

**Title:** 6th Sense

**Logline:** Living in a post-WW3 era proves to be especially hard for Rose, a young Korean woman, with the ability to read minds. Despite the xenophobic and patriarchal world, she continues to work hard and improve her life.

**Key Characters:**

➤ Rose

- Political Science student at Korean International College
- Can read people's minds/thoughts and cares a lot about others opinions of her
- Story starts at her 19th birthday, ends when she's 23 and graduated
- Character traits: Sensitive, Fears change, Caring, Dreamer, Hard worker, Independent

➤ Charlotte

- Rose's mother
- 46 years old and was born and raised in Hawaii
- Met Rose's dad while he vacationed in Hawaii and moved back to Korea after getting married

**Story Overview:**

ACT I

**Entry** - Rose living a normal life as a political science college student in an International college in Korea.

**Incident** - Her parents divorced after Rose's dad cheats and leaves them

**Act I climax** - Rose's mom takes her to the US hoping to start a new life.

- Rose became very passionate about gender issues.
- Her mom was raised in the US, so they decided to move to the US

## ACT II

**Ascending action** - Rose moves to the US and feels pressure from a new environment

- She majors in political science at her new school

**Midpoints** - Her mom dies in a hate crime

**Crisis** - she falls into depression because her mom's death

- Her dad asks her to live w him in Korea, but she refuses

**Act 2 climax** - She wants to stay in the United States because she wants to succeed for herself but for her mom as well.

## ACT III

**Pre-climax** -

**Climax** - She creates/becomes a leader of an organization that seeks a better society with less hate crime and campaigns to get support (She struggles because of her immigrant status and reputation)

**Solution** - She finds community in her organization. The Women uplift each other and defend as a group through the struggles of discrimination.

## **Womenism**

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In the year 2040, misogyny has run rampant throughout the world. 24 years earlier, World War III broke out, forever changing social norms. A large economic dip in the United States led to the invasion of Korea to absorb its booming economy. The Korean President at the time, Madam Jung, was already in a lot of controversy over shady political tactics. Her response to the invasion garnered even lower approval ratings. Madam Jung planned a symbolic counterattack by launching a threatening bomb on a rural city in California. Despite resulting in no casualties, the US and the world were shocked, and the people of the world turned on Koreans and women alike.

Rose Kim was born in Samcheok in Gangwon-do, Korea. Her father is an academic, so she was raised with her nose forever in a book. She studies political science at Korean International College, despite knowing the challenges for all women in politics. Her mother, Charlotte, was born and raised in Hawaii. She met Rose's father, Hanseo, when he was on a trip to the US. He visited in 2019 to research his psychology thesis. After spending months with the handsome tourist, Charlotte fell in love and left for Korea to marry the supposed man of her dreams. Hanseo offered her protection in a post-war society.

Rose's life consists of her family, her school, and her grades. She spends hours and days awake, finishing assignments up the minute

they are due, just to ensure they are all absolutely perfect. Despite the world around her not yet being ready to hear her voice, she knows hard work will eventually grant her a place. Her father raised her to understand the importance of education. Hanseo always tracked her progress to ensure she never strayed from her academic lifestyle. But something even her dad doesn't know about Rose is her ability to read minds. Despite her outwardly confident appearance, hearing everyone's internal opinions of her only doubles her insecurities. Throughout her life, she's learned to control her skill and now will hear someone's thoughts only if she wants to.

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Saturday, July 14th, 2040.

It is Rose's nineteenth birthday. Being the only child, her parents always make birthdays extra festive. She heads downstairs to find a beautifully decorated cake sitting atop the dining table. Her mother pops her head out from the kitchen, "Birthday girl! You're awake!". Rose smiles wide at first but grows confused upon seeing her mom's tired eyes. "Thanks, mom... where's dad?" Charlotte looks at her, frozen until Hanseo can be heard coming through the front door. He's still wearing his work clothes from the day before, but they're wrinkled and unbuttoned. "Sorry I'm late to the birthday breakfast Rose, I had to work through the night." He carries himself up the stairs while Rose questioningly looks at her mom. Charlotte puts it off to him being tired, though it seems she doesn't really believe her own words.

That night, Rose purposefully used her mind-reading skill on her family for the first time. Even after a full day of celebration, her mother's eyes still carry the sadness she saw earlier. Rose needs to understand what her father is doing and what her mom knows about it. Combining his various thoughts, she hears the repetition of a name she doesn't know. "Who's Hana?" Rose accidentally blurts out, immediately covering her mouth. Her father looks up in anger and yells at Rose. He accuses her of going through his things and of not knowing her place, all the while standing taller and getting louder. Eventually, Charlotte steps between them, furiously looking at Hanseo as she tells Rose to go to her room.

