



THE ADVENTURES OF
LUPITO AND
HANK THE TANK

A 2 MINUTE, 2 DIMENSIONAL PUPPET ANIMATED FILM
PITCH BY SOFIA ROSE DENISE

FOREWARD:

Last year, I had the pleasure of visiting my uncle and meeting his two dogs.

Lupito is the itty-bitty one. Hank is the big boy trying very hard to fit on my lap.

Having never owned a dog before, I couldn't believe how energetic and silly they were. Lupito and Hank lived every day like they were starring in their own personal cartoon.



BUT WHAT IF THEY ACTUALLY WERE?

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LOGLINE:

When a dog owner leaves his window open, Lupito and Hank the Tank decide to make their escape and attempt to taste Delicious Forbidden Human Pizza.

THEME:

You can do anything you set your mind to, as long as you're willing to get a little silly with it.



SYNOPSIS:

Lupito the Chihuahua and Hank (the Tank) (The French Bulldog) begin their adventure when their owner, Brandon, leaves his apartment window open on the way out the door. The delicious smell of cooking food from the pizza place across the street tempts the dogs into making a daring escape.

Their path is blocked by an irate waiter, Antoin, who takes the “no pets allowed” sign on the door very seriously. Lupito and Hank try bribing and then intimidating Antoin, but to no avail. The dogs are stumped until Lupito spots a long coat and a hat that a previous patron had left behind.

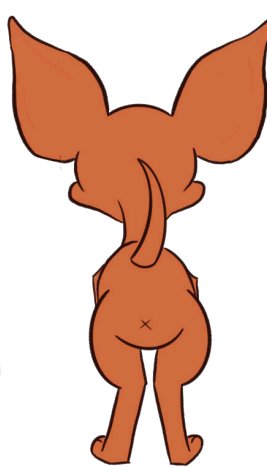
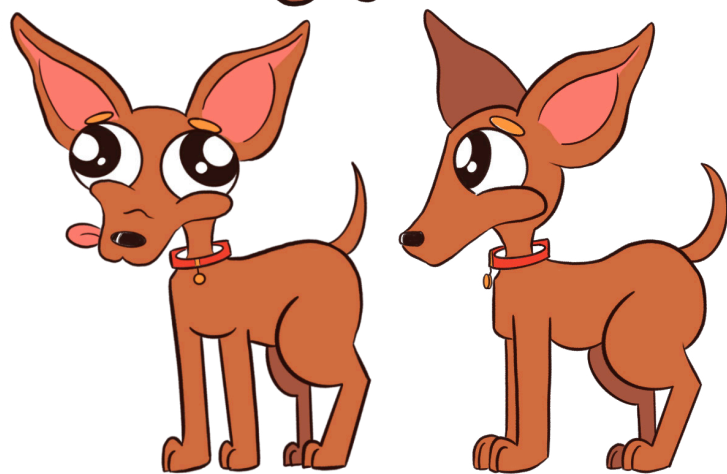
Perfect! The dogs climb on top of each other and sneak into the restaurant using their Very Convincing Human Disguise. They almost get to have a bite, but victory is snatched from their paws when Hank gets too excited and blows their cover. The dogs flee back to the apartment to sulk, but Brandon returns with a surprise: he got pizza for everyone! Everybody gets to enjoy a meal together and take a long nap after an exciting day.

This film pitch is intended for families/general audiences.

