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1. Engineered + K.F.
2. Even so infects many w/co with understanding
3. They are & their heart part - have a goal - set Barack elected
4. Barack and Jeannie need to stop them. Do this?
5. Beaufort  
6. They know the secret, are in  
danger.
7. These guys very powerful, what if they are close enough  
to have to sacrifice our character.

8. Random clones of no interest to me!
9. Kelli a candidate who has cut military budget
10. One clone is the leader -- even though all are identical. 11. 2 or 3 - fight to many.
12. Beaufort has spent years supervising them from a distance -- maybe interacting with them as a sort of father. Yes.

### Unnatural Selection

13. Series of murders to prepare them for the big one. Coached by?

14. Love Stacy? 15. Dan loves her and one of the clones?
17. Need cutting edge science -- Barack?

18. Jeannie related to one of these
19. Barack wants to do more this work, says he did it. Yes.

20. T-B-Dan counter-movement
  21. Dan is a running coach, marathoner, maybe former Olympic competitor
  - Outline: 1st draft  
22. He has tangled with one of these clones in the past - knows the guy is deadly. Yes.
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23. Leading advocate of cutting military budget clones - but perfect alibi -- twins.

1. On a very hot day a young woman in a rented Chevrolet Caprice drives up to the gates of a prison outside Richmond, Virginia. She is Dr Jeannie Ferrari, 28, a research scientist. Tall and striking-looking, she is attractive but definitely not pretty. Although brilliant she is held back in her career by her blunt manners and her reluctance to make nice to her (mostly male) superiors. She is conservatively dressed in a skirted suit, and she carries a businesslike briefcase, but she still  
24. looks like a kook. ?

The prison governor walks her through the place, proudly showing off the computer-controlled security system, opening every door with a plastic card like a charge plate.

- She explains her visit. Her field is genetics and she is part of a research team, attached to the University of Pennsylvania, studying twins. Identical twins have the same DNA, so the differences between them must be due to environmental factors. Consequently, geneticists are  
15. profoundly interested in identical twins who have been reared apart (which happens, for example, if they are adopted). Such cases are rare and researchers such as Jeannie go to a lot of trouble  
*Does she have a hypothesis she is trying to prove?* to find them.

Jeannie's expertise is in the computer matching of data--such as fingerprints, dental records and electrocardiograms--that are the same or similar in twins. She has devised a program for finding pairs and has run the program on the FBI's fingerprint file. It turned up several pairs of identical twins who did not know they were twins.

- Normally Jeannie calls the individuals, recruits them for the project and arranges for them  
16. to come to Philadelphia for a day of measurements and tests. Given the database she is currently  
*what is the measure?* using it is inevitable that some of her subjects are incarcerated.  
*and testing?*

She is here to see one such. Steven Logan, 18, is in jail for murder. He turned off the

electric power in a cinema, assaulted several women in the ensuing panic, and killed a girl who fought him off. Jeannie's task is to fill out a questionnaire on his personal and medical history, administer an IQ and personality test, and get him to sign a release.

The governor warns her that Steven is both clever and violent. He insists that an armed guard be present throughout the interview.

Steven is a good-looking youth, taller than the average, healthy and fit, clean-shaven and neatly dressed in prison denims. He flashes a winning smile and says to Jeannie: "I want your panties." This unnerves her but he is otherwise polite and co-operative.

The tests indicate a high IQ with abnormal aggression. Later on, for no apparent reason, Steven points at the guard and says: "Robertson is terrified of rats." Jeannie writes: "Disconnected conversation."

At the end of the session, Steven takes a live rat from his pocket and releases it. Robertson screams (Jeannie does not). Robertson furiously attacks the rat with his nightstick. Steven produces a home-made knife, holds it at Jeannie's throat and orders her to take off her panties. She can hardly believe this is happening but Steven's threat is all too credible. She slips off her K-Mart white cotton briefs. Stephen pockets them, hides the knife, sits down and looks innocent.

Robertson kills the rat. Jeannie realises the guard did not see what Steven did. She makes a split-second decision to say nothing about it.

27. What will this study help her accomplish? How important is her job?
- She leaves the prison without her panties. Steven dangerous with a knife?
28. Why say nothing? Steven dangerous with a knife?
- What's up? Steven? Are we meant to fear he'll escape and come after her? No. Embarrassment. Which he was
2. In a restaurant in Richmond, Jeannie talks to Steven's mother. Lorraine Logan, 53, is a

waitress married to a garage mechanic. She is evidently bewildered by her criminal son. She insists, however, that he is not a twin. He is her biological child, not adopted, and she is quite sure she gave birth to only one.

