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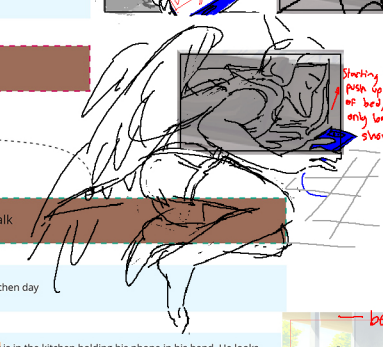
SCENE: INT FANG'S ROOM MORNING

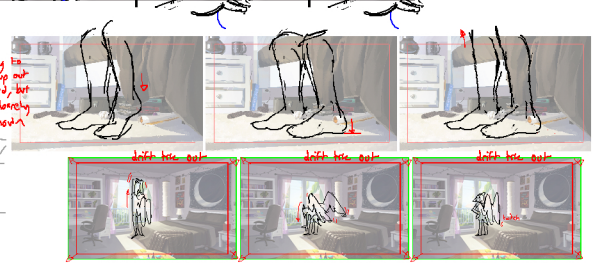
SCENE: Fang wakes up in their room alone. ~~with Naomi by their side, cradled after the ~~ They wake to a notification on Fang's phone.

PHONE: TOMORROW: CALDERA FEST DAY!!!!!

SCENE: Fang sleepy-smiles ~~at the phone~~. They get up and go to the kitchen for breakfast.

-> NaserTalk

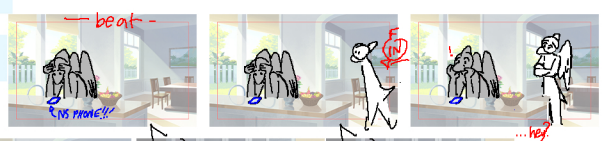




== NaserTalk

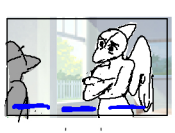
SCENE: int kitchen day

SCENE: Naser is in the kitchen holding his phone in his hand. He looks upset.



Fang: ...hey?

Naser: Hey. Uh...how's it going?



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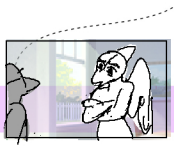

* [Everything OK?]

Fang: Fine?

Fang: You good?

- Naser: Nothing's wrong!

Well, actually, no. That's not true. Uh...
I just got a call from Mom and Dad.

Fang: OK...

Naser: They're still stuck. Everywhere is a no-fly zone, apparently.
Something about falling debris and keeping the skies clear.

Fang: OK. So when will they be back?

Naser: Uh...
They don't know.
Like...no one knows.
Because I guess they might not ever...
I don't know.
It's bad.

SCENE: Fang is silent as they take this in.

Naser: So. Yeah.
Um, I'll be in the living room if you need me.

SCENE: He leaves.

-> NaomiConsoles

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SCENE: Naomi enters the kitchen and notices the look on Fang's face. She looks at them worriedly. Fang is shaking a little bit when they respond.

Naomi: I hope you don't mind that I borrowed your shampoo — Fang??

Fang: My mom...my dad...they might not–

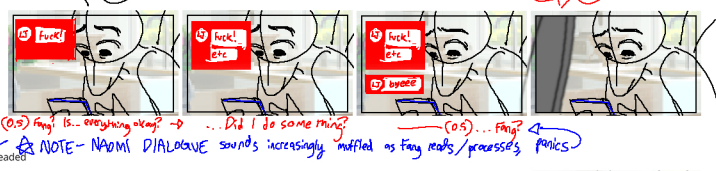
SCENE: Fang's phone buzzes and they frantically look at it expecting news from their parents. We see it's from LJ instead.

SLOW TRUCK IN THROUGHOUT– as messages come in, BG increasingly blurs

Naomi: Fang? Is...everything okay? Did I do something?

PHONE SWITCH: LJ

LJ: Fang, I'm sorry. I'm just going to say this.
LJ: The stage isn't gonna happen. Everything's locked down. People just aren't in the mood, I guess.



LJ: And before you ask, I'm boarding up Lava Java.

Naomi: (talking) ...Fang?

LJ: I want to help. But I can't stand to see things get bad there. I'm headed to a cabin in the woods to wait out... whatever this is.

SCENE: Exit phone and we see Naomi looking on in concern. Fang tea up says the next line —

-> GiveUpNow

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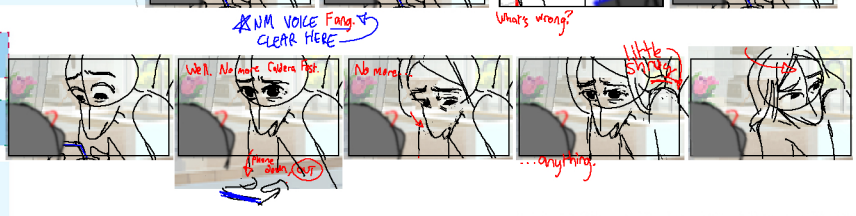
SCENE: Fang drops the phone in defeat. Naomi draws closer and looks at them steadily, worry in her eyes.



Naomi: Fang. What's wrong?

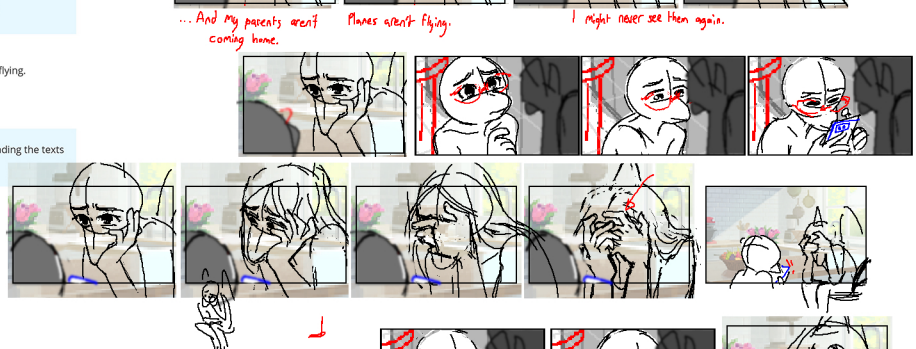
Fang: Well. No more Caldera Fest.
No more...anything.

Naomi: It's not just that, is it?

SCENE: Fang hesitates. Their voice breaks when they speak.

Fang: ...And my parents aren't coming home. Planes aren't flying.
I might never see them again.

SCENE: They bury their face in their hands. Naomi starts reading the texts and Fang starts to break down completely.



Naomi: No. No way. Uh-uh.

Fang: Wh...what?

Naomi: Emergency band meeting here, ASAP.

NEXT: E8_09_SquadUp

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