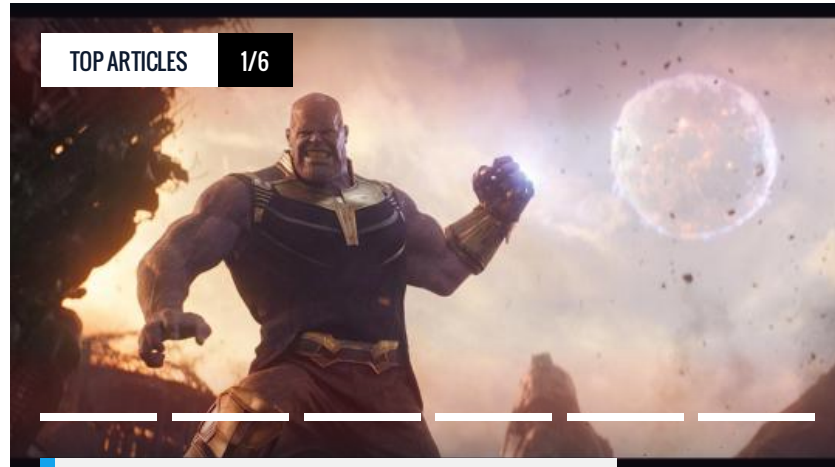


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The newest post-apocalyptic series in Netflix's anime arsenal is thrilling, scientific, beautiful and... incomplete? What was with that Last Hope ending?

Those who decided to binge-watch the anime series [Last Hope](#) after it was released on Netflix last Friday were likely more than a little surprised about the season's "ending." The show's first 13 episodes, Chinese-Japanese co-produced with Shoji Kawamori and writer Kawamori Masaharu, tell a multi-dimensional story of sacrifice, atonement and the end of the world in a beautiful, fluorescent mix of 2D and 3D animation. But as it turns out, this may be only the first half of Part 1.

Out of character with the previous episodes' well-thought-out storylines, episode 13 of Last Hope, "The Cries of Chaos," ended abruptly and with an awkwardly casual exit from the emotional roller coaster audiences had been enduring alongside main character, and slightly mad-scientist, Leon Lau (voiced by Tomoaki Maeno and Robbie Daymond). Though the show's "Part 1" description almost guarantees a season two, it still seemed like an anti-climactic way for the first season to end.



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Luckily, "The Cries of Chaos," is not the last episode of *Last Hope* Part 1. There will be 26 episodes total in the season, and episode 25, "Kuroki Kagayaki," **released** in Japan yesterday morning (Sep. 19).

The bad news is that no U.S. release dates have been set for these 13 remaining story plots, nor has Netflix committed to buying them in the future, hence the current chaotic cries of *Last Hope* fans. While it's not guaranteed Netflix will purchase the rest of the anime, it's rumored on **Funimation** that more episodes will be streaming on the network in April 2019, the same month **season two** of the show is set to release (*Last Hope* Part 2).

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What is certain is fans can set their sights on a shift in the story's foundation and expect a new chapter of *Last Hope*, which was hinted at in July with the release of [new key images](#). The new graphics suggest the focus of the story will center on Lau and the villain Sieg.

Having premiered last March, the [initial ratings](#) of the first season were less than ideal, worrying the production team about even believing in the possibility for a second half of Leon's story. But since then, the audience has grown several times larger and clearly expects the *Last Hope* second season with impatience.

Netflix management believed in the series enough to invest in its U.S. release, so as of now there's no reason to doubt their commitment to the show's American audience.

NEXT: Netflix releases newest original anime *Last Hope*: Here are our first impressions

For those of you who have yet to be hooked on Kawamori's latest masterpiece (and Bump of Chicken's newest pop-rock tempo) go on Netflix to stream *Last Hope*. Those 13 episodes are there, just waiting for audiences to fall in love with them.

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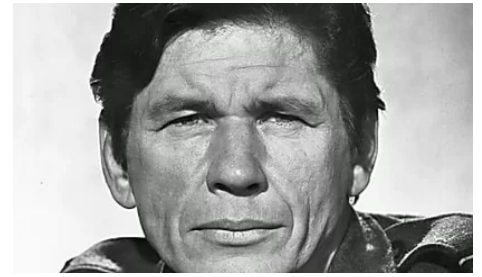
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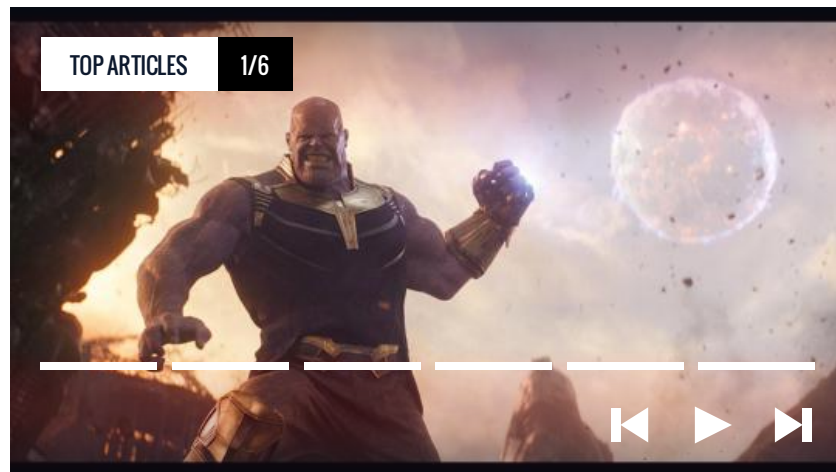
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The popular Nickelodeon series Avatar: The Last Airbender is not only getting a live-action remake, but it's getting one from Netflix!

