

secretintern animal hospital explanation

secretIntern's codependency; how did it start?

gonna start off with my general lore of the two before i dive into the actual animation itself
okayys

also disclaimer this is just all the fun stuff i made up in my mind; obvs no lore has been confirmed and everyone has a right to how ever they'd like to interoperate the hospital so this is just the way i see/imagine things + stuff i think would be a cool concept idk im just playing dolls over here

Character lore rundownnnn

Intern was at the hospital long before Agent showed up, no one knows exactly how he ended up there or when it started working as an Intern but he's efficient in his work and it has helped picked up a lot of slack and unattended work from how understaffed the hospital is during the anomaly break out. Everyone can tell that Intern is... not like most, not anything like the other animals-- but they don't have enough energy to question such a hard worker. All anyone knows is that he and Dr. Harlow have a very strange relationship. Intern fears Dr. Harlow, and avoids him in every moment; and Dr. Harlow treats Intern like straight trash, a disposable object-- he doesn't even see it as human. eye emoji eye emoji. Intern is extremely clever and quick to pick up on anything hes taught-- which makes it such a great asset to the hospital. (also technically the other 3 Intern colors do exist in this world but they are more involved with other characters than Agent so not mentioned here ^_^)

The day Agent gets assigned to the hospital he immediately starts doing background checks on the workers and becomes uneasy. They can only find the most bare bones information about Dr. Harlow, and not a single detail on Intern. In every single record he comes across, Intern practically doesn't exist. On top of Dr. Harlow having no background on where he came from and why he started a hospital, not even the school he got his medical license from; Intern has not one verifiable piece of information that he should even BE here. This is the building block to Agent's curiosity, he want's to know more about Intern, why is it practically a ghost? Did it sneak into the hospital on its own, or is he a coverup of Dr. Harlow's secrets?

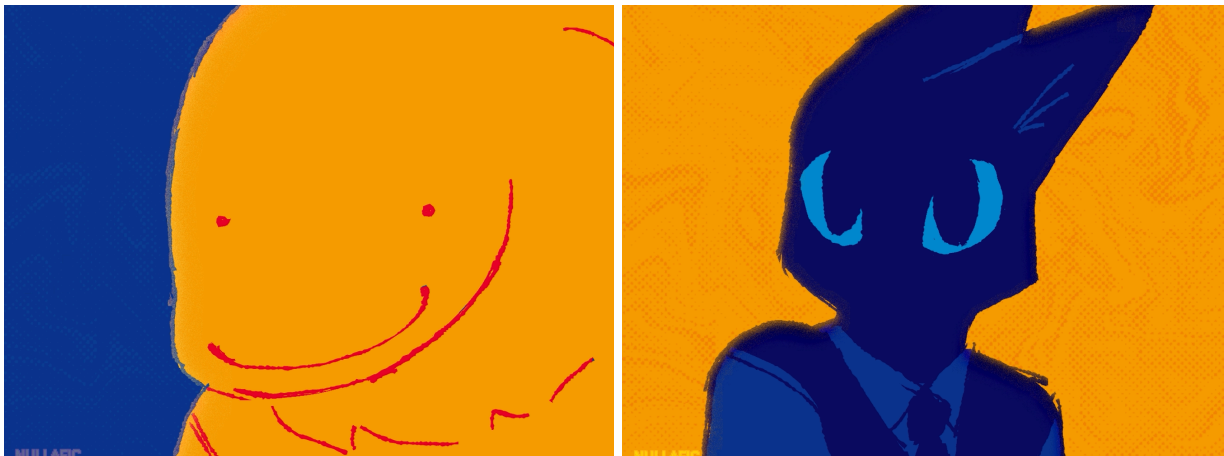
THE ANIMATION !!!

okay time for my favorite part yayayayayay

do wanna say that this animation is pretty simplified because I mostly was going for single screencaps of information +hype moments and aura and then adding a little movement to them to make it flow together instead of a more movement driven animation. plus this was all improv! i didnt do much of a storyboard or any animatic really i just went straight into keyframes and made up the idea as a went and added what felt right to me in the moment so its highkey real janky.....