All she can hear from her room is yelling. A few hours later, Rose sees her father packing things up and leaving the front door. Rose loses words but tries to comfort Charlotte, who is hiding in her bed.

After a few days, Charlotte walks over to Rose, who is making lunch for her. She tells Rose that she wants to take her and move to the United States, where she was born and raised. Rose asks Charlotte for a few days to think about it. However, later that day, she decides to go with Charlotte to the US. Seeing her mother in such a desperately lost state only further pushes Rose to work hard, so she can provide a different world for her and her mom.

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Over the next months, Rose and Charlotte navigate and adjust to living without Hanseo, all the while packing for America. The world Rose sees in the United States is far different from what she was

expecting. Rose goes into the classroom and realizes that she is the only Asian student in her politics class, and everyone stares at her. One of the classmates asks Rose if she speaks English with Asian accents, and others laugh. Her strong emotional state makes her lose control of her mind-reading, and all of a sudden the horrible thoughts of her classmate fill her head. She barely makes it through the day without crying.

Later that day, Rose and Charlotte are at a supermarket for food supplies and get in line for the cashier. However, the cashier refused the service for them, saying he was on a break now and suggested them a self-checkout. Charlotte almost gets into an argument with the cashier, but Rose stops her. She knew the cashier was lying about a break and that he refused because they were Asians. These things became normal in their new life in the US but were just stress to them. Rose *hears* people thinking about her everywhere she goes. Charlotte feels guilty for bringing Rose to this awful society and powerless for not being able to protect her.

After classes, Rose usually shows up at an empty home. Her mother is still at the local grocery store, working late hours. She unpacks her school supplies atop the kitchen table and starts her homework. Two hours pass. Then four. Eventually, six hours have passed; Charlotte was supposed to be home three hours ago. Rose has called her mother around 30 times, each one going to voicemail. The next number she shakingly dials is 9-1-1.

"911 What's your emergency?"

"Hello? My mother, Charlotte Kim, is missing, she hasn't come home yet, she works at the grocery store."

Saying the facts out loud makes Rose panic. The reality of her missing mother hits all at once.

"Ma'am."

"She was supposed to arrive three hours ago I need help finding her, she's never late!"

"Ma'am."

"You need to understand she's never late something HAD to have happened there's no way she--"

"Ma'am! Calm down. There's no need to be so emotional. She's a grown woman I'm sure she's fine. This number is for emergencies only."

The dial tone rings through Rose's ears as she slowly lowers the phone. Rose then runs out of the house to look for Charlotte.

"MOM, WHERE ARE YOU? HAS ANYONE SEEN A YOUNG ASIAN LADY AROUND HERE?"

Rose yells at her neighbor as she tries to read their mind to find any kind of clue to find her. She runs two blocks and finds a dirty, muddy, and ripped jacket on the road that looks like the jacket Rose chose for Charlotte as her birthday gift. Rose keeps running and looks down the alley. She finds a woman lying down on the ground with bruises and blood coming out of deep scars on her face. Rose soon realizes that it is Charlotte. Rose goes down on her knees right away, sobbing and screaming, while everyone else walks past by watching them.

Rose is all by herself now. She loses her hope and gets depressed enough to make her skip meals, showering, and school for a month. Her dad, Hanseo, finds out about Charlotte's death and keeps calling Rose, but she never answers.

After a month, she stood up and picked up a call from Hanseo. She didn't care to tell him, but being marked as Charlotte's spouse, the coroner did. He asks if she can come home to South Korea. Rose knew he just wanted her back so that he could get Charlotte's life insurance money. However, Rose thinks of going back so that she can escape from this miserable society. After many reconsiderations of her inner conflicts, she decides to stay in the US. Rose has always believed and hoped that she could make changes to improve her community for herself, but now, she decides to fight for her own mother, Charlotte. At the funeral, Rose promises Charlotte that she will fight against the society Charlotte lost to.

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With the struggles of racial and gender discrimination, Rose finishes four years of college in the United States and gets a Political Science degree. She gets chosen to be the representative of all the graduating students and gets asked to give a speech at the graduation ceremony. Rose decides to announce that she is establishing a new organization that seeks to improve race and gender issues. Despite getting a bad reputation and facing hate crimes, she keeps fighting for her mother.



Over the next few months, she gets a lot of support from people who are going through the same as Rose. As a result, Rose finds a community where she can feel she belongs. The Women uplift each other and defend as a group through the struggles of discrimination.