

*A LITTLE THING
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Short film genres: science fiction, fantasy, near-future design

Screen style: 3D realistic design, 2D anime

Design style: retro sci-fi, rags-to-riches, anti-utopia

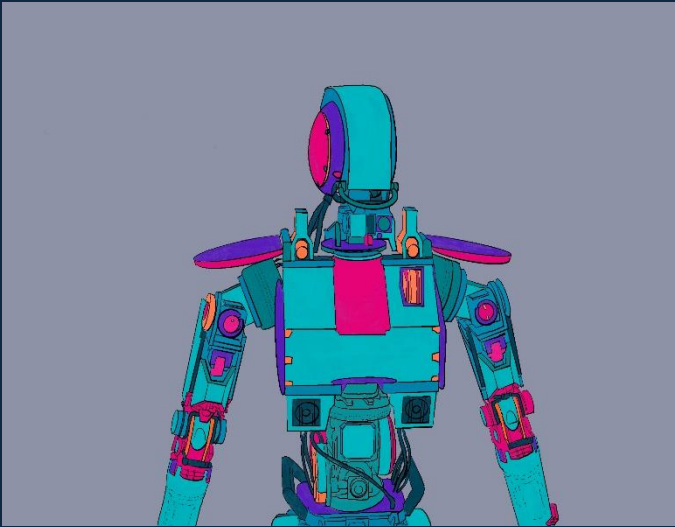
Length of programme: 7 minutes

SYNOPSIS: The edge of the city is a desolate area surrounded by towering cliffs. These cliffs are not natural formations but have been artificially excavated to separate the abandoned areas from the city centre. These derelict areas are forgotten and abandoned by the people and have become a shadow of the society.

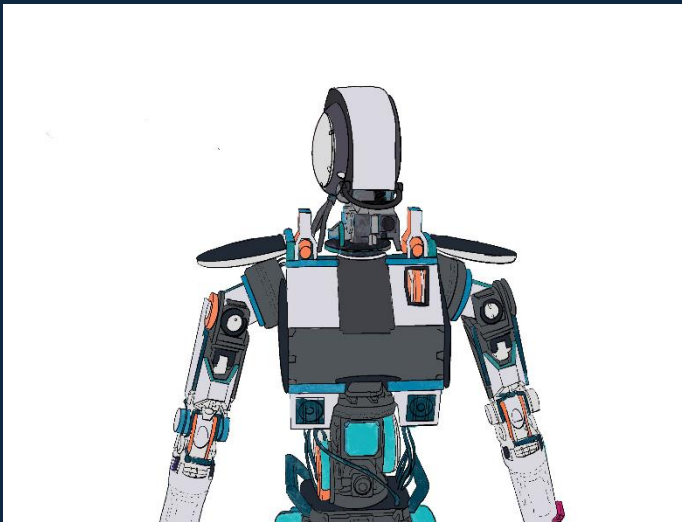
The government is indifferent to the abandoned areas on the fringes, providing no resources or services. The poor residents struggle to survive here, abandoned by society and living in poverty and despair.

Older robots need to constantly recharge themselves due to the age of their models, so they need to sneak into human society to steal mobile power, and many robots have died as a result; the two robot protagonists of the story entered The Outer Boroughs in order to steal mobile power.

Main Characters



"Stubby robots" are industrial robots with thick limbs created to move heavy objects, similar to security robots, which have been discarded due to their old age .



The "skinny robot" is a programming robot with a cable on its arm to connect to a terminal, which was discarded because of its old model.

Story

In the dark of the night, two robots climbed up the cliff, the cliff is surrounded by a high iron net, limbs more stout robot led the other robot to the barbed wire under the fence, skilfully moved away from the wooden planks, the iron net has a break, just enough to enable the robot to pass through.

Inside the fence, there is a post, the two robots advance cautiously to avoid being seen by soldiers and pedestrians, the stout robot led the other robot into a dilapidated wooden house, move the sofa and then there is a door, the stout robot took two pieces of clothing, put them on and opened the door, the two robots just like this through the post.

