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01 The film in one sentence

Who wants what, what stands in the way, and why should we care?

02 What you can actually use

List confirmed people, locations, gear, skills, and other resources. Mark anything still unconfirmed.

03 Time and money

Record cash available, a spending limit, shoot or generation days, and the finish date. Include post and release.

04 The gap between idea and resources

What does this version require that you do not yet have? What can you simplify?

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05 The three biggest risks

For each risk, name the likely consequence and one way to reduce it. Include sound and continuity.

06 Prove the hardest part

What small test will show whether the difficult scene, effect, performance, or workflow can work?

07 A version you can finish

What can you cut or change while protecting the story? Define the smallest worthwhile version.

08 Decision and next action

Proceed, revise, test, or pause? State why, who owns the next action, and when it is due.