STORY

Project

SHIFT is an ambitious CG short film project, not only in terms of quality but also originality and creativity while maintaining its feasibility (due to its 6 min. prologue's compact and unique structure). It will be a sci-fi noir series overall and will be combining anime and new-gen animated feature film design & style choices into an interesting animated universe through a creative way. While dynamic and exaggerated pose & design & snappy animation presence of anime will be preserved to an extent; some artistic choices will generally be grounded more on reality due to the nature of the story and genre.

Logline

Two unexpected strangers meet in an isolated, oppressed, seemingly static city; not knowing they might be rewriting the history while agents of an alternative future pursue them relentlessly.

Story

Set in Port Metropolis in the early 1990s. On a night which seems ordinary and irrelevant to the most, our protagonist, Marie persistently works on a device which will trigger an alternative future in the long run, bringing dark agents into her universe. After the incident, long time rebel and parkour runner David and his group will provide a helping hand. Join Marie, David and various others in their quest to change the world despite powerful adversaries.

Style

Mood and atmosphere of the short are inspired by TV series like Jessica Jones, Dark, Mr. Robot; movies like Matrix, Brazil, 12 Monkeys and games such as Half Life 2, Max Payne and Fallout 1 &2. The prologue has monomyth type of structure combined with an interesting sci-fi storyline and time travel, while involving action packed elements like parkour/free running; also covering universal themes like love, friendship, community, self-discovery, oppression, control, freedom, etc.

Team

We are a group of cg artists who began to work on a high quality 5-6 min. cg animated short (prologue to a series). We hope to fund it through a crowdfunding site and turn into animated series at some point; then screen it on a media streaming service in case it turns out to be a successful film, attracting a considerable audience. Alongside the core group, there are various artists who worked or will be working on our project. For their names, please check credits section of the short film, which is planned to be released in 2021.