

Nested Storytelling

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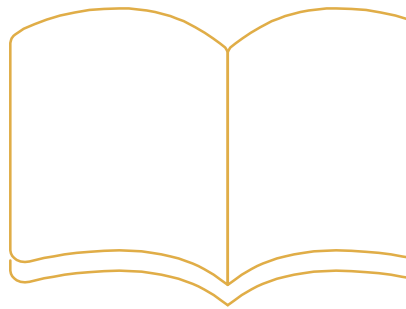
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Aim!

The aim of the project is to study the structures in **Nested Stories** and layering the stories with **Mixed / Cross media**, then impliment it into a linear/non-linear format

Why?

Our **life is not linear, it's connected** with multiple individuals which affects our life and we affect theirs



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Linear

Flow of stories are fixed



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Non-linear

Multiple possibilities or
every time it's different



How it's unique?

It is being claimed that it helps in drawing people's attention

It is capable of blocking obstructions from outer world

This method is also very popularly used in persuasive techniques and therapies

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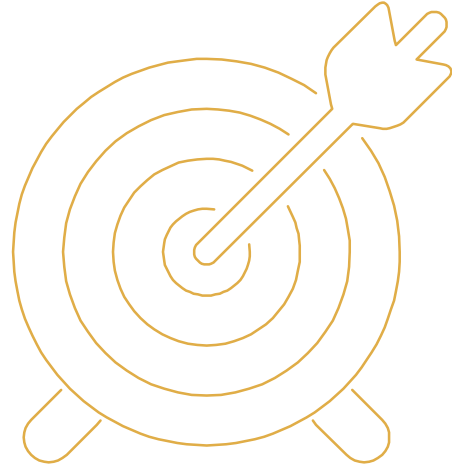
“ “cognitive load refers to the total amount of mental effort being used in the working memory

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Usually affects task
completion



In nested stories
helps in focusing

Intrinsic

Inherent level of difficulty associated with a specific topic

Extraneous

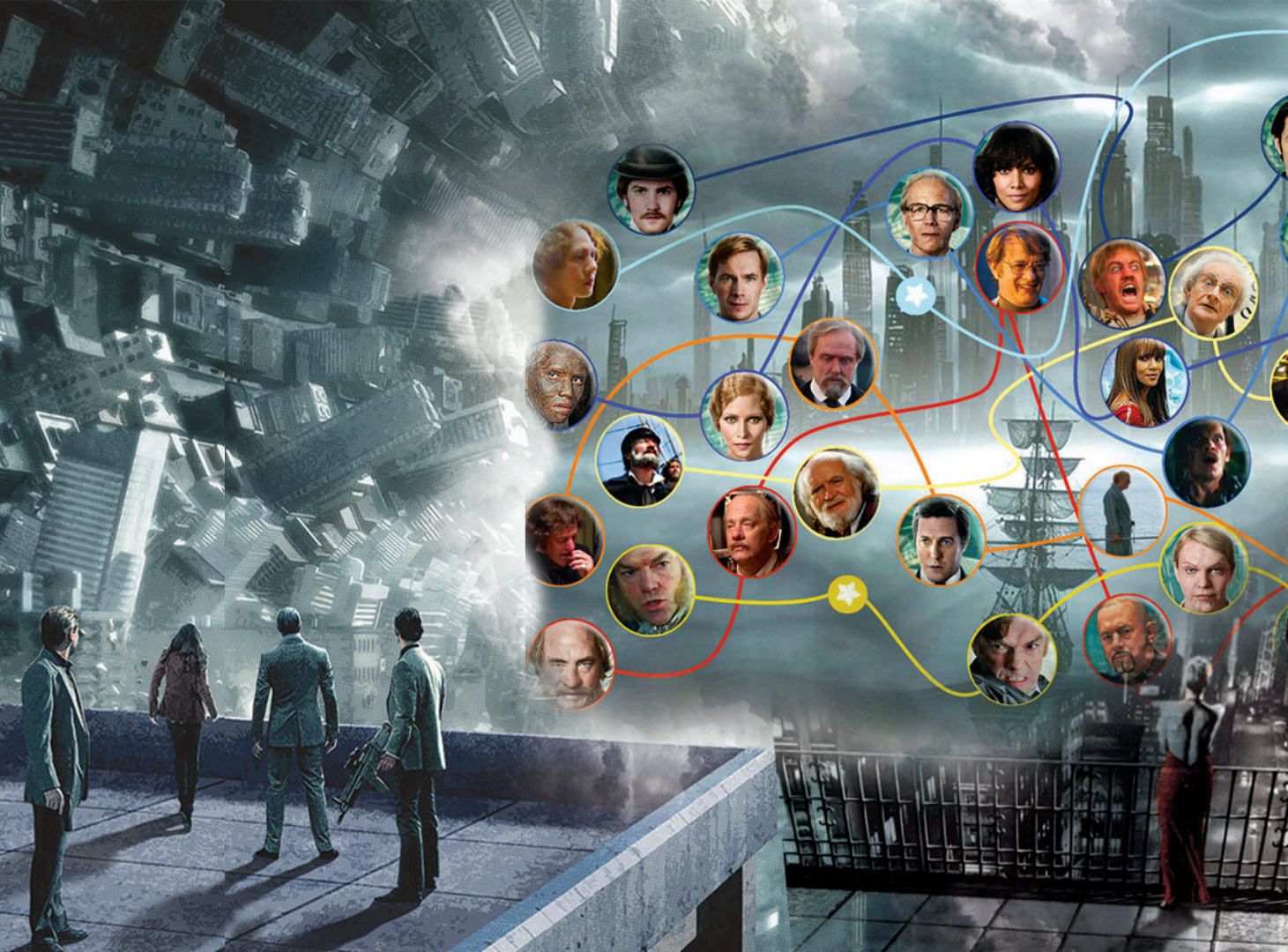
load generated by the manner in which an information has been presented

