

## Pitch Deck: The Shadowbearer Trilogy

### Logline

A disillusioned IT professional from Richmond, Virginia, stumbles upon a golden mirror that transports him to the mystical Song Crye Forest. There, he finds himself entangled in a destiny far greater than he ever imagined—becoming the next Shadowbearer, and standing between love and fate in a war against darkness.

### Overview

A dark fantasy romance with deep-rooted mythology, forbidden love, and high-stakes battles, this trilogy blends elements of isekai adventure, political intrigue, and Omegaverse-inspired dynamics. Part of the expanding Chronicles of Song Crye series.

**Genre:** Dark Fantasy | Romance | Isekai | LGBTQ+ | BIPOC

**Target Audience:** Fans of *The Witcher*, *Castlevania*, *Heaven Official's Blessing*, *Jujutsu Kaisen*, and *The Untamed* who crave emotionally complex relationships, high fantasy lore, and intricate world-building.

### Main Characters

- **Micah (Protagonist)**
  - A Thai-American IT professional from Richmond, Virginia.
  - Disillusioned with his life and his failing relationship with his girlfriend, Shyla.
  - After his mother's death, a Buddhist monk gifts him a golden mirror that leads him to another realm.
  - He is thrown into the role of Shadowbearer, an ancient guardian of the Shadowrealm.
  - Torn between his love for two men: Ryuji, the cursed dragon prince, and Edan, the enigmatic shadow warrior.
- **Ryuji**
  - The guardian of Song Crye Forest and heir to a powerful dragon curse.
  - Bound to the fate of the land and the Breath of Caelumis.
  - Betrothed to the Princess of Sylvanfell.
  - His sudden connection to Micah sparks a romance that challenges tradition.
  - **Conflict:** Ryuji hails from Caelumis, a realm of divine light and purity, which stands in opposition to the dark, shadow-infested lands of the Shadowrealm. His connection to Micah is threatened by the political and mystical rift between their worlds.
- **Edan**
  - A Soulender and shadow warrior who serves the Shadowbearer, carrying a hidden past.
  - A fierce and skilled combatant feared by many.
  - He grows close to Micah, becoming both mentor and forbidden lover.

- **Conflict:** Edan's origin from the Shadowrealm, a realm steeped in darkness and forbidden power, directly clashes with Ryuji's pure Caelumis bloodline, creating an inescapable divide between the two men. This rivalry fuels their tension and complicates their bond with Micah.

## Themes & Selling Points

- **Forbidden Love & Emotional Complexity** – A love triangle wrapped in political intrigue, destiny, and self-discovery.
- **Dark Fantasy & World-Building** – A meticulously crafted universe with unique mythology, divine figures, and supernatural curses.
- **LGBTQ+ Representation** – A nuanced portrayal of relationships and identities within a compelling fantasy framework.
- **Action & High-Stakes Drama** – Battle sequences featuring monstrous threats, power struggles, and the weight of legacy.

## Comparable Titles & Market Appeal

- *Heaven Official's Blessing (Tian Guan Ci Fu)* – Shares themes of divine intervention, tragic romance, and fate-bound relationships.
- *Castlevania* – Dark fantasy elements, monstrous battles, and deeply complex character arcs.
- *The Witcher* – A gritty world, romance amidst chaos, and a protagonist struggling with his destiny.
- *Jujutsu Kaisen* – Supernatural combat and mentor-student dynamics wrapped in an epic struggle of good vs. evil.
- *The Untamed* – Rich in layered relationships, tragic love, and emotionally-charged dynamics with a blend of mysticism and power struggles.

## Visual Adaptation Potential

- **Anime/Animated Series** – A stylized, high-quality anime adaptation in the vein of *Castlevania* or *Heaven Official's Blessing* would capture the intricate character relationships and dark fantasy aesthetics.
- **Live-Action Fantasy Series** – A prestige drama production akin to *The Witcher* or *Game of Thrones* could bring the grand scale and emotional depth of the trilogy to life.
- **Graphic Novel** – A companion comic/manga adaptation to expand the lore and introduce the series to a wider audience.

## Conclusion & Call to Action

This trilogy is a perfect fit for a multimedia adaptation, blending original lore, high-stakes battles, and forbidden romance. With a strong, dedicated audience craving diverse (BIPOC/LGBTQ+), emotionally resonant dark fantasy, this story is poised to make an impact in the entertainment industry.

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