



## E'S OTHERWISE

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### HERE COMES THE METAHUMANS KNOWN AS E's

Sometime in the near future, there is a new form of evolution occurring within human beings.

This next stage of human capabilities enable them to convert thoughts into psychic energy.

These beings or "metahumans" are also known as "E's". Despite having tremendous powers, they are also being viewed as a dangerous group by the population and are sought to be driven away.

These powerful human beings are the world's deadliest new weapons. Will they have the power to save people on earth? Or perhaps it may be destructive power which can lead humanity towards devastation. "E's Otherwise" is an adventure driven story surrounded by mystery, drama, and action.

Kai Kudo is a 15 year old member of the AESES special psychic force unit. He decides to help them with hopes of finding more research in finding a cure for Hikaru, his ailing beloved sister.

Even though Kai is a new member of AESES, he is receiving special treatment from Eiji, the head of the organization.

Members of AESES can not be oblivious to the fact that Kai is receiving this special treatment, therefore rivalry among the members commence.

In the the first episode, Kai arrives at Ashurum where he joins the elite AESIS unit. From there he receives training from Eiji with hopes of discovering more of his psychic potential.

In Ashurum, Kai meets with other characters such as Shen-Lon, Shen-Lu, Chris, Ruri, and Tsubaki. These members are all training together with hopes of finding and joining other "E's".

In the second episode, Kai is dispatched into his first mission. There is an attack in the city called Gald where Yuuki, a wandering fighter, meets an underground group of psychics.

Even though the city is supposed to be evacuated, Kai spots Yuuki and finds that there are still people trying to escape from the city.

From there they find this underground group of psychics who tell Yuuki he must find the Calvaria Sacrament, which is a key to the survival of "E's", as well as for human beings on the planet.

The artistic style of "E's Otherwise" is brilliantly done by Studio Pierrot.

Each member of AESES is created and detailed with brightness which is balanced by their uniforms which are reminiscent to Japanese and European military uniforms during World War II.

The music in "E's Otherwise" can be described as a futuristic rock combined with techno.

The opening theme song is an awesome techno dance track called "Jouhou" by Suitei Shojo.

The ending song is also a great music track called "Tonight-Midnight" by Chicochair.

As for the audio, the Japanese dialogue is done very well with also notable characteristics in the English dialogue track, although at some times the English voices did not seem to be as serious.

There are quite a number of extras on the DVD. This would include a clean opening and clean closing animation scenes, actual production sketches, Japanese promotion spots, ADV previews and DVD credits.

"E's Otherwise" is a great animation due to its creative artistic style combined with the action packed yet mysterious storyline.

The characters (each with their own unique psychic abilities) in the story are interesting in that each episode would fill in just a part of the story, meanwhile leaving the rest to our imaginations.

— EDWIN MACARAEG

REVIEW GRADE

**B+**