I really wanted to play around with how loose the lyrics are for this song, how some lines sound like two different phrases with meanings that change depending on how you place them

the very start where it's Intern and Agent looking at each other is what id say on the timeline as roughly the first time they met; maybe a few interactions in



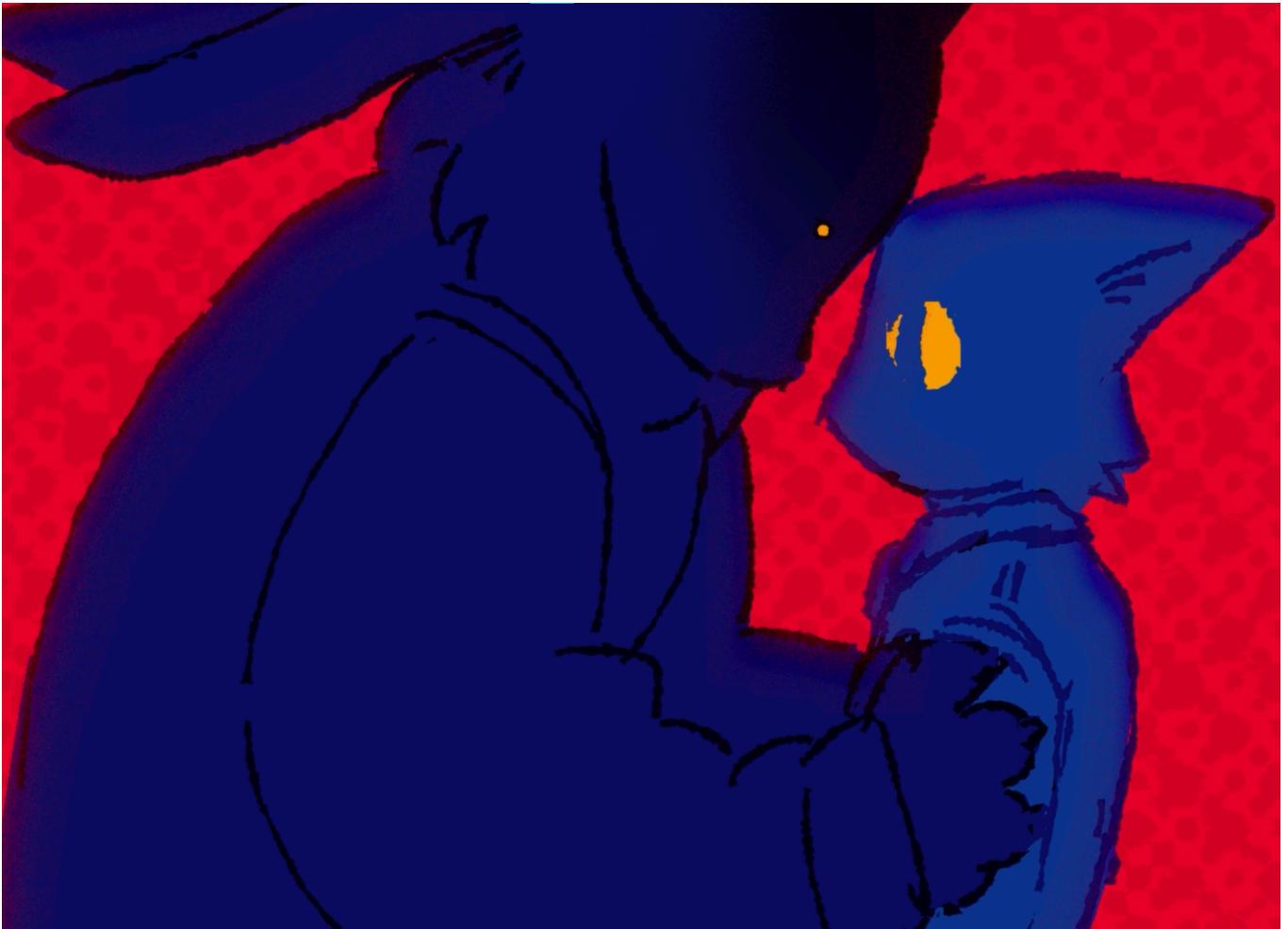
the parallels in the color scheme is supposed to represent them interacting for the first time, both separate people with very different lives

