

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a long, narrow hallway. The walls are made of rough, textured concrete or stone. The floor is paved with rectangular tiles. In the distance, a person is walking away from the camera towards a bright light at the end of the hallway. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

# *BELOVED*

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## LOGLINE

An immortal with healing powers must stop a conspiracy to create an unholy super-human race using his DNA.



# ONE PAGE PITCH

It all started 2,000 years ago.

And Eli was there.

His endurance for life died long before his body ever will, so obscurity has been Eli's best friend for centuries.

While working as a lonely linguistics professor, Eli saves and heals a girl in a fiery crash. The incident hits the news and sets events in motion that send Eli on the hunt for kidnappers who want to use the girl and her twin for unholy experiments using his super DNA.

Holocaust survivor Dr. Rabinovich knows Eli is somehow linked to the Shroud of Turin. He teams with the sinister Venetian who has big plans for Eli's DNA. But while trying to save the kidnapped girls, Eli goes through a physical change that puts his immortality in question and everyone in greater jeopardy.



# SHOW CROSS



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## LEAD CHARACTER

ELI doesn't hate his life. He's just tired of it. With the source of his immortality in question, and endless consequences accumulated over the years, his past will always be connected to his future as he searches for answers about why he . . . is.

Once hailed as a man of God, Eli has been in a crisis of faith for a long time. Everyone he's ever loved is long dead, along with most of his emotions, now buried deep.

Whenever others grow curious about his past, he retreats. Not just to be secretive, but because his memories can be so intensely real that he often forgets where he is in the present.

When Eli realizes there may be other immortals with evil intentions, he must finally come to terms with who he really is. And he'll need the help of others now that his DNA seems to be changing, making him more vulnerable than ever.





## SUPPORTING CHARACTER

MONICA's asthma is so severe she's only been able to live in desert regions. Career minded and family loyal to a fault, she's not only never married, she's never even had a serious relationship.

After her sister and brother-in-law died, Monica was left to raise their twin daughters who are now college age. And caring for Nicki's degenerative bone condition has demanded the bulk of Monica's attentions for over a decade.

Now Eli comes along and heals both Nicki and Monica to perfect health. But in doing so, Eli has also dragged them into his dangerous world of international villains.

Like Eli's tech sidekick Anderson, Monica vies for Eli's affection, and she's ready to look elsewhere for love if he doesn't come around soon.



## SUPPORTING CHARACTER

THE VENETIAN. Ruthless, calculating. With centuries spent organizing his faction of descendents, he is a far more powerful counterpart to Eli who's squandered much of his long life sulking over the injustice of his immortality.

Little is known about the Venetian's past, which could go back as far as Eli's for all anyone knows. When his present plans to alter the world's genetics using Eli's super DNA come to light, he must always stay two steps ahead of Eli's growing team of support.

Soon after Eli's DNA is somehow weakened, the Venetian's DNA mutates into something much stronger and unpredictable.





## SUPPORTING CHARACTERS

ANDERSON is the hub of Eli's entire resistance network. From a high-tech secret command center, Anderson is the token goofball super geek...or is he?

While Eli's had 2,000 years to amass his fortune, orphaned Anderson built the world's biggest DNA and family tree network to track down Eli and his descendants.

Blessed/cursed with self-healing and longevity without any explanations his whole life, Anderson may finally get some answers.

But Eli doesn't make it easy on him. Anderson's need for acceptance makes him crave more than Eli can give, which makes Anderson vulnerable to dangerous outside influences.

DR. RABINOVICH, Holocaust survivor, is about 100 years old, but thanks to Eli, he looks closer to half that age. His long love/hate relationship with Eli has him obsessed with identifying the source of Eli's immortality.

By cloning the DNA from the Shroud of Turin and sampling Eli's blood, Rabinovich hopes to prove that eternal life on Earth is not only plausible, but scientifically viable.

But Rabinovich's obsession is fueled by bitterness over the long-reaching consequences that come with an unnaturally long life.

If his experiments succeed, it could spell the end of humanity as we know it.





# SUPPORTING CHARACTERS

JENNY and NICKI: 19-year-old twins. Monica's nieces may look alike, but their life experience has made them very different.

YOSHI: Warrior Blood Brother whose loyalty is sometimes under suspicion as an outsider to Eli's tight-knit team.

ARCHBISHOP BISTORTI: Turin's holy man with unholy alliances.

MAXIBELLA: Aging fashionista seeking a Fountain of Youth.

LILA: FBI agent out to prove Eli's team is up to no good.

DEAN SOUTHER: Good ol' boy with a shocking secret.

NERD NETWORK: Anderson's go-to geeks.

JONAH: The scary henchman has much in common with Eli.

MARTY: Ex-cop who keeps Eli mindful of the common man.



