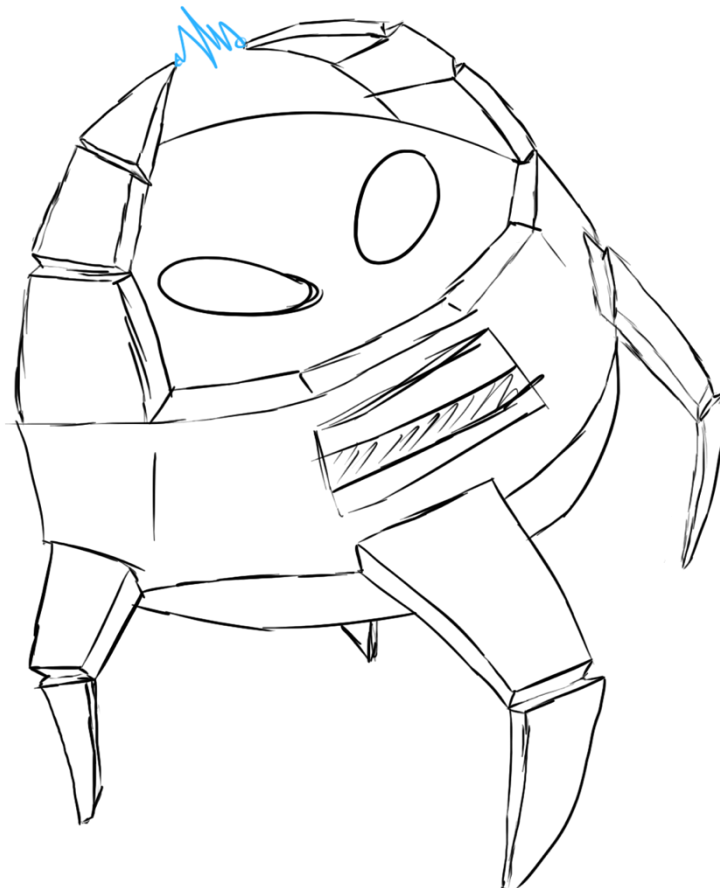


Castaway Cadet



“When a robot space cadet crashes on earth,
He makes an unexpected friend.
They meet an even more unexpected fate”

A Sci-Fi 3D Animated short film by Daniel Benallick
With sub-genre elements of Drama and Action
With an estimated length of 3 minutes



Concept

Story

A robot space cadet crashes in a forest on earth and needs to fix his ship. After searching he meets a young boy who offers to help, he accepts and ends up forming an emotional bond with the boy.

Two agents with guns show up to investigate and see the robot with the child, assuming the robot as hostile, they shoot on site, accidentally shooting the boy. This causes the robot to be angry, and fires back in retaliation, taking out both agents.

The robot now sad looking at the wounded boy, quickly changes his objective to save the boy, rushing him back to the ship to try and save him. Once aboard he does everything he can to try and save the boy, knowing the process might drain too much power and leave the robot drained of life, he proceeds anyway.

The boy wakes up, but the robot has drained too much power. Slowly crawling towards the boy, he powers down in the boy's arms, not scared, but happy to have saved his new friend.

R0B-07

We see the robot's (R0B-07) emotional journey as he explores the new planet he is stranded on. Although at first, he may appear robotic, he expresses more and more emotion as the short progresses.

Style / Tone

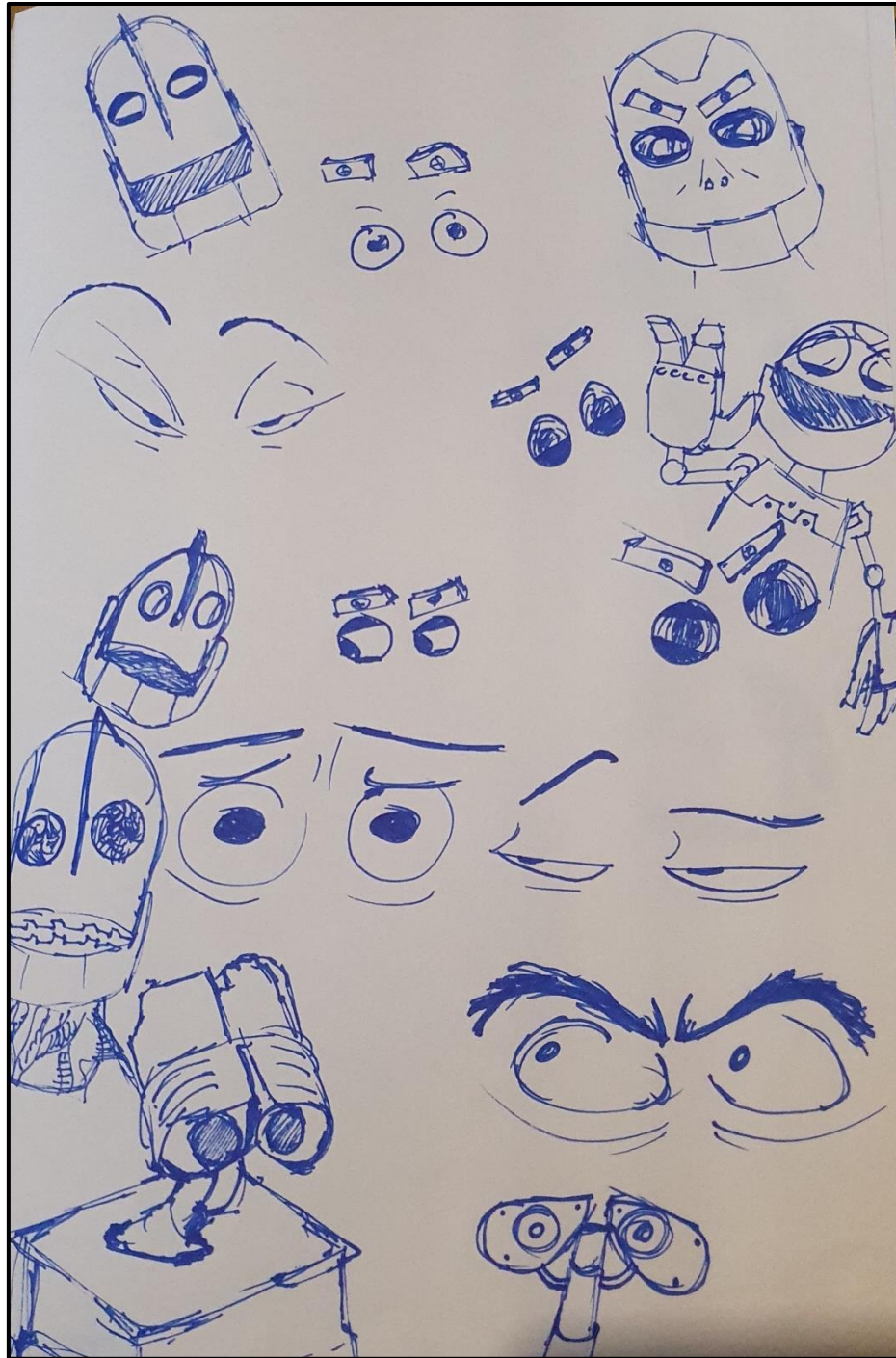
The style of the animation will be in a cartoony Pixar style. The short will start quite slowly with some comedic elements amongst the robot and the boy but will break into more action / drama as soon as the agents show up.