Agent is very cautious because they can tell right away that something is up with Intern, and Intern's expression is difficult to read on purpose, you're not supposed to know what its thinking in this moment. maybe its curiosity or maybe he doesn't even care enough to mind Agent's arrival



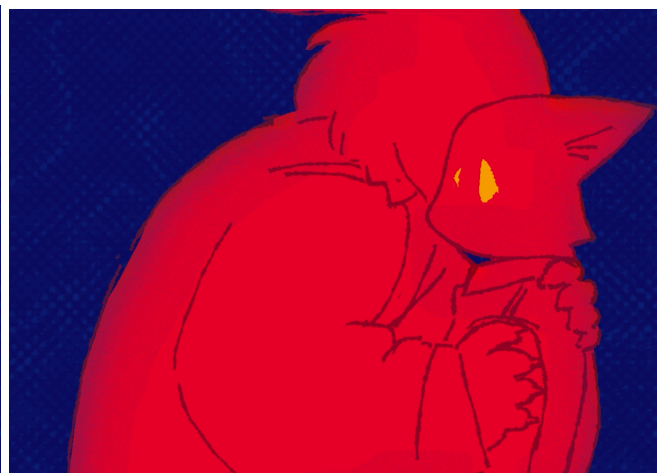
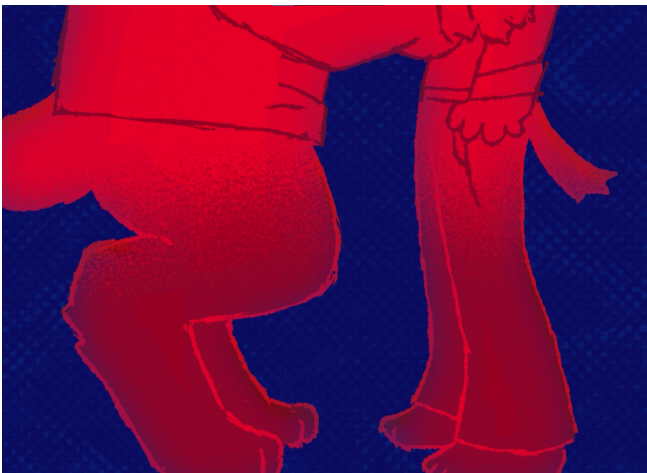
this scene is to show Agent subconsciously letting their guard down; to me this is the moment where Agent becomes infatuated with Intern's very existence. he's been observing him for a while in the hospital, he can tell it's an anomaly. and yet not once has it tried to harm anyone, he wants to know why. he wants to get closer.

i know a popular characterization for Agent is that he is really stoic and aloof and like cool n shit, but i think deep down my Agent is reaaaalllyy pathetic and mentally weak like to me Agent is the kind of character to be really good at his job from an outside point of view, but extremely selfish on the inside. i think he talks down on people in his head and belittles everyone's efforts behind their back. he is the perfect person to be an investigative secret Agent because he knows how to pull strings to make people like him enough to chatter rumors and secrets they know about. but he's also the worst person for this mission because curiosity will defiantly kill this cat. he's also the kind of person that flakes when it comes to really being on the front lines. he's someone who easily gets scared and will fear for his life. fear so much that wont even fight back if he knows he's going to die.



which is the point of this scene, its supposed to show you how easily Agent freezes when he's in immediate danger. in any other situation he can jump to action and protect the workers in the hospital. but when facing the threat head on he'll just let it happen, especially if its from something that's important to him

(also this scene is Intern losing grasp on his consciousness due to low sanity; he begins to give into his anomaly urges, clutching onto Agent because yknow, hes gonna eat him except he doesnt, Intern resists because it doesnt want to ever hurt the animals around it. he fights the feeling or something idk he just locks in; but he does hold Agent tighter because it's guilty it ever thought about eating him ((even if it wasnt *really* Intern's brain that thought it)))