Jeannie does not necessarily believe her. Poor families sometimes put one twin out for adoption, then conceal the fact out of shame. However, Lorraine Logan is remarkably calm, and

11. Jeannie wonders what she will find when she sees Steven's supposed twin, David Pinker.  
*she needs a personal thought re involvement of David with  
 someone close to her — boyfriend, husband, parent, brother -*

3. Berisford Jones, 60, is a senior analyst at the CIA. Formerly involved in covert operations, he is now approaching retirement, having worked hard and loyally for his country all his life. A widower, he has a grown son at university.

Berisford gets a call from the FBI. "Someone has pulled the fingerprint files on Steven Logan and David Pinker. Both files bear a tag requesting that you be informed personally any time they are pulled."

Berisford gets the details then hangs up. Steven and David do not know him but, for reasons we do not yet understand, he is emotionally attached to them and desperate to protect them from harm. Now, reluctantly, he picks up the phone and arranges a meeting with two old friends: Jim Proust, a general at the Pentagon, and Paul Barck, a scientist.

In the distant past the three men were involved together in a secret project, conducted by the army with Barck's help and financed by the CIA. The three men now fear that Jeannie Ferrari's researches will reveal the secret. Barck is being considered for the Nobel prize in medicine: if he gets it he will be the first black scientist to win a Nobel and he will become a role model for millions of black schoolchildren. Proust is a hero of the Gulf War and widely tipped

*30. f. having accomplished what?*

as a Republican presidential candidate. Berisford is deeply committed to protecting the boys.

Barck has a conscience and he proposes making a clean breast of things, and letting this secret out. They will all be damaged but they won't be haunted any more.

Proust is scornful. We should kill them, he says. Why not? They're killers.

Barck says that David has not killed anyone.

Not yet, says Proust.

Berisford proposes a middle way. He will make Steven and David vanish. The CIA no longer has the cheerful attitude to covert operations it once had, but Berisford has not forgotten how to get things done and he has a lot of friends.

All right, says Proust; but if you fail, they die.

D. we care about them, so let's hope she still be there.  
This is agreed. object of their desire.  
Does the fate of these young men have any  
import?

4. Back in Philadelphia Jeannie reads an article in *Scientific American* by the head of her research team, Professor Ronald Greer, a sexist who steals the credit for the work of his assistants. In the article he describes Jeannie's computer program but does not mention her name, giving the impression he devised it himself.

Jeannie is furious and complains to her boyfriend, Brian Mulligan, over dinner with another couple, Dan Frankland and his wife.

Brian makes excuses for Greer, and reminds Jeannie that she was fired from two previous jobs for quarrelling with the boss. This could be her last chance.

Dan sides with Jeannie, somewhat to his wife's annoyance. A reporter on the *Philadelphia*

*Inquirer*, he is bearded, Jewish, intense, PC. Jeannie likes him.

34. Should Greer be on stage?

5. In a women's rooming house at Johns Hopkins university in Baltimore, a sophomore is tearfully recounting a rape. A fire was started in a university building, and in the panic a man hustled her into an empty room and raped her at knife point.

Detective Bradley, an experienced cop in his late thirties, questions her aggressively, challenging every statement. Her room-mate remonstrates with him, telling him he has no right to upset someone who has already suffered a trauma. Bradley responds: "Do you want us to catch this pervert or not?"

He is interrupted by Detective Michaela "Mike" Stott, a tough, warm-hearted redhead. She quietly tells Bradley to scram and takes over the interview.

Mike is head of a new squad set up, after political pressure from women's groups in the city, to deal with attacks on women. The squad's first priority is the welfare of the victim (by contrast with general police practice which concentrates on convicting the perpetrator). Mike argues that attacks on women are under-reported, and that the new approach will secure more convictions in the long run. Most cops think the new squad will never solve a major case. Mike needs to prove they are wrong.

*Two heroes? Yes. Thelma + Louise.*

6. Berisford Jones gets a colleague in the Agency to make a plastic card that will open every door in the Richmond prison.

He goes to visit Steven. He feels strong emotions: affection, guilt, pity, protectiveness. He gets Steven to trust him by mentioning information from Steven's childhood that very few people know about. He passes over the plastic card inside a pack of cigarettes and tells him to use it at 11am tomorrow.

