

ATTUNIST - Sci-Fi Vigilante Thriller

Logline

A mysterious man discovers he has the powerful ability to truly make a difference and uses that talent to take out hardened criminals. Believing that inside information from law enforcement would be helpful, he attempts to recruit Carla Bright, the FBI agent doing her best to stop him.

Format

1 Hour TV Series Pilot

Genre / Tone

Sci-Fi Thriller / Vigilante Crime Drama

Dark, grounded, tense, and morally provocative — with the procedural drive of an FBI manhunt and the ethical danger of a man who believes he can make the world better by killing the worst people in it.

Story

Attunist is an ordinary but highly gifted IT specialist living quietly in the Rocky Mountain when he is recruited by Elucidate Research Laboratories in New York. ERL is developing advanced human-machine interface technology, and Attunist's talent for connecting incompatible systems makes him invaluable.

During a brain-wave experiment, the lab discovers something no one can explain. When Attunist focuses on anger, his brain activity spikes beyond known limits. Attunist soon realizes the truth: his mind can affect the human nervous system. But he keeps that to himself, until things escalate.

After being threatened on the streets of New York, Attunist kills two attackers without touching them. Horrified at first, he quickly begins to rationalize his power. If he can stop predators before they hurt more innocent people, is that murder — or justice?

FBI Agent Carla Bright, newly promoted after solving a difficult fugitive case, is assigned to investigate the impossible deaths. Smart, relentless, and unwilling to accept easy answers, Carla begins connecting the scenes through behavior, timing, and motive. The evidence makes no sense, but the pattern is clear: someone is killing criminals in ways science cannot yet explain.

As Carla closes in, Attunist becomes bolder. He does not see himself as evil. He sees himself as necessary. To him, the justice system is too slow, too weak, and too easily manipulated. To Carla, he is becoming exactly what he claims to fight: a dangerous man who decides who deserves to live.

Why It Works

The Attunist turns the vigilante fantasy into a frightening moral question: if one person could remove violent criminals with a thought, would that make the world safer — or give one man too much power?

The Hook

He can stop criminals with just a focused thought, but should an IT Geek and an FBI agent be the ones deciding who the worst of the worst is?