

Relationship *Cultivation*

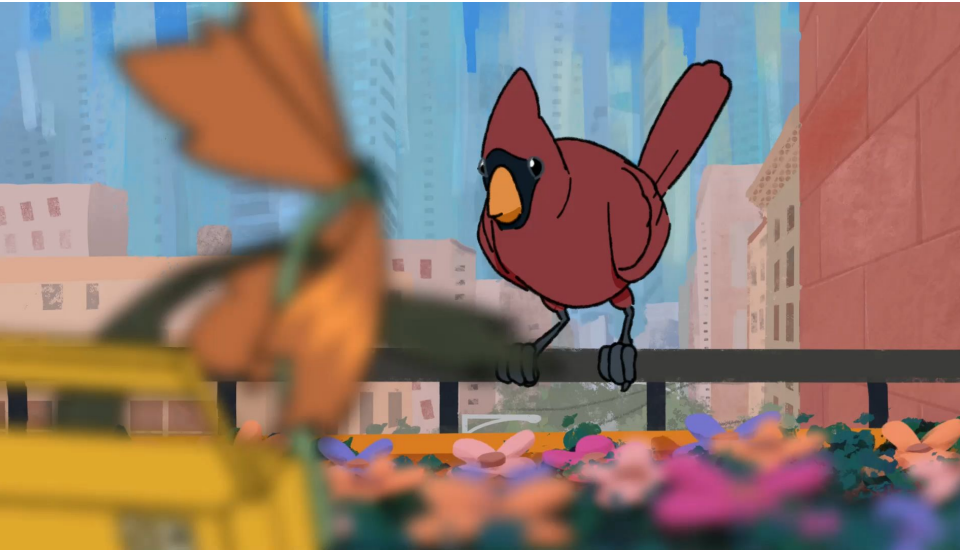
A short film by Geoff Class



SYNOPSIS

When a woman's window flower box finally blooms, she's surprised to find one of the flowers has a rebellious streak—after it changes the radio station as she's listening.

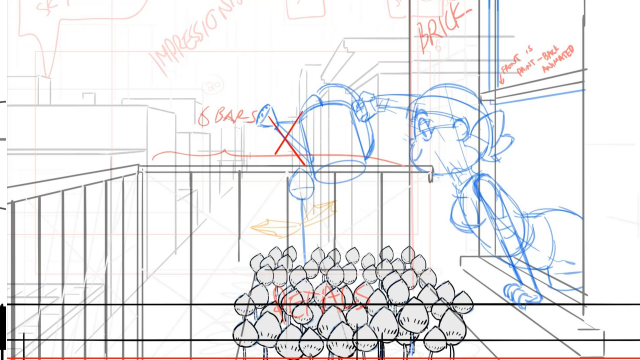
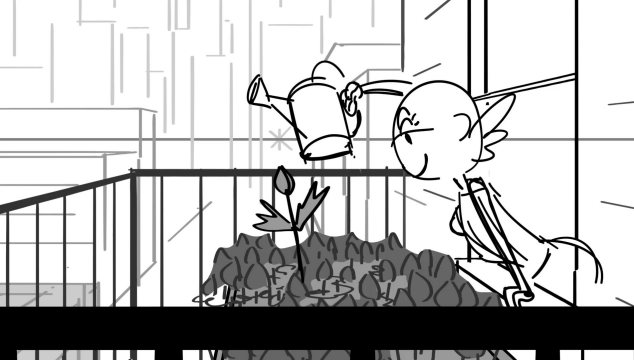
Relationship Cultivation is an animated short about the universal challenges of parenthood (even houseplant parenthood).



BASIC INFO

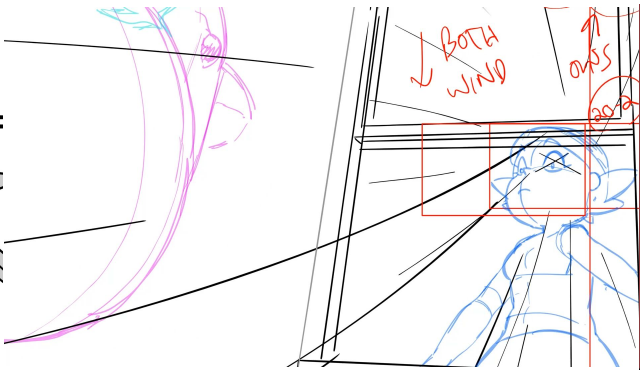
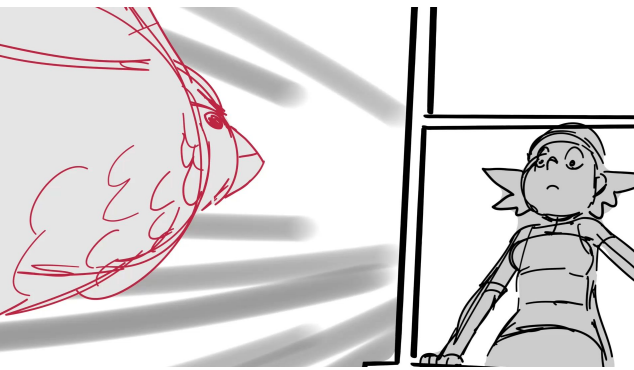
Written, Directed, Designed, Animated, and Edited by Geoff Class

Total Running Time: 1 Minute 33 Seconds



SOFTWARE USED

Storyboarded in Toon Boom Storyboard Pro
Animated and Composited in Toon Boom Harmony
Backgrounds Painted in Procreate
Edited and Mixed in Adobe Premiere Pro





DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Relationship Cultivation is the largest single project of my artistic career. The decision to create my own animated short came from a desire to improve a number of skills: to up my storyboarding game with visual depth; to better understand the animation pipeline from a hands-on perspective; to really sink my teeth into traditional character animation.

But what to animate? The answer was close to home: Over the past few years (and especially through the lockdown), I've watched my lovely wife Audrey cultivate a variety of houseplants in our NYC apartment. To both of our surprise, the plants have been very needy—Audrey was always questioning her decisions about fertilizer, sun exposure, and watering. They started to seem like teenagers, acting out for attention.

Thank you, Audrey, for inspiring this little story. Your support and love make amazing things possible.

BIO

Originally hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area, Geoff Class is a NYC-based storyboard artist, illustrator, and animator. Though he grew up loving his hometown studio PIXAR, his path to a career in animation was long and winding—involving a degree in Political Science and seven years working a day job at a non-profit. Today, though, he loves using animation to tell stories that colorfully combine action, comedy, and heart.

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