CHARACTER: LUPITO



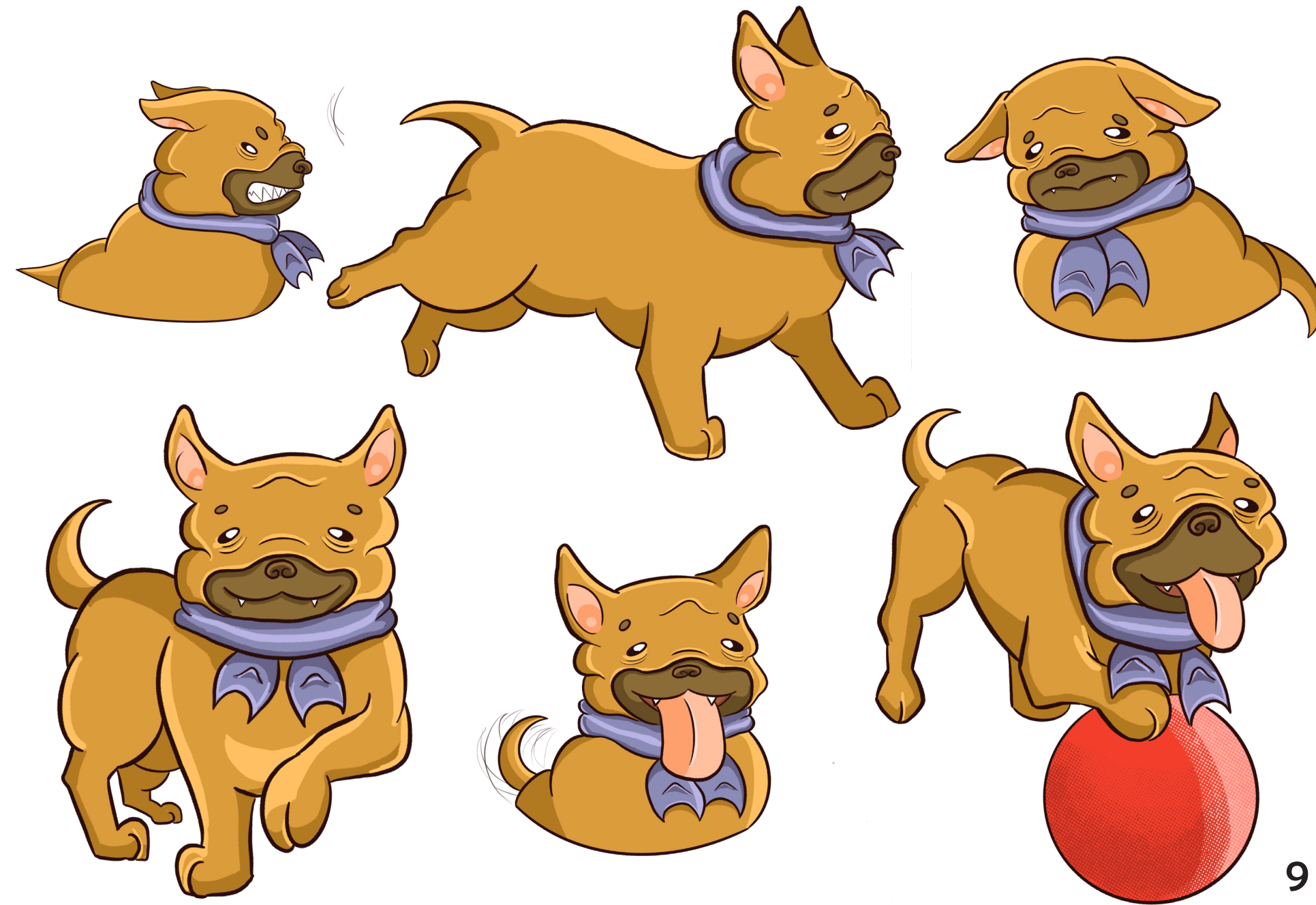
Lupito the Chihuahua loves nothing more than leading his adopted brother Hank on adventures. He is excitable, scheming, and bouncy.



