

The Umbrella Academy Character & Cast Guide

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It's a tall task, given their backgrounds: In 1989, 43 children were born on the same day across the globe, to random women who previously showed no sign of pregnancy. Eccentric billionaire/inventor Sir Reginald Hargreeves adopted seven of the infants, but didn't so much *raise* them as he did hone them into weapons: the Umbrella Academy, whose childhood exploits entranced fans around the globe, inspiring comic books and memorabilia. Now, years after the team disbanded, the siblings are reunited by the death of Sir Reginald, and by the looming apocalypse.

The first season combines, and remixes, elements from Way and Ba's 2007-2008 miniseries *The Umbrella Academy: Apocalypse Suite*, and its 2008-2009 sequel *The Umbrella Academy: Dallas*. There are a lot of characters, from at least two eras, to keep track of, so we break them down below. But be warned: While we try to avoid spoilers for the Netflix adaptation, we do reveal details from the source material.

LUTHER HARGREEVES (NUMBER ONE)



Portrayed by Tom Hopper (*Merlin*, *Game of Thrones*) as an adult, and Cameron Brodeur as a child, Luther Hargreeves is the leader of the Umbrella Academy and the favorite adoptive child of Sir Reginald Hargreeves. Referred to in the comics as Spaceboy, the super-strong Luther rose to worldwide fame as the first boy in space. However, Luther was critically injured in a later mission to Mars, which resulted in Sir Reginald transplanting his head onto the body of a Martian ape. That's in the comics, at least; on the Netflix series, the circumstances surrounding his transformation, some seven years earlier, are considerably different.

Following the mysterious death of Ben Hargreeves (Number Six), and the subsequent disbandment of the Umbrella Academy, Luther left Earth for the Moon, where he lives when the Netflix series opens.