The two robots carefully through the streets and alleys, reached a mechanical repair shop, the thick robot let the thin robot to unlock the shop door, the two robots entered and began to use the mobile power on the counter for their own charging, but today's mobile power is particularly low, not enough to go back to the amount of backup, the thick robot went to the back of the room to the warehouse to get more power, the skinny robot wanted to stop, but it insisted on going, the skinny robot wanted to stop, but it was not enough to go to the warehouse. The skinny robot tried to stop it, but it insisted on going, and the skinny robot had to follow.

In the process of charging the mobile power supply, the shopkeeper suddenly appeared and kicked the thick robot to the ground, and then attacked the other robot with a knife. The thick robot suddenly climbed up and fought with the shopkeeper, who fainted after being stabbed in the stomach by the knife, and the thick robot was ready to pull the skinny robot to escape from the door, and at that moment, the shopkeeper who had originally fainted suddenly pulled the alarm, and then, when he escaped, many beams of red light shone in the sky. The two robots continue to escape, the robot looked back, several soldiers flew down the red light, it turns out that the red light is the support coordinates.

The two robots in the alley shuttle, the original way back to the cabin, but found a team of soldiers in the investigation of the cabin, it seems that every time they came to the location was found, the two robots had to find a place to hide to avoid pursuit, in the search for hiding places on the road, the skinny robot to see a clothing shop, there is a dress behind the glass cabinet, skirt next to the display screen playing the animated characters wearing the dress in the grassland dance, it is watching fascinated, the stout robot to see a dress, it is the first time to see a dress. The stout robot sees that it is not following him and pulls him away.

The two robots found a basement and hid in it. They had consumed too much power on the way to the basement, and they hadn't taken enough mobile power because they were running away. The stout robot was going to look for the mobile power after escaping from the soldiers outside, so he asked the skinny robot to hibernate in order to conserve power. After hibernation, the skinny robot seems to see a picture of an anime character dancing in a skirt.

The stout robot is ready to go back to the previous mechanic shop to get some more mobile power, the street has been increased with patrols, it passes by yesterday's clothing shop, and after making sure no one is around, it breaks the glass and takes the clothes.

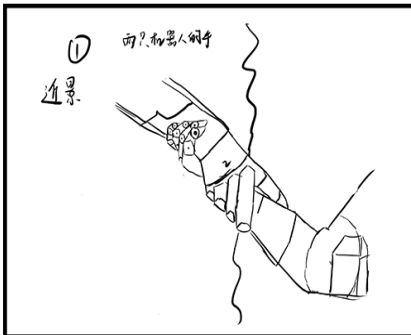
The stout robot arrives at last night's shop, this time it destroys the door lock directly and prepares to grab the mobile power, but when it enters the door there's no one there, so it starts to collect the mobile power into a package, suddenly a few soldiers appear from around the corner and subdue the stout robot.

The skinny robot has just woken up after its dormancy, and wakes up to find that its companion hasn't come back yet, so it puts on its camouflage clothes and prepares to go out to look for it. When it goes out and arrives at the shop, it finds a robotic arm in the doorway, and a skirt on the floor that it saw that day, so it continues to go forward along with the machine parts, and it's caught by the soldiers at the intersection in front of it.

After being captured, the skinny robot and the crippled stout robot see meet at a cliff where all robots smuggled into human society are executed and thrown off the cliff, and as they are executed the skinny robot imagines itself in a dress and falls off the cliff.