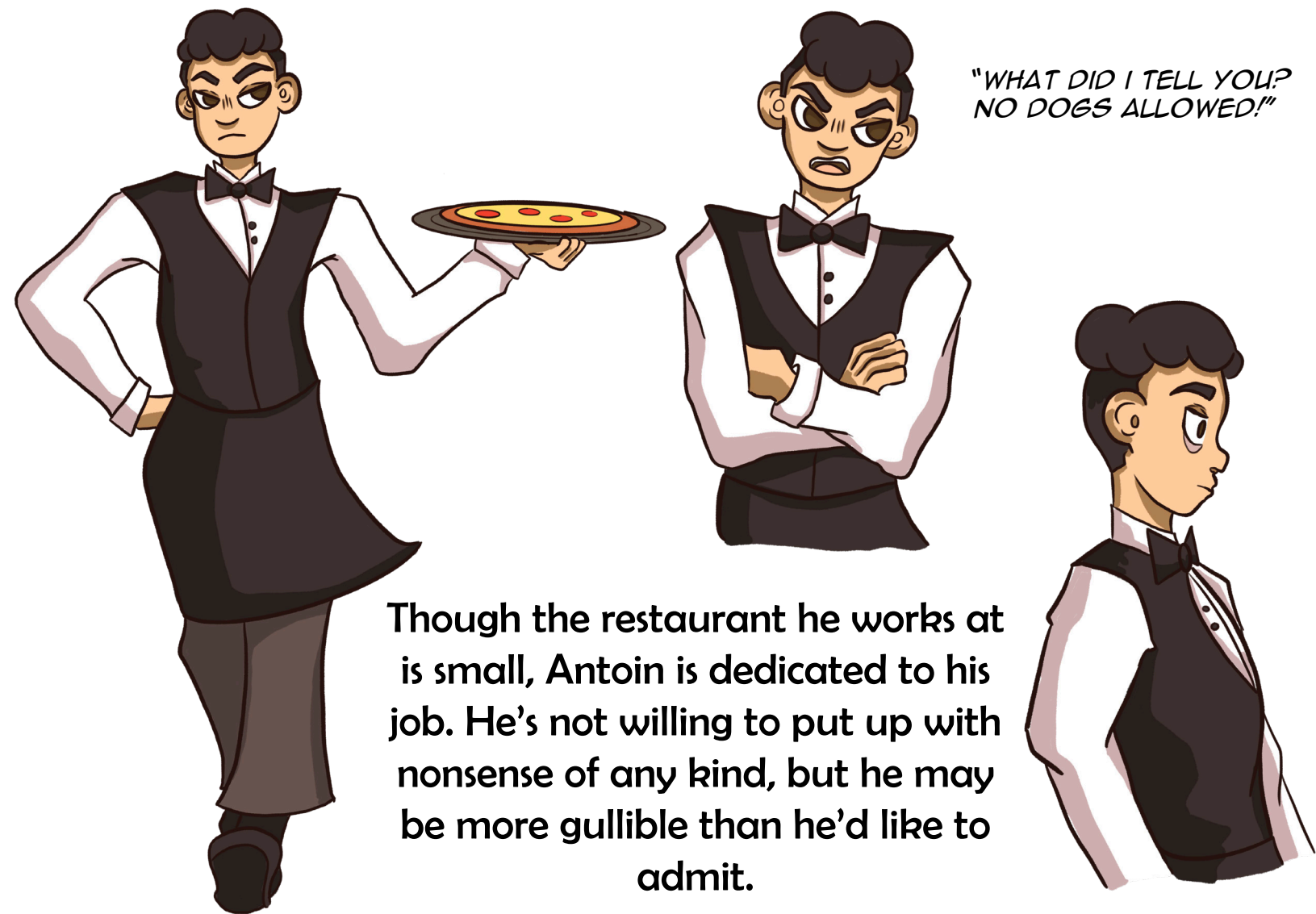
CHARACTER: HANK



Hank (The Tank) (The French Bulldog) will follow his big brother Lupito anywhere. He's a little clumsy, but he has a big heart. He loves snacks, naps, and helping out with mischief.



CHARACTER: ANTOIN, THE WAITER



Though the restaurant he works at is small, Antoin is dedicated to his job. He's not willing to put up with nonsense of any kind, but he may be more gullible than he'd like to admit.

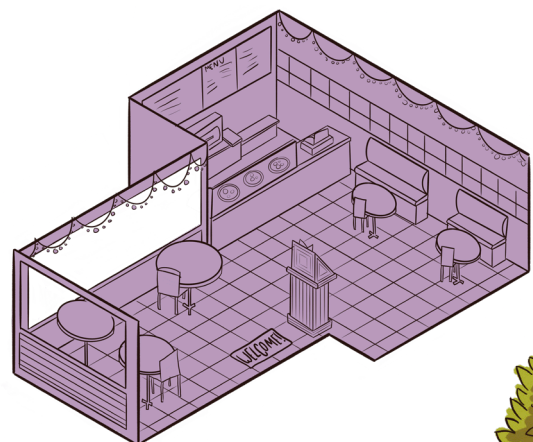
CHARACTER: BRANDON, THE OWNER



Brandon loves his "boys" more than anything else in the world. He's always willing to share his affection (and his dinner).

