

# Venus & Vitalis

Fantasy rom-com screenplay

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## **Log line:**

In this unique rom-com a Hollywood cinematographer is kidnapped by a sex crazed Helen of Troy, a math professor Chippendales dancer and the Egyptian cat goddess Bastet, to be their love slaves, using ambrosia to spiritually uplift humanity and create immortality and utopia.

## **Comparisons:**

A cross between Rocky Horror Picture Show and Forgetting Sarah Marshall, peppered with Austin Powers, Californication and Wizard of Oz. The irreverent humor and pathos is similar to that of Mel Brooks and Judd Apatow.

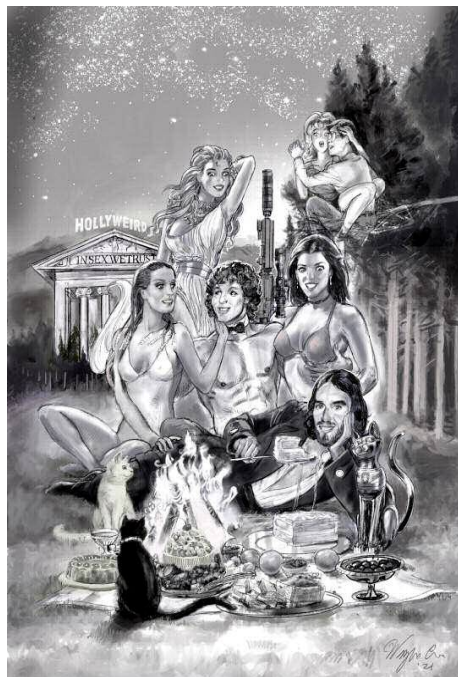
This rom-com contains a large number of love triangles, on the Academy Awards red carpet.

## **Cut lines:**

- *In Hollywood, sex is a religion*
- *In heaven the sex is great, cats water ski and you live forever*
- *A comedy that leaves no sacred cows un milked*

## **Themes:**

- You need to kiss lots of frogs before you meet your princess
- The balance between love and sex
- When you find your soul mate, dedicate yourself, forsaking others. Forget your ex!



**About me:**

I was a staff camera operator for James Cameron for six years. I camera operated for Michael Bay and on Michael Jackson's biggest music video.

At Chippendales I was a cameraman and editor, working with Michael Rapp, the most famous Chippendales dancer in history. My mentor received a Lifetime achievement Oscar and I attended the ceremony with him. I lived in India for four years and have worked on one hundred Hollywood films.

I have fictionalized my life story into a unique, no holds barred comedy about love and life.

**Characters:**

The immortal goddess Venus is the most famous intimacy counselor in all of Hollyweird, with love lorn clients like Madonna and Brad Pitt. Only one human knows that Venus is immortal.

Venus travels to the pyramids of Egypt and in a magnificent sarcophagus, uses ambrosia to resurrect her beloved black kitten, the cat goddess Bastet. Venus and the kitten then fly back to Hollywood.

Our hero Vitalis is an Oscar winning cinematographer (Tom Cruise/Ryan Reynolds type), who is dating the most famous women in Hollyweird. But sadly, he keeps getting dumped.

His latest girlfriend is secretly the immortal Helen of Troy, a snarky Elizabeth Hurley type movie star, who dumps him (again), for the beautiful girl next door.

Heartbroken, Vitalis seeks advice from Venus, his intimacy counselor of the last twenty years. Venus reveals to Vitalis the dark secrets of women that men would love to know.

And after twenty years, Venus unexpectedly seduces Vitalis. She then reveals that forty years previous, she had given the kitten Bastet to the preteen Vitalis. If he loved and adored the kitten, then Venus would know that when Vitalis grew into an experienced adult, that he would be her true love.

That night they attend the Academy Awards, where Helen of Troy is with her date, Chippendales dancer Dr. Transcendence Rabinowitz, Ph D, who is also a CalTech calculus professor and the CalTech Tantric sex instructor.

Helen of Troy and Venus were secret lovers two thousand years previous, until Venus went straight, leaving bad blood between the two. And much to Vitalis's dismay, his ex-girlfriend Helen of Troy flagrantly hits on Venus.

After Vitalis wins his third Academy Award (which naturally is a vibrator, rigged up by the CalTech engineering nerds), Helen invites the two couples to the Masonic temple across the street from the Dolby theater, which her architect has just converted to her "red room" of debauchery.

Inside the temple, Vitalis's beloved cat Bastet is resurrected. So now he has the perfect girlfriend and the perfect cat. But then Helen's iron gates clang shut and they are now prisoners and love slaves.

Vitalis undergoes many challenges, nude bungee jumping, water-skiing cats, show tune singalongs and tests of his fidelity to Venus. And Transcendence is stalked by his nubile, jail bait math student and his sexy Navy SEAL/astrophysics professor girlfriend.

After Venus and Vitalis (finally) marry, Venus's father Uranus forgives humanity their sins and grants true love and eternal life to Earth.

**Summary:** This rom-com is outrageously funny, unique and original. Viral memes. Out of the box.



Vitalis  
(Russell Brand or Johnny Depp type)



Felicity  
(Elizabeth Hurley or Eva Green type)



Venus  
(Kate Upton or Isla Fisher type)



Transcendence  
(Michael Rapp type)



Cat of Bastet reincarnation



Wenying  
(Anna Akana type)



Lt. Marcie  
Navy SEAL commander



Cat of Bastet



Venus and Bastet