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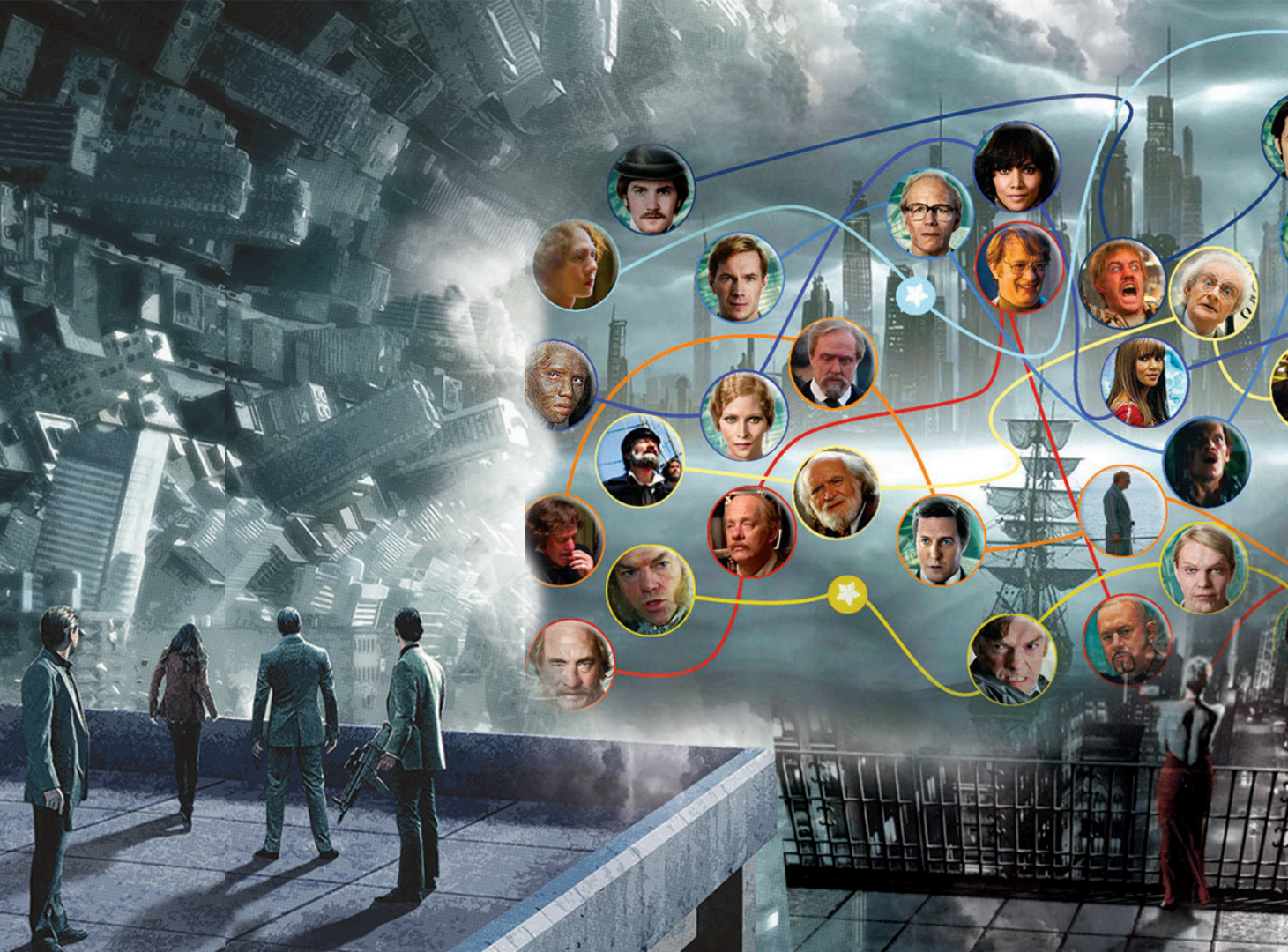
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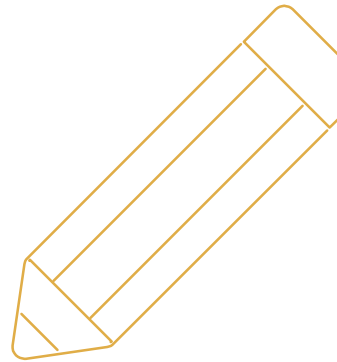
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Cloud Atlas
Inception
Predestination
Sin City
Edge of Tomorrow
Source Code
The One
Outbreak
Bank Run
Stitcher
Lost Cause
Life is Strange
Ramayana
Panchatantra
Hitopadesha



Resurrection
Time travel
Historic events
Astral projection
Dreams
Flashbacks
Crime & Mystery



Initial Concepts

Process • Problems • Concepts

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Mythology - Finding hanuman and Kalki avatar

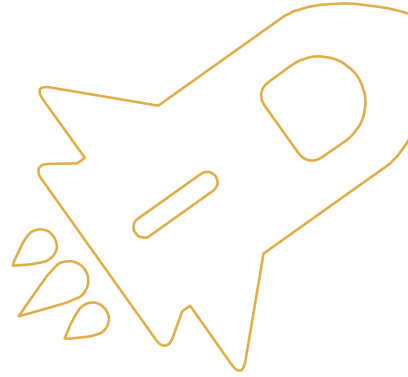
Negative Creativity - Dark side of creativity

Operation Orchard, Operation Kahuta and Project 701

Gamification of Life

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Characters and Prop design
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The Story

Story is about, “how actions of some people keep motivating generations and helps in keeping their ideas and thoughts alive”