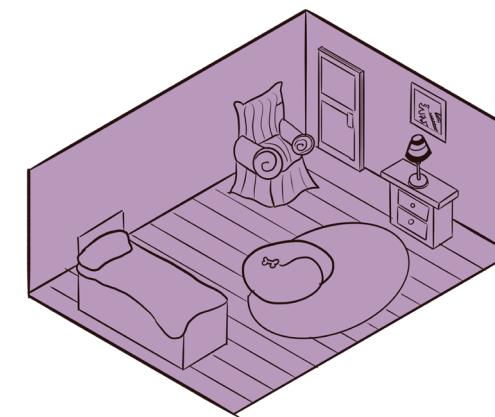
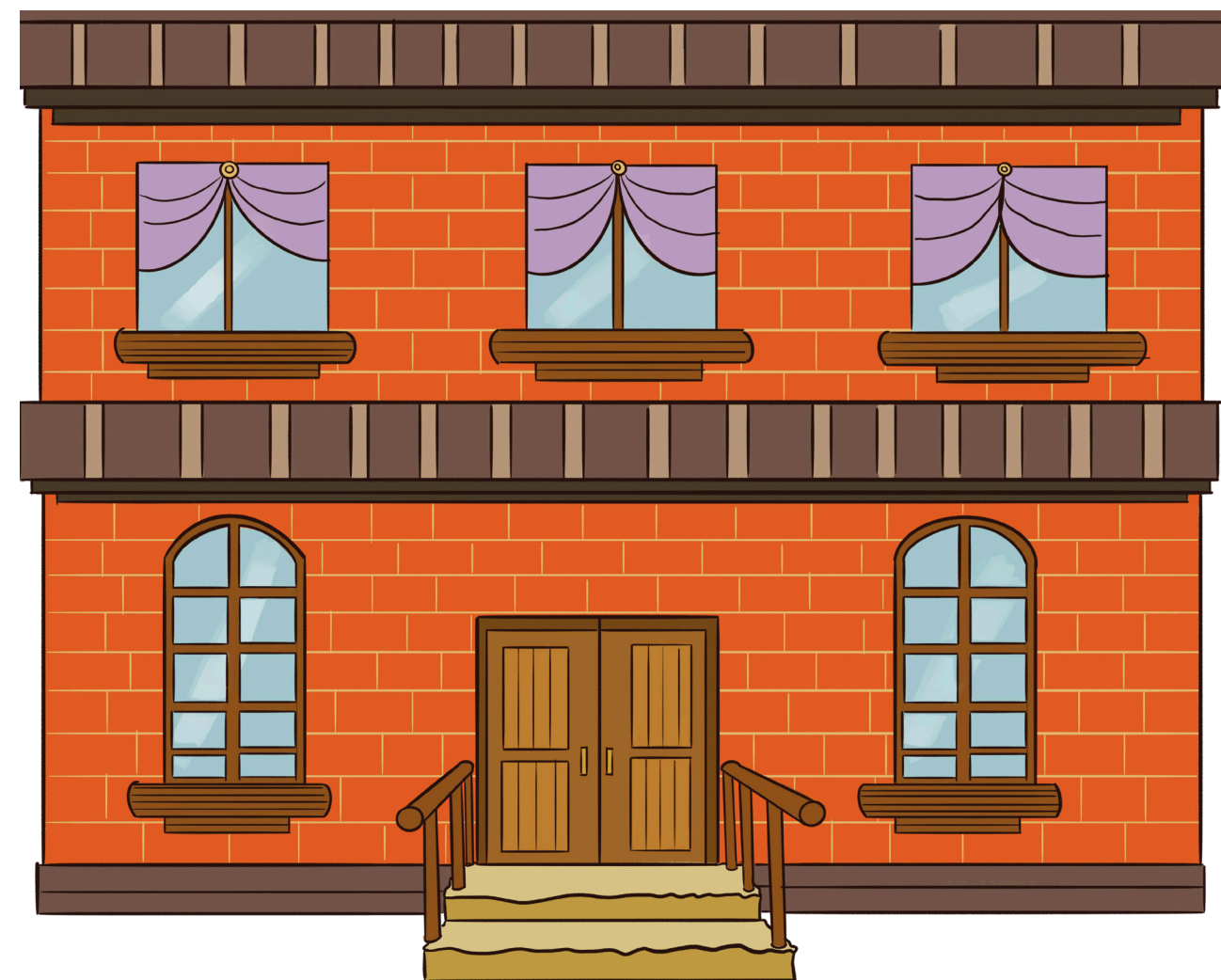
WORLD: POP-POP'S PIZZA