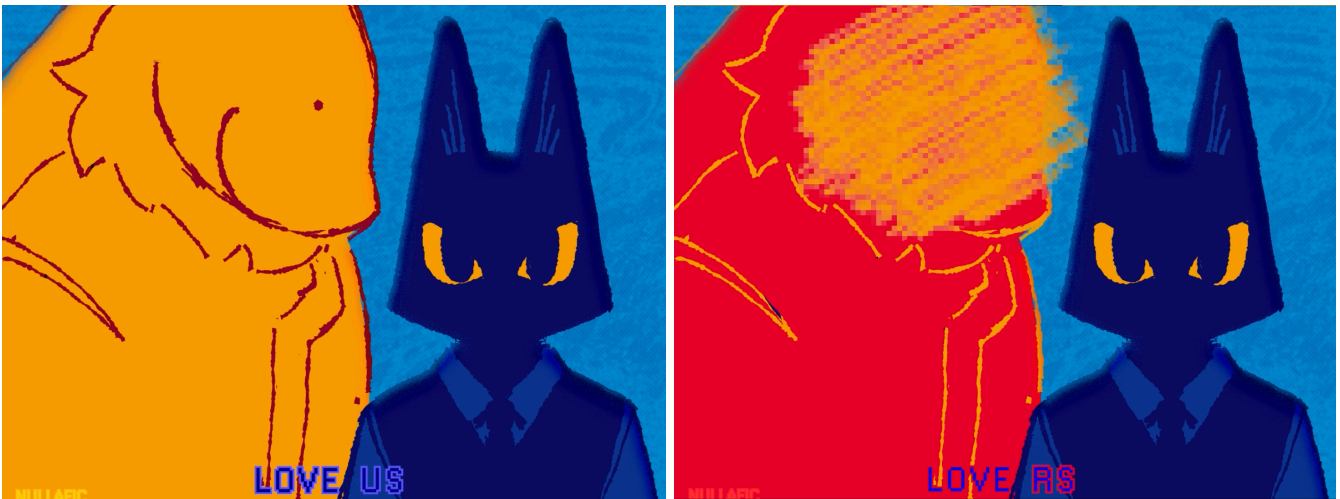
that's why Agent is shaking in this scene, partly because he's too afraid to attempt to resist, and partly because he doesn't want to harm Intern. he wouldn't admit it but this curiosity had festered into odd comfort. before he would talk to Intern with intent to gather information on all the workers (mostly bc Intern is quite friendly with everyone), then it turned into Agent going out of his way to speak to Intern even when he has other work to attend to



Agent begins to find comfort in Intern's presence, which is why he begins to gain a small number of sanity when close to him. and he is relieved that Intern didn't eat him, but strangely a part of them would of wanted it to do so, proving to their curiosity that there's something more complex about Intern