As there is some violence and dark tones to the animation this will be aimed at ages 12 and up.

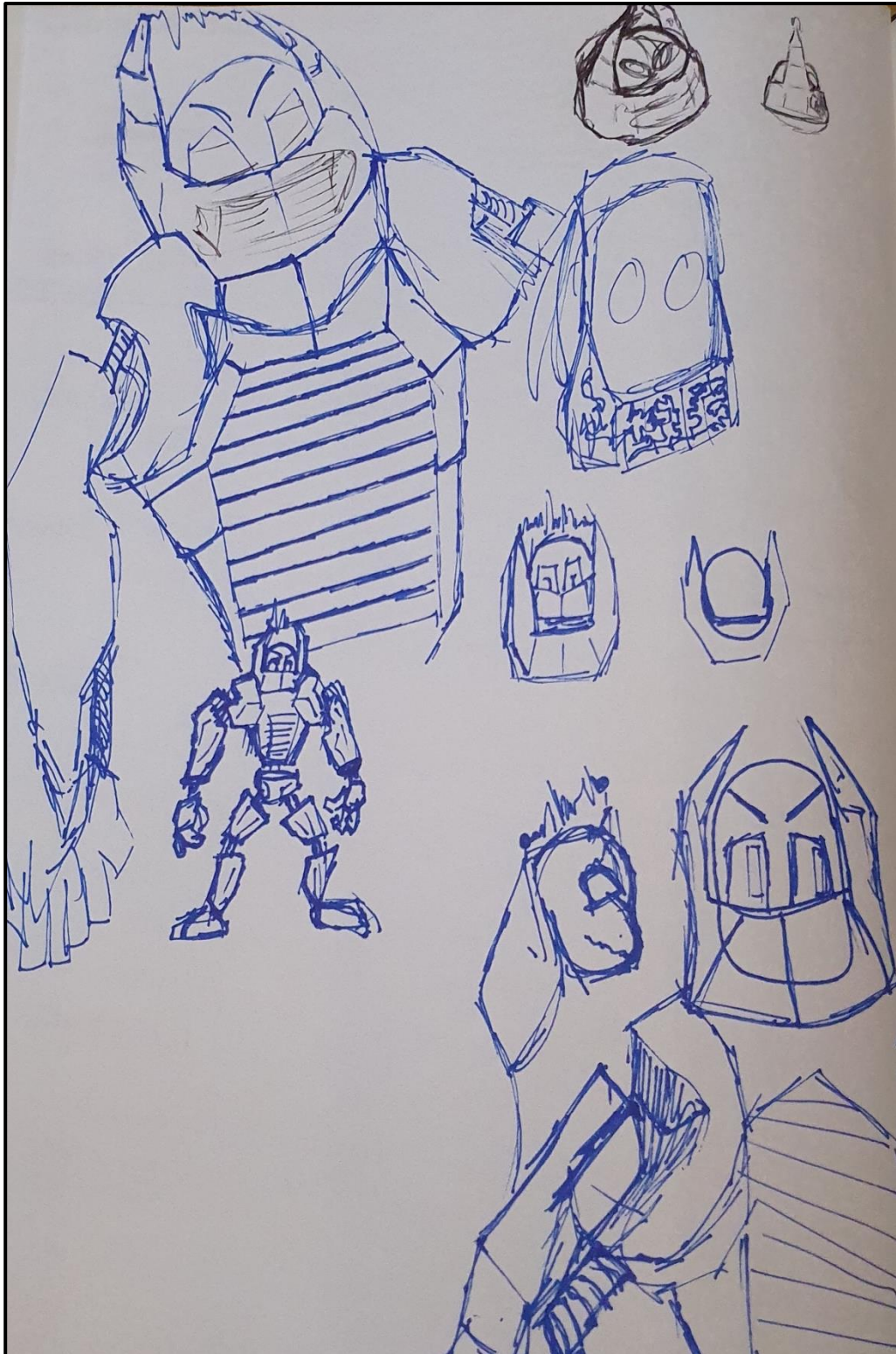
Characters

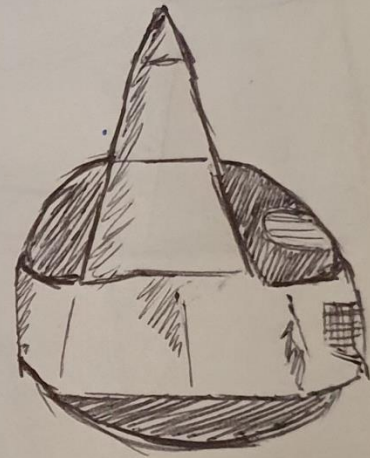
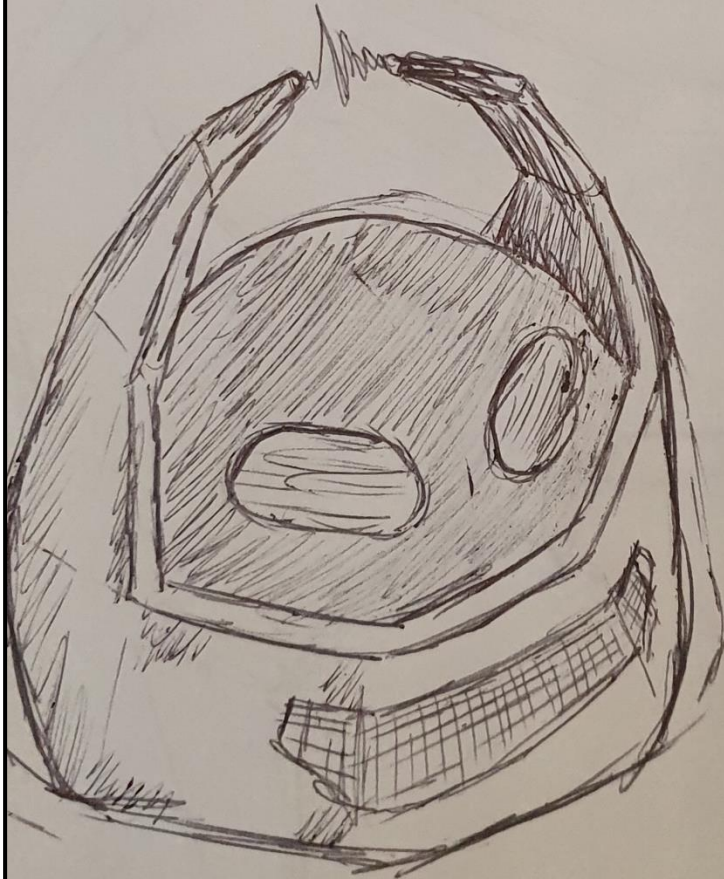
R0B-07

After some initial research into robotic characters in films, I did some quick sketches playing with how a robotic face would express emotion. Looking at characters like The Iron Giant, Wall-E, and Clank.

