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Beginning during the time of Hitler, we see grainy stock footage of his Aryan training grounds--young blonde men, women, boys and girls exercising outdoors. Inside a schoolroom, very strict regimented education is conducted. The young Aryans are raising their hands to give answers. We hear a voice-over inciting that we are watching a secret film stolen by an undercover agent.

We pull back to reveal we are inside a government office building, circa 1940--not clear which one. A question is asked whether there is any validity in what Hitler is doing. Everyone turns and looks to Corbin Shakespeare, 27, one of only 3 non-uniformed personnel in the room. Shakespeare remarks-- "it works in animals, Sir". A man in a wheelchair says, "we must develop a program to counter what Hitler is doing." All of the military leaders salute him. Shakespeare says, "Yes Sir, Mr. President," and smiles. As FDR is wheeled out of the room, we see they are inside the Office of Strategic Services (OSS).

Fast forward. Different American adults--not all of the same race, are going through similar training. Most are excellent physical specimens. Some are less physical and more bookish. The bookish one's work out complex mathematical problems. Still others do psychic tests identifying shapes behind a small barrier, which match the shapes being viewed by the tester.

They are all being observed behind a two-way mirror by Corbin Shakespeare and Albert Einstein. Einstein remarks, "I am most fascinated by the psychic ability. I believe this holds the greatest value to our country's efforts. Great physical specimens are of limited use in modern warfare. But information, or better yet, the ability to know and control it is of infinite worth."

Fast forward 1 year. 1942. Four athletically fit people sit side by side--a black woman, a white man, an Asian man and a Latina woman--facing the two way mirror. Corbin behind the mirror looks distressed. Another scientist explains that these are the best in the country. We see that the people cannot hear what's going on behind the mirror. Corbin shakes his head. The black woman looks over at the white man. He instinctively looks back at her. They both look at the Asian and the Latina, then all of them break out laughing.

Corbin asks the scientist "What are they laughing at?" The white man responds "You're trying to figure out how to mix us together to get the most normal looking kid." The black woman chimes in "A bunch of big black Asian Mexicans wasn't your idea when you started this." They all laugh again. But Corbin realizes how gifted they are. The Asian man says, "Looks like he's sold." Yet all he sees in the mirror is his own reflection. They are mind readers.

The next section they demonstrate powers of being able to know where to place strategic weapons during the remainder of WW2 and Korean War (1950-51). They are successful. There are little mixed raced kids running around--5-8 years-old. Corbin doesn't seem excited about any of their abilities. Inside a meeting, at the now CIA, Corbin discusses the results of his

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experiments and argues that the Originals are still of great use, but the second generation doesn't seem to be performing up to their parent's standards. Corbin comments that gifts often skip generations. Someone acknowledges this, but argues that with the fall of Germany such a program seems unnecessary. Someone says, "We're cutting the funding." Corbin is pissed.

In his office, Corbin shreds documents related to MKULTRA (The Psychic Spy Program).

Fast forward 10 years. In the midst of the beginning of the Vietnam War, the children are teens now and living in a normal neighborhood. The black woman and white man have coupled off, as have the Asian and Latina. The kids are next door neighbors. Because of their weird upbringing and family structure, they don't get along well with other kids. They are angry at having their lives screwed over by the government. This is their eternal bond. The two--a light skinned black/white teen boy and beautiful brown Asian/Latina. Two of the kids form a relationship and get it on. The girl ends up pregnant.

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She gives birth to twins. The families are together in the hospital room. The kids beg their parents not to tell Corbin about it. They promise. But at the viewing window, Corbin, now 40, is already staring at the two babies. One locks eyes with Corbin, stares a moment and begins crying. Corbin is shocked. The other baby suddenly wakes, turns to his brother and begins crying as well.

In the hospital room, the Originals suddenly grab their heads in excruciating pain simultaneously. The teens realize it's the baby. The dad rushes out and sees Corbin at the window. He runs after Corbin--telling him to get away from his child. Corbin tries to explain the need for them to restart the program--intelligence problems in Vietnam--the need to keep American from having to enter it, but nothing works. The Father vows to kill Corbin if he ever comes around his family again. Corbin leaves. The baby sees his dad and smiles.

