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# 'Once Upon' scoop: 'Walking Dead' newbie cast in mysterious new role

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A newcomer on AMC's *The Walking Dead* is joining the cast of ABC's *Once Upon a Time*.

Actress Sonequa Martin-Green is joining ABC's fantasy hit in the mysterious new role of Tamara. The character is described as a charming and likable woman who's secretly highly ambitious and a fearless leader driven to get what she wants. Not a lot to go on, but that's all the information we have right now (I know, rough sledding trying to figure what Tamara's mythological identity might be from that). Tamara is expected to be a recurring character this season and possibly appear in the show's third season as well.

Martin-Green's *Walking Dead* character Sasha was introduced in the recent midseason finale of the series (part of a new group of survivors who just discovered the prison) and she's expected to continue on the show when it returns from hiatus in February. Green has also had arcs on CBS' *The Good Wife* and was on *NYC-22*.

Here's the latest promo for the return of *Once Upon*, which teases what will happen now that fairy tale land characters can leave Storybrooke:

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Well, I am thinking a couple recent Disney type characters could be here, but my first thought was, well, was Emma actually an independent bonds woman or did she have a boss? I have found myself wondering occasionally, especially since we are all very excited for Neal's eventual finding of Storybrooke, about some of the outside people that specifically Emma and August have interacted with that might actually wonder where they both are (August probably owes money to someone you would think..).

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Seems a bit young to be Emma's boss, so I'd say that's doubtful. And even as another bail bonds person also seems doubtful if she's to recur.

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*in reply to kate277*

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Green has also had arcs on CBS' The Good Wife and was on NYC-22. ...[WWW.youtubeCelebrationsNewYear.qr.net/jOen/watch?v=dedko](http://WWW.youtubeCelebrationsNewYear.qr.net/jOen/watch?v=dedko)

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Just what I thought, she's just cannon fodder on TWD. Bets on how many more episodes she make it through? Anyone?

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Is she playing Tyrese's daughter on TWD? Because if they go by the comics, then yeah, she's toast.

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**amy** | [1 day ago](#)

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i don't really remember but i think shes supposed to be his sister on the show?

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The Walking Dead is done filming for the season. So she could do both, it doesn't necessarily mean her character is toast.

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Nah, she's toast.

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Hi Princess Tiana!!

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That's who I was thinking of, but didn't know her name. I knew there a black princess, but that's about it. Wasn't she the one in New Orleans and a frog for a friend?

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yes, that's the one Robin :)

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I think she's gonna be Tiana as well.

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ITA, but who will her Storybrooke character be?

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There aren't a lot of black people in the Disney mythology so I have to agree with her being Tiana.

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When I saw that her name would be Tamera I guessed that she would be Princess Tiana.

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I thought Tiana too, but remember that Lancelot was portrayed by an African-American actor, so we might be fooled. Still, my guess goes with Tiana.

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**Carlos H.** | [1 day ago](#)

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I think, the only person they could get to play Tiana would be Miss Anika Noni Rose herself. My guess as to who this newcomer could be is somebody from Hook's world (A re-imagined Wendy, perhaps?)

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**jessica** | [1 day ago](#)

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I like that idea.

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*in reply to Carlos H.*

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I feel like Disney would never cast the actual character voice in the corresponding "Once" role--I get the feeling they want to keep the show separate from their movies.

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