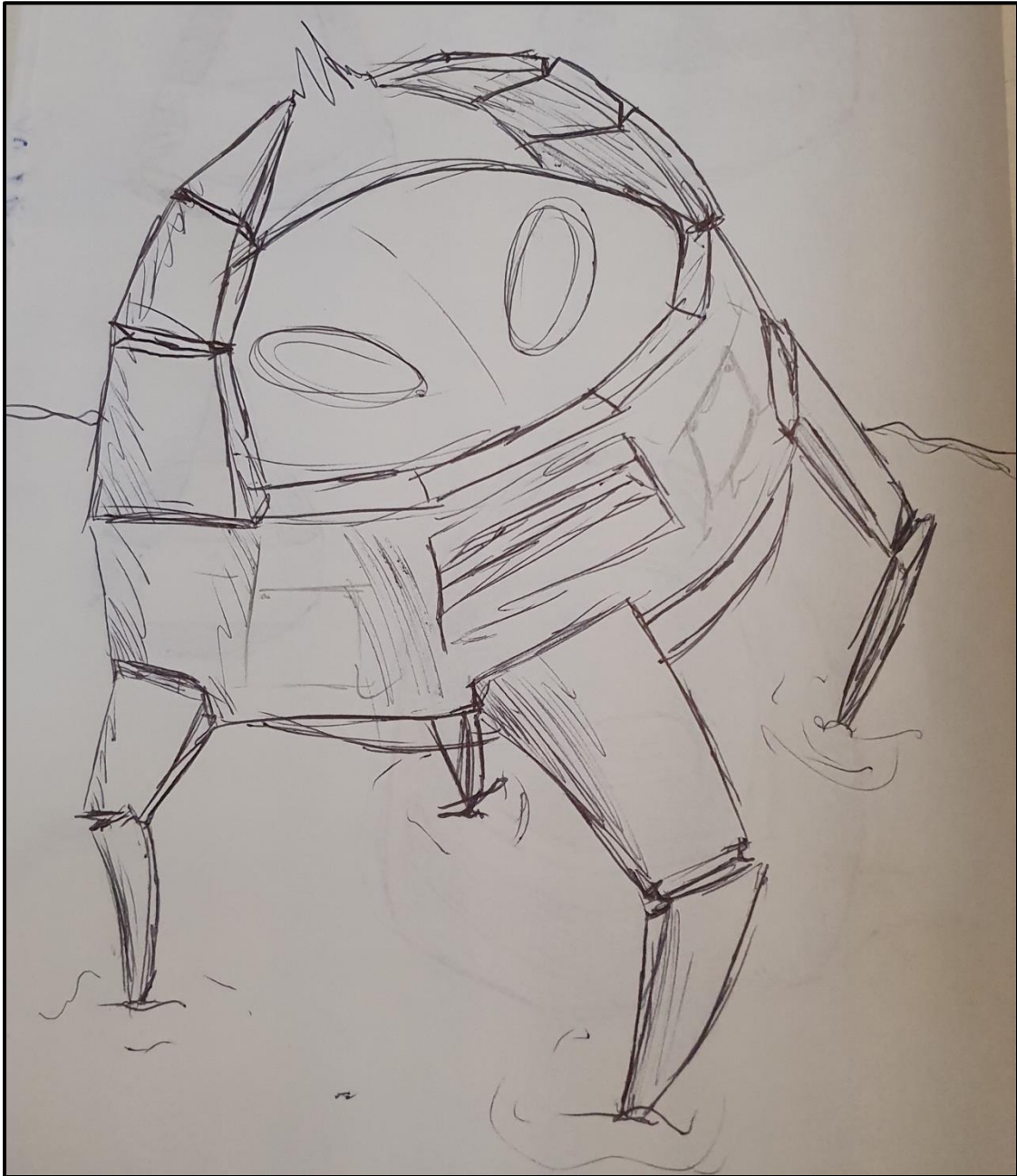


I then started to sketch some designs on what my robot might look like.





During the design process I felt the robot needed a cuter look and broke away from the full suit of armor. As well as the audience being able to connect with the smaller, cuter robot better, it would also be easier to animate.



The robot's head and antenna will be able to rotate 360 degrees, making it able to turn and look around easily.

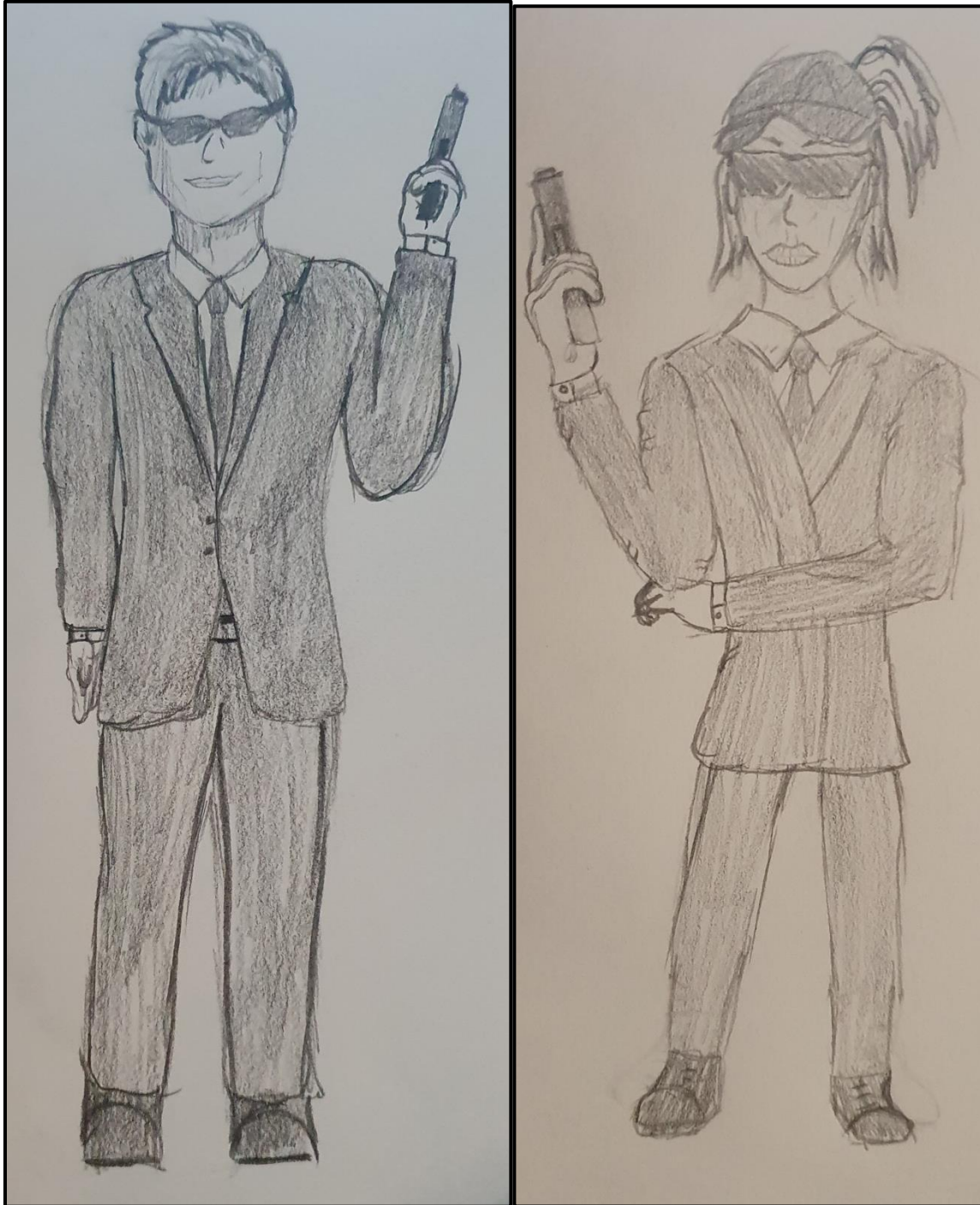
Alex

Alex will be a young curious boy designed in the Pixar style. Equipped with backpack and various other tools / gadgets to help him explore the forest area.