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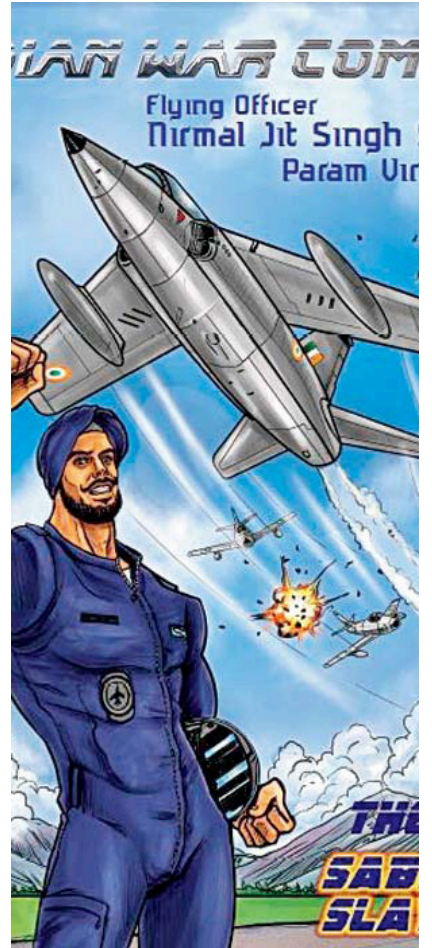
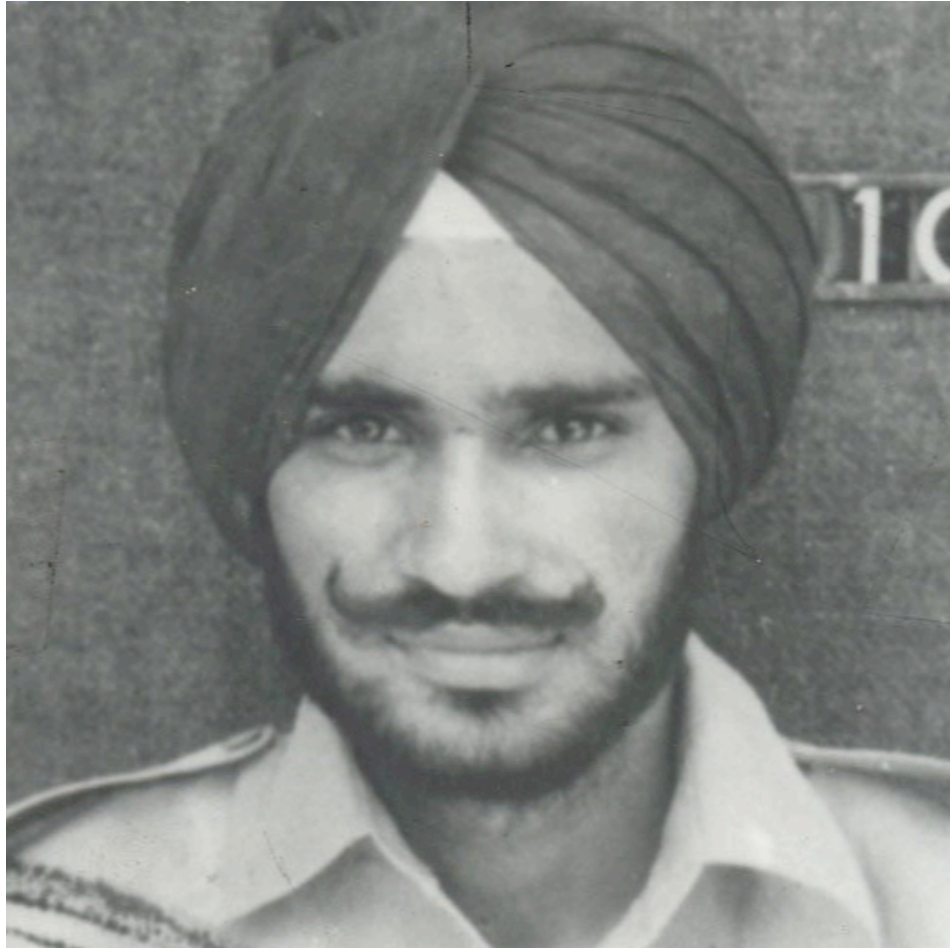
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Facts about

Squadrons and Regiments in Indian Airforce and Indian Army
Equipments and weapons used by them
Uniform and Insignia
Experience of serving personnels



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Protagonist





A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a person's face, focusing on the eyes and forehead. The person has dark hair and is looking directly at the camera. The lighting is dramatic, with the left side of the face (viewer's left) being brightly lit, while the right side is in deep shadow. The word "Protagonist" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the face, over the forehead and eye area.

Protagonist

Protagonist



The image features two soldiers in full combat gear against a black background. The soldier on the left is wearing a wide-brimmed hat, goggles, and a camouflage uniform. He is holding a sniper rifle with a scope. The soldier on the right is wearing a helmet with a night vision device and a camouflage uniform. Both soldiers are facing slightly to the right. The labels 'Sniper' and 'Spotter' are placed to the left and right of the respective soldiers.

