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JAIGANTIC
STUDIOS

SERIES BASED ON THE BOOK "THE NARAGANSETT FILES" BY AWARD WINNING AUTHOR ROBERT SHEMELD



Heroes don't set out to be leaders,
they become one by the equality of their
actions and the integrity of their intent.”

-Series Theme

LOGLINE

Steele and Elizabeth begin an idyllic cruise off Newport only to discover their sailing yacht conceals the Narragansett Files a key to unimaginable riches, global influence, and a Machiavellian attempt to control the White House. Vacation is on hold as they elude piracy, kidnapping, and betrayal freeing them from the Narragansett Files.

GENRE

Series | Action | Thriller | Espionage

STRUCTURE & STYLE

The tension and covert secrecy of *“Homeland”* infused with the thrill-seeking family survival instincts of *“The Mosquito Coast”*

STRUCTURE & STYLE

PRODUCERS: Mayne Berke | Donovan de Boer

PRODUCTION COMPANY: Jaigantic Studios

CAST: Justin Theroux | Carla Gugino
Michael Jai White | Gillian White

S1 BUDGET: 8 Episodes | \$4m Per Episode

ASSETS: Screenplay | S1 Budget | S1 Schedule | Deck

ATTACHMENTS: Michael Jai White | Gillian White

WRITER: Robert Shemeld



PILOT SYNOPSIS

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, with its late summer breezes is said to be the best sailing on the East Coast. STEELE, a real estate broker and his wife ELIZABETH, a professional intelligence analyst, are vacationing in Newport on their newly purchased boat, PINAFORE.

Steele has arrived with the boat expecting Liz to arrive the next day. His first night in port is spoiled when he returns from dinner to discover two men in his boat who bludgeon him into unconsciousness. Police are unable to help and Steele is on edge when his wife surprises him by arriving early. Steele’s suspicions are peaked when he realizes the people who broke into his boat may still be following him and discovers nearly \$1 million stashed in the AC unit of Pinafore.

Steele and Liz attend a charity ball where they meet REYNALDO VICENTE, a Venezuelan diplomat who is directly connected to the break in on the boat and a possible obstacle for US PRESIDENT JACKSON’S scheme to get reelected.

After a run in with Reynaldo’s sister ADEL, whose intentions are just as perplexing as her brother’s, Steele takes Liz back to the boat. Steele realizes they are being followed by one of the assailants and he decides to turn the tables.



CHARACTERS

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Somewhat of a smart-ass, Steele has a wicked sense of humor, which is frequently aimed at his wife. Usually a pleasant man with a quick grin, the former Marine, and police detective will dispassionately kill five men to protect his wife.

Elizabeth has a penchant for expensive clothes. She is a natural athlete (Olympic freestyle alternate) with an unusual talent with firearms. No 'shrinking violet,' by the end of their vacation, Liz will have killed seven men with an automatic weapon.

STEELE HUNTER - JUSTIN THEREAUX

Age 51; 6-1, graying dark hair, reasonably fit. From a good family, he is well educated and moderately wealthy from developing real estate.

A mostly retired real estate developer, Steele has a fondness for Blanton's bourbon and iced tea, in that order. A former police detective he became a private detective specializing in investigating white-collar crimes for large corporations. Marriage left him with the prospect of providing for a wife and two small children so by luck rather than design, he parlayed a real estate broker's license into a moderately successful real estate business. A sailor for thirty years, his love of sailing is second only to love for his family. His most cherished possession is his newly acquired 50 foot sailboat the Pinafore.

Alternates:

Ed Burns | Gerard Butler | Jon Hamm | Greg Kinnear

ELIZABETH HUNTER - CARLA GUGINO

Age 45; 5-7, blonde hair, beautiful, trim figure. From a good family, she is well educated and moderately wealthy.

A service brat, Elizabeth grew up in Northern Virginia. She co-owns her own IT company, which specialize in classified work for the U.S. agencies with initials that she does not share. A fine violinist, she plays for a community orchestra. She has a facility for languages and did a stint in China as an interpreter for the Department of Defense.

Steele is her second husband with whom she raised her two children Brad and Emily. Liz does not share her husband's fondness for sailing but tolerates a few weeks at a time - provided there is plenty of hot water.

Alternates:

Julie Benz | Josie Bissett | Robin Wright

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Steele's best friend, Ed is first and foremost a pilot. Gregarious, mischievous always ready with a joke, Ed has a dark side which will be revealed at a most inappropriate time.