Agents

The two agents that ambush ROB-07 will just be generic all black agents, heavily inspired by the Men in Black films.



Backstory and Setting

Backstory

The story begins with the robot's ship crashing down to earth. Although there's no backstory in place it is open to interpretation. Is he a traveler that's lost his way? Has he been damaged in battle?

Setting

Forest

The short mostly takes place in a dimly lit forest area at night. With lots of dark tones and colours, so the robot has to use his light to show the way.



Garage

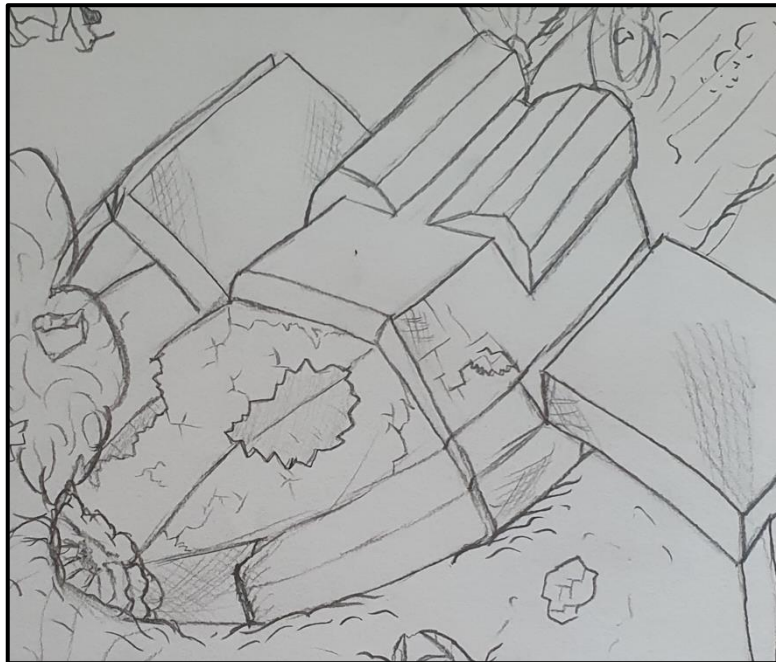
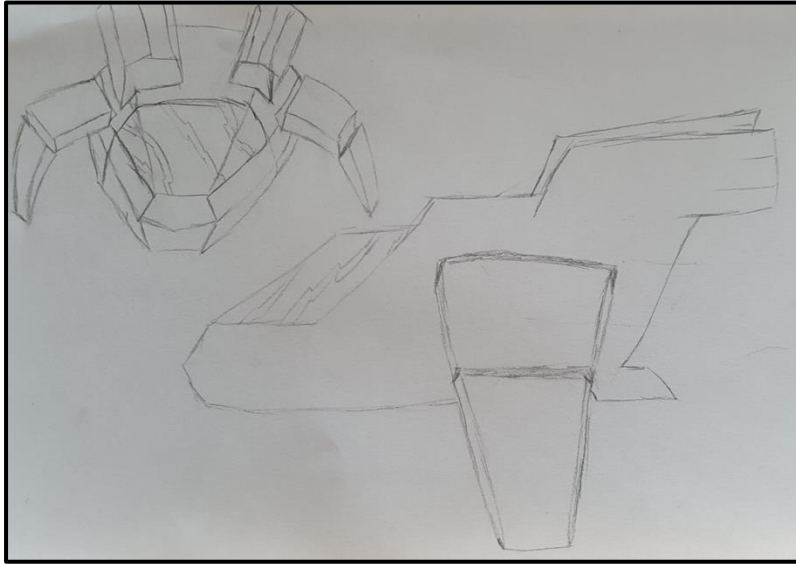
While looking for parts the robot comes across a garage full of parts. This will be an old rusty garage, almost in a state of disrepair, signifying the absence of other humans. The inside of the garage will be full to the brim with a mountain of old scrap that has been abandoned.



Spaceship Exterior

At the beginning of the short the outside of the spaceship will be heavily damaged as its crash landed. It will have scorch marks on the metal, parts hanging off and laying around on the floor around it. The glass window will be smashed and there will be smoke coming from all parts of the ship.

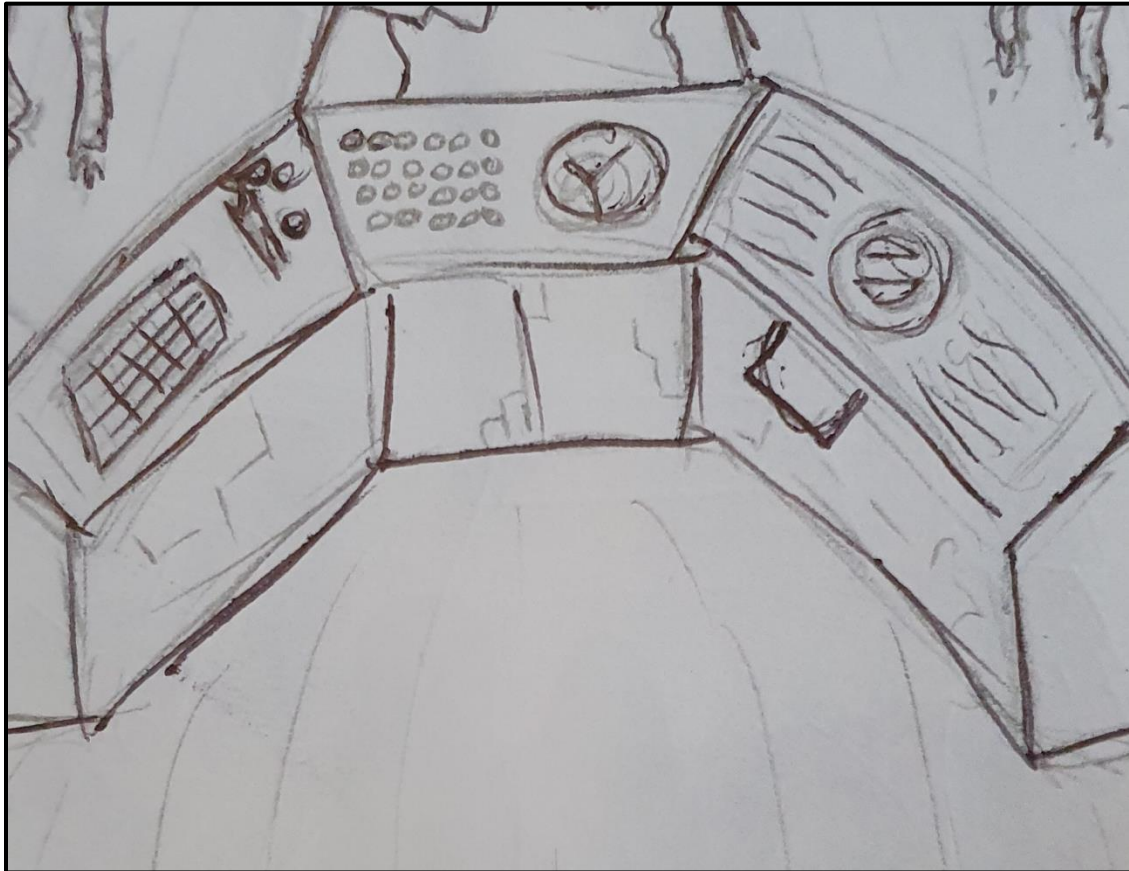
Later in it the short when the ship is seen again it will have bits of scrap metal welded over the damaged areas, some of the glass will be fixed, as the robot and child have been fixing it together.