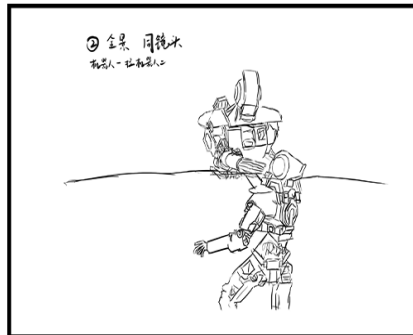
Storyboards

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Close up, two robotic hands grabbing each other

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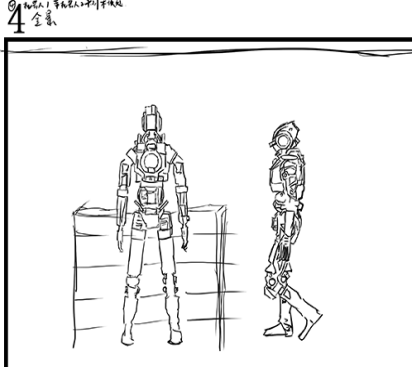


Panorama, burly robot pulls skinny robot up a cliff

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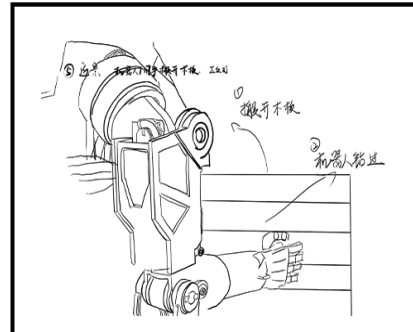


In the distance, the two robots finally climb up the cliff



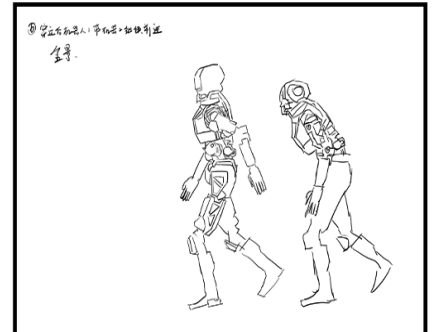
Panoramic view, they reach a plank under the fence

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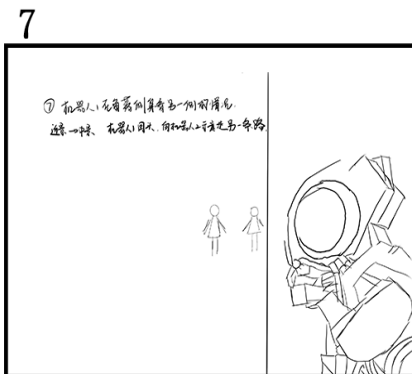


Close up, burly robot moving away boards

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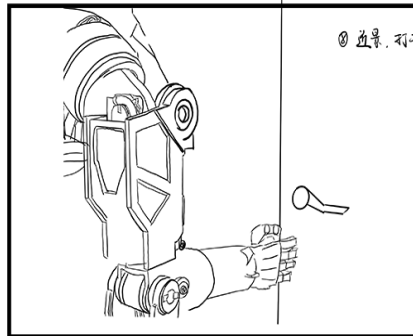


Panorama, through and through, and then the burly robot leads it inside.



Close up to medium shot, the burly robot is careful not to be noticed by others

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Close up. Open the door when you get to the cabin.

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Medium shot, burly robot rummaging through boxes, skinny robot looking around

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Medium shot, burly robot gives clothes for camouflage to skinny robot

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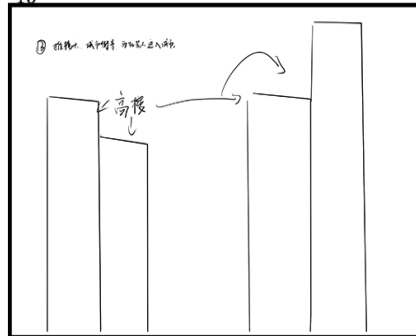
Close up, burly robot moves the couch, behind it is a door

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Medium shot. Getting dressed and opening the door.