ED COLUMBO - MICHAEL JAI WHITE

Age 50; 5-11, Dark Hair. Physically Fit
Very smart, well educated, member of Mensa International

Ed grew up in and around Miami on a diet of hot cars and women. He did a stint in the Air Force, worked on the Mercury space program, attended Embry-Riddle and American University. Between school and gainful employment, he flew in and out of the Caribbean 'delivering equipment' for nefarious characters in sunglasses. Eventually Ed earned an Airline Transport Certificate and later went to work for the FAA where he was ultimately recruited by a little-known branch of the State Department called SPEOPS that conducts clandestine services for the president.

Alternates:

Michael B. Jordan | Common | Sterling K. Brown

Known to her friends as 'a nice lady' she can be charming and affable. But the consummate politician needs the Narragansett Files to stay in office. What, or more correctly, who will she risk getting them.

POTUS HARRIET JACKSON - GILLIAN WHITE

Age 45; 5-8, black hair, 125 lbs., Physically Fit.
Well-educated, and wealthy attorney.

A bright and tough politician, President Jackson is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and Tulane. A product of the Louisiana political machine, her people like to publicize a story that her great, great, greatgrandfather was a slave owned by Andrew Jackson. The former mayor of New Orleans, a former United States senator, President Jackson is one of the few women to fly in combat as a pilot of a UH-60 Black Hawk. She holds the rank of Colonel in the Louisiana National Guard. Slow to burn, she can and will tersely point out shortcomings of subordinates, though often with a grin.

Alternates:

Alfre Woodward | Vanessa Williams | Vivica Fox

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Adel is mischievous and a consummate flirt who has a reputation for indiscriminate alliances. In truth, she is a secret agent working for the Asamblea Nacional who desperately seek the Narragansett Files.

The murder of Estéban Morales was witnessed by Morales' second in command, Alberto Perez who immediately disappeared with the cartel's records and secret bank accounts. Renaldo will attempt to kill Steele and Elizabeth to obtain the Narragansett Files

ADELAIDA VINCENTE - MARISA ROMAN

Age 32; 5-7, long dark to black hair, beautiful, trim figure.

From the ruling class of Venezuela, she has been well educated in Europe. Adel is Renaldo's stepsister. Bright and beautiful, a former model, she has an affinity for fine clothes and champagne.

Adel grew up in Europe and attended school in Switzerland. She is married to Teodoro 'Teddy' Sabas, Venezuela's Cultural Attaché in Washington, D.C. Teddy's father is the Vice President of Venezuela.

Alternates:

Veronica Rodriguez | Electra Avellan | Dominicka Van Santen

REYNALDO VINCENTE - SANTIAGO CABRERA

Age 37; 6-1, slick black hair, tall and trim. Extremely wealthy, totally immoral.

Charming and good looking, Reynaldo is the son of Victor Escudero, the President of Venezuela. Not particularly bright, Reynaldo's European education mostly imparted a taste for expensive possessions. Appointed by his father as Director of Petróleos de Nacional, he controls everything to do with Venezuelan oil. He uses his position as a vehicle for graft, embezzlement and bribery, which has made him and his father wealthy. Until he had Morales killed, he was a silent partner in the Estéban Morales drug cartel. Totally immoral, his only loyalty is to money.

Alternates:

Mauricio Sanchez | Edgar Ramirez | Alejandro Chaban



EPISODE SUMMARIES

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EPISODE 1 - PILOT "SLOOP"

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Police are unable to help and Steele is edgy when his wife surprises him by arriving early. Steele's foreboding escalates when he discovers nearly \$1 million concealed in the boat and he realizes the people who broke into his boat may still be following him. Brief phone calls from his spirited adult children keep him focused on the importance of family.

Steele and Liz attend a charity ball where they meet REYNALDO VICENTE, a Venezuelan diplomat of questionable repute. Later in the evening, Steele meets Reynaldo's sister, Adel, whose intentions are as perplexing as her brother's.

AFTER THE PARTY AS STEELE AND LIZ GO BACK TO THE BOAT, HE REALIZES THEY ARE BEING FOLLOWED AND DECIDES TO CAPTURE THE STALKER.



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EPISODE 2 - "SLOOP OF WAR"

WITH STEELE'S HELP, Police arrest the stalker and learn he may be a DGI (Cuban Intelligence) agent named, DIEGO. Steele is mystified and determined to leave Newport. When best friend, ED COLOMBO, joins Steele and Liz they begin their vacation with a sail to Block Island. In the early morning of the second leg of their trip, from Block Island to Edgartown, Pinafore is hailed by a mysterious powerboat and ordered to stop. Diego is leading what will become an attempted piracy. Steele refuses to stop.