Spaceship Interior

The end of the short takes place inside the ship. As the ship is damaged the will be broken cables and wires hanging from the ceiling. There will be a console at the front of the ship, to

give the space / sci-fi feel it will be covered in buttons and switches that will be glowing and sparking.



Premise

A robot space cadet named R0B-07 crash lands in a forest on earth, thrown from his ship he scans the area for threats and his ship for damage. With no threats and significant damage detected he sets off with the mission to fix his ship.

On his journey he meets a young boy named Alex, the boy is hesitant at first, but his curiosity gets the better of him and offers to help R0B-07 saying they can be friends. R0B-07 accepts with his mission in mind, asking what the word 'Friends' is. Alex chuckles and they both go off to gather materials for the ship.

A series of clips show the two collecting resources and fixing the ship together, warming up to each other and forming a strong bond.

On one of their trips back to the ship they are ambushed by two agents dressed in black holding guns. One of the agents notices the R0B-07 has the child and assumes R0B-07 is being hostile towards him. He opens fire without hesitation, but as R0B-07 turns he blinds the agent with his light, causing the agent to miss and shoot Alex.

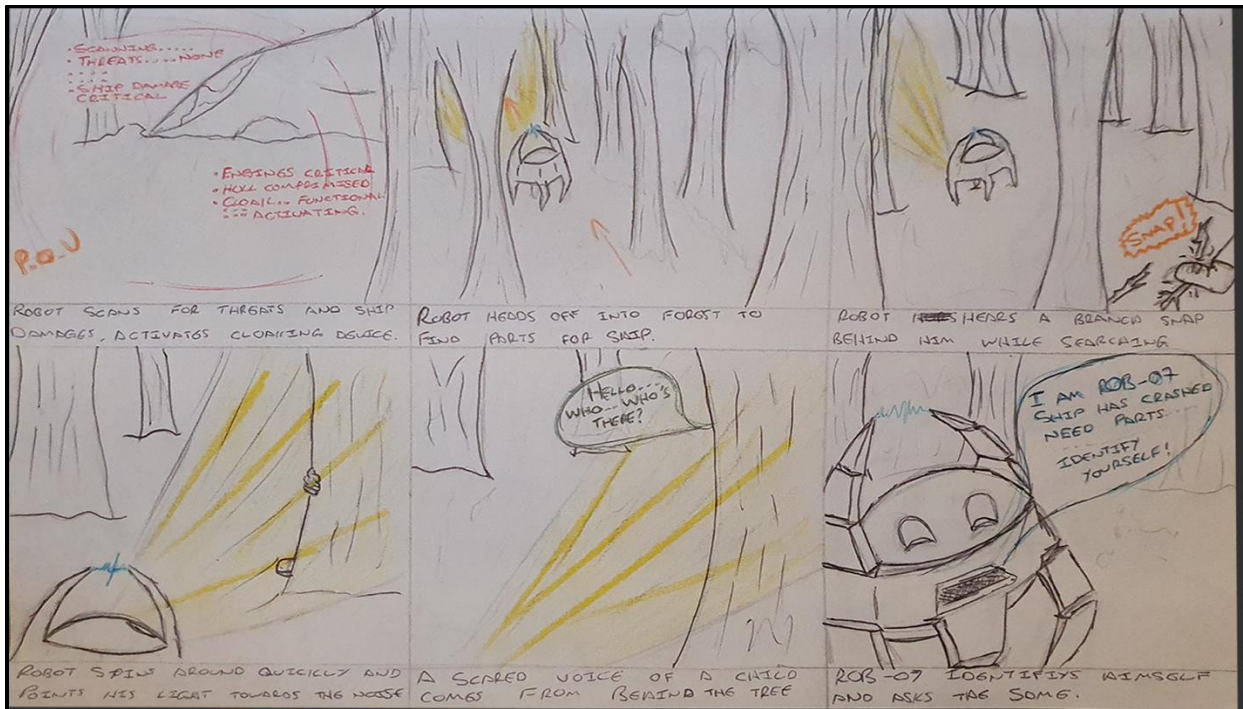
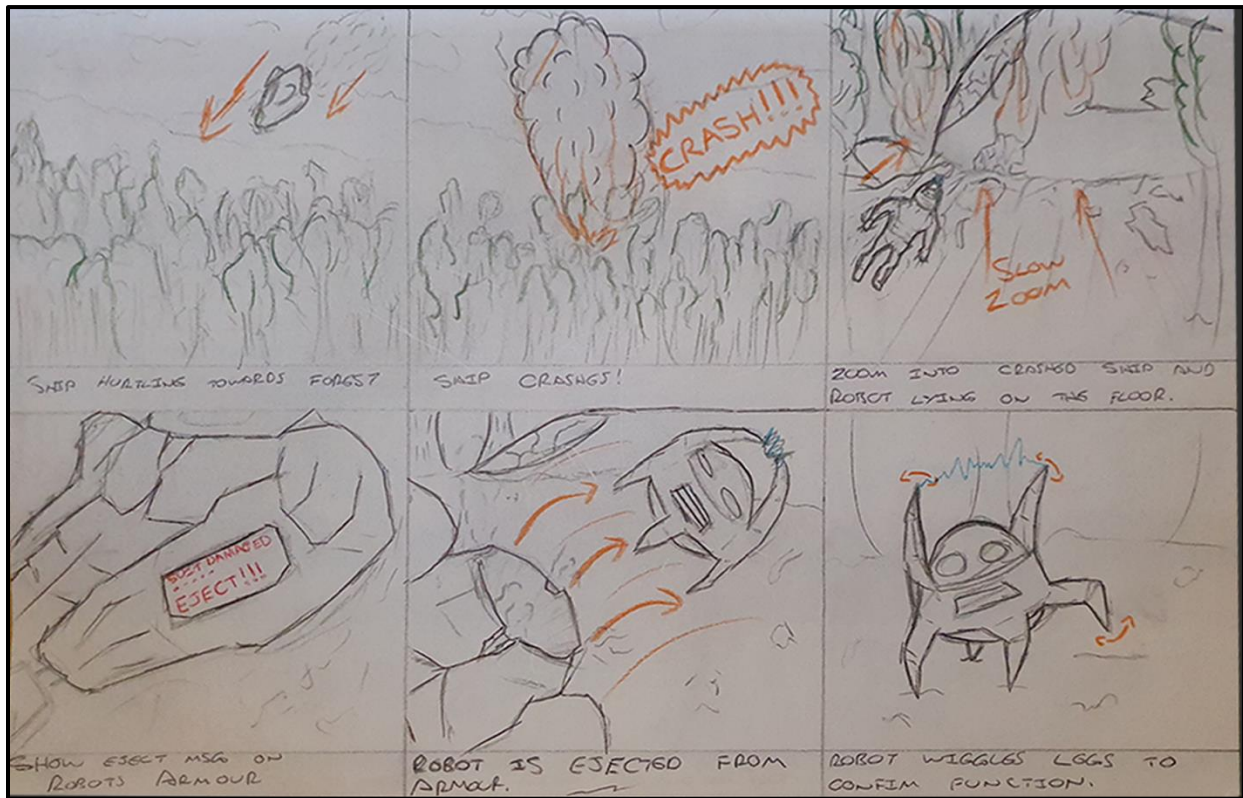
The agents are stunned with shock as R0B-07 stares and the gravely wounded Alex. R0B-07 quickly produces his weapons and takes the agents out with ease. He looks back to Alex to scan for signs of life, with a faint heartbeat detected he takes Alex back to his ship with his new mission to try and help him.

