

SpK Mats

by Cece Manias

About

Spookmates is a short story about a ghost struggling to find their place in the world, when one day their living roommate is suddenly able to see them.

The story is aimed at a young adult/college aged audience, and deals with issues such as finding yourself chunked into a society not necessarily built to account for you.

Spookmates exists currently as a stand alone short film, but can also be expanded upon in further films.



Yuuri

Yuuri, our main character and not-so triumphant “hero” is your everyday ghost, struggling to find their footing in dead society. While friendly, they’re very awkward and have always felt lost and alone. They spend most of their time either whiling away in their apartment, or dialed in to making art at a local studio. While they dislike thinking about their living life and death, they can’t help sometimes but miss it a little bit. Things get weird, however, when they can suddenly interact with their roommate, Winchester.



Yuuri

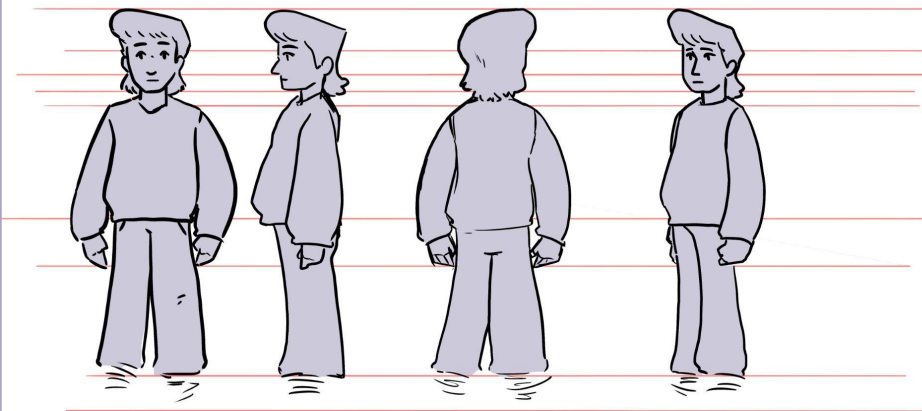
Yuuri

Expression Sheet



Yuuri

Turnaround Sheet



Winchester

Winchester is Yuuri's "living roommate" though technically, their apartments just so happen to line up on the living plane and spectral plane. He's a nice and typically laid back dude, but often bottles up his turmoil and struggles. He's never been able to see Yuuri, and Yuuri can only make out his general shape when they're around each other, up until Winchester faces a near-death experience, and suddenly he has to come to terms with his apparent roommate.



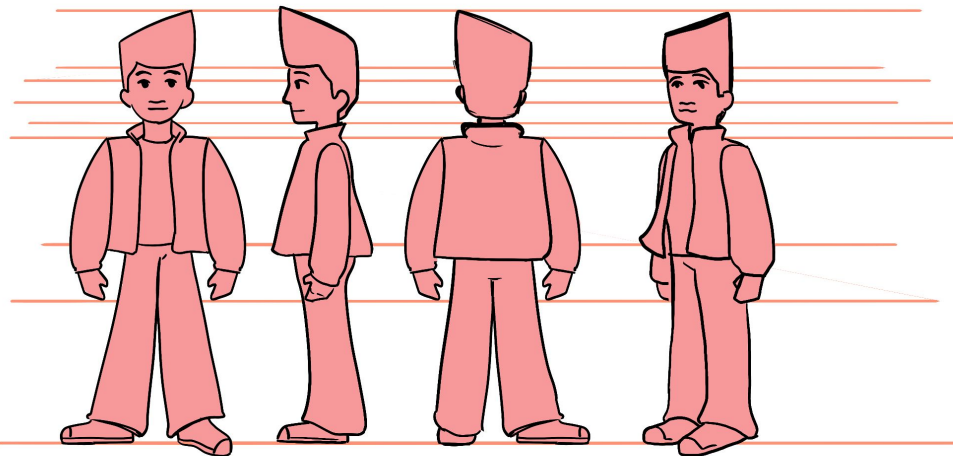
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Winchester Expression Sheet