Sniper

Spotter



Crowd Characters | Enemies

Initial Sketches

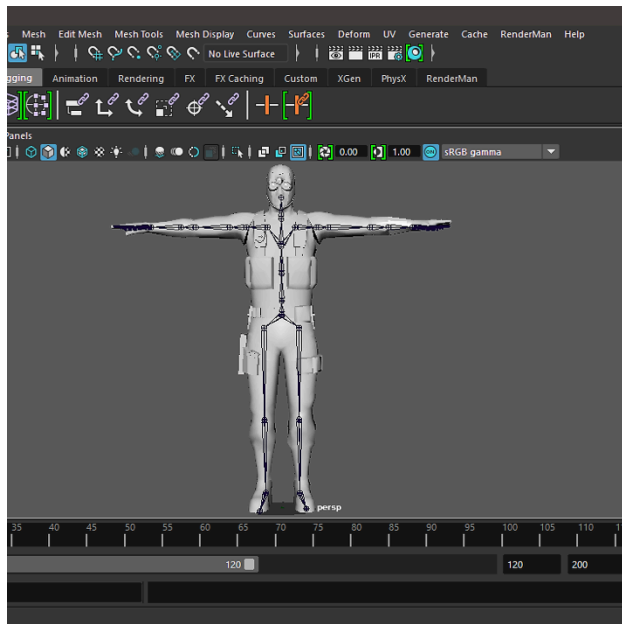




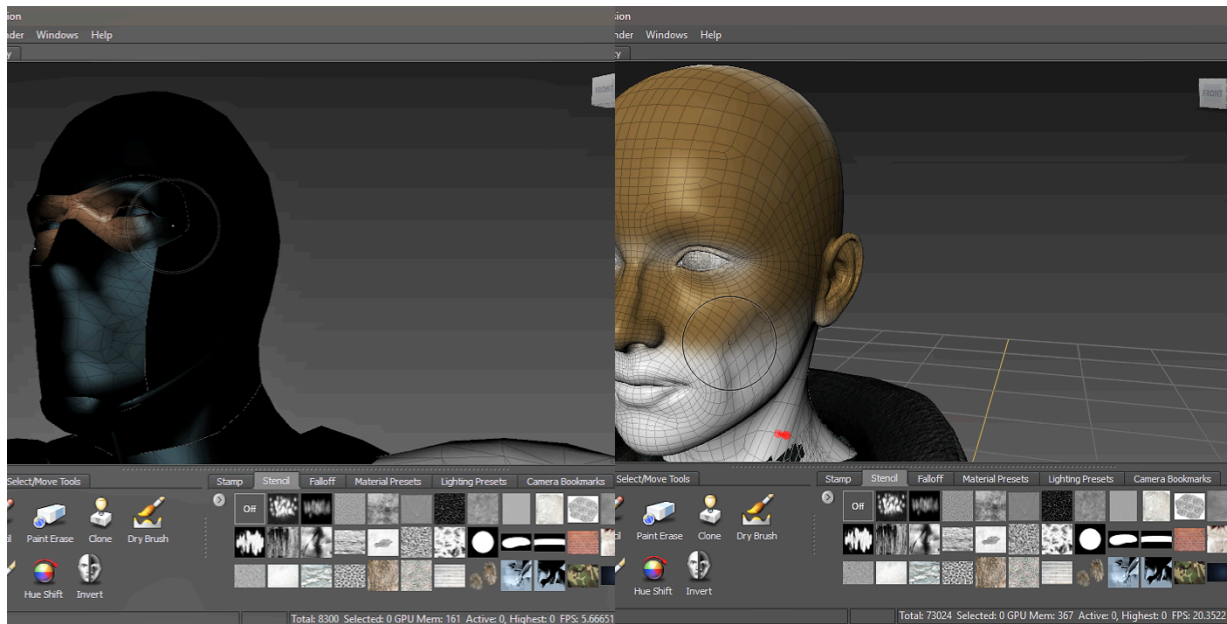
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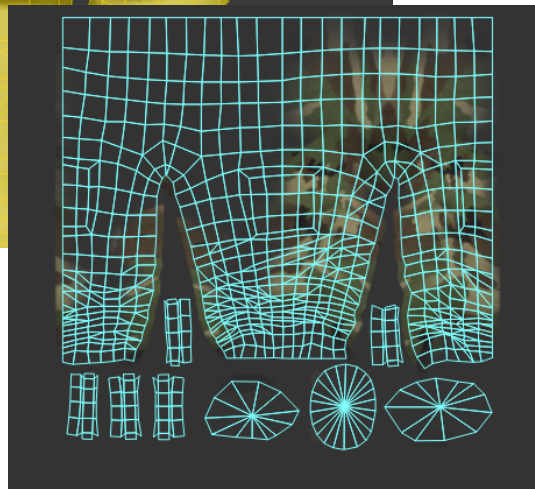
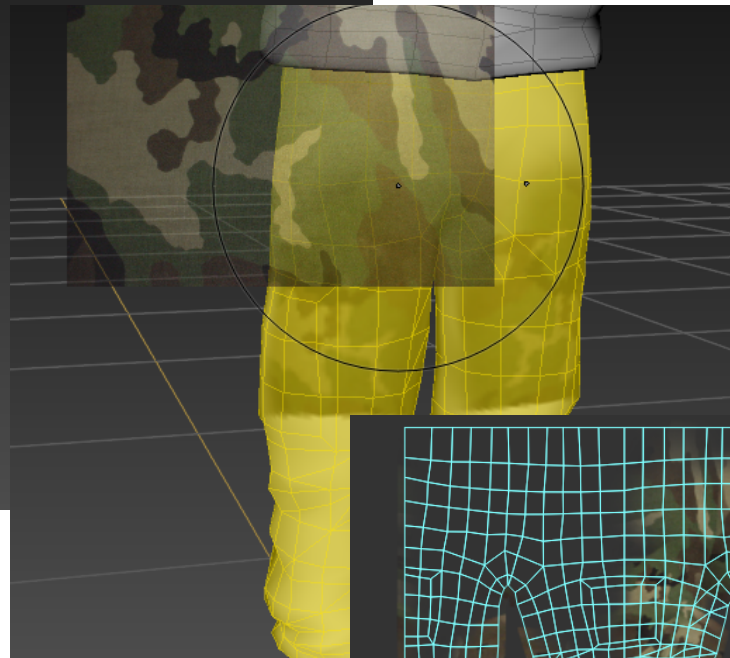
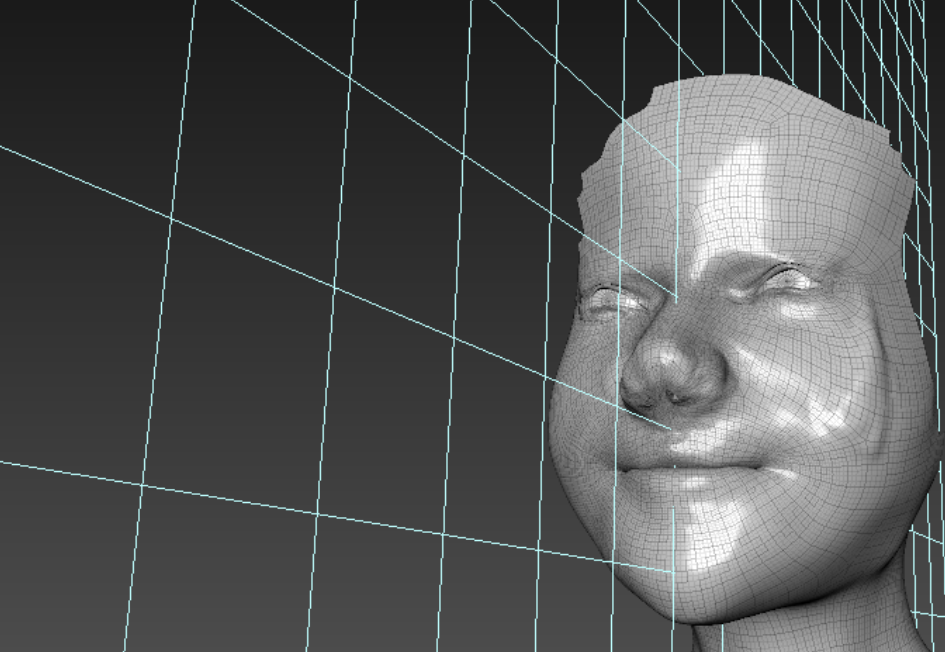
Tools Used

