

G7298 GREATEST AMERICAN HERO (USA, 1981-1983) [TV SERIES]

Series summary: Science fiction/fantasy set in contemporary California. While on a field trip with his special education students in Palmdale, Calif., teacher Ralph Hinckley (Katt) is selected by extraterrestrial forces to save Earth from destroying itself. He is given a costume which endows him with super-human powers. He is assisted by Bill Maxwell (Culp), an FBI agent who knows his capabilities.

Handpainted Thai (1/27/1982)

Credits: director, Bruce Kessler ; writers, Stephen J. Cannell, Frank Lupo, Burke Hasburgh.

Cast: William Katt, Robert Culp, James Shigeta, John Fujioka.

Summary: Ralph and Bill race to stop a group of American POWs, captured in Cambodia twelve years earlier, who have been brainwashed and sent into the U.S. to commit acts of sabotage, including the destruction of a dam which could destroy hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland and kill millions of people.

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