

MACAO

A romantic painting of a man and a woman about to kiss. The woman, on the left, has dark hair with a yellow flower in it and is wearing a red spaghetti-strap top. The man, on the right, has dark hair and is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. They are standing in a field of large green tobacco leaves. In the background, there are palm trees, a small wooden hut, and mountains under a warm, sunset-colored sky.

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Project Summary

Logline: It's *Chinatown* meets *Django* in the steamy cities and on Tobacco Plantations of the Dominican Republic.

Pitch: Two idealistic lovers are forced to hide their romance from Padrino Claraville, an evil land baron. The woman's love is broken when her boyfriend, Marlon, is set-up for a murder by the jealous Padrino.

Story: Macao, Dominican Republic. The picturesque town of Macao is home to one of the biggest tobacco plantations on the island. The Padrino, Gustavo Claraville, makes life possible for hundreds of families. Working under the Padrino is his straw boss and loyal worker, Marlon Valenti. Marlon has helped built the plantation into a small empire.

However, Marlon has found his ultimate rewards with the beautiful Sophia Moreno. Ironically, with all his power, the Padrino desires the one thing Marlon has: Sophia's love. He has watched Sophia blossom into a stunning young woman and tried to win her affection. But Sophia was never interested and has hid her affections for Marlon, insisting they meet secretly. Above all she has planned for the day when the two can leave the plantation and start a new life.

But Gustavo finds proof that Marlon and Sophia are lovers. The only way to win Sophia is to break her love for Marlon. He sets Marlon up for a murder rap and then pretends to help Marlon escape. He convinces Marlon to run away and offers to talk to the police on his behalf. Sophia is made to believe that Marlon is guilty and her love is finally broken when she is shown photos of Marlon having sex with Camila, a stripper that Roberto managed to put with Marlon after getting him zonked on booze and coke. Marlon learns the truth and escapes from Gustavo's hitman. He returns to Macao to free Sophia and restore their love. To do this, he must kill the Padrino.

Characters

Preliminary Budget: 3 – 5 Million (Cast Contingent)

Marlon Valenti (30s): Field manager of the tobacco fields. Marlon is in love with Sophia and loyal to Gustavo. Gustavo sets Marlon up for murder and must fight for Sophia's love. Walid Abundaa, F. Valentino Morales

Sophia Moreno (20s): Beautiful with an amazing singing voice, Sophia is forced to work the fields with her family. She loves Marlon but is fooled by Gustavo to turn her back on him. Jessica Alba, Rebecca Da Costa.

Gustavo Claraville: Padrino's wealth makes him a savior to the families living there. But with this "generosity" comes a trade-off. He demands loyalty and sacrifice. Anything the Patron wants must be given, including Sophia. Walid Abundaa, F. Valentino, Morales Benicio Del Torro, Javier Bardem, Antonio Banderias, Vin Diesel

Roberto: Sophia's cousin. He uses Sophia and her family to gain favor with Gustavo. Bobby Carnivale.

Camila: Stripper sent to seduce Marlon, is forced to work for Padrino because he holds her child captive in Colombia. Rebecca Da Costa, Zoe Saldana, Monica Cruz, Roselyn Sanchez. Ana Lucia Dominguez.

Cesar: A Sicario Colombiano (Colombian Hitman) sent by Gustavo to eliminate Marlon. Clifton Collins.

Lucinda: The personal assistant to Padrino, Gustavo Claraville, who knows his darkest secrets. Lia Chapman

Proposed Directors: Fernando Meirelles, David O'Russel, Luc Besson, TJ Mancini, Anton Fuqua, Vin Diesel