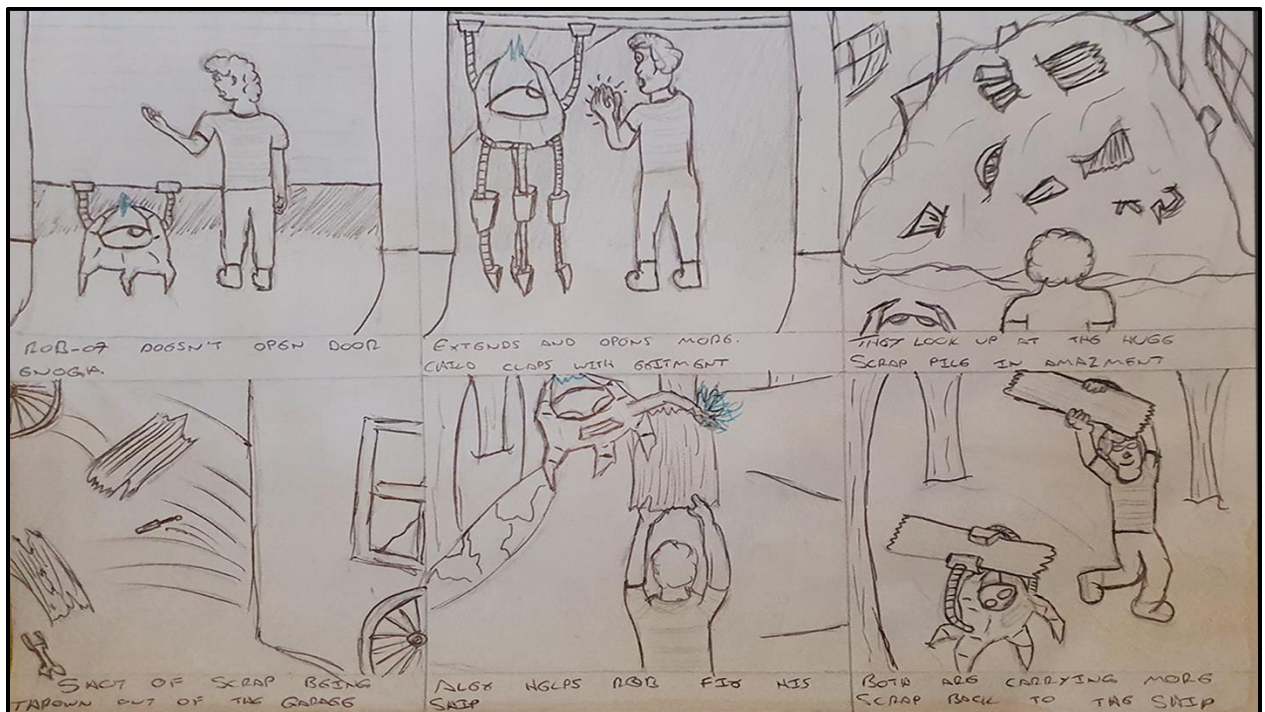
Once aboard the ship R0B-07 frantically presses buttons and switches while attaching cables to Alex and himself, before pulling the final lever R0B-07 hesitates as he knows this might overload him causing system failure, he proceeds anyway. The ship's power surges causing sparks to fly, and then, suddenly, the ship is plunged into darkness.