A former Marine and ex-policeman Steele is prepared for most eventualities and in an ensuing gun battle, he kills Diego and destroys the powerboat. When the Coast Guard arrives, Ed inexplicably prevents their arrest and Pinafore's seizure. Later, Ed reveals he is an agent working for the State Department and confesses to Liz and Steele that his part in the purchase of Pinafore wasn't a coincidence. DR. ALBERTO PEREZ, a notorious criminal and assassin, once owned Pinafore and is rumored to have hidden bank records and documents on the boat. These documents may tie President Escudero's son, Reynaldo, and his corrupt practices with Venezuelan oil production to an international drug cartel.

Ultimately, a flash drive containing the Perez files is discovered on the boat. To disguise it, Steele applies a label taken from an electronic chart of the Narragansett Bay to the Perez flash drive. They send a copy to Liz's company's analyst.

UNKNOWN TO STEELE AND LIZ, ED ARRANGES FOR HIS BOSS TO MEET THE DUO.



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EPISODE 3 - "THE MANTAUK EXPRESS"

STEELE AWAKENS FROM A NIGHTMARE, of his time in military service and he is sure the gun battle has triggered these memories. Ed has arranged a lunch meeting with RICHARD SILVERS, Undersecretary of State, and JONATHAN COLLINS, the President's Chief of Staff. The two tell Liz and Steele that in retaliation for United States support of Israel's bombing of Iran, OPEC plans for substantial cuts in oil production. Failure to prevent these cuts could preface a repeat of the 1973 oil crisis during the upcoming presidential election.

Collins and Silvers want to influence the outcome of a coming OPEC conference by blackmailing President VICTOR ESCUDERO of Venezuela, a prominent member of OPEC, with the contents of the Narragansett Files. But to succeed with their plan, they must capture Reynaldo with the files in hand. Steele and Liz are all but coerced into using their boat and themselves as bait. Reynaldo recognizes his vulnerability and attempts to kill Steele and Liz by ramming Pinafore with his massive yacht, The Montauk Express. Failing to kill them, Reynaldo kidnaps Liz so he can fly her to Nicaragua until ransomed for the Narragansett Files.

STEELE IS LEFT QUESTIONING IF HELPING HIS COUNTRY IS WORTH LOSING HIS WIFE.



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EPISODE 4 - "FLIGHT TO AMBUSH"

INFORMED OF THE KIDNAPPING PLOT BY AN UNKNOWN CALLER, Ed and Steele arrive at the airport before the plane departs. In a gun battle, Steele kills four kidnapers and rescues Liz. The trio appropriate the airplane and fly to Nicaragua arriving before the scheduled rendezvous with Reynaldo Vicente. Steele devises a plan to ambush Reynaldo and his thugs. In a ferocious gun battle, the three ultimately kill Reynaldo's henchmen and capture the wounded Reynaldo.

In an astonishing turnabout, Ed turns his gun on Steele and Liz demanding the Narragansett Files. Ed admits he was behind the break-in and the first assault on Steele. He adds that in his lengthy search for the files, he believes he killed Perez in a fight aboard the Pinafore. Steele turns over the Narragansett Files to Ed who then drives into the jungle with an accomplice leaving the couple and Reynaldo.

STEELE'S INEXPERIENCE AS A PILOT, A SHORT RUNWAY, AND APPROACHING ARMED SOLDIERS, MAKE FOR A TERRIFYING TAKEOFF.



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EPISODE 5 - "THE NARRAGANSETT FILES"

STEEL MAKES AN EMERGENCY LANDING AT DULLES AIRPORT, the FBI arrests Reynaldo with the Narragansett Files on his person. Did Steele give Ed a fake? Hearing that Reynaldo is now in U.S. custody, President Escudero senses his son will use any opportunity to avoid jail or worse and orders his execution.

Before resuming their vacation, Collins invites Steele and Liz to a White House reception. Steele suspects Collins wants the real Narragansett Files which were never given to Ed or Reynaldo. Afraid to hand over the authentic copy, he arms himself with the analysis prepared by Liz's company. At the reception, Steele cannot avoid Collins, but in a fortuitous meeting, he hands the analysis, now known as the Narragansett Files, to PRESIDENT JACKSON.

The Narragansett Files reveal President Escudero as the actual power behind the drug cartel and exposes Escudero and Reynaldo as massive embezzlers of their country's treasure and complicity in murder. These circumstances and the death of Alberto Perez make Collins and Silvers blackmail plan unworkable. Steele suggests an alternative plan to the President which she accepts.