Tucked away in the residential district, Pop-Pop's Pizza is the perfect place for an afternoon lunch with a friend. Its simple charm and tasty thin-crust make it a favorite among the locals.



WORLD: BRANDON'S APARTMENT

A modest, but comfortable apartment complex, perfect for Brandon's family of three. It gets a lot of natural light, too!

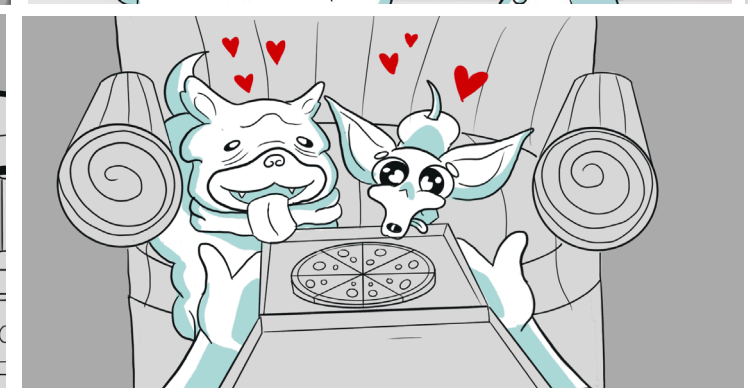
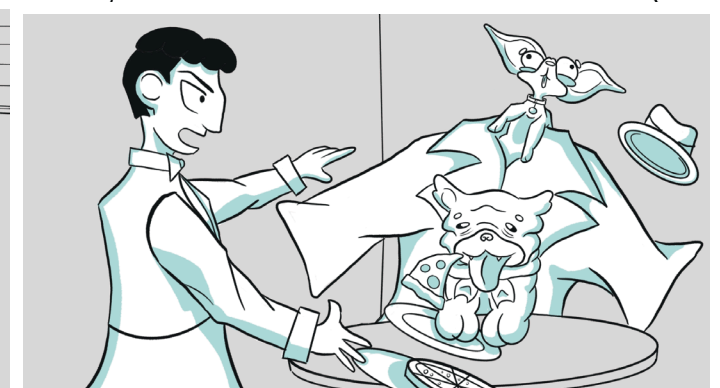
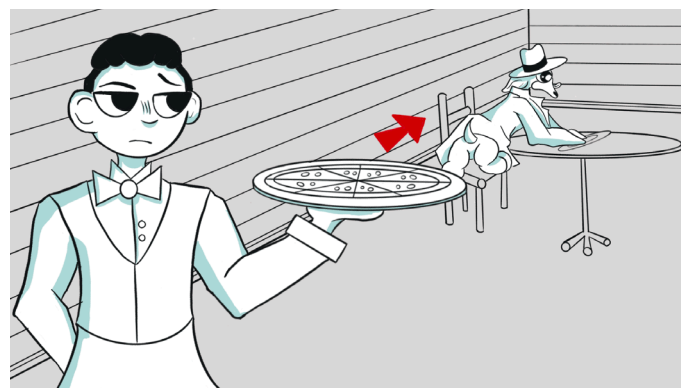
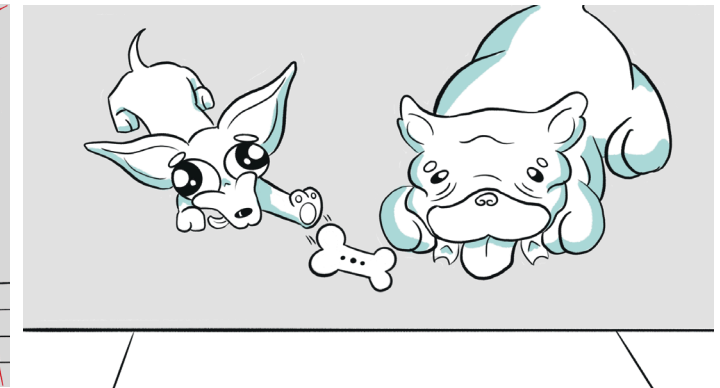
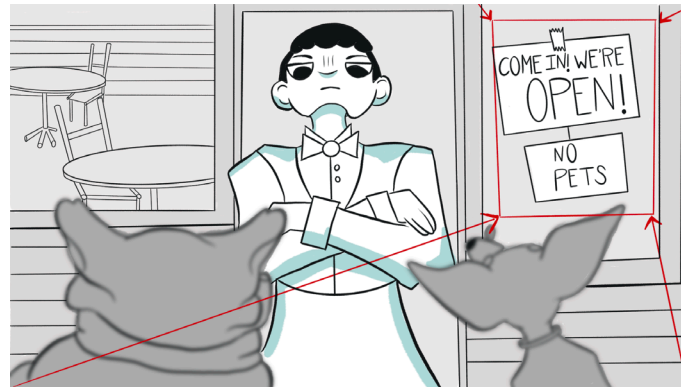
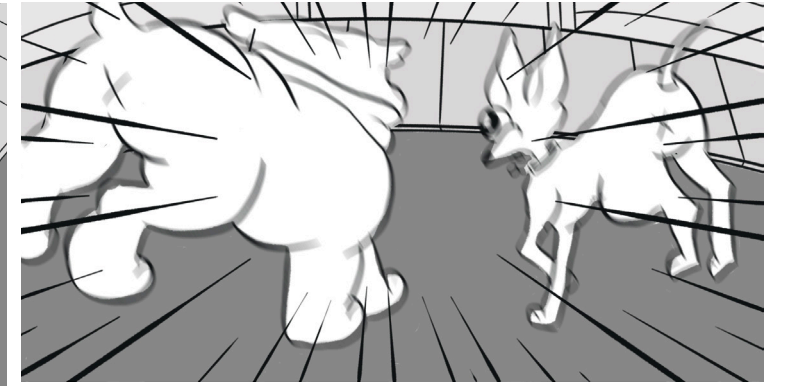
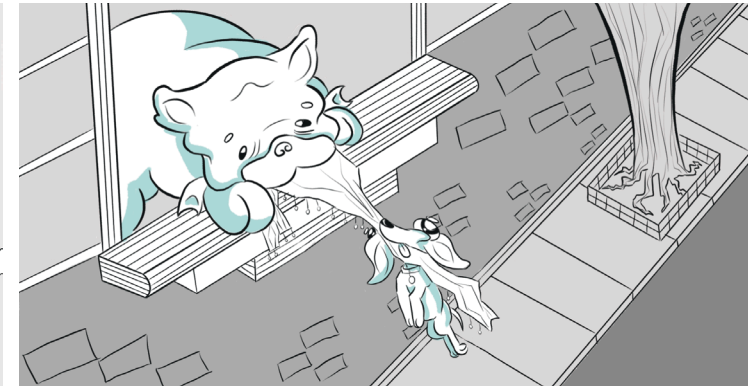
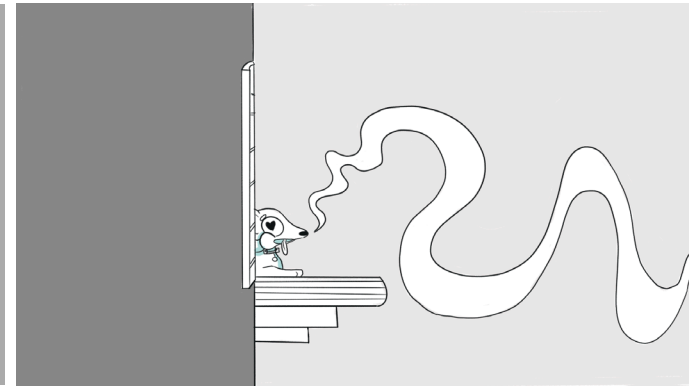
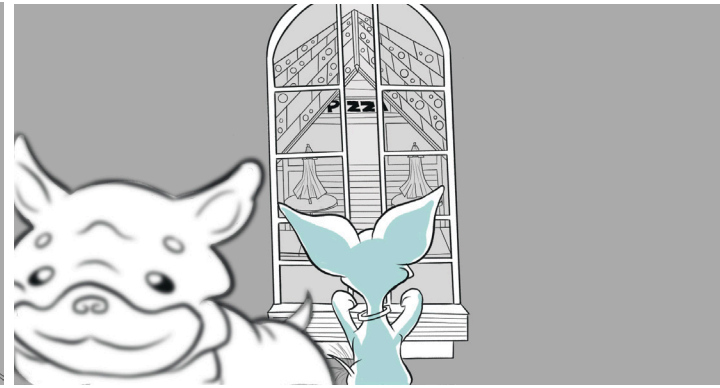


