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Better Call Saul Is Finally Here: How Awesome Is This Breaking Bad Prequel?

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Better Call Saul is finally here, and we're already completely obsessed with it. Sure, it's not quite *Breaking Bad*, but *Better Call Saul* is not supposed to be. It's a little bit dramatic, a little bit comedic, and very fun to watch. It also at least partially fills the *Breaking Bad*-sized hole we've had in our hearts since the finale in 2013.

In the prequel spin-off, from creators Vince Gilligan and Peter Gould, **Bob Odenkirk** perfectly captures a pre-*Breaking Bad* Saul Goodman, mostly called Jimmy McGill, who's working from an office in the back of a nail salon and pretending to be his own (English?) secretary on the phone, while trying to get a legitimate(ish) law firm off the ground.

Of course, one of his biggest problems is money, alongside an ego that he can't really afford to have just yet. It's clear that this is definitely not yet the Saul Goodman that we know and love, though we did get a little flash forward to present-day Saul, who works at a Cinnabon, goes by the name of Gene, and seems to spend his nights watching old tapes of his glory days.

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Tonight's pilot featured appearances by *Breaking Bad*'s **Jonathan Banks** as Mike, who's currently working as a parking lot attendant, and **Raymond Cruz** as Tuco, who had Jimmy at the end of his gun in the last moments of the episode, which can't possibly be good. We only have to wait until tomorrow night to find out how that's going to end, and we already can't wait!

Until then, vote in the poll below and then head to the comments to tell us what you thought of the premiere!