Am I dreaming? I think I'm dreaming. If I am, don't wake me up because this is too good to be true! I firmly believe there are only four networks that can do a live-action *Avatar* justice and that's HBO, Showtime, Starz and Netflix. I hoped for HBO so they can make a slightly more light-hearted *Game of Thrones*, but Netflix will do just fine. An entire generation grew up with Aang, Sokka, and Katara, and bad-boy turned good Zuko, your first animated crush (don't lie).

Set in a fictional world where the population is divided into four nations: Fire, Water, Earth and Air, and each nation is inhabited by "benders," people gifted with the ability to control their nations element. Not everyone in these nations are benders. One of the main characters, Sokka, came from a water tribe, and even though his sister is a water bender, he had no such powers.

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The series focuses on an Avatar, a reincarnated soul reborn every generation, or whenever the last Avatar dies, who can control all four elements and is meant to maintain balance in the world.

Aang, the last airbender, is a twelve-year-old boy who was born in a world of peace. After he discovers that he's the next Avatar, he runs away and becomes frozen in an ice berg. When he emerges he finds that the Fire Nation has started a World War with the other nations, believing themselves to be the superior race, and has already conquered half of the world in his absence. He may only be twelve, but he's given the duty of stopping the war and mastering the elements in a few months' time.

It was a children's show that detailed themes not commonly shown in children's series, including war, life and death, racial ignorance, self-acceptance, parental abuse, poverty, oppression, arranged marriages, sexism, female empowerment, genocide, redemption and sacrifice. Its characters were also of Asian heritage, another uncommon detail in a children's show.

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Created by Bryan Konietzko and Michael Dante DiMartino, *Avatar: The Last Airbender* premiered on Nickelodeon in 2003 and ran for three seasons, ending in 2008. It spawned a comic book series and a spinoff television series, *The Legend of Korra*, which ran from 2012 to 2014. M. Night Shyamalan adapted the show into a live-action movie in 2010, *The Last Airbender*, but let's pretend as if that never happened. Of all the movies they've banned over the years for ridiculous reasons, they couldn't band that crap!?

A reimagined, live-action "Avatar: The Last Airbender" series is coming to Netflix!

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Netflix announced today, September 18, that their partnering up with Nickelodeon for a "reimagined" live-action version of *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, with Konietzko and DiMartino returning to run the series. Konietzko and DiMartino assured fans that the characters won't be whitewashed or changed into a different race like they were in Shyamalan's film, and that the remake will **dive even deeper into four nations**.

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We're thrilled for the opportunity to helm this live-action adaptation of *Avatar: The Last Airbender*. We can't wait to realize Aang's world as cinematically as we always imagined it to be, and with a culturally appropriate, non-whitewashed cast. It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance to build upon everyone's great work on the original animated series and go even deeper into the characters, story, action, and world-building. Netflix is wholly dedicated to

manifesting our vision for this retelling, and we're incredibly grateful to be partnering with them.

A quick trip to Twitter will prove how excited the fans are about this announcement. We're all still upset about the end of Aang and Korra, and of the movie which somehow managed to mispronounce Aang's name. I never understood that, how could they mispronounce the characters names? It wasn't like they adapted a book and didn't know how to say it. It was a series, we heard everyone say "Aang" a hundred times!!

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Netflix has yet to announce when *Avatar: The Last Airbender* will premiere, but I'm going to guess late 2019 or early 2020.

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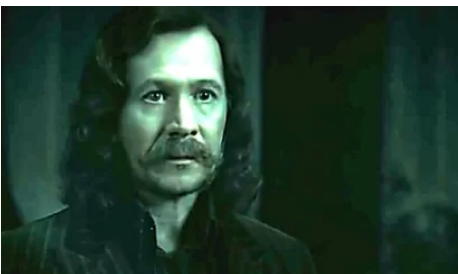


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