PRESIDENT JACKSON RECOGNIZES STEELE AND ELIZABETH FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND COUNTRY BY AWARDING THEM OFFICIAL POSITIONS AS CONTRACT EMPLOYEES IN WHICH THEY WILL ACT AS COVERT OPERATIVES FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT.



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EPISODE 6 - "EXECUTIVE ORDERS"

PURSUANT TO STEELE'S PLAN, PRESIDENT ESCUDERO IS LURED TO THE WHITE HOUSE. In a lengthy Roosevelt Room meeting attended by Liz, Steele, Reynaldo, Silvers, Collins, and Escudero's staff, President Jackson deftly ensnares President Escudero with the use of the Narragansett Files and cash. The enraged Escudero reluctantly agrees to give an immediate Rose Garden press conference announcing he will lobby OPEC to reject its planned oil production cuts, thus giving the Saudis an excuse to support the United States.

Escudero further agrees to announce his retirement. Once in front of the press, Escudero equivocates on his agreement with President Jackson. For the second time, the OPEC plan is frustrated. In the ensuing turmoil, the Venezuelan Cultural Affairs Officer, TEODORO SABAS approaches Steele and Liz with a possible solution: have Escudero intercepted on his return to Venezuela and escorted to a hospital for 'recuperation' and eventual retirement.

SABAS' FATHER, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA, WOULD THEN MEET WITH PRESIDENT JACKSON AND FORMULATE PLANS FOR THE OPEC MEETING.

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EPISODE 7 - "AMATEUR SPIES"

PRESIDENT JACKSON AGREES to Teodoro 'Teddy' Sabas' plan provided Steele and Liz fly to Venezuela and personally ensure Escudero's retirement. With an ad hoc force, which includes Sabas, and some retired CIA operatives, the team flies to Venezuela in an unmarked Air Force plane with a Special Operations crew. During the flight, they receive word Reynaldo has been murdered. The primary suspect behind the assassination is Escudero.

In the meantime, in a matter of hours, Steele must keep Escudero from landing at the convenient military airfield held by Escudero loyalists, instead of Simon Bolivar International which is under control of V.P. Sabas. With time running out, Steele devises an improbable and dangerous plan but must first overcome the misgivings of his professional CIA and Special Op team who doubt the wisdom of his plan as **STEELE DOUBTS THE MISSION AND ITS TRUE PURPOSE.**



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EPISODE 8 - "THE LONG WAY HOME"

ONE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS IS SEVERELY INJURED DURING EXECUTION OF THE PLAN. Steele's guilty feelings for the injured man who cannot be taken to a hospital and his doubts about his ability as a leader, threaten to crush his resolve. Carloads of cartel thugs show up to act as an escort for Escudero. By prearrangement, Steele orders 60 heavily armed, U.S. special ops troops to land at Simon Bolivar International in front of the Escudero's hastily erected reception area.

Steel must kill one thug and arrest the leader before he can convince the rest to leave. Escudero arrives at Simon Bolivar but he refuses to leave his plane. Tensions are running to the extreme, the possibility of the Venezuelan press seeing U.S. troops in their capital and arrival of Venezuelan army troops still loyal to Escudero is extremely high - not to mention two fighter aircraft loyal to Escudero are 20 minutes away.

Steele manages to get Escudero to his 'rest home' and make the U.S. forces disappear before they are cut to pieces by the fighter's machine guns and rockets. Back in Newport, Liz and Steele are preparing for their sail home. An elderly man walks on the dock to admire their boat. Steele engages him in conversation. Liz comes from below; Steele makes introductions and belatedly asks the gentleman his name.

THE MAN REPLIES, "DR. ALBERTO PEREZ."

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SEASON 2-5

“I THINK YOU HELPED ME GET REELECTED”.

With these words from Season 2, President Jackson send Pinafore and its crew, Steele, Elizabeth, and their adult children, Emily and Brad on a different mission each season. The assignments, each important, each a risk are as different as the beautiful locals. Steele and Elizabeth will reunite with Ed Columbo, Adel, Teddy, Jerry McGuire, and (now) Capt. Schultz. The infamous Dr. Perez is with us in Season 2 and, as he is apt to do, may resurface later to guarantee there is No Safe Harbor.

SEASON 2

Steele and Liz are sent on a confidential mission with Dr. Perez and Ed Columbo to verify a potential breakthrough in relations with Cuba. Emily, and Brad provide cover. Unexpectedly, Pinafore is drafted to cruise the Caribbean by their revolutionary hosts who are more interested in a lost cargo of Nazi gold than diplomatic relations. A cruise charted from the grave by the infamous Che Guevara, lost OSS intercepts, and hostile German pretenders, attest that there is No Safe Harbor.