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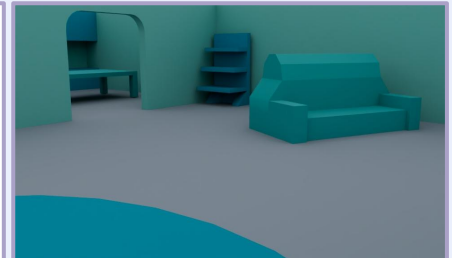
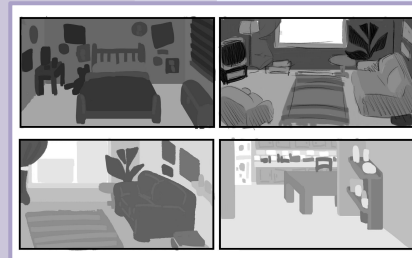
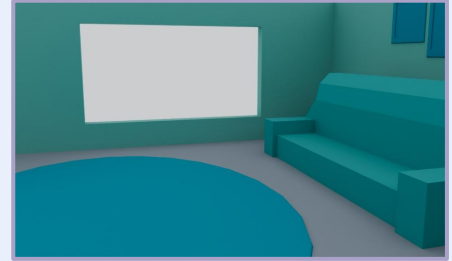
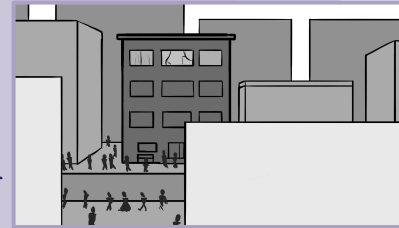
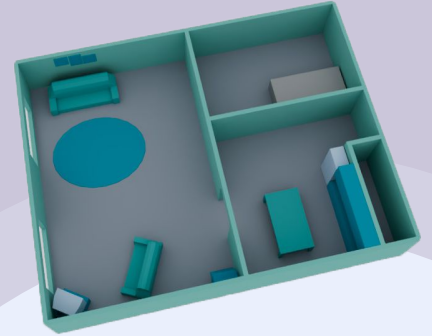
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The Apartment

The apartment that Yuuri lives in is in the middle of Spectralville, a city with no particular boundaries and lies above no particular city on the living plane, but it just so happens to align with Winchester's. When Yuuri isn't at the workshop, they are almost definitely here.

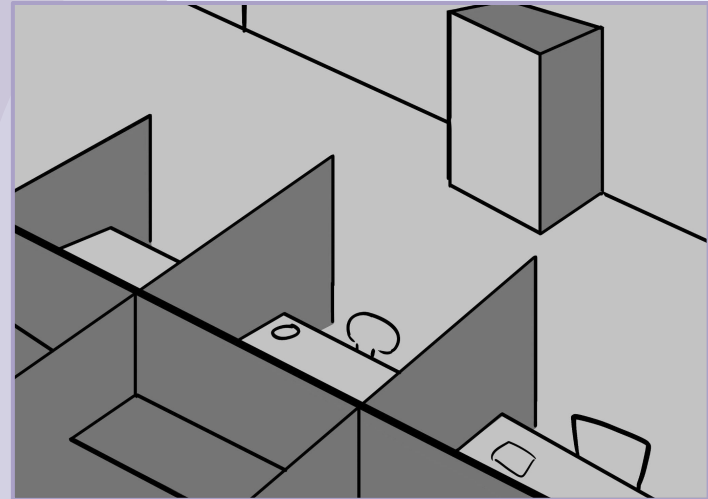
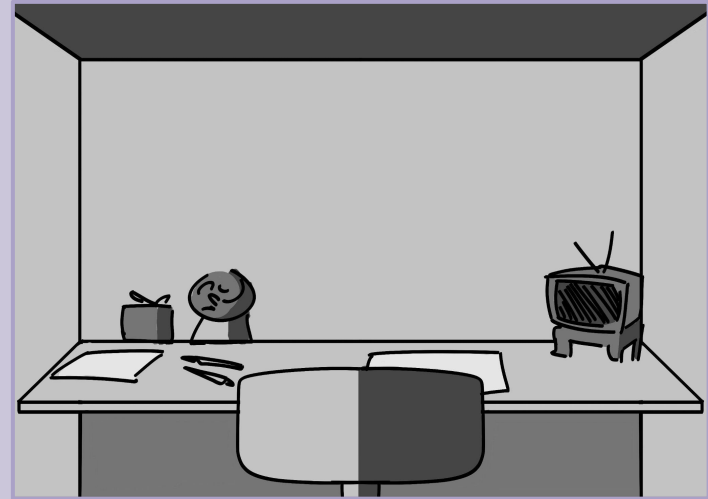
The apartment is reminiscent of the 90s, or rather what their apartment looked like when they were alive.



The Workshop

The workshop is a nearby studio that Yuuri spends much of their time at, working on art and such. It operates like a sort of co-op, but it has no real owners or management, and there is always a space open for anyone interested. Many ghosts find themselves interested in these sorts of studio spaces, but many more than often typically just use the place to network or to loiter with friends.

The workshop, while looking like a regular building, is in fact infinitely expansive, depending on how many people are operating in it at a given time.



About the Artist

Hello! I'm Cece Manias, a 2nd year going into my final year at Bowling Green. I am a digital arts major in the BFA program here, with an interest in animation, particularly 2D animation.

For years, I have had a fascination with ghosts and ghost stories, and have wanted to bring more of my personal experiences and life into my art and stories. Spookmates is a story drawing from my experiences, and particularly about navigating a world you struggle to fit into and understand the nuances of.



Animatic

<https://youtu.be/BAGosDOdRzs>