

TV Review: No Ordinary Family

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Michael Chiklis is back on our screens and he's once again working on the police force. Why mess with a good thing? This time around, though, he's got an extra kick since he's also a secret superhero. But he's not alone, since the whole family has been given powers as well! And this is the set-up No Ordinary Family, a new show on ABC.

The show follows the seemingly ordinary family of the Powells, whose patriarch insists they take a family vacation in conjunction with his wife's business trip. Things don't go quite as planned, as their plane crashes into the Amazon. Nothing seemed too amiss, as they all survived and returned home, but then things start getting weird. Jim Powell (Michael Chiklis) discovers he has super strength, able to catch bullets and lift excessive weights, as well as extreme jumping ability. His wife Stephanie Powell (Julie Benz) has always been on the run and now she's got super-speed. Their daughter Daphne (Kay Panabaker) now has telepathy, while her brother (Jimmy Bennett) has overcome his learning disability to become a genius.

Overall, I really enjoyed this pilot and look forward to where the season will take the family. They have normal issues with relationships and growing up, but interspersed in that is their attempts to understand and utilize their new-found powers. You can watch the pilot [online at ABC.com](http://ABC.com) or catch the repeat Friday night at 9PM.

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