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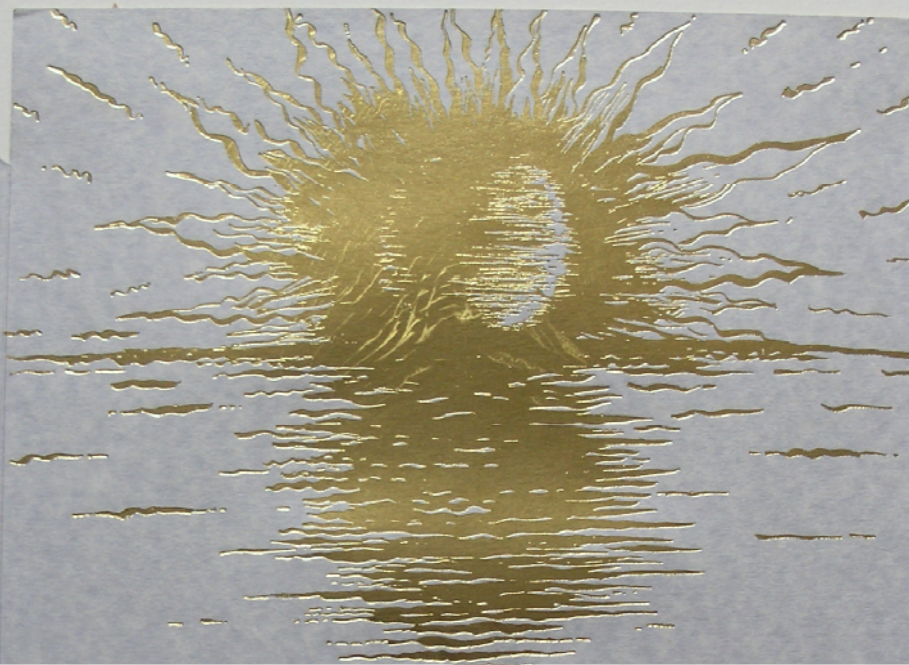
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Specially designed and selected lightweight electronic equipment will enable the production team to forsake studios. The entire show will be shot in a custom-built village, comprising an urbanisation, a shopping-mall plaza, the centre of the old Spanish town and on location around the coast.

A cast of approximately 30 regular characters will span all generations and family units from England, Spain, France and Denmark, and will mix with other characters hailing from Germany, Sweden and Ireland.



Eldorado

Solid gold drama from the BBC

156 x 30 minutes

The Production Team

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