Steven stages a diversion and gets out. Berisford is waiting in a car. "Your life is in danger," he tells Steven. "You need to disappear." He drives him all the way to Philadelphia then puts him on a bus for New York.

35. What is our strategy in this? to disappear?  
 36. How is New York in the mean?

7. Jeannie flies to Washington to see David Pinker, the supposed twin of Steven. Although Lorraine Logan confidently denied that her son was a twin, David is Steven's exact double and Jeannie feels her methods have been vindicated.

The Pinkers are more affluent than the Logans. Desmond Pinker is a colonel working at the Pentagon, brisk and precise. Charlotte Pinker is a hotshot lawyer, clever and heartless. They are divorced.

David's prints are on file because of a sexual assault: he set off his school's fire alarm then, in the ensuing confusion, he grabbed a young teacher and molested her. A prosecution is pending.

Jeannie notes the similarity to Steven Logan's *modus operandi*: a spectacular diversion which provides the opportunity for a sexual attack.

David and his mother are co-operative but Colonel Pinker is hostile. Jeannie reads him as being powerfully angry about his son's crime, and despite his surliness she pities him.

However, both parents laugh at the suggestion that David is a twin, and Jeannie goes away

37. Where is the suspense?  
 baffled.

38. what is it stated?  
 By now Jeannie should be in danger and to aware  
 that she is.

8. Berisford Jones goes to see David's victim, representing himself as a government employee concerned with the public image of the military. He asks the teacher whether she would consider dropping the prosecution if, in return, David was punished some other way--for example made

to join the Navy and go to sea as a rating. She agrees.

Berisford then puts this to David's parents, and it is agreed.

No fool, Desmond Pinker asks if this is connected with Jeannie's visit. Berisford denies knowledge of Jeannie.

Berisford arranges for David to immediately join a ship sailing for the Far East.

Berisford breathes a sigh of relief. Both Steven and David are now out of the reach of  
 39. But how are we involved?  
 both Jeannie and Jim Proust. Are we meant to have Berisford's  
 concern? This young man is still a menace,  
 no?

9. Greer's article in the *Scientific American* is followed up by the *New York Times*. A reporter questions Jeannie aggressively about the civil rights implications of her methods, pointing out that many families have secrets--such as paternity secrets, for example--which may be revealed by her investigations.

Jeannie handles this badly. In reality she is careful and gentle when breaking the news to people that they may have a twin. But what she says to the reporter is: "The forward march of science can't be held up to protect grubby little family scandals."

She then proceeds with a scan of a large national database of dental records. (Identical twins not only grow identical teeth, they generally get matching cavities.)  
 40. Not clear how this advances the action.

10. In the basement of a gym in Baltimore, the lights go out in the women's changing room. In the darkness and confusion several women are molested and one is killed.

Mike Stott investigates and gets nowhere.

Detective Bradley tells a reporter from the *Baltimore Sun* that the perpetrator is obviously

the man who raped the sophomore. The newspaper demands that the police catch this serial

*41. Recreate what we have earlier.  
rapist. Tighten the funnun a notch.*

11. The *New York Times* published an article critical of Jeannie. It includes a quote from Professor Greer implying that she exceeded her authority in setting up her program. She is furious: first Greer stole the credit for her work in the *Scientific American*, and now he is disowning it in the *New York Times*!

She confronts him and they have a row.

Dan Frankland calls and proposes to publish a piece in her defence. Greer orders her not to talk to the press and gets the university president to endorse this instruction. Despite this, and

*42. How deipately does T. need this job?* against the timid advice of her boyfriend Brian, Jeannie goes ahead with the interview.

*where are they?*

12. Blood tests on Steven and David show they have the same DNA. They must be twins.

Checking her notes, Jeannie realises that Desmond Pinker and Bert Logan were both in the military at the time of the boys' births. She hopes to find that Steven and David were born in the same hospital on the same day. But she is disappointed. Steven was born in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and David six weeks later in Fort Bliss, Texas.

She wonders if she might have discovered a new phenomenon: genetically identical people who are unrelated. If such people existed in small numbers they might well have gone undetected until it became possible to perform computerised scans of large databases.

It strikes her that both Lorraine Logan and Charlotte Pinker gave birth late in life and had only one child. She calls Lorraine and asks why. Lorraine says she had difficulty conceiving until

she went for treatment to a fertility unit at Lee Hospital, an army medical facility in Baltimore.