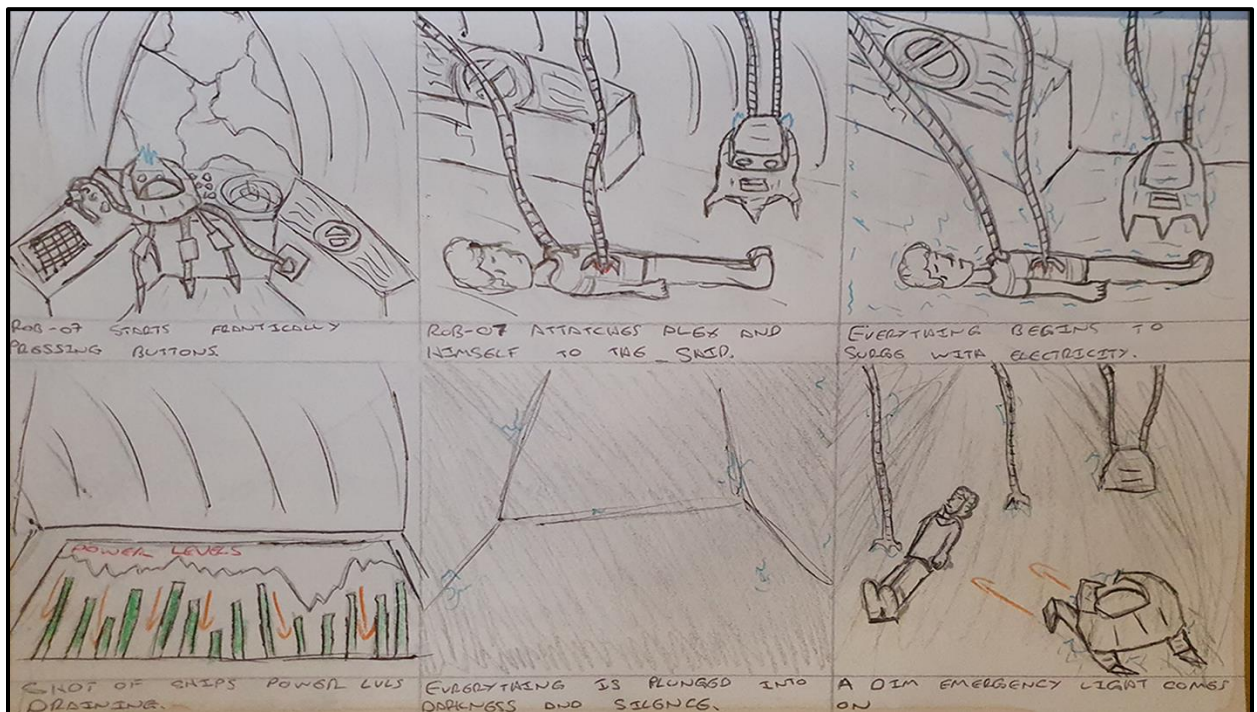
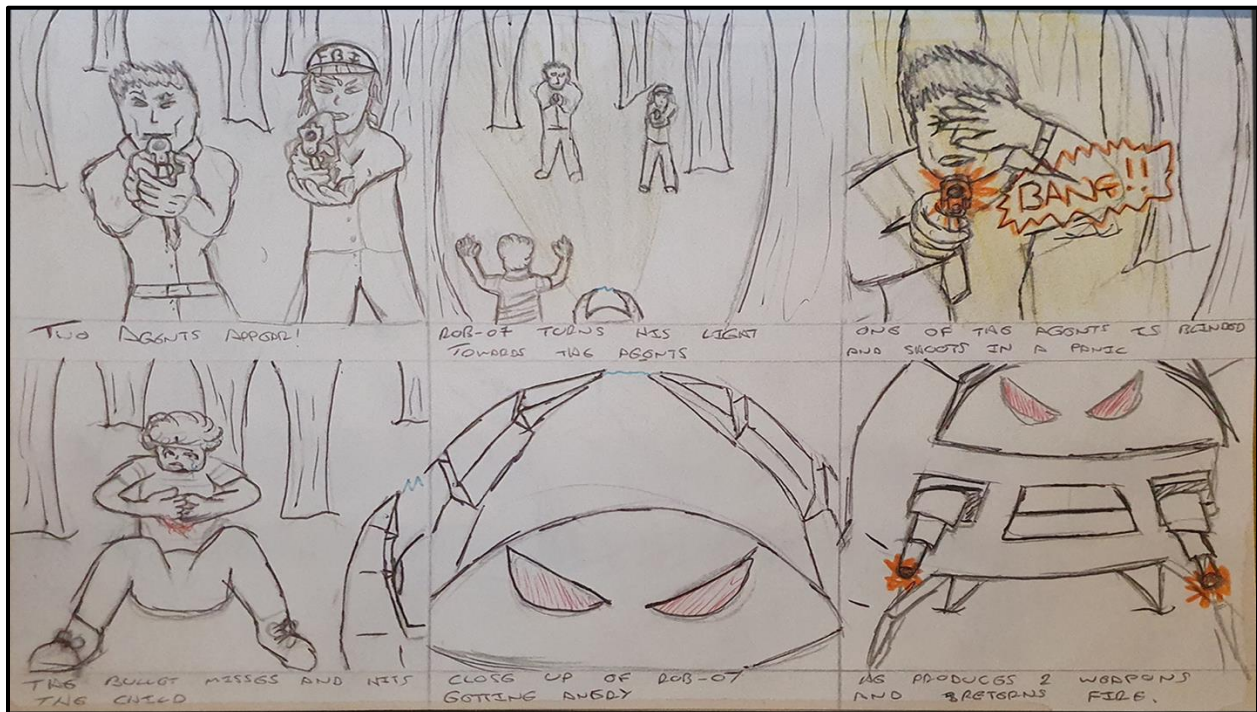
After what feels like a lifetime the emergency power kicks in producing a dim light in the ship. A very slow, drained, R0B-07 crawls over to where Alex is laying urging him to wake up.

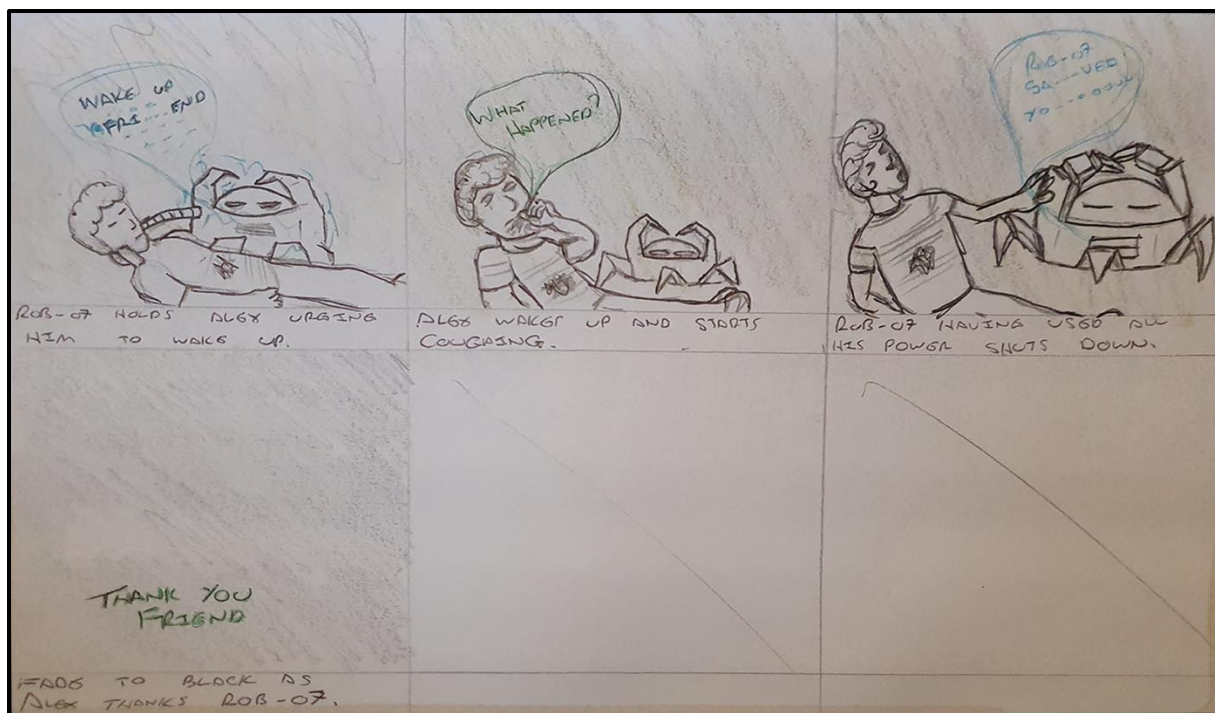
Alex finally awakens, coughing and spluttering, wondering what has happened. R0B-07 explains that he has saved him. With the last of his power, he calls Alex his friend and shuts down.

Storyboard









Script

Castaway Cadet

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FADE IN:

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Opening shot of a dense forest, with the sound of trees rustling in the wind. Suddenly, a loud crash is heard and the camera zooms in to show a spaceship lying in a clearing, smoke billowing out of it.

EXT. SPACESHIP

Cut to outside the damaged ship where a robot is lying on the ground, scratched and sparking. The camera slowly zooms into the robot then cuts to a small screen on the robots armour with text scrolling across.

ROBOTS ARMOUR
"Battle suit V365.12.3...
Currently assigned to ROB-07....
Critical condition.. ejection
protocol activated"

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP - CONTINUOUS

Shot of ROB-07, steam hisses from several sections of the armour and there is a loud CLUNK as the head section is ejected. The now ejected ROB-07 uprights itself and wiggles its small metal legs to assure its working properly.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACESHIP - CONTINUOUS

POV of ROB-07 scanning the environment for threats, then scanning the ship for damages. With no threats detected and discovering the ships cloaking device is still semi functional, ROB-07 activates the cloak and scuttles off into the forest in search of materials.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

ROB-07 is searching through the forest when it hears a branch snap on the ground behind it. ROB-07 spins around quickly pointing its light in the direction of the sound. After a few moments a head slowly peaks from behind a tree

CHILD
(Scared Voice)
Hello... Who.. Who's There?