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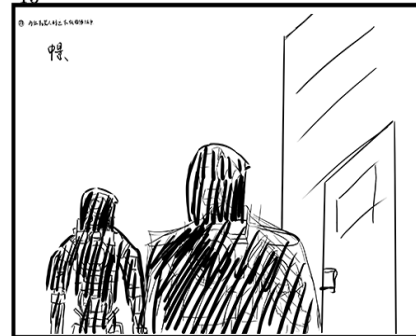
Push camera, distant view, cityscape

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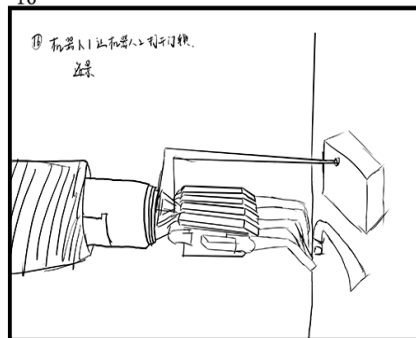


Medium shot, two robots travelling through an alleyway

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Medium shot, at the entrance to the shop,
the burly robot tells the skinny robot to unlock the electronic locks

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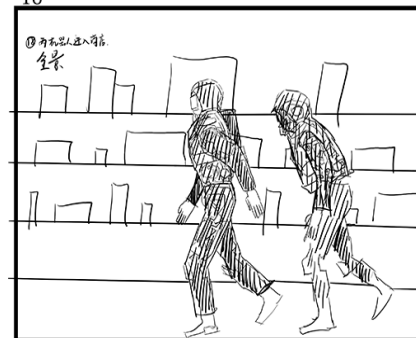
Close up, scrawny robot unlocking itself with the arm's data cable

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Medium shot, open the door and enter

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Panoramic view, enter the supermarket and start looking for a mobile power supply

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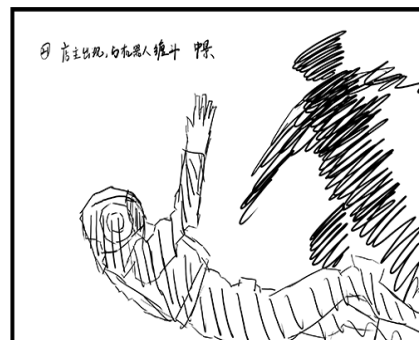
Panorama, burly robot starts scavenging mobile power supplies
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In the centre shot, a figure appears behind the robot
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Panorama, panning, tussling with the shopkeeper
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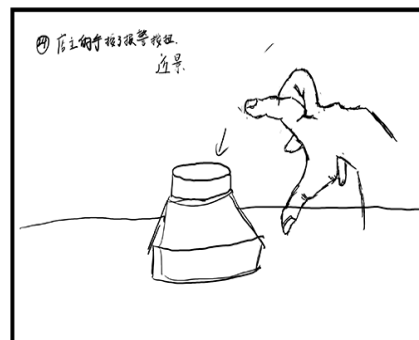


Medium shot. Keep fighting.

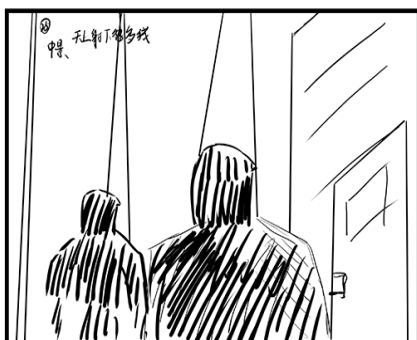
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Medium shot, burly robot pulls companion to escape
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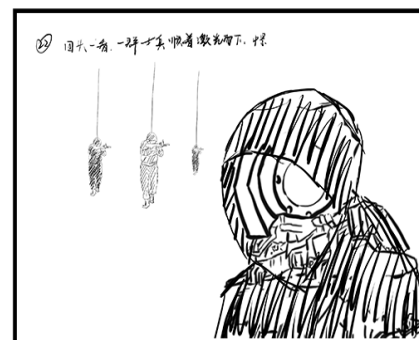
Close up, the shopkeeper reaches for the alarm.
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Centre shot, red light coming down from the sky

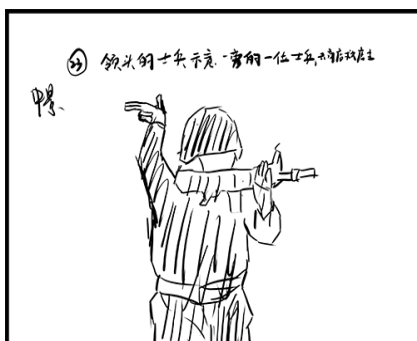


Panorama. Keep running.



