

## SCREENPLAY SUBMISSION RELEASE AGREEMENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We (the "Owner(s)") am/are submitting to the Middle East Film Initiative, Inc. ("MEFI") the enclosed original screenplay (the "Screenplay") titled, \_\_\_\_\_.

WGA or Copyright Registrations No.'s: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **AGREEMENT**

I/We understand that due to the nature of the Little Syria web series (the "Work") and the submission process, you receive numerous submissions of ideas, formats, stories, suggestions and the like and that many such submissions received by you are similar in format, themes, characterizations, and treatments.

I/We agree that I/we will not be entitled to any compensation resulting from the use by MEFI of any such similar ideas or materials (the "Material"). I/We hereby waive, and agree that I/we will never make, any claim or demand or bring any action against you in connection with the use of the Material.

I/We acknowledge that you will refuse to accept and evaluate the Screenplay in the absence of my acceptance of this Agreement. I/We further acknowledge that you have no obligations to me except as set forth in this Agreement and that no other obligations exist or shall exist or shall be deemed to exist. The Screenplay is submitted by me voluntarily and not in confidence, and that no confidential relationship is intended or created between us by reason of the submission of the Screenplay.

I/We further acknowledge that at this time you have no intent to compensate me in anyway and I/we have no expectation of receiving any compensation. I/We acknowledge that you are under no obligation to review or use or negotiate with me with respect to the Screenplay in any manner.

### **USE OF THE SUBMITTED SCREENPLAY**

I/We understand that should you decide to use the Screenplay, or any portion of it for the Work, you shall be under no obligation to compensate me/us in any manner. I/We further understand that you may choose to enter into negotiations with me/us to determine fair and equitable compensation.

### **RIGHTS**

I/We understand that upon signing this Agreement and submitting my Screenplay I/we shall grant MEFI the exclusive right to evaluate and exploit the Screenplay for a period of two (2) years. During that time period, I/we shall submit or share the Screenplay with no other entity other than MEFI.

## **WAIVERS**

I/We hereby waive any right that I/we may have to inspect or approve the finished Work or the advertising copy or printed matter that may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

I/We hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless MEFI, its legal representatives, and assigns, and all persons acting under its permission or authority, or those for whom it is acting, from any liability by virtue of any modification, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the creation of the Work thereof. MEFI may refer to the Screenplay or any part or parts thereof by any fictitious name and may associate the Screenplay with the occurrence of any fictitious event.

I/We hereby expressly waive any rights of moral rights that may be afforded to me under the laws of any country in any capacity connected with the Screenplay or its use in the Work.

## **WARRANTIES**

I/We hereby warrant and represent that:

(i) I/We have the full right and authority to enter into this Agreement concerning the Screenplay (including ownership and/or control in the copyright to the Screenplay), and that the consent or permission of no other person, firm or corporation is necessary in order to enable MEFI to enjoy full rights to evaluate the Screenplay pursuant to this Agreement. If I/We am not the whole owner of the Screenplay, I/we will attach the signed copies of this Agreement of any other owners to this Agreement;

(ii) MEFI's exercise of the rights granted hereunder will not violate or infringe upon the trademark, tradename, copyright or artistic and/or other rights of any third parties; and

(iii) I/We will not assert or maintain against MEFI any claim of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to those based upon invasion of privacy or other civil rights, defamation, libel and/or slander, in connection with any of the permission and/or rights granted herein. In no event shall I/we seek or be entitled to injunctive or other equitable relief in connection with this Agreement or for any other reason pertaining hereto, nor shall I/we be entitled to seek to enjoin or restrain the development, production, exhibition, distribution, advertising, exploitation or marketing of the Work. MEFI shall have the right to transfer or assign its rights and obligations pursuant to this Agreement to any other person, corporation or entity.

(iv) I/We shall waive any and all rights and benefits which I/we may otherwise have or be entitled to under the laws of New York to litigate in court any dispute in connection with this Agreement.

(v) I/We agree to give you written notice of any claim arising in connection with the Screenplay or arising in connection with this Agreement, within ten (10) calendar days after I/we acquire knowledge of such claim.

(vi) I/We have read and understand this Agreement; that this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior agreements, representations and warranties, both oral and written, if any, made with respect to the subject matter hereof, and may be amended only by written agreement executed by both of the parties hereto. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts fully negotiated and performed within the State of New York. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by facsimile, scan (i.e., pdf), or email signatures, each part of which when executed shall be deemed an original for all purposes, and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same document, fully binding and with full legal force and effect.

**Accepted and Agreed:**

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