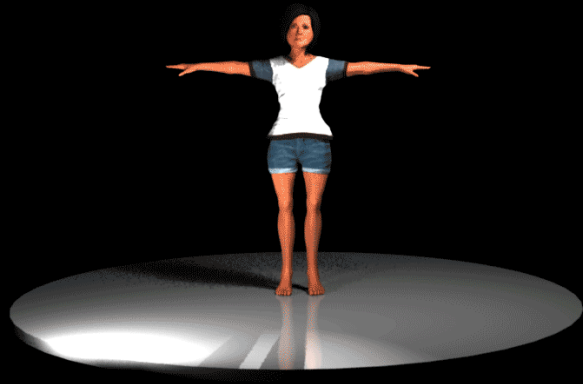


Autodesk Maya 2016



Autodesk Mudbox 2016





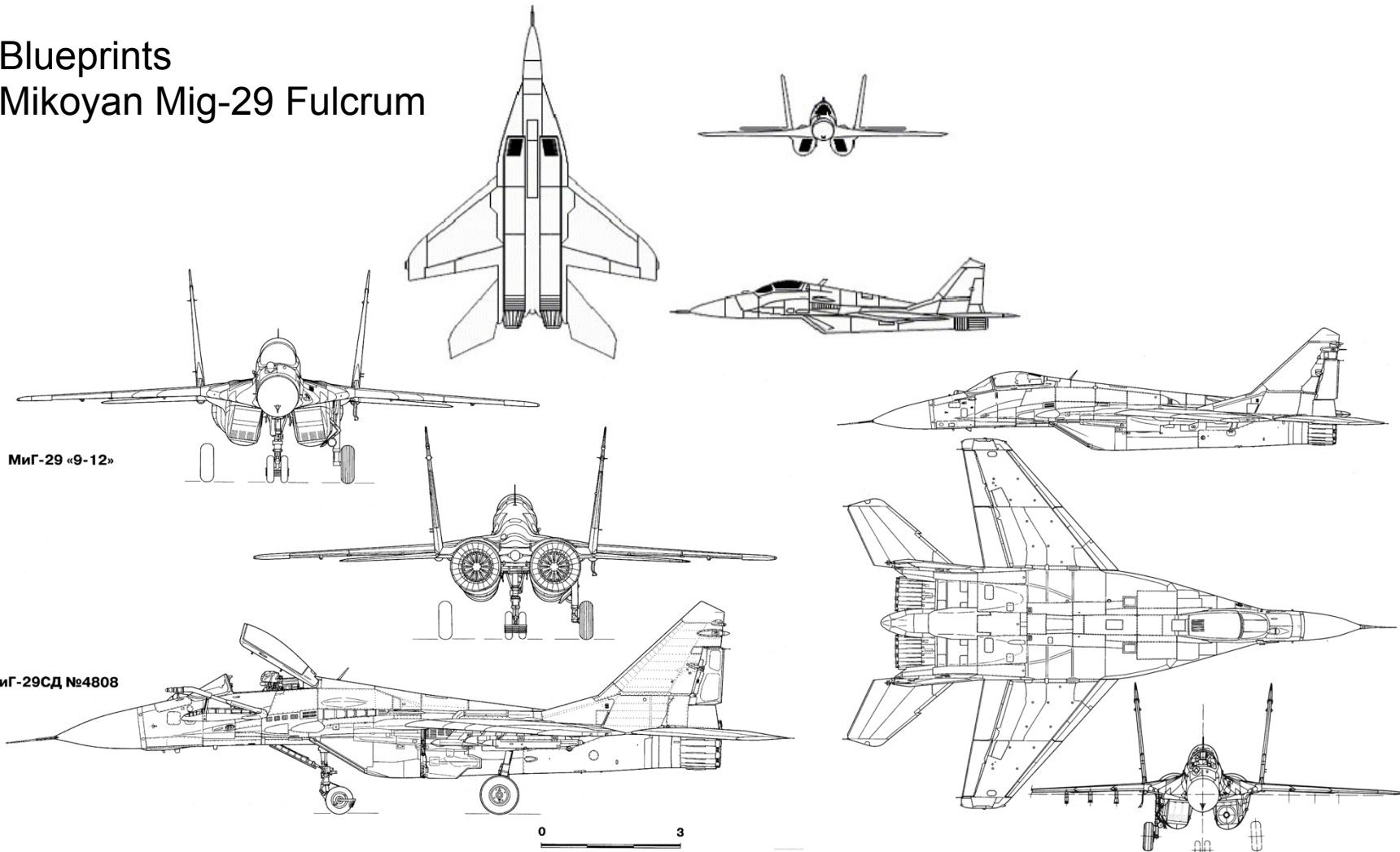
Fighter Jet

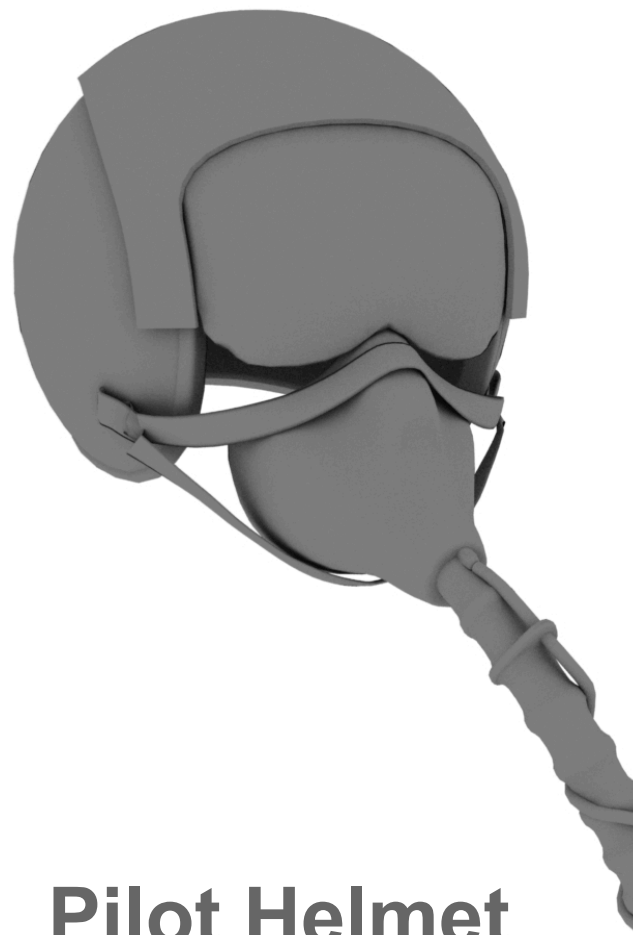
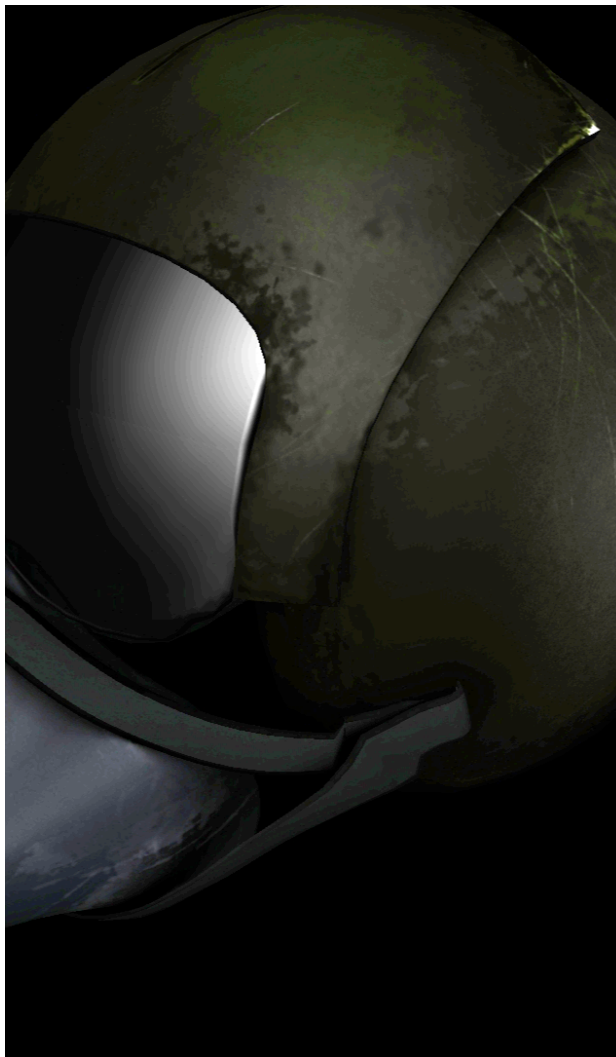
Mikoyan Mig-29 Fulcrum
Multirole Combat Aircraft



