



THE SIXTH SUN

Screenplay Pitch Deck

**A SMALL REMNANT OF
HUMANITY CLINGS TO A
DESPERATE EXISTANCE
UNDERGROUND.**

**A WIFE RISKS
EVERYTHING TO SAVE
HER INJURED HUSBAND.**

**A JOURNEY INTO THE
AZTEC UNDERWORLD IN
SEARCH OF DIVINE
DELIVERANCE.**



**In a frozen wasteland, a
humble farmer will hold the
key to the future. Her
journey to bring back the sun
will change the fates of both
gods and men.**

LOGLINE

A devoted wife journeys into the Aztec underworld to save her injured husband from exile into a frozen wasteland, only to discover that she must sacrifice herself to become the next sun and save not just her family, but all of humanity.

SYNOPSIS

Humanity languishes in underground caves in a sunless world. When Acopa is injured in a mining accident and no longer able to work, he is sentenced to exile. Cita, a cave farmer, exhausts every avenue in the city to save him, but ultimately resolves to seek the help of the Aztec gods in the underworld.

Guided by a conflicted underworld servant named Tenamitl, she traverses the realm of the dead, facing various gods and challenges while searching for a way to restore sunlight to the world above. After discovering that a "divided soul" - one marked by both life and death - can become the new sun through self-sacrifice, Cita realizes she may be forced to make the ultimate choice.

Despite having the chance to save only her family, she resolves to sacrifice herself by leaping into the sacred fire in Quetzalcoatl's temple and transforms into the Sixth Sun. Her sacrifice protects her family, redeems Tenamitl, and restores life to the dying world above.



CITA (33)

Past

Orphaned at a young age, Cita built a new family with her husband Acopa.

Present

Cita works in the farm caves. When Acopa is injured in a mining accident, her whole world shatters as he is sentenced to exile. After fruitless appeals to the city's leadership, she is forced to seek the help of the Aztec gods in the underworld.

A determined mother who embarks on an epic journey through the underworld to save her husband from exile and certain death. She evolves from a cautious and controlling woman into a selfless and sacrificial hero willing to become the Sixth Sun to save humanity.

Her journey involves letting go of personal attachments and understanding that true love means sacrifice, ultimately giving her life to become the new sun, bringing light and hope back to her people.



ACOPA



Cita's injured husband who represents the vulnerable working class. Despite a broken leg that marks him for exile, he maintains dignity and love for his family. He supports Cita's mission and symbolizes the hope and resilience of their community, with his potential death motivating Cita's entire journey.

TENAMITL



A former underworld servant haunted by his past cowardice. Initially a cynical guide delivering souls to the gods for centuries, he gradually rediscovers his humanity through helping Cita. He starts as a self-serving character who abandoned his family long ago but develops compassion and a sense of purpose, finding redemption.

XOCHI



Cita and Acopa's teenage daughter who represents the next generation. She transitions from a somewhat dependent child to a more mature young woman who must prepare to survive potentially without her parents.

QUETZALCOATL



Quetzalcoatl acts as a gatekeeper to divinity and humanity's potential salvation. He challenges Cita to demonstrate whether her cause is worthy of divine intervention.

Despite his skepticism about humanity's worth, Quetzalcoatl's interest in Cita signifies his enduring hope that the gods can reconnect meaningfully with the mortal plane.



TARGET AUDIENCE

Those who love:

- epic adventures with emotional depth
- mythology enthusiasts
- strong female protagonists.

COMPS

Fantasy



Pan's Labyrinth 2006
Budget \$19M
Box Office \$83.9M



Apocalypto 2006
Budget \$40M
Box Office \$120.7M



The Revenant 2015
Budget \$135M
Box Office \$533M



Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers 2002
Budget \$94M
Box Office \$947M

POTENTIAL LEAD CASTING

Cita (33)

- Yalitza Aparicio - of Indigenous Mexican descent, she gained acclaim for her role in 'Roma,' showcasing her ability to portray strong, determined characters. Her background aligns with Cita's Aztec heritage.
- Mabel Cadena - a Mexican actress with Indigenous roots, has experience in dramatic roles that require depth and emotional range, making her a strong fit for the complex character of Cita.
- Mishel Prada - known for her work in 'Vida,' brings a powerful presence and emotional depth to her roles. Her heritage and age make her a fitting choice for Cita.
- Kawennhere Devery Jacob - an Indigenous actress from Canada, has demonstrated her talent in roles that require resilience and strength, aligning well with Cita's character.

Acopa (33)

- Tenoch Huerta - a talented Mexican actor known for his roles in 'Narcos: Mexico' and 'The Forever Purge.' His indigenous heritage and strong dramatic presence make him an ideal fit for Acopa, a character rooted in Aztec culture and facing personal adversity.
- Ral Castillo - an American actor of Mexican descent, has demonstrated his versatility in roles such as in 'We the Animals' and 'Looking.' His ability to convey deep emotional complexity aligns well with Acopa's loving yet troubled nature.
- Carlos Bardem - a Spanish actor with a strong presence in dramatic roles, brings a mature and intense energy that suits Acopa's character. His experience in films like 'The Son of the Bride' adds depth to the role of a loving husband facing exile.
- Gerardo Taracena - known for his role in 'Apocalypto,' has a strong connection to indigenous roles and a commanding screen presence. His experience in portraying complex characters makes him a great choice for Acopa.

Tenamitl (25)

- Raoul Max Trujillo - of Indigenous descent and has a commanding presence that suits the role of a complex, centuries-old spirit. His experience in roles that require depth and intensity, such as in 'Apocalypto,' makes him an ideal fit for Tenamitl.
- Zahn McClarnon - known for his roles in 'Westworld' and ' Fargo,' brings a nuanced performance style that can capture Tenamitl's haunted and redemptive qualities. His Indigenous heritage aligns with the character's background.
- Gil Birmingham - has a strong screen presence and has portrayed complex characters in series like 'Yellowstone.' His Indigenous roots and ability to convey deep emotion make him a great choice for Tenamitl.
- Adam Beach - with his extensive experience in both drama and adventure genres, can bring the necessary depth and complexity to Tenamitl. His Indigenous background aligns well with the character's ethnicity.

PLACEMENTS AND AWARDS



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