

Film Proposal: “Green Juniper”

Logline: A Harvard freshman gets bonded with a symbiotic entity, gaining newfound plant-manipulation powers to fight injustice as a masked superhero while facing a vengeful enemy.

Narrative Synopsis:

Title: *Green Juniper*

Genre: Superhero/Action/Adventure

Target Audience: Teenagers and adults

Plot Synopsis: *Green Juniper* is a superhero action/adventure that takes place in Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts. The story begins with a young woman named Camellia Blumstein arriving at Harvard University to begin her freshman year at the Plant Biology Initiative, as Camellia gets settled in, we meet an array of captivating characters: Caleb, a male freshman who is enrolled in Arts and Humanities; Kiera, her roommate who is a brilliant expert with chemistry; Evelyn Carnell, Camellia's plant biology professor and Chief Science Officer; and later Jasmine, a shape-shifting plant-manipulating specimen with a remarkable personality. Every character has qualities that the others need to drive them through their arcs.

Camellia gets exposed to a symbiotic specimen while exploring her professor's laboratory. Meanwhile, Evelyn Carnell, the Chief Science Officer of the Plant Biology Initiative tries to secure FDA approval for a revolutionary pharmaceutical drug she created from the entity. She experiments on herself with a sample of the same symbiotic specimen that has not been genetically engineered and acquires the same powers, hospitalizing her protege assistant in the process. Soon after being exposed, Camellia begins displaying strange symptoms; she can summon sentient root tentacles that come out from her back, shoot tree sap from her wrists, and has quick reflexes, supernatural leap, and a heightened ability to identify danger.

The specimen later introduces itself to Camellia as Jasmine and explains that the lab she found her in was where she was used forcibly as a test subject for pharmaceutical purposes. Jasmine offers to teach Camellia how to use her newfound flora-kinesis to do good for the civilian population. Camellia reluctantly agrees to this. Camellia sees that she does not have any control over her powers to begin with, and Kiera finds out this way. After consulting with her roommate Kiera after she finds out about them, Camellia decides to become a masked vigilante, adopting the name "Green Juniper". Over Camellia's first semester, she fights injustice while not only donning a leather outfit but also earning the positive publicity of Boston and Cambridge making

headlines. Meanwhile, Evelyn makes amends to Aubrey, convinces her to take matters into their own hands, and heals her wounds. Their first action is interrupting an experimental drug test by their rival company Envirotech Pharmaceuticals resulting in multiple deaths, including the FDA Commissioner.

Camellia's love interest Caleb asks her out to dinner, and she accepts, they enjoy the evening together. When Evelyn learns that the Board of Overseers intends to fire her, she kills them and kidnaps President Kincaid while simultaneously assuming the identity of "Ameretat". Later at a Parent's Weekend brunch, Camellia finds out that Evelyn is Caleb's mother who expresses her biased perspective on the vigilante hero. Later, Camellia fights Evelyn on the Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge. Camellia saves the people from Evelyn's attack. Evelyn's protege scientist Aubrey gives Evelyn a prototype armored exo-suit whose built-in distribution protocols feed her body an experimental liquid that gives better control over her plant manipulation powers. She learns that Camellia stole the TS-23 entity from her lab and attacked her on the Harvard campus.

Camellia discovers Evelyn's plan to release a chemical agent from the John Hancock Tower to have all humans in Boston succumb to a plant-based illness that only she can provide the cure to, eliminating all other pharmaceutical companies' ability to do so. Caleb manages to force the Antheia device to abort its protocol but at the same time locks it into a self-destruct sequence. Evelyn/Ameretat selflessly gets her son and protege out of harm's way just before the device explodes creating a giant fireball, which causes Aubrey to have her face burned.

The city of Boston is saved, Aubrey is arrested by the police, and Green Juniper anonymously gives the FBI evidence of Evelyn and Aubrey's murders of Harvard's Board of Overseers and the kidnapping of Harvard's President. Sometime later, Camellia finishes her semester and Caleb confesses to Camellia that he is thankful that he has a protective and responsible girlfriend who does not put herself before those closest to her. Camellia kisses him and asks him out on another date the night before leaving, he responds "Yes. I do." As Camellia leaves, she recalls her own words and accepts his new responsibility as Green Juniper.

One month later, Caleb reveals to Camellia a luxury apartment that is their new home. They embrace as they watch snow begin to fall out the window. In a mid-credits scene, the remains of Ameretat's plant body are put back together at the top of the John Hancock Tower, she shushes the screen hinting at **her return in the Christmas sequel**.

Comparative Films: "Green Juniper" can be compared to the following successful films:

1. *The Social Network* (2010) - The film incorporates the setting of Harvard University as well as the cities of Cambridge and Boston. Plant biology and chemistry take the place of computer science.
2. *Venom* (2018) - It shares the buddy movie humor, complex characters, and action that made it popular with its target audience. Its visual effects are also akin to the visual spectacle that "Green Juniper" aims to deliver but with less darkness and more beauty.
3. *Wonder Woman* (2017) - Like Diane and Steve, the chemistry of Camellia and Caleb's growing relationship showcases their complement for each other and brings humor and real love to the narrative.
4. *The Amazing Spiderman* (2012) - Similar to "The Amazing Spiderman," "Green Juniper" involves an antagonist whose motives are good but whose actions are malevolent i.e. an anti-villain.
5. *Blue Beetle* (2023) - Like the titular superhero, "Green Juniper" involves a protagonist who has educational prospects with an emphasis on destiny, responsibility, and self-worth.

Estimated Budget

- **Pre-production: \$11 million**
- **Principal Photography: \$65 million**
- **Visual Effects: \$45 million**
- **Post-Production: \$30 million**
- **Marketing and Distribution: \$35 million**

•Contingency: \$19 million

Total Estimated Budget: \$205 million

Grand Total: \$205 million