HEROES (Peter and Nathan-Brothers conversation)

[INT. (NEW YORK) NATHAN PETRELLI'S CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS -- DAY]

(Nathan selects a tie and puts it on.)

NATHAN: It'll work. We'll have the fundraiser here, not the ballroom. Makes me look fiscally responsible.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER: Yes, it does.

NATHAN: Pete, just the man I want to see.

(Peter is standing just beyond his campaign manager.)

PETER: I need to talk to you.

NATHAN: What do you think? Red or blue?

(Nathan holds out two ties.)

PETER: I don't know. Blue?

CAPTION:

NATHAN PETRELLI MIDTOWN MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

(Nathan looks at the two ties.)

NATHAN: I'm gonna go red. The president wears red.

(He hands one tie to the campaign manager and tosses the other tie aside. He puts his hand on Peter's shoulder and is moving across the office.)

NATHAN: So you gonna come tonight? Gonna break out the suit, have a couple of drinks?

PETER: Yeah.

NATHAN: Rebuff the advances of my cute interns? Emily.

PETER: Yeah, I'm gonna be there. But -

(The pretty blonde girl rushes over with a file for Nathan to sign.)

PETER: Listen, I tried it again.

NATHAN: Tried what?

PETER: What do you mean what? What do you think that I mean? I --I tried to fly.

(He hands the file folder back to Emily and the smile is plastered to his face. He turns and walks quickly across the office with Peter following him.)

NATHAN: Would you keep your voice down?

PETER: You were there. Last night I could fly. This morning, nothing. I nearly broke my neck trying.

NATHAN: Well, it would have solved one of our problems.

PETER: Yeah. So I went to the library to see if I could find anything on human flight.

(He takes out Chandra Suresh's book, Activating Evolution.)

PETER: I came across this amazing book. Listen to this.

(The campaign manager walks up to Nathan with another clipboard for him to sign.)

PETER: (reads) "Genes determine obesity, blood pressure. Out of the 30 billion possibilities, one might contain the potential for human flight." This guy knows what's going on. Chandra Suresh. He's a genetics professor in India. I called. They said that he quit six months ago. They think he's here in New York. We gotta find this guy.

NATHAN: We've got a more immediate problem here.

PETER: What?

NATHAN: It's this woman reporter. She's poking around into why you jumped off the roof.

PETER: Look, Nathan, we flew. Aren't you curious how this happened?

NATHAN: Yeah, I mean, I want answers, just like everyone else. I mean, just like you, okay? But right now, today, I'm trying to find a way to put a spin on this so it doesn't look like crazy runs in our family.

PETER: I need to figure out why this is happening to me. To us.

NATHAN: Responsibilities, Pete, okay? I've got an election to win and a family to feed, okay?

(Nathan turns and walks away. Peter follows him.)

PETER: You are so -- What do you want to tell that reporter?

NATHAN: I know one thing we can't tell her: the truth.

(Nathan drops the textbook on the desk.)

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