Jeannie calls Charlotte Pinker and learns that she, too, had trouble conceiving--and was treated at the same hospital.

Jeannie calls the hospital, makes an appointment to visit the records office, and faxes them her releases.

43. why would he be? He has set up reporting natives - tripwires .

13. Berisford Jones is alerted by the hospital. He calls Paul Barck. "I can deal with the hospital--it's an army facility," he says. "But Jeannie Ferrari has to be stopped before she does any more damage." I want you to go to Philadelphia and see her boss. Tell him that leading geneticists are uncomfortable with Jeannie's methods and the bad publicity they have generated. You're on the ethics panel, you carry a lot of weight. Get the guy to axe the Ferrari project."

Barck reluctantly agrees.

14. When Jeannie gets to Baltimore she finds that the hospital has recently shredded its records for the period when Lorraine Logan and Charlotte Pinker were treated.

Disappointed, she gets lunch in the city. She is shocked to run into one of the twins. Believing that Steven is in jail in Virginia she assumes this is David.

At first he seems not to know her, then he changes and says he was kidding. He propositions her and she turns him down.

He goes to the pay phone, calls the restaurant they are in, and says he is a Palestinian and he has planted a bomb. In the ensuing panic he gets Jeannie in a storeroom and tries to rape her.

She fights him, but he is strong and determined, and she cannot get free. But by good luck they

44. w.tl no preparation , this won't have great impact.

are interrupted and she escapes.

She goes to the police and meets Mike Stott.

15. Mike is excited because the *modus operandi* matches that of the two previous rapes. She drives to Washington to arrest David Pinker--and finds that he is on a ship in the Far East. She then calls the prison in Virginia and learns that Steven has escaped.

So Steve could have been the man who attacked Jeannie *and* the one who invaded the women's changing room--but he could not have committed the first attack, on the sophomore, because he was still in jail at that time.

Mike is baffled. *The cop and the mystery aspect begin to make me realize that I don't know what to do. Yes.*

16. When Jeannie arrives back in Philadelphia she is summoned to Greer's office. He tells her that Barck has been here and says her project is cancelled because of ethical problems and bad publicity. She is furious.

She talks to Dan Frankland. He calls members of Barck's ethics panel who insist they have never been asked for their views.

17. Berisford tells Proust the danger is past. Proust announces his candidacy.

*By now, should we know how each of these men were involved, and in what? No.*

18. A hundred pairs of identical twins come to the university for a day of tests and measurements. It is a remarkable event especially as some of them have never previously met their twin.

*Not clear. Isn't her project cancelled?*

Jeannie has a terrible shock when she sees Steven Logan among them.

A moment later she suffers a doubt. Her antennae tell her this man is gay.

Are there triplets?

He is with another man who is his double but for a full beard.

*Quads?*

Flabbergasted, Jeannie finds out who these two are. Their names are Robert Richforth and Anthony Brzski, and they are identical twins reared apart who were turned up by her sweep of dental records.

She quickly becomes convinced that neither Robert nor Anthony is the man who attacked her in Baltimore: Robert is an out gay and Anthony could not have grown that beard in two days.

All the same she calls Mike Stott.

19. Mike checks on them. Both have previously been involved in suspicious deaths: a girlfriend of Anthony's drowned at the beach, and a lover of Robert's died of sexual asphyxiation.

However, both have alibis for the Baltimore rapes.

45. - who learns of this how?  
Triplines.

20. Mike's new inquiries terrify Berisford Jones. We don't yet understand the details but we now realise that he feels he gave life to these four boys, and he feels responsible for them.

He is furious with Barck who was supposed to have put an end to Jeannie's meddling. Proust is also furious because he has now declared his candidacy and he cannot afford a scandal.

Berisford fights off Proust's predictable demand that Anthony and Robert should be killed. I got David and Steven out of the way, I can do the same with Anthony and Robert, he says.

And what about Jeannie?

Barck will go back to Philadelphia, see Greer again, and get Jeannie fired.

21. Before they met, Robert and Antony denied they were twins, just as Steven and David did. They have different "mothers" and "fathers". Investigating, Jeannie finds that both fathers were in the army--and both mothers were treated at Lee Hospital for infertility.

Clearly something strange happened to women who attended that infertility unit. Jeannie suspects that some kind of medical experiment was performed by the army upon soldiers' wives without their knowledge.

