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**25. *V: THE MINISERIES* (1983)**  
Created by **Kenneth Johnson**

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Giant fascist lizards from outer space — it sounds like something you'd see on *Mystery Science Theater 3000*. But this parable of tolerance is far more complex and frightening than it seems. While the "Visitors" say they "come in peace," they really want to drain Earth's water supply. Just in case you still don't get the point, their insignia looks suspiciously like a swastika.

**POP CULTURE LEGACY** Besides spawning an equally engaging sequel — 1984's *V: The Final Battle* — *V* gave Robert Englund (a.k.a. Freddy Krueger) his big break.

**THE BEST BIT** In one of the best TV reveals ever, lizard queen Diana (Jane Badler) — still disguised as a sultry brunet human — unhinges her jaw and stuffs an entire guinea pig in her hideously elongated piehole. —*Kristen Baldwin*

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