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FADE IN: Scenes displaying the bright vibrant glow of the city. Blade Runner Blues is playing in the background

EXT. CITY NIGHTLIFE -- NIGHT

REN (V.O.)

One day, a scorpion and a frog meet on the bank of a stream. The scorpion asks the frog to carry him across on its back. The frog asks, "How do I know you won't sting me?" The scorpion says, "Because if I do, I will die too." The frog is satisfied, and they set out, but in midstream, the scorpion stings the frog. The frog feels the onset of paralysis and starts to sink, knowing they both will drown, but has just enough time to gasp "Why?" Replies the scorpion: "Its my nature..."

EXT. CITY STREET -- NIGHT

CAMERA ZOOM TOWARDS REN FROM TOP

Ren is lying on the ground in a fetal position with his head surrounded by his own blood.

REN (V.O.)

I never appreciated the full affect of this story until now. She doesn't cause the blight among the people. She just watches it, her eyes like a television, tuned to a dead channel. As I lie here in a pool of warm blood and burnt hair I wish I had made a different choice and not crossed that stream. I can hear her whisper to me with ironic intonation, "Its my nature".

The urban sprawl she commands exhibits social Darwinism in its most primitive form. (CONT'D) City is her name.

(CONT'D) And I am her latest victim...

INT. BAR -- NIGHT EARLIER

REN and BABYLON are sitting at a bar table discussing business.

BABYLON Hey joeboy, I'll give ya three hundred credits for a cyber-run at the Yoshiba Corp!

REN I ain't no joeboy. I earned my stripes as a cowboy plenty after hackin BOA!

BABYLON

Fine, whateva. This one ain't for the lit'l cherubs anyways. If ya don't want the job, then stop wastin my time

REN This is my last run on the Node. I want 500 credits or no deal...

BABYLON

Fine. There is some nasty stuff at Yoshiba that Boss wants. Some R&D stuff. We talkin high level security with some serious ice. No hackin from the net either; Off the grid. You have to lock in to a local Node outside Yoshiba.

REN

Deal.

EXT. YOSHIBA -- NIGHT

REN looks around to make sure no one is watching him as he enters the YOSHIBA CORPORATION. He pulls out some forged ID card and slides it through the slot in order to gain access.

INT. YOSHIBA -- NIGHT

REN walks quietly through the main hall. Using some hyperspray device, REN sprays the ground with a heavy mist.

The electronic trip wires glow in the mist. He walks over the wires to the Secure Node.

REN takes out his folding cyberdeck and connects a plug to an outlet in his head. He then connects the deck to the secure node. REN presses a button and jacks in through the comm line into cyberspace.

INT. CYBERSPACE -- CONTINUOUS

REN wakes up from kneeling position, a la Terminator.

REN

REN walks around cyberspace, with a greenish hue surrounding the area and sounds of electrons pulsing through the air. REN comes to the terminal where the information is stored. The terminal glows with a green hue. He goes to open the terminal and realizes the terminal is locked. This triggers the SIAB to be projected (Max Headroom style).

> Fantastic. What do you want SIAB? SIAB Hello, Sir. I see you are trying to access some online media stored on remote storage. REN Yeah. Just give it to me and I will be on my way. SIAB Sorry Sir. Protocol mandates that I ask you an authentication question. REN Didn't think it would be that easy. SIAB If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done? REN I have..ummm..succeeded in failing...so...errr...failed? SIAB Sorry. Incorrect response. This was

a trick question. Here at Yoshiba Corp, we only strive for success, and never accept failure. Have a nice day! The "Media Offline" is displayed on the terminal. Red lights are displayed. BLACK ICE appears: Black leather jacket and sunglasses.

REN and BLACK ICE begin their epic battle sequence. REN uses some hand to hand combat and quickly realizes that his blows have no affect on the BLACK ICE.

REN throws a blue flame (ICE) at BLACK ICE and temporarily stuns it. It comes back with a force push. REN pulls out a LIGHT SABER and attempts to attack BLACK ICE. BLACK ICE pulls out LIGHT TONFAS and the battle continues. The Last Samurai plays in the background.

BLACK ICE proves to much for REN and stabs him when his guard is down.

P.O.V. DREAM SEQUENCE -- AFTERNOON

A flash of light comes after the darkness.

REN is seen holding the hand of his true love as she pulls on him to follow her. She turns around and smiles as they head to a special tree. The heartbeat sound starts. The somber music from Wuthering Heights is playing. You cannot hear voices, but you can see her lips mouth "I love you" and "Follow me".

> REN (V.O.) My love. I have thought about you everyday since City took you from my arms. I have had to bear the pain for both of us. I shall no longer carry this burden. I am ready. Take me if you will have me...

This scene fades out.

EXT. CITY STREET -- NIGHT

Shot stays dead panned on REN. The sound of a heart begins to slow down. The heart sound stops.

FADE OUT:

STORYBOARDS