In the hospital room, the parents regain normalcy.

(END ACT I)

ACT II

Corbin returns to the now CIA and discusses what occurred. He believes this baby is more gifted than the Originals--the "Exceptional", he's always hoped for. He is hypnotized to be unable to be accessed by the Originals.

The Originals are put at ease, secure that Corbin has left them alone and is not up to anything. Meanwhile, one baby shows remarkable ability--his name is Lazarus Coles. The other is Develon and seems completely unaffected by any gifts. Laz is able to communicate with his mom and dad mentally--to know what they want him to do before they ask. But more importantly, to cast his thoughts into their minds. When he is hungry, before he cries, they stop whatever they are doing--even waking from sleep to go feed him. Develon on the other hand has to cry. But once Laz wakes from Develon's crying, the parents wake also.

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The Originals joke about how they are constantly bombarded with Laz's thoughts. Desires for breast milk and a feeling of wetness in their pants. They are all able to sense Laz. In fact, Laz seems to be sending out very strong psychic energy which overpowers the originals and their ability to sense anything else. They comment that to touch him is especially overpowering. He seems able to control their thoughts when he touches them. One mentions embarrassingly that they even wet themselves while holding him once.

Then one night, everyone is asleep. Laz suddenly awakes in his bassinet and looks around nervously. Suddenly, the rest of the family awakes, all nervous. In a Camouflaged truck, Corbin tells a group of Commandos, "remember, do not think about this mission! Block your thoughts as we trained." He then snaps his fingers and the commandos come out of what we see was a hypnotic trance. But one young guy looks nervous. We see him. This is who Laz senses. Laz begins to cry and the two families go on alert. But it's too late. The house is broken into, they are all killed and Laz and Develon are stolen.

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Laz and Develon are now kept in a sterile government nursery. They are examined by scientist. One touches Laz and something happens. He walks away and then faints. Others come to his aid. He's not aware what happened, but does feel very sad. He begins crying and says, "What we're doing isn't right." Corbin observes this through another two way mirror and turns away.

Later that night the scientist is extremely depressed, crying and frantic. He finally leaps from his balcony to his death.

Corbin learns of this. Another scientist goes to touch the child--Corbin yells over a microphone for him not to! But the scientist feels compelled. Corbin yells again. His hand stops inches from Laz and pauses. The scientist looks up at the mirror and Laz grabs his hand. The scientist picks up Laz like a protective mother and holds him close. He tries to get out. Corbin signals guards--the same commandos who raided the houses--ordering them to keep their heads clear and not to harm the child. The scientist grabs a scalpel and tries to get out with the child. He screams that what they are doing is wrong. A commando drops him with a shot to the head, then rushes in and catches Laz before the scientist falls. But the commando has gloves on and doesn't touch skin with Laz.

Laz is put back in the glass bassinet and a metal covering slides into place over it. The lights go out. Corbin turns and walks out. Laz cries alone in the terrible space.

In his office, Corbin is hypnotized by the same person who did it before. He is given the suggestion that he "is Laz's and Develon's father. He loves them. He can only think loving thoughts towards them, etc."

The next day, Corbin goes into the room. The metal door slides back. Corbin smiles. And Laz... SMILES and coos. Corbin picks Laz up and holds him gently, then does the same with Develon who's been in a separate bassinet.

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### MIDPOINT:

ACT II B Coming of age.

Fast forward 15 years (1976). Corbin now, as a loving father dotes over his 15 year-old boys to a casually dressed man with a thick German accent. They live in his home in McLean, VA, just outside Washington. A nice affluent suburb populated by high ranking military and government types. The boys are of mixed race--they could look white, black or both. Their hair is cut close and it is nearly impossible to tell. They are healthy and well adjusted. Dev is more muscular than Laz. The boys play Battleship. On Laz's side, every hole on the board is filled except where Laz's ships are. But Laz has hit nothing but Develon's ships. He only has one more to torpedo to sink the last of Dev's fleet. Dev says, "You always win." Laz says, "Hey, I gave you 80 free shots. What do you want from me?" then smiles. Develon is oblivious that Laz's ships are perfectly outlined on his tracking board.