SEASON 3

China is angling for control of the Panama Canal in return for lucrative trade agreements and investing in Panama's infrastructure. President Jackson sends Elizabeth and Steele on a 'vacation cruise' to Panama with instructions to prevent embargos and high taxes on commerce through the canal. As it happens, Dr. Perez 'knows a guy.' Just in case, Jerry McGuire is working in the background. As Pinafore ties up in Shelter Bay, Steele and Liz fear this may be No Safe Harbor.

SEASON 4

The unpleasantness in Panama sends Steele and Liz to Nicaragua along with Ed Columbo. Ed has been tasked by President Jackson to determine if the Nicaragua Canal is a wider and deeper alternative to the Panama Canal. Dropping the hook in Bluefield harbor, they are off to meet with one of Ed's government cronies. They find him-- dead. When they discover the groundwork for the canal is actually preparation for a Chinese missile site, they must get the information to President Jackson. Their destroyed communications and an unfriendly populace make Pinafore their only hope of reaching the president. First, they have to evade the man known only as el Asesino. Bluefield is No Safe Harbor.

SEASON 5

Ed Columbo uncovers information on a plot to invade Cuba. President Jackson sends Pinafore and crew to Florida to provide cover for Ed while he investigates the planned coup. When they discover the coup is a plan to loot the Banco Central de Cuba, the trio call on Teddy and Adel to help. Just as the team is about to capture the organizers, Brad and Emily disappear and Dr. Perez emerges as the leader of the plot; proving again there is No Safe Harbor.





ENVIRONMENTS

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NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Our story jumps off in Newport and it remains the anchor of the series. Banister's Wharf, The Black Pearl, Rosecliff, Block Island, Martha's Vineyard, and the seas between are all key elements of the series.

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ROSECLIFF MANSION

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MARTHAS VINEYARD

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BLOCK ISLAND

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NORTH ATLANTIC

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WASHINGTON DC

Our nation's capital is central to many of the series locations, including the White House, Old Ebbitt Grill, Steele and Elizabeth's home in Mt. Vernon, the George Washington Parkway, Dulles International Airport, and Joint Base Andrews.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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STEELE & ELIZABETHS HOME

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GEORGE WASHINGTON PARKWAY

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DULLES AIRPORT

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JOINT BASE ANDREWS

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VENEZUELA

Steele is sent to this country of strife and torment to overthrow the Venezuelan president and replace him with a man of integrity. How a private U.S. citizen accomplishes this with only the help of his extraordinary wife is the premise of our series.

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VENEZUELAN RIOTS

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VENEZUELAN POLICE

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NICARAGUA

Steele flies to a small dusty airstrip in Nicaragua expecting to find the end to his torment in the form of Reynaldo Vicente. Instead, he finds a savage gun battle and an insidious betrayal. His only means of escape is a damaged plane on a runway that is too short.



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NICARAGUAN AIRSTRIP

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NICARAGUAN FLY-OVER

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PICTURE VEHICLES

These breathtaking vessels and aerial vehicles are flown and driven by the hero's and villains of the series. Unlike most series, this one focuses on these certain aspects of travel.

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PLANES

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BOATS



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HELICOPTERS

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PROPERTY ASSETS

EQUITY

TOTAL S1 PRODUCTION BUDGET: **32M USD**
(8 episodes)

TOTAL S1 EQUITY CONTRIBUTION: **\$16M USD**

EQUITY SOURCES:

CT Film Tax Incentive (attached, transferable)
(30% less 3% fee) - \$9.3M USD

Jaigantic Studios

(Studio Fees Investment) - \$10.7M USD

**EQUITY OR DEBT
FINANCING NEEDED**

\$16M USD (50%)

**PROPOSED START DATE OF
PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

April 1, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

GILLIAN WHITE

Ensemble Actor - **ATTACHED**

MICHAEL JAI WHITE

Ensemble Actor - **ATTACHED**

MAYNE BERKE

Producer- **ATTACHED**

DONOVAN DE BOER

Producer - **ATTACHED**

KEITH SHAW

Producer - **ATTACHED**

KEITH L. SMITH

Cinematographer - **ATTACHED**

VITALS

SCREENPLAY

Shooting Script Complete (see attached)

PROJECT DECK

Complete

BUDGET & SCHEDULE

Completed - 80 day shoot (attached)

COVID PLAN & INSURANCE

Acquired (see attached)

PRODUCTION INSURANCE

Acquired (see attached)

UNION PRODUCTION ACCOUNTANT

Acquired (see attached)