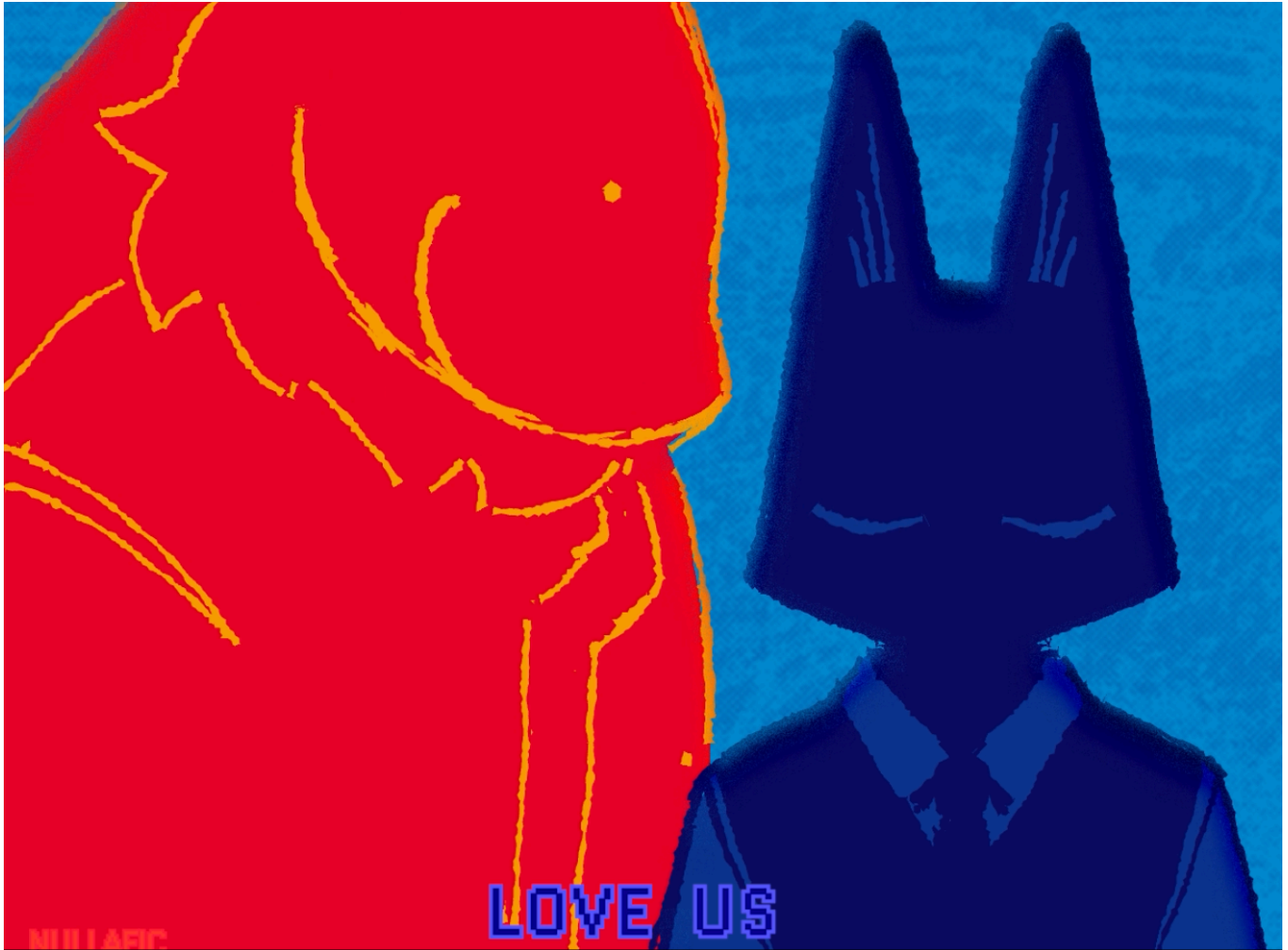
this scene is also a telling of how deep down he knows this is overstepping professional boundaries, but he tells himself that he is just trying to uncover more about the hospital this way. denying that there's deeper meaning to the way they feels about Intern



this scene is reaaaal important to me because its the first use of the lyrics being up to interpretation ^_^

Agent is in a deep stage of denial at this point; he loves the idea of him and Intern being work partners, close friends able to rely on each other for a helping hand. they love the idea of that slice of life lighthearted time together. Intern makes him forget about the anomalies -- makes them feel like just a regular person clocking into work everyday. but in reality what he wants is

much more. Agent wants to be able to live a normal life. they want to be a civilian with normal friends and normal coworkers but their job makes that impossible. he's not allowed outside connections because it becomes a liability, he's not *allowed* to be attached to anything. what he thinks is just curiosity and admiration, is actually obsession. he WANTS to be lovers with Intern, but its a forbidden concept, so he denies that it's anything more than friendship. another reason he's in denial is because Intern is an anomaly. he cant date literally the one thing his entire job is based on killing --> this is why Intern's face is blurred in the "lovers" frame, he's more of a concept because them together can never be a reality... UGH LOVE MY DOOMED YAOI 🥺🥺🥺



this frame is Agent accepting that they can only be a concept together, and instead deciding to feed into the delusion of their increasingly codependent relationship with each other



i know im talking a whole lot about Agent (cough not bc hes my favorite or anything) but Intern is just equally reliant on Agent's presence. no one has shown him interest like this before and he doesn't know how to react. its even more filling than eating people. everyone either avoids him out of fear they try to hide, do the bare minimum of interaction for the sake of their job, or flat out insult him to it's face (COUGH COUGH DR.HARLOW IS AN EVIL LOWLIFE) ((there are a few characters that are nice to him too but nothing to Agent's level))

his sanity runs longer the closer it is to Agent, it can controll its urges around Agent. and something about Agent reminds him of someone he knew before he became an anomaly.