Blueprints

Mikoyan Mig-29 Fulcrum





Pilot Helmet



Zittara Multipurpose Carbine



Dragunov SVD Sniper Rifle



weapons



Others



30+ props and models



Others

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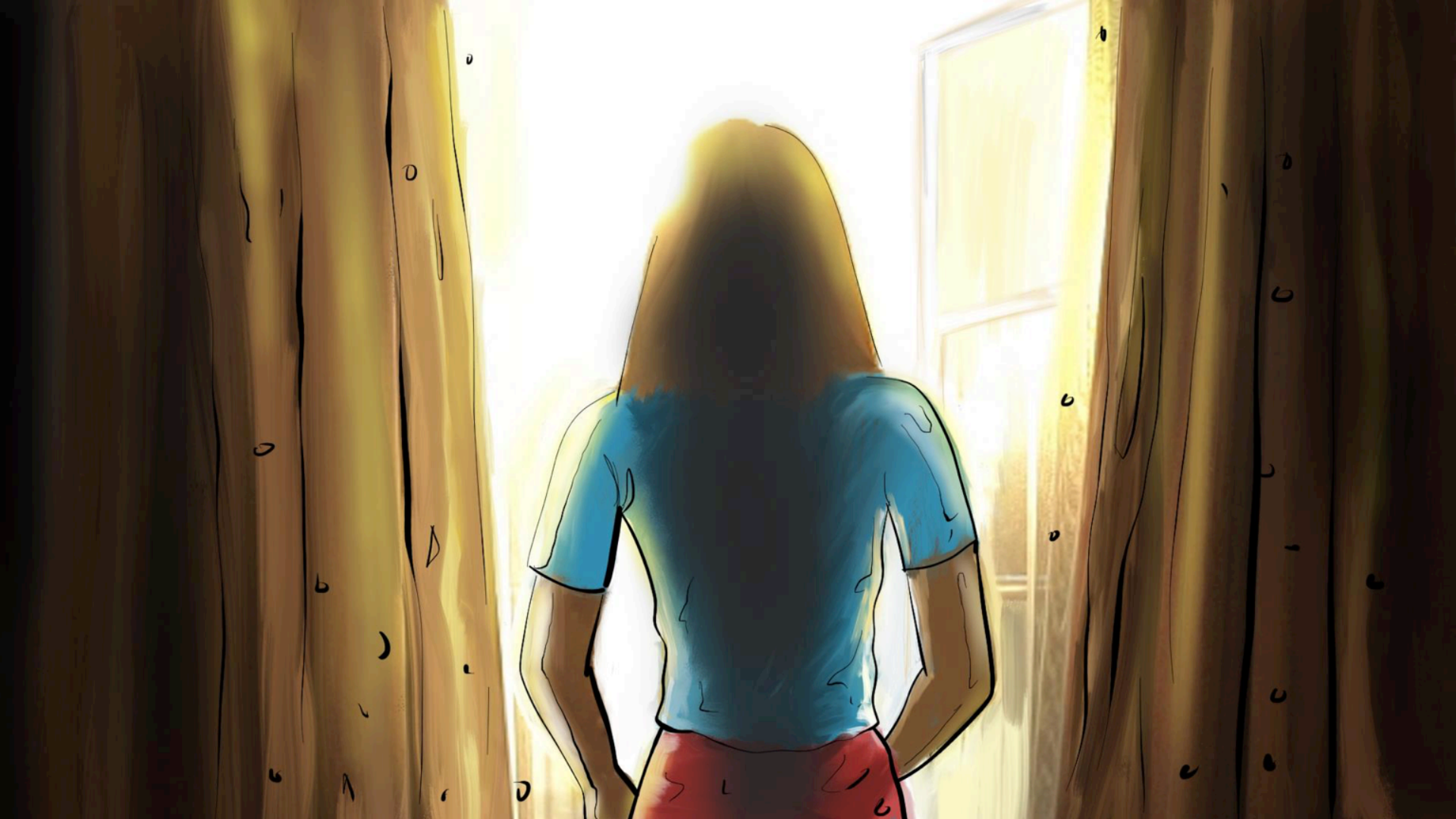
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Mood Board



