Developing Compelling Vampirism Through Creature and Character Design

End of Project Presentation

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Deliverables

Main Character (player role)

- Journalist with eventual role of amateur detective
- Mid to late 20s, male with average physique with no supernatural abilities
- Hiding/running mechanics, can obtain powerful effects using fictional drug which has gradual negative side effects within gameplay

The Enforcer (Brute Enemy)

- Authority role that gets in the way for players
- Extremely strong and intimidating where they maintain the polished façade of the city
- Found in industrial/factory environments where they police workers
- Inspired by plague doctors with modern/futuristic input

The CEO (main/final boss)

- Corporate owner responsible for vampiric threat
- Elegant presentation with oddities
- When aggravated or violent, features become more grotesque
- 'Top of the food chain' in narrative, fills in royalty role that is in control of fictional city

The Formula/Drug

- Driving force for vampirism in the fictional world
- Heavily advertised as a health supplement with varying results depending on quality
- Cheaper variations give harsher and detrimental side effects with addictive properties

Grunt Enemies/NPC's

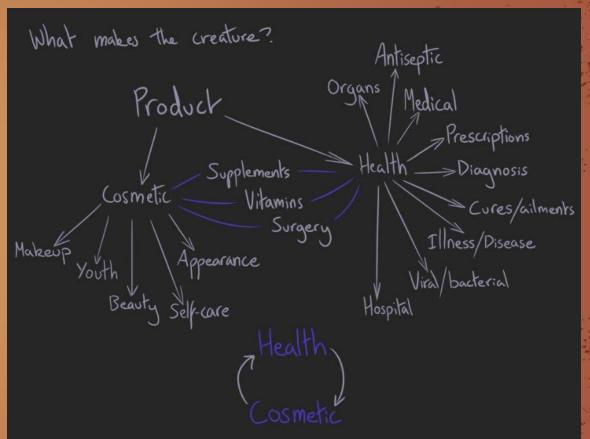
- First initial enemies for players, introduces the horrific side effects and begins investigative role for main character
- Outwardly suffering worst side effects with contorted body parts
- Either aggressive obstacles for players or rigid husks of humans

The Presenter (Boss role)

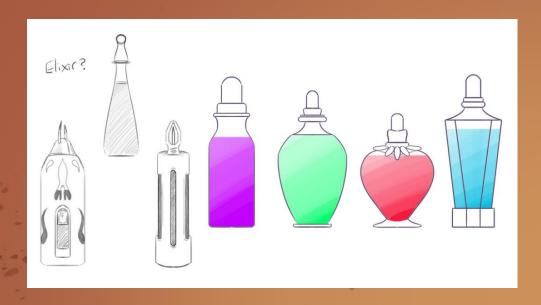
- Figurehead role which plays hand in aggressive advertising in world
- Camera ready with oozing charisma with underlying eerie elements
- Manipulative that is easily angered with abnormal abilities

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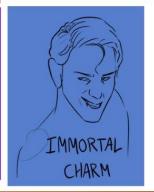


