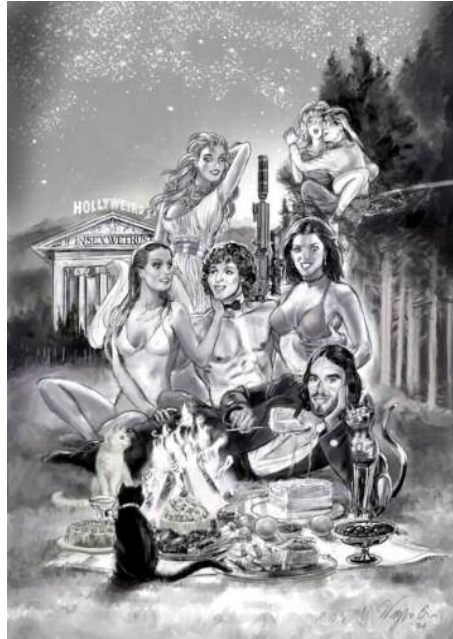


## Venus & Vitalis

Fantasy rom-com screenplay  
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### **About me:**

I was a staff camera operator for James Cameron for six years. And I camera operated for Michael Bay and on a Michael Jackson video.

At Chippendales I was a cameraman and editor. I've attended several Oscar awards. I lived in India for four years and have worked on one hundred Hollywood films. I am currently a visual effects supervisor with Netflix.

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

### **Log line:**

In this unique rom-com a jilted Hollywood cinematographer is seduced by his intimacy counselor Venus (the goddess of love), then kidnapped by a promiscuous 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, create eternal life and the utopia of true love.

### **Comparisons:**

A combination of Forgetting Sarah Marshall and Rocky Horror Picture Show. Similar to a Mel Brooks or Judd Apatow film.

This rom-com contains a large number of love triangles that occur 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*
- *God invented sex, but the devil's been taking all the credit*
- *A comedy that leaves no sacred cows unmilked*

### **Characters:**

Our hero Vitalis is an Oscar winning cinematographer (Johnny Depp/Ryan Gosling type), who is dating the most famous movie stars in Hollywood. But he has two problems. He keeps getting jilted and he doesn't know why. And forty years ago his beloved kitten died and he's been heartbroken ever since.

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

Crushed, Vitalis seeks advice from the immortal goddess Venus (Sydney Sweeney type), Hollywood's intimacy counselor to the stars, with love lorn clients like Madonna and Brad Pitt. Only our hero knows that his intimacy counselor of the last twenty years is immortal.

So 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 red carpet, where Helen of Troy is with her date, a Chippendales dancer who is also a CalTech calculus professor and the CalTech Tantric sex instructor Dr. Transcendence Rabinowitz, Ph D.

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.

At the awards ceremony Helen of Troy and the Chippendales dancer are the presentors. After Vitalis wins his third Academy Award (which naturally is a vibrator sex toy, 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 kitten 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.

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

### **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.

**Summary:** This rom-com is outrageously funny, unique and original. Pushing the envelope and 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