POV of ROB-07 HUD "Language detection... Earth.. English..
Calibrating.....No threat detected"

ROB-07
Gree..tings I am ROB-07.. ship..
crashed.. in search of parts.
Identify yourself.

ALEX
(Curious)
My name is Alex, are you a...
Real life robot?!

ROB-07
I am ROB-07.. Must. fix. ship.

ALEX
(exited)
I can help! My dad owns a garage
not far from here, we can be
friends!

ROB-07
Assistance... accepted.. What is
Fre..nds?

ALEX
Chuckles, follow me!

ROB-07 follows the child through the forest, we see a small
montage of Alex showing the robot the best places to find
materials. As they search, they begin to form a playful bond

EXT. FOREST NIGHT

On the way back to the ship with some parts the two
companions are ambushed by a 2 agents dressed in black
pointing guns at ROB-07

AGENT 1
Freeze! Identify yourself!

Before ROB-07 gets a chance to react the second agent pipes
up

AGENT 2
Its got a child! Take it out!

As Agent 2 goes to take a shot at ROB-07, ROB-07 turn its attention to Agent 2 shining its light it his direction, the light blinds the agent as he fires, causing him to miss and hit the child in the chest

AGENT 1

NO! What did you do?!

The agents stand there shocked and in silence, ROB-07 looks at Alex's body on the floor and quickly back at the agents in anger. Without hesitation ROB-07 produces a weapon and takes out both agents

POV ROB-07 focuses its attention back to Alex scanning him for signs of life, detecting a faint heart beat he produces two metal arms, picks up Alex and rushes back to the ship.

EXT. SPACESHIP - SUNRISE

ROB-07 rushes towards the mostly repaired ship remotely powering it up, the door to the ship slams to the ground and they go inside

INT. SPACESHIP - DAY

ROB-07 places Alex on the floor and starts frantically looking through compartments, flicking switches and pressing buttons. He then attaches some cables to Alex and to himself and looks towards a big red switch. The switch is positioned next to a glowing crystal encased in glass with a warning, "Power source, DO NOT exceed maximum power," after a brief hesitation ROB-07 pushes the switch as far as it will go.

The power to the ship surges, every light starts to flicker and there are loud warning sirens and beeps going off and sparks are flying. Alex's body starts convulsing with electricity, at the same time ROB-07's life source seems to be draining. After a moment the ships power completely cuts out and so does ROB-07's. The entire ship is left in darkness.

INT. SPACESHIP - MOMENTS LATER

A very dimly lit emergency light turns on and starts to flicker. ROB-07 powers back on but is barely functional, he slowly drags himself over to Alex staring at him with anticipation.

ROB-07
Wake up.... Friend..

CHILD
'Cough' 'Cough' What happened

ROB-07
ROB-07 Sa...ved yo..oouuu

ROB-07 loses the last of his power and powers down, Alex
sits up and hold him in his arms.

ALEX
(Sad)
Thank you. Friend

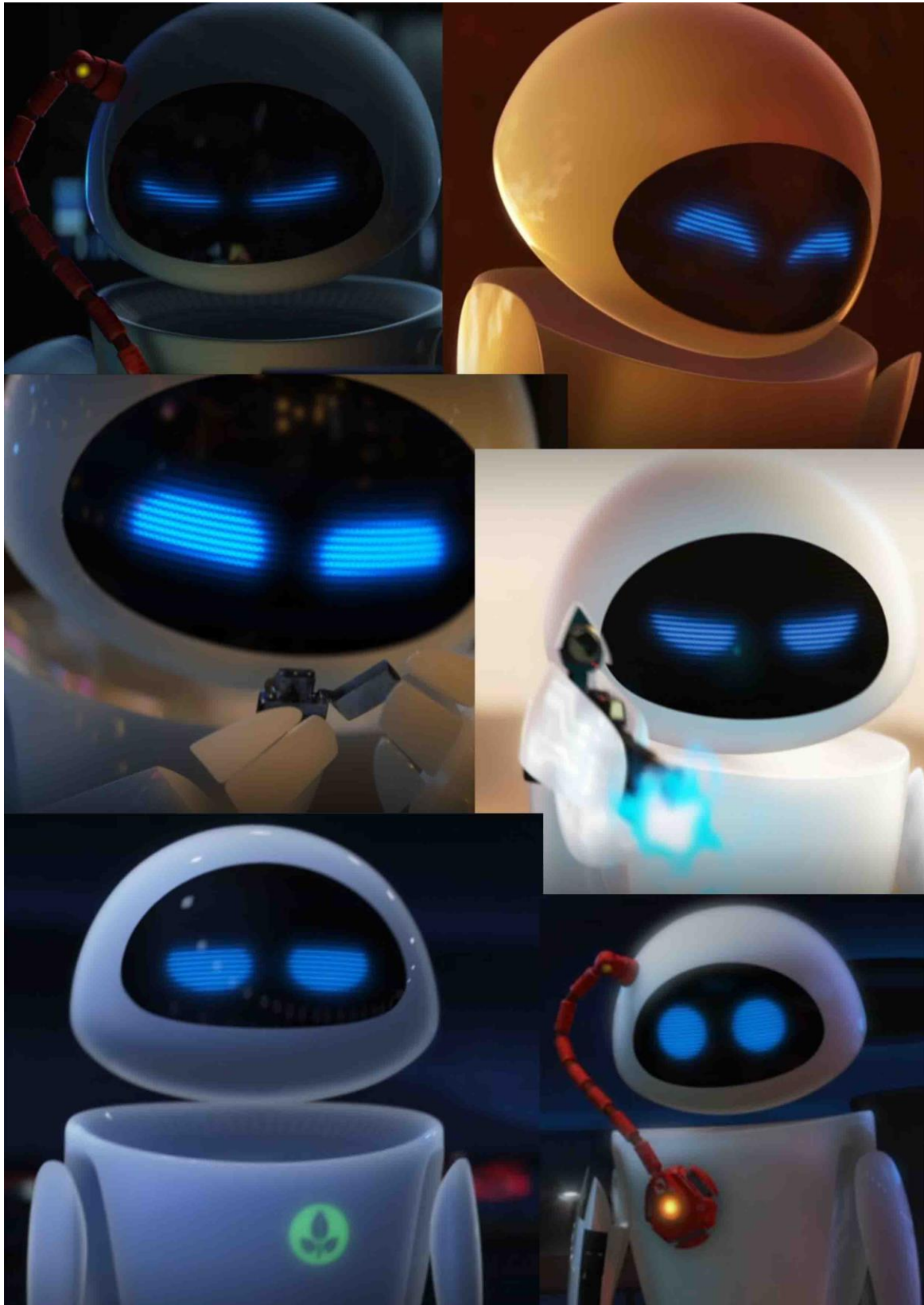
FADE TO BLACK

Mood Boards

Wall-E



EVE



Iron Giant



Spaceship



Spaceship Interior



Forest



Abandoned Garage



Agents