# PILOT: Shroud of Mystery

*Logline: Believing Jesus' burial cloth is the source of Eli's powers, kidnappers plan to conduct experiments on innocent bystanders. Meanwhile, Eli's DNA may be mutating.*

No one would ever suspect Eli is an immortal. While teaching foreign languages at a small seminary in Phoenix, his secret comes out when he saves the twin of one of his students from a fiery crash. News of the twin's healing and his apparent resurrection after being declared dead sends Eli into hiding from the world, until the twins' aunt Monica recruits him to help save the girls from kidnappers.

Eli's old friend Dr. Rabinovich was one of the scientists who tested and authenticated the Shroud of Turin, Jesus' burial cloth. To test his theory that Eli's DNA plus blood cloned from the Shroud can change the world of genetics, Rabinovich teams

with shadowy characters even more secretive and wealthy than Eli. And far more lethal.

Though funded by higher, more powerful forces, the sinister organization behind the kidnapping is led by the Venetian, whose thugs do most of his dirty work.

Eli and Monica catch up with the kidnappers in Europe where a violent thug confronts them. After Eli saves Monica's life, she unwittingly links herself to Eli forever when she gives him an innocent kiss. And now Eli has to stop her from trying to take things into her own hands.

But that may prove difficult when Eli, whose memories take him all the way back to the foot of Jesus' cross, discovers that something seems to have changed in his DNA, and he may not be as indestructible - or useful - as everyone thought.



# EPISODE CONCEPTS

## EPISODE 1: "SHROUD OF MYSTERY"

After healing a girl in a fiery crash, immortal Eli must stop kidnappers who've taken the girl and her twin for unholy genetics experiments. But while trying to save them, something goes awry putting Eli's immortality in question.

## EPISODE 2: "UNVEILED"

Eli learns that Monica also has secrets that make her valuable to the kidnappers. The vastness of Rabinovich's network surprises even Eli, whose secret past is finally brought to light in the presence of the Shroud of Turin. But his future remains uncertain with his DNA seemingly compromised and his enemies' enhanced.

## EPISODE 3: "HEAD OF THE MONSTER"

Eli's expanding new team digs in to chase down the Venetian and his minions before they can implement their bio-takeover plot. Tensions escalate when a government agency inserts itself into their investigation.

## EPISODE 4: "LOREM IPSUM"

Eli's team creates dummy facts to placate a snoopy government agent while hitting walls in their probe into the Venetian's whereabouts both past and present. But they're too late to prevent the syndicate's first big attack.

## EPISODE 5: "IN THE BEGINNING"

Jenny uses Eli's own writings to scientifically explain his immortality if not fully restore it, which leads to new possibilities and greater dangers, especially with romantic entanglements mucking up the works.

## EPISODE 6: "LET MY PEOPLE GO"

Just as Eli and his team are ready to make a big move that could stop the Venetian for good, the government intervenes and scatters the team, but the biggest shock is who is really behind the disruption.

# FUTURE SEASONS

## SEASON 1 - GENESIS

As things progress, the ramifications of Eli's past start to paint a clearer picture of just how high the stakes really are. The first season ends with Eli's secret outed to a world hungry for a taste of immortality.

## SEASON 2 - EXODUS

With Eli in hiding and the team in disarray, the Venetian's network exploits the chaos to seize power and elevate themselves as the world's savior from natural death.

## SEASON 3 - NUMBERS

Eli's team comes back stronger than ever as a new world leader arises. Eli recognizes that world events are looking a little too similar to the things he prophesied eons ago.

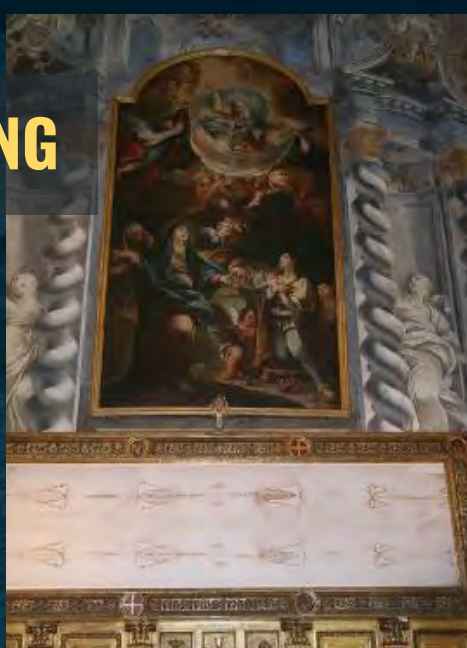
## SEASON 4 - KINGS

The war to end all wars seems imminent, and it's time for everyone to choose sides.





# WORLD BUILDING





# TONE

International gothic architecture mixed with high-tech science. Subtle religious themes.

Visual components similar to *Arrow* and *Timeless*. Modern storylines paralleled with 2,000 years of historical events.

Minimal if any CGI, high-octane action, hand-to-hand combat, historical flashbacks.

A grounded PG-13 Super World steeped in ancient beliefs that clash with ultra-modern ideals and technologies.

Immortals with nothing to lose vs. everyday people with everything to gain.





# VIDEO

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