Concept Art



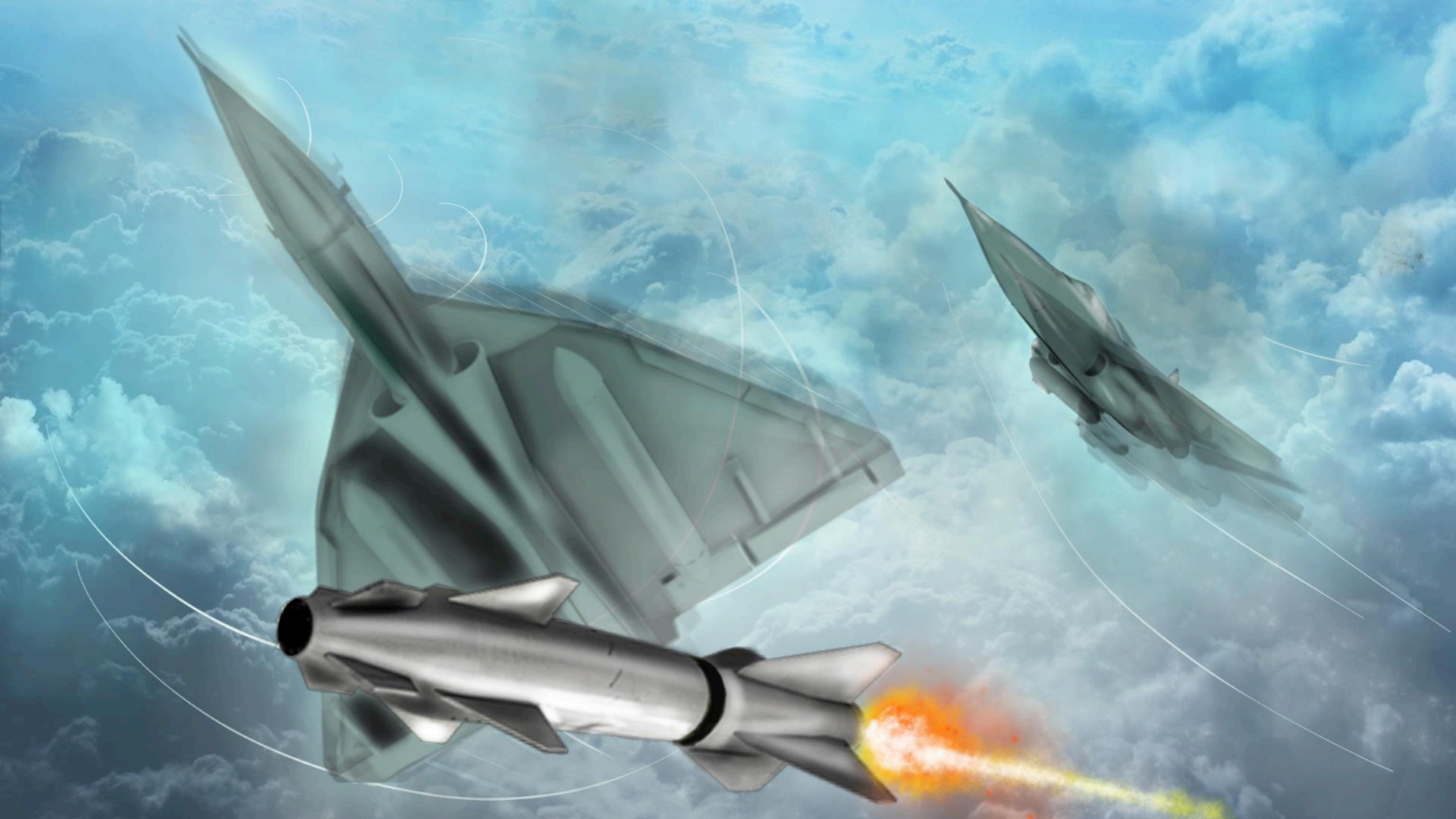








Handwritten signature







Visual Style







A stylized illustration featuring a man in the foreground wearing a turban and a light-colored shirt, looking down with a somber expression. In the background, a silhouette of a person stands against a bright, hazy light source. The scene is filled with floating orange and yellow sparks or embers. A white rectangular text box is positioned in the lower-left area.

AND THIS IS HIS STORY







VFX Breakdown



Further Possibilities

Non-linear format



Video Game
Interactive Movie
Interactive Game Movie



Narrative Design

Mission
Complete



Call for
Extraction

Creating story elements based on user navigation

Decision Making

Tell a lie

Be honest

Perspective



Switch Stories



An Interactive movie doesn't mean overwhelming the user with tons of options, informative prompts and complex navigation. It should be as close to a normal movie watching experience while the interactive elements should enhance the overall experience, rather than deviating user from the story.



Inspiration for the user's navigation during movie, has been taken from Honda's, "A Double-Sided Story".



