

A CANADA WILD PRODUCTION



SUBCOMANDANTE MARCOS is the guerrilla poet and military commander of the Zapatista indigenous army. He uses the internet and the media as long range missiles to hold off the Mexican army and to woo Mexicans with dreams of a new democracy.

BISHOP SAMUEL RUIZ GARCIA is trying to maintain the fragile peace. The wealthy landlords call him the "Red Bishop" of San Cristobal de las Casas. The Mayan people call him "Tatic". It means grandfather.

DEATH SQUADS call themselves the Peace and Justice group. Aligned with the government, they accuse anyone who opposes them of being Zapatista guerrillas.

MANUEL GARCIA lives outside of Zapatista-protected territory. He and 2000 indigenous villagers are Zapatista supporters. Despite an official ceasefire, they have been forced to flee their homes by the Peace and Justice paramilitary. Now, they are refugees in their own country.

Marcos and the Zapatista guerrilla army cannot defend the refugees for fear of breaking the ceasefire. The government denies that the paramilitary groups exist. Pawns in a troubled peace, the refugees are left alone to fight a hidden war.

**In the mountains of the Mexican southeast,
Death is seen as an old acquaintance,
someone you continuously sit down at the
table with...**

—Subcomandante Marcos

A PLACE CALLED CHIAPAS

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