Medium shot, looking back, soldiers descending with the light

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Medium shot, the lead soldier signals his men to check on the shopkeeper

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Mid-scene. The two robots continue to run.

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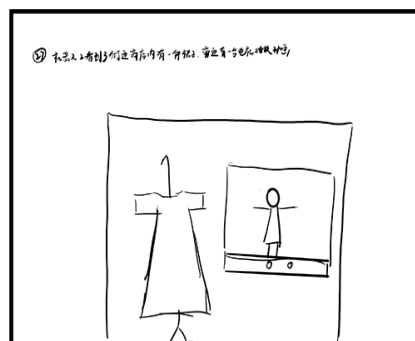
Close up. Soldiers are seen cordoning off the cabin.

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Mid-scene. The two robots had to move on.

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Panorama, the scrawny robot sees a dress in a clothes shop, and an anime character is wearing the dress inside the TV

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Close up, scrawny robot looking mesmerised

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Medium shot, but quickly pulled away by burly robots

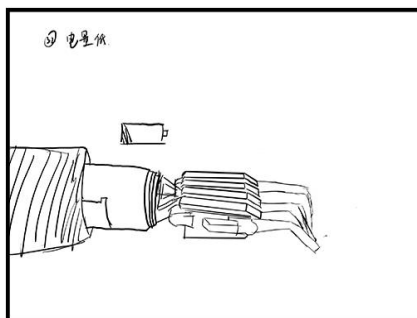


Far view. The two robots have found a hiding place.

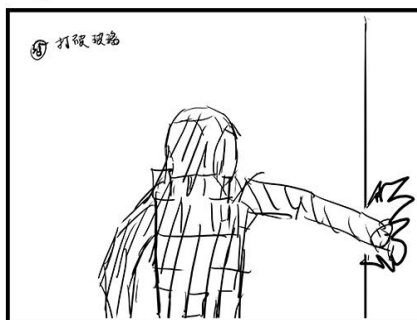


Medium shot, burly robot giving his companion a break

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Close-up of the skinny robot found to be low on power
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Medium shot.. Break the glass.

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Medium shot. Soldiers suddenly appear while walking. It's a trap.

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Medium shot., the burly robot decides to go back and get the batteries on its own
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Medium shot, arriving at the shop, the door is not locked

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Close up, skinny robot from end of hibernation

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Medium shot., the burly robot passes by the clothing shop again,
and it decides to steal the dress



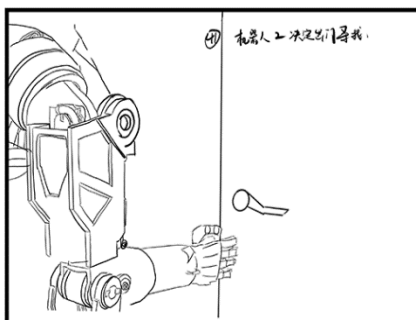
Panoramic view, heading towards the cargo bay of the mobile power supply

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In mid-view, it realised that the burly robot had not returned

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Close up, skinny robot opens door looking for

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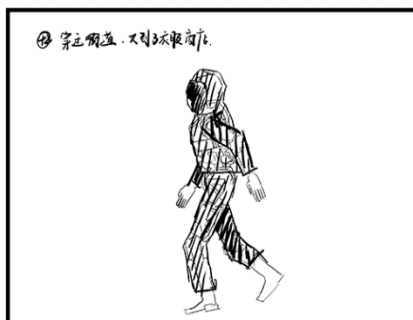
medium term view , it sees the remains of the burly robot on the ground

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Panorama, suddenly knocked to the ground

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Panorama, across the street

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Close up. Wreckage.

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medium term view It sees the broken glass of the clothes shop

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Close up. The robot is surprised by what it sees.