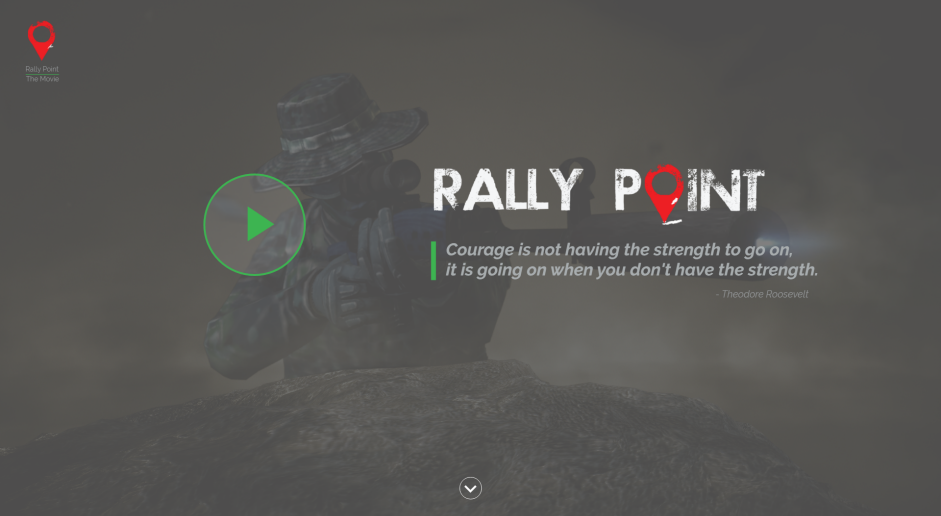
Press "P" to
switch stories



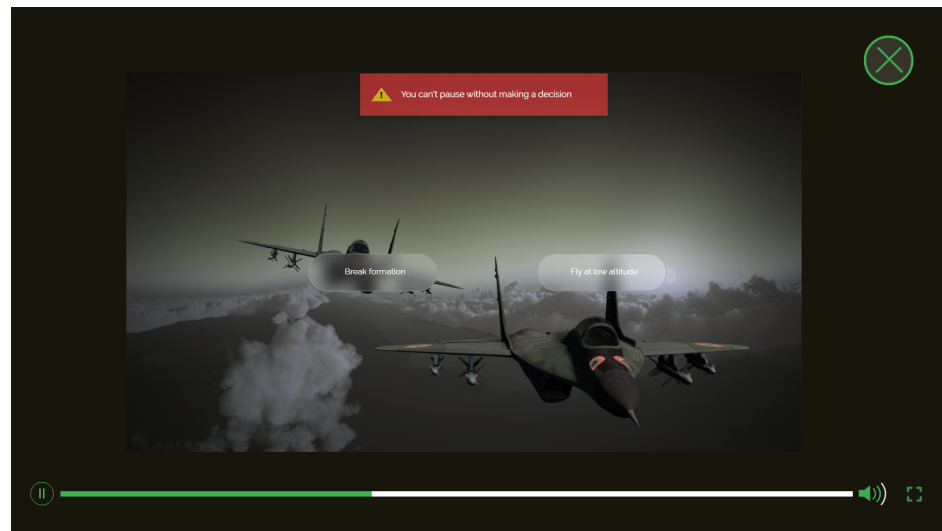
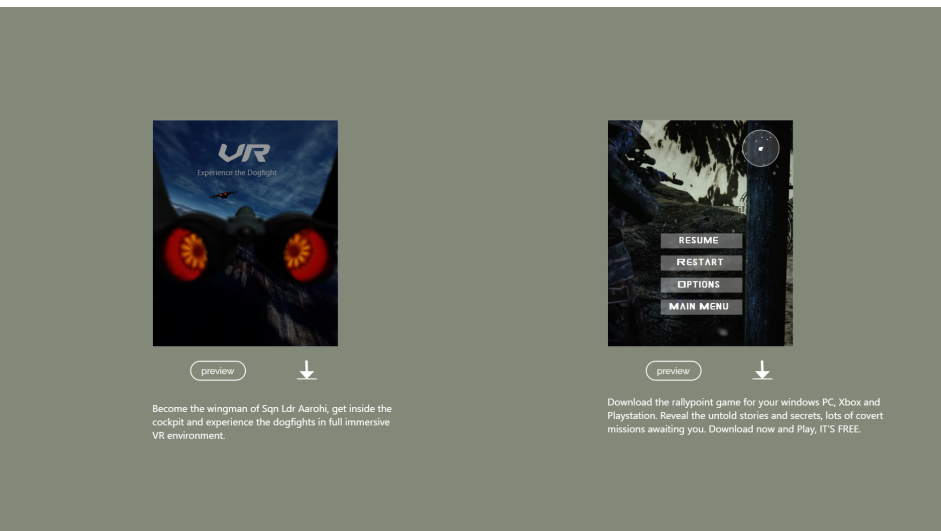
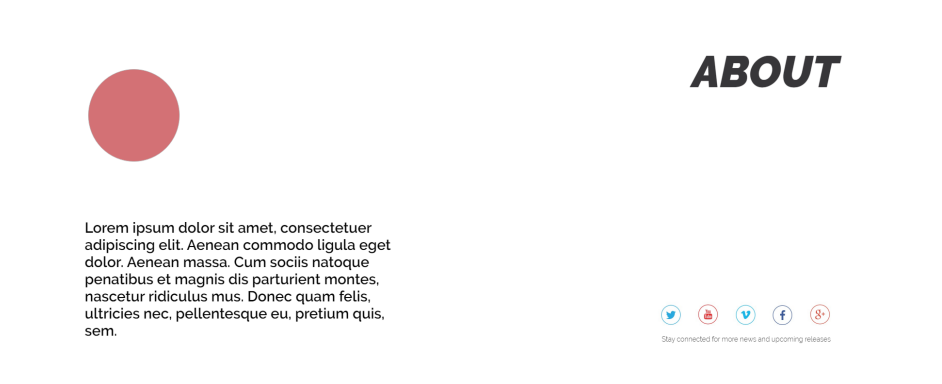
User will be provided with some
action based choices, which can be
selected using Left and Right arrows



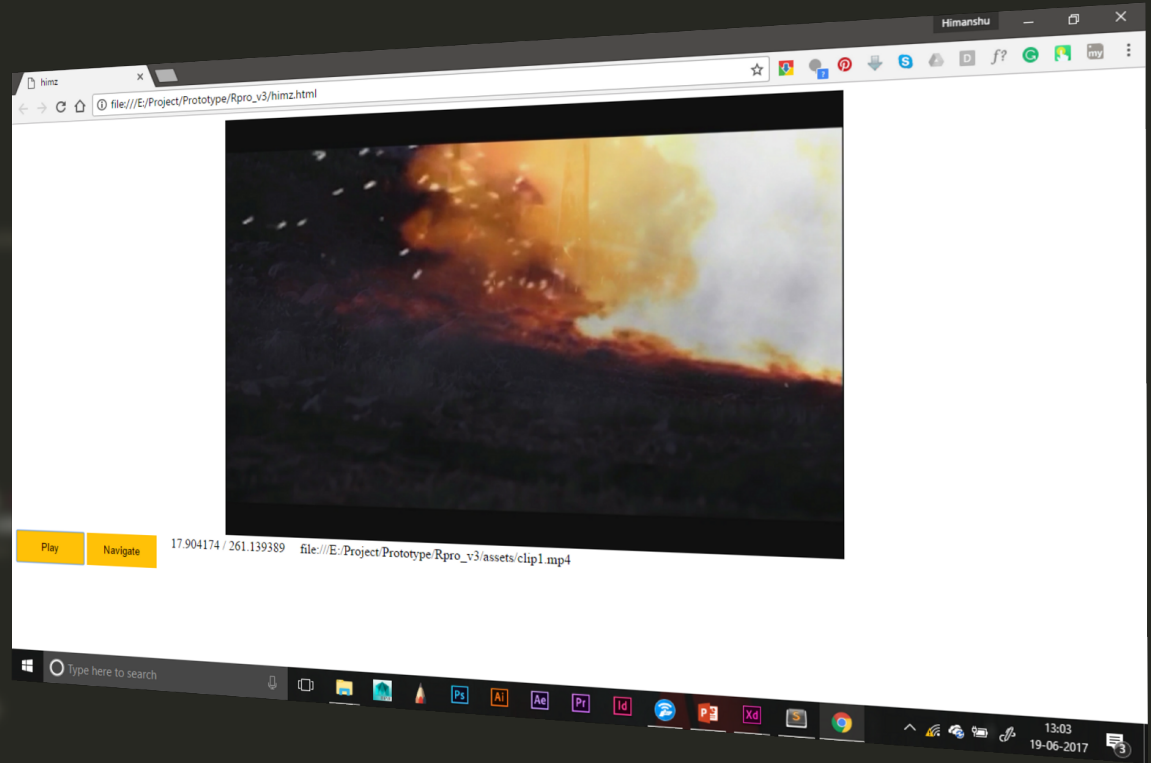
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Narrator	Vivek Paul		



Prototype



Thank you

Link to all references [here](#)