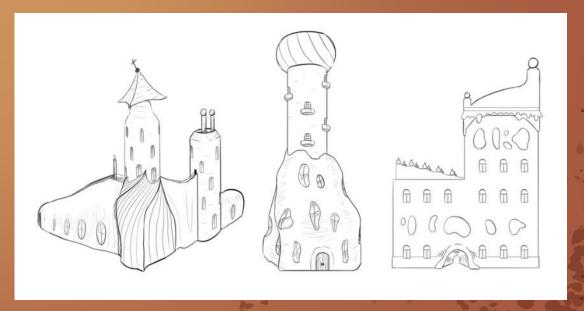






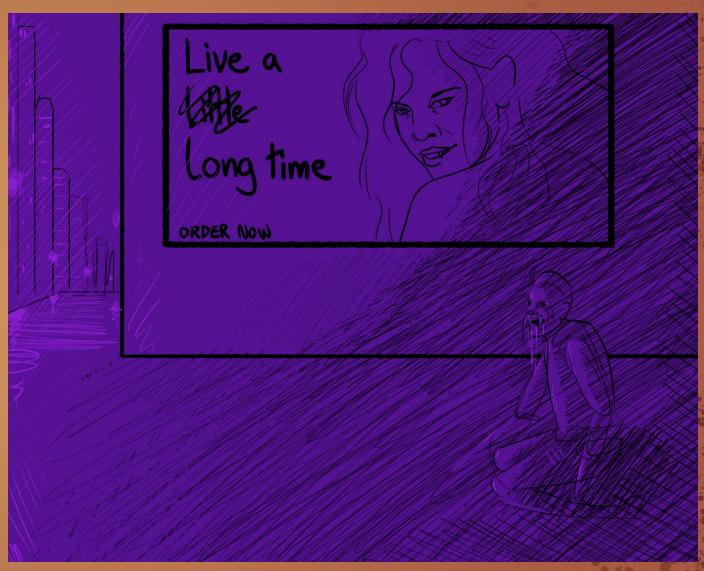




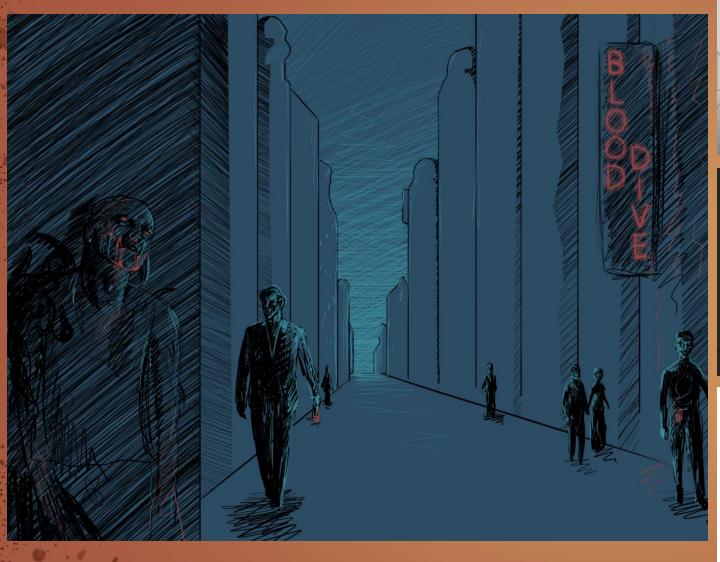


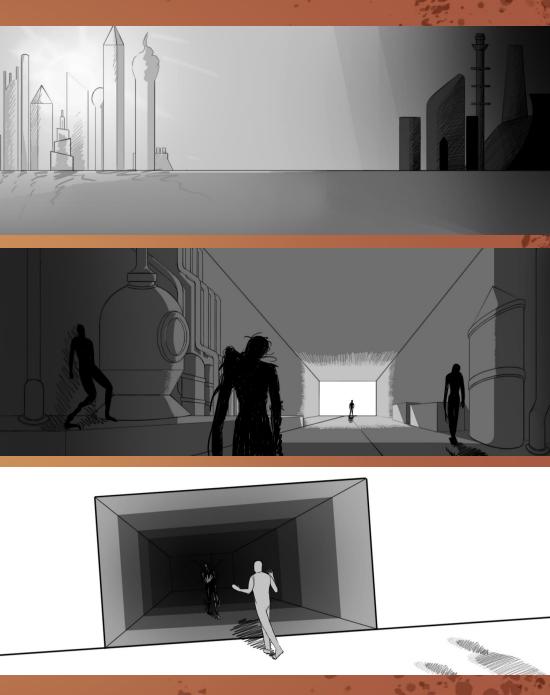


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Industry Inspirations













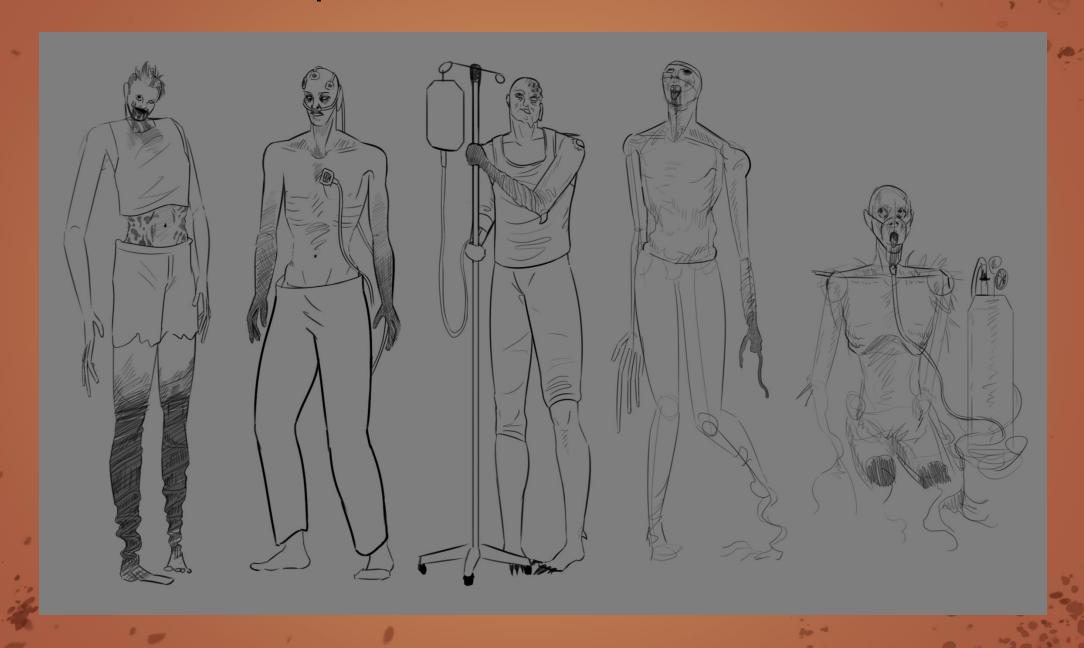


Creature Development

Bluesky phase where I explored a mix of traditional features and amplify specific points of interest



Creature Development – Grunt/Infected NPC's



Character Concept Development - Enforcer









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Expansion on possible medical character or female version of the 'brute'

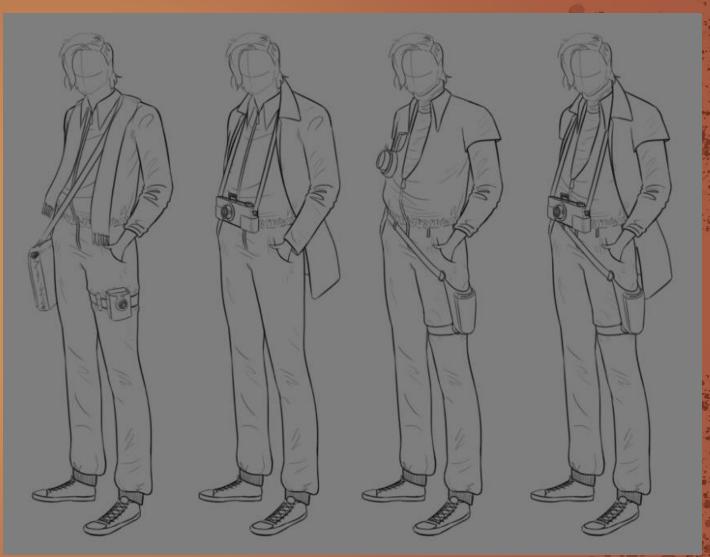
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Transformation exploration, concept design for the disease and villain characters relating to 'hematophagy' - connecting with anatomy of moths and butterflies

Character Concept Development - Main Character

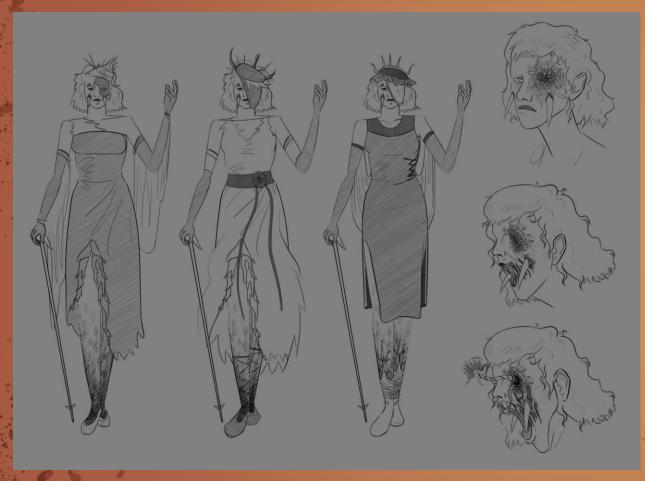




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What Can I Learn From Industry Standards?

Exploration of Art Style Shared Utilization of Imaginative Ideas and Real World Research

Importance of Post Production Work

Future Plans

Breakdown of Drug Effect
Explore different stages of the
'disease' to gauge at varying effects in
each character/creature type and how
that would theoretically have direct
impact in game mechanics for
player's focal interest

Further Exploration of
Butterfly/Moth Influence for
Character/Creature Design
When deliberating on interesting ideas
for the CEO character, take the
opportunity to explore the vein idea
and how that can not only elevate the
horror influence but consider the
parasitic effects of this version of
vampirism (ie, veins running
throughout the dress, treating clothing
as a second skin that directly
influences behaviour of character)

Product Development and Advertisement

Alongside needed development of worldbuilding assets like in-game advertisement, crucial development and 'marketability' of the product needs fleshing out when I want to maintain the detective element for the genre.