WORLD: THE CITY

Inspired in part by New York City, the quiet little residential neighborhood that Brandon and his dogs call home is awash in sunlight. Skyscrapers can be seen in the distance, but the hustle and bustle of city life is a comfortable background hum. Here, small local businesses comfortably share space with residents.



BEATBOARDS



ACTS I AND II

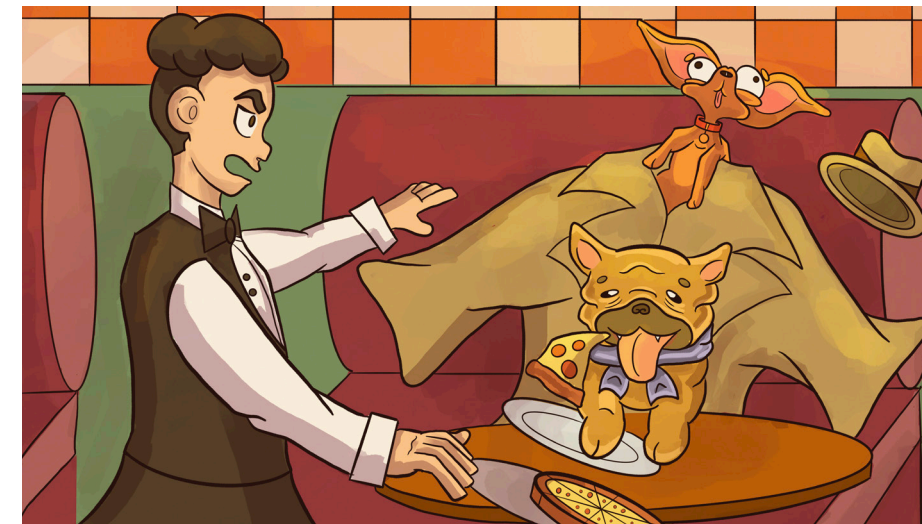
Brandon says goodbye to the dogs, leaving the window just a crack open. The adventure begins!



After a few failed attempts, the dogs manage to sneak in to the restaurant using a human disguise. Will they get away with it?

ACT III

Their plan is foiled at the last minute when Hank the Tank blows their cover. All seems lost...



Brandon comes to the rescue, having grabbed a pizza while he was out! Now everyone can feast!

WHY ANIMATION?

I believe that animal characters are uniquely suited to being represented in an animated medium. It can be difficult to ask a dog to smile for you in real life (though many dogs do their best to try), but animation allows a creative team to experiment with creature design, expressions, and movements in ways that just aren't possible with live-action animal actors. In addition, I thought this would be the best way to truly capture the spirit of Lupito and Hank's lovely, goofy, but heartfelt bond. The story may be fictional, but the joy that these dogs have brought to me, my Uncle Brandon, and everyone else they met is very real.

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Hi there! Thank you so much for taking interest in my pitch! My name is Sofia Rose Denise, and I am a visual development artist studying animation at Savannah College of Art and Design. I love telling heartfelt stories that make people smile - almost as much as I love my own furry friend, an orange cat named Charlie. He may not be the star of this story, but he's the star of my heart.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:

My Uncle Brandon, for letting me draw him
and his dogs over and over again

AND LUPO THE DOG,

The coolest buddy in the world since sliced
pizza. We love you, and we miss you.