She wonders how many more boy rapists were produced by the experiment. Another data sweep might answer the question. She has been searching for a large database of electrocardiograms, which are so similar in identical twins that one twin's ECG cannot be distinguished from the other's. She has been forbidden by Greer to do any more sweeps, but she could defy him.

However, before she can do this Greer calls her in and tells her there have been further complaints from Barck's ethics panel and she is fired.

She says he cannot fire her for that. True, he acknowledges, but I can for this; and he triumphantly produces the *Philadelphia Inquirer* with Dan Frankland's interview.

She says she will appeal to the university's governing body.

22. She talks to Dan. He wonders whether Barck has any connection with Lee Hospital.

They check and find that Barck was director of the fertility unit during the crucial period.

Jeannie impulsively gets on a plane and goes to see Barck in Washington.

23. Berisford gets a panicky call from Barck: Ferrari is here, at my house!

Berisford will do anything to protect the boys to whom he gave life. He now sets out cold-bloodedly to murder Jeannie.

But Barck clumsily gets in the way and she escapes.

*Suspense starts here*

24. Jeannie realises her life is in danger and she goes into hiding, helped by Dan.

They agree she will not be safe until he breaks the story. But he needs proof.

They sneak into the university to steal the records showing that Steven, David, Robert and Anthony have the same DNA. But all records of these four have been erased.

25. They go to see Desmond Pinker and level with him. They ask him to use his position in the Pentagon to find out what happened at that clinic eighteen years ago.

He refuses to help.

26. Berisford sees Anthony and tells him that new evidence has emerged about the drowning of his girlfriend: there is a witness who saw Anthony hold the girl's head under the water. Berisford offers to help Anthony disappear. Anthony accepts.

Berisford tries a similar tactic with Robert, but the reaction is different. Robert accuses Berisford of blackmail and attacks him. They fight and Berisford kills Robert.

Then Berisford weeps uncontrollably.

*What's our stake in this?*

27. Dan and Jeannie try to contact Robert and Anthony and learn that one has disappeared and the other is dead.

Then they learn that Steven Logan is in a New York hospital in a coma, following a street brawl, and he has been there almost ever since he got out of jail.

Then there is another rape in Baltimore.

How?

Now they know for sure there are more than four boys.

on a ship overseas? Yes.

28. David is killed in suspicious circumstances. Desmond Pinker changes his mind and agrees to help Jeannie and Dan.

There are no records anywhere in the Pentagon of that unit at Lee Hospital. Pinker gets into trouble with his superiors for enquiring--and this naturally makes him more suspicious and more determined to unravel the mystery.

He enables Jeannie to get access to the medical records database of the Health Service Command, and she runs a sweep on electrocardiograms.

The results startle them all.

There are *eight* identical ECGs on file, all done on baby boys born in army hospitals over a twelve-month period eighteen years ago. A note on each file says that a copy of the ECG was sent to Dr Barck at Lee Hospital.

They realise they have stumbled upon a crude early experiment in genetic engineering. An embryo was cloned and implanted in eight unsuspecting women (who were so happy to be pregnant that they did not ask too many questions). The army was trying to produce the perfect soldier--and instead produced eight psychopaths.

Plans?

29. Jeannie, Dan and Pinker try to track down the new four. They learn that Peter died as a baby and Mervyn died six years ago of leukaemia. They find an address for Henry.

30. Berisford gets to Henry first and he disappears. Proust demands to know where Clifford is. Berisford refuses to say.

*Shouldn't we know this all along, if it is a P.O.V. character?*

We now learn that Clifford has been brought up as Berisford's own son. No.

Berisford angrily accuses Proust of breaking their agreement by having David killed and trying to do the same to Steven. Proust says they are all murderers and they all have to die. But Berisford has laid an elaborate false trail and he feels confident that Proust will not find the boy.

*47. I am with both sides as bad guy, we have no involvement*

31. However, Jeannie knows that Clifford must be the Baltimore rapist, as all the others are accounted for. She teams up with Mike Stott and they search for him.

They are followed by a killer under orders from Proust.

He in turn is followed by Berisford.

32. Mike tracks Clifford down and they catch up with him in a tall building. Both Proust's assassin and Berisford are on the scene.

When Jeannie finally comes face to face with Berisford she realises the truth. Berisford strongly resembles the boys. He is the biological father of all of them.

Clifford sets fire to the building and tries to escape as firemen fight the blaze. Mike catches him and arrests him.

Then Proust's assassin shoots him.

**Too late, Berisford shoots the assassin.**

The end.