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Project Summary

Logline: To fulfill the mysterious wish of his dying ex-military grandfather, an Indian teenager must climb to the summit of a mountain found inside a notorious British Army Compound.

Story: Set in nineties England in the backdrop of English and Indian cultures. For centuries, each culture carries animosity towards the other. ARJUN THARU, an Indian teenager living in England, finds he is rejected by both cultures. England finds him too Indian and India finds him too British. When asked to go home, he doesn't know where home is.

Arjun's grandfather, SID, a Gurkha, is a retired ex-soldier who played both English and Indian sides in historic conflicts. In India, Sid was a guard to an Indian King before becoming a highly skilled soldier for the British military in England. Mixed loyalties meant Sid's kinsmen considered him untrustworthy. At Sid's deathbed, Sid makes Arjun promise to complete a mysterious mission to climb to the summit of a mountain. He dies before Arjun can find the name of the mountain.

After Sid's death, Arjun investigates Braxton Military Barracks in England where Sid was a commander decades earlier. He discovers a mountain within the giant compound called King's Mountain. Soldiers have died getting to the top. The summit is off limits. Could this be the mountain Sid was talking about? Arjun enlists.

At Braxton, Arjun meets BRIGADIER RAYMOND JAMES. The Brigadier seems haunted by his own past with Sid while they were both stationed in India. All recruits must specialize in a chosen warcraft and endure grueling exercises within the constraints of the mountain. Arjun befriends recruits who are misfits of society. They are SAINT-G, MARITIME and DARREN. They become a band of brothers. NCO SIMPSON, an oppressive bully, targets Arjun. Arjun's success as squadron leader makes Simpson even more envious. Meanwhile, national recruitment efforts are failing for a potential war in the Middle East. Government agents (DEESE and CHILTON) arrive to audit the barracks. Chilton wants to oust the Brigadier and shut down Braxton for political gain.

Arjun relentlessly pursues the summit of King's Mountain. His pursuits are quietly followed by the Brigadier who hides his motives from Arjun. Time runs out for Arjun when Gulf War One begins. He is forced to make a run for the summit during a snowstorm. The Brigadier knows the dangers of the mountain and leads a mission to find Arjun before it's too late. Arjun evades everyone and reaches the summit where he finally learns the reason for this journey.

Characters:

Brigadier James (60): Sid's old protégé who now pushes Arjun at Braxton Military Barracks. Daniel Craig, Russell Crowe, Christian Bale, Hugh Grant

Private Arjun Tharu (17): Lost Indian youth, with a desire to fulfill his grandfather's last wish. Avan Jogia, Neel Sethi, Viveik Kalra

Siddharth "Sid" Tharu (85): Arjun's grandfather, a Gurkha. Ex-military considered untrustworthy by his kinsmen. Ben Kingsley, Anupam Kher, Amitabh Bachchan, Kabir Bedi

Neha Tharu (40): Arjun's single mom who is trying to preserve what's left of the family. Goldy Notay, Poorna Jagannathan, Chhaya Metha

NCO Paul Simpson (22): Cruel bully and Arjun's nemesis. Taron Egerton, Harry Stiles, Fionn Whitehead

Barrister Chilton (60): Female Machiavellian with political ambitions. Helen Mirren, Rachel Weisz, Kate Winslet

Director: Danny Boyle, Deepa Mehta, Helen Mirren, Lasse Hallström, Gurinda Chadha, Rhamin Bahrani