

# ASH

ANOTHER NAME — **ANOTHER LOVE** — ANOTHER LIFE

**RUSSIA**  
TELEVISION AND RADIO

Title **ASH**  
Genre **Thriller**  
Number of episodes **10**  
Length **44 min**  
Year **2013**  
Director **Vadim Perelman**

Cast

**Y. Mironov, V. Mashkov,  
E. Lyadova, S. Garmash,  
C. Khamatova, P. Mamonov,  
A. Smolyakov, V. Gostyukhin,  
I. Rozanova, S. Chonishvili,  
A.Dyachenko, K. Andolenko**





### Information about the series

The most awaited Russian television project of 2013, with a gripping story, incredible plot twists, major character transformations, an all-star cast, epic-scale scenes, and stellar performances by the Russian actors **Vladimir Mashkov** and **Yevgeny Mironov**.

The story is set in the Soviet Union between 1938 and 1948, and spans some of the key milestones in the country's history. The idea was inspired by a true story.

### Description

***1938, Soviet Russia. There were two of them, both strong and courageous. But one fateful day, Igor Petrov, the commander of a Red Army unit, is compelled to exchange ID papers with a safecracker known as Ash. The incident leads both men to start their lives completely anew. For the following ten years, Petrov and Ash will live their lives in the fear of discovery. They will commit acts of bravery and insidious crimes in the name of the other so that the thief becomes a hero, while the commander turns into a violent outlaw. The only thing they have in common is a tragic, painful love for the same woman. For ten years they will each encounter death and destruction before fate brings them together once more.***

***There will be two of them again – strong and courageous, ready to fight for their love... with the knowledge that retribution awaits them.***

The director, **Vadim Perelman**, who has lived and worked in the US for many years, is known for such acclaimed films as **The House of Sand and Fog** and **The Life Before Her Eyes**. Ash is his first Russian-language project.

“To me, this story is very personal. My mother was widowed when I was nine. She later remarried, and has stayed happily married ever since. But I sometimes wonder what would have happened if my dad had suddenly come back. What would she have done? Who would she have chosen? I think that Ash succeeds in positing a dilemma of Shakespearean proportions,” says Perelman.

“It’s about fate... people brought together by chance towards a fateful outcome... The film is an emotional tale that’s deeply Russian. The story treads a tortuous line between life and death... It’s steeped in an intense experience of love, which can lead to tragedy and to an incredible, unprecedented self-realisation,” says **Vladimir Mashkov**, who plays Captain Petrov.

“My character, Ash, is not just an expert thief, he’s an artist. He can break into a safe in less time than it takes for the ash from his lit cigarette to hit the ground. But circumstances force him to change his identity, and the thief becomes an officer. For the first time in his life, Ash finds himself in love: he is enraptured by Petrov’s wife and will do anything to win her heart. But one lie leads to another, which then leads to more lies, and sooner or later, he will have to face up to what he’s done. When that time comes, what will Ash do? What kind of person will he prove to be? That’s probably the main question,” says **Yevgeny Mironov**, who plays the part of Ash.



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## Episode 1

Captain Igor Petrov and his wife Rita are spending their holidays together. Suddenly, Petrov is forced to cut them short: he is ordered to immediately report to his military unit in Leningrad. Most of his fellow officers have already been arrested, and Petrov realizes that he, too, may be facing the same fate. However, failure to report to his unit would amount to desertion. Meanwhile, an audacious robbery takes place at a jewellery factory in Moscow. A notorious thief going by the alias Ash breaks into the safe. The clique of thieves delegates Ash with the task of taking the loot to Leningrad. On the train to the city, a fateful meeting occurs between Petrov and Ash. Petrov swaps their identification papers and takes the loot.



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### Episode 3

Ash is arrested in place of Captain Petrov. While imprisoned, Ash learns the ropes of military science under the tutelage of his cellmate, an army colonel. Petrov is arrested for murder and sent to prison. There, a thief nicknamed Cloakroom introduces Petrov to the world of thieves, gradually "transforming" him into the real Ash: he teaches him criminal slang, gives him prison tattoos, etc. He agrees to protect Petrov and not hand him over to the thieves in exchange for information on the whereabouts of the loot. When a number of political convictions are reversed, Ash is released from prison and reunited with... Rita, Commander Petrov's wife, who has been waiting for her husband. Ash recognizes her as the girl from the photo he has been studying in his cell, with whom he has practically "fallen in love." He decides to resort to deception.



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