(COUGH COUGH REINCARNATION ((but also not really bc they are technically very similar in age so its really reincarnation through concept than actuality))) <--- basically holy shit u look like my dead wife trope



very simple (mostly just wanted to draw a cute lil thing) but its also Agent feeding more into the delusion that everything is okay. his reliance is also getting worse; you can see it by the sanity increase being +2 instead of +1



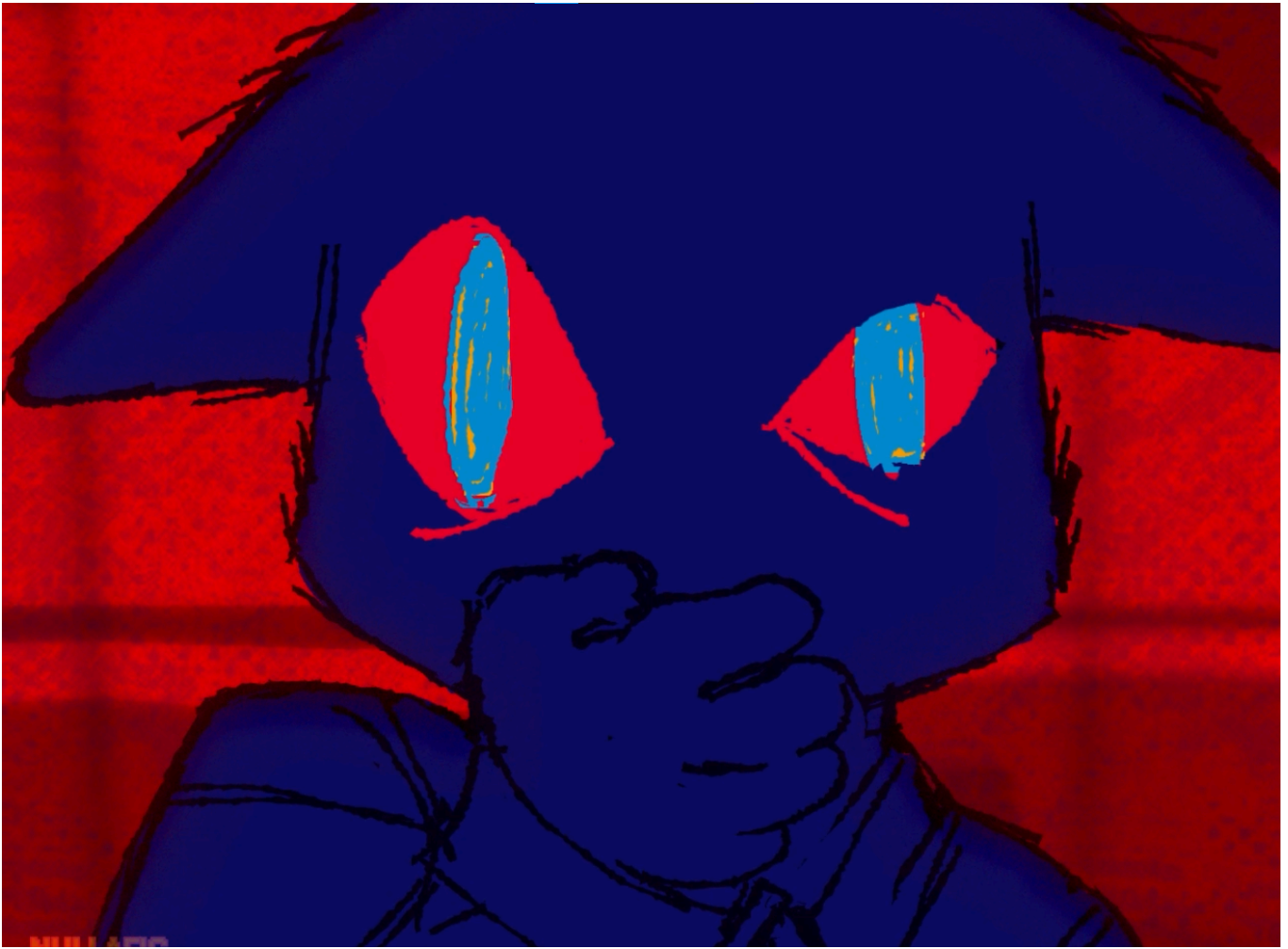
my Agent is very weak willed, the view of Intern eating a patient is horrifying. not only because of the cannibalism part, but also because it breaks the facade that everything was okay. this snaps Agent back into reality. and also harshly reminds them that he cant keep treating Intern like a regular animal.