In the anteroom, the man with the German accent tells Corbin of problems in the Middle East. Back at the Battleship game, Develon asks who Laz thinks that man is. Laz closes his eyes a second, then says, "That man is Henry Kissinger. He used to be Secretary of State." Develon asks what that is. Laz shakes his head at Develon's ignorance, calls "E-13" and sinks Develon's fleet. Dev's pissed at loosing. Laz is arrogant about his easy victories. A bit of tension between them, then Laz then says, "You ever get the feeling dad is keeping secrets from us?" Dev asks what kind of secrets. Laz says he doesn't know. A newspaper reads "Carter Elected President".

In school, Laz can hear the teacher thinking the answer before she asks the question. He can read his friend's minds. He knows what girls are thinking about him. He can make people think what he wants them to think. He likes to play these mind-games on people. He makes the teacher choose the students he wants and embarrasses them by throwing suggestions in their minds as answers, which they blurt out before they realize what they are saying. Laz uses this ability to make himself the most popular kid in school.

Sibling rivalry develops in school when Dev is accused apart from Laz of always being in Laz's shadow despite that he is better in sports and what not. Laz senses this tension, as does Corbin. Dev develops jealousy issues towards Laz and perhaps tries to hurt him, but in a panic Laz stops him mentally. Corbin witnesses Laz's control of this, then separates the boys.

Dev is taken to the same hypnotist and tested. It turns out that he is highly suggestible, able to maintain multiple identities under hypnosis--a perfect Manchurian candidate. He explains multiple-level hypnosis and it's use in counter-intelligence. He also theorizes they could work together as a team with Laz controlling Develon to one level, but they having ultimate control. Since Laz is an Exceptionally gifted Inductor--he could run the whole program, with Develon as a fearless automaton.

Alone, Laz is plagued by nightmares of the night his family was killed. He sees the haunting images and tries to make sense of them, but can't. He asks Dev about this in school, where the two normally see each other. Dev says he doesn't know what Laz is talking about and that dad is cool-- "He's always been nice to you. He likes you more than me, why do you keep accusing

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him of shit?"

### ACT II Turning Point:

Corbin is confronted in his office by higher officials who tell him that his program is in jeopardy unless it can show it's value in a some very important way. Carter doesn't feel the program is a wise use of taxpayer dollars and wants it discontinued. Corbin is pissed. He argues that this is the greatest experiment in human development in the history of mankind. He vows to prove it's worth within one year.

Laz decides to confront Corbin. Corbin tells Laz that a terrible accident occurred to both Dev's family and Laz's. He tells Laz they are not brothers. Corbin says he has been cared for both of them since and decided to raise them as brothers. His story confirms Laz's suspicions and Laz asks him why he has these abilities. Corbin tells him it's time for his training and begins him on his course.

### ACT III

Corbin separates the two of them and gives each a separate training. Laz eventually travels to Camp David with Jimmy Carter in 1978, shake the hands of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and inject the thought of peace into their minds. He would be 18 at this time.

Develon is trained to be a killing machine--a fearless soldier. His mission culminates in landing in Iran and igniting the rebellion which leads to the overthrow of the Shaw of Iran. This then leads to the return from exile in France of the Ayatollah Khomeini, who in turn, captures American Hostages and causes the defeat of Jimmy Carter in the next election. He's programmed to speak other languages. He's trained in killing and use of every kind of weapon, etc.

Corbin then brags that he's more powerful than the President. A new administration takes over and Laz is deployed by this new administration to meet with Ayatollah to convince him to release the hostages, which he does. They are pure puppets. Corbin has what he wants--unmonitored control of the Exceptional project.