also another lyric play -- this part can be heard equally as either "i need her" or "an eater" which is perfect bc this is both Agent telling themselves that they can't get rid of Intern, they NEED Intern

and "an eater" is literally like boy he eating



ignore how theres no body on the table i got too lazy near the end and forgot to draw it but anyways this part is showing just how much sanity Intern gains from giving in to its anomaly urges. he doesn't get much sanity from the usual means (coffee is +1~2, chocolate is +7) which is why he so easily dips into critically low sanity levels (it also has a problem with asking for coffee and such and usually lets everyone else get some before he will #peoplepleaser)



Agent looking very very disgusted ^_^ it's actually aimed almost entirely towards himself (pupils). his selfish delusion costed the life of a patient. and also the integrity of his job. because he wanted to play house, his mission is compromised and not only did someone else die; but this means that he has to kill Intern as well.



anyway here's him doing the exact opposite of what he's supposed to do... instead of doing the right thing, and accepting that Intern can't stick around like this, he decides that if he keeps its sanity high, then he would never resort to eating anyone ever again. emphasis on the word "feed" is him taking the burden of needing to kill someone for Intern (defeating the purpose of keeping his sanity high.) the trash bag is Agent hiding the body Intern just ate because he has a specialty in coverups and also bc people cant find out that Intern killed a patient because that would mean Intern would get taken away from them



this is Agent's obsession becoming more visual, Intern has almost become a possession at this

point to him reaaaaal unhealthy dynamics going on, hence "I'll keep her"



also poor Intern feeling extremely guilty -- also deep down Intern has known from the start that Agent isn't supposed to be at the hospital. he knows they are here for him so after this mistake Intern believes that Agent is going to kill him; that or take it in to be experimented on just like Dr. Harlow did. he's terrified what Agent will do to him, and if all that time spent together doesn't matter now that he's done something unfixable



this is Agent reassuring Intern that he's not going to harm him !!
its also Agent letting Intern's anomaly side corrupt him in a way. he's giving into the desire to be with Intern, sacrificing all logic and critical thinking relating to his mission for the fleeting feeling of peaceful love. showed this by the red seeping into his hand, and a 'shadow' casting over his face. its supposed to be like he's got fucked up corrupted thinking now <--- also Intern as an anomaly didn't *actually* corrupt him but more so Intern's existence started influencing Agent's inner desires that were previously extremely repressed due to the nature of his job.



this final scene is Agent clinging to Intern. he's aware of it now, but its too late to try and stop their relationship. They are fully dependent on each other to survive. Agent's sanity increases by 5 around Intern now, they got what he wanted, but now their dream of a normal life is tainted. their selfishness and curiosity ruined what they *could* of had. and eventually it get's him killed

da end!! + notes and sillies

yayayayay thank you for reading until the end! i hope you liked my brain vomit, there's probably a lot of inconsistencies i'll need to iron out later but I really like the idea of secretIntern being an extremely unhealthy ship, like probably world ending levels of unhealthiness

I do plan to do another animation (this time to the song Me and Mr Wolf) probably not anytime soon bc im real busy the rest of the month but it will definitely be a more elaborate animation compared to this one, aka; actual storyboarding and a proper animatic. and also hopefully a working after effects session,,,

heres a link for a time-lapse to part of the animation yayayay ^_^

https://youtu.be/kvxZg_tF4BM <--- time-lapse, hopefully the link works,,,

OKAY BYE BYE!!!!!! THANKS FOR LISTENING :~j