

The Grooming Disaster

Production & Prompt Guide

A complete, repeatable workflow for building a fast-paced cinematic 3D pet-salon comedy mini-story — from character reference images to the final Seedance 2.0 render.

15 sec · 9:16 vertical · Pixar / DreamWorks look · SFX + one scream · Seedance 2.0

THE IDEA

A pampered makeover that goes gloriously wrong.

A majestic, enormous fluffy orange cat struts into a bright modern pet salon expecting royalty treatment. Instead it gets Bruno — a huge tattooed groomer who treats the grooming chair like a high-budget action movie: snapping gloves, flashing scissors, flying fur, foam tsunami and a roaring blow dryer. The cat's face cycles bored annoyance -> suspicion -> shock -> offended rage. The big reveal: a ridiculous over-styled pageant pompadour with a jeweled collar. The groomer spins the cat to the mirror, it sees itself — and EXPLODES into a dramatic scream as a tiny salon dog stares in disbelief. Freeze-frame.

WORKFLOW AT A GLANCE

01. Design characters — Lock your cast with consistent images from GPT Image or Nano Banana.
02. Build key frames — Create arrival / chaos / reveal reference frames from those characters.
03. Animate in Seedance 2.0 — Feed frames + the master prompt to generate the 15-sec shot.
04. Polish & post — Add sound design, title card, export 9:16, publish.

CHARACTER REFERENCE IMAGES

Consistency is everything — the same face, fur and outfit must appear in every frame. Generate two clean references (the fluffy orange cat and the tattooed groomer) in Nano Banana / GPT Image, then upload both into Seedance 2.0 as image references so the AI keeps the same face, fur and body across the whole 15-second shot. The tiny salon dog is described, not uploaded — Seedance generates it for the final disbelief stare.

Duke (The Cat) — Enormous fluffy orange long-hair, cream chest, pink nose, sleepy grumpy eyes, tufted ears. Majestic and judgmental — until the mirror.

Bruno (The Groomer) — Huge muscular man, tattooed arms, black shirt & apron, white gloves. Treats the grooming chair like a high-budget action movie.

The tiny salon dog (The witness) — A tiny salon dog that peeks from the bottom corner and stares in pure disbelief at the final reveal. Described in the prompt, not uploaded.

STORYBOARD THE ARRIVAL, THE CHAOS AND THE REVEAL

[ARRIVAL] Bright modern pet salon, glossy floors, big mirrors. The enormous overgrown orange cat walks in proudly, bored and judgmental; Bruno waits in the background, gloves ready.

[CHAOS] Action-movie energy — scissors flashing, clippers buzzing, orange fur exploding in slow motion. Bruno trims and rotates the cat at high speed; the cat shifts from deadpan to panic.

[REVEAL] Chair spins to the mirror: a ridiculous over-styled pageant pompadour, puffed tail, sparkly jeweled collar. The cat's eyes go huge in horror; a tiny salon dog stares.

KEY FRAME · THE REVEAL

REVEAL FRAME – the mirror catastrophe

[STYLE] Fast-paced cinematic 3D comedy, bright modern pet grooming salon, glossy floors, big mirrors, colorful shampoo bottles, soft daylight, realistic fur physics.

[REVEAL] The fluffy orange cat sits stiffly facing a large salon mirror, revealing a ridiculous over-groomed makeover – shorter sculpted body, huge fancy fluffy pompadour top puff, puffed groomed tail, sparkly jeweled collar. Its sleepy grumpy eyes blow wide in pure horror, pupils shrinking, mouth starting to open. Behind it the huge tattooed groomer stands proud with arms crossed; a tiny salon dog peeks at the bottom corner. Loose orange fur tufts float in the air. 9:16, no text.

[NEGATIVE] No text, no logos, no distressed/hurt animal, no inconsistent identity, no warped fur.

TIMELINE

- 0:00–0:02 Arrival — the majestic overgrown cat struts in proudly; Bruno waits, gloves ready.
- 0:02–0:04 Gloves on & inspection — Bruno snaps his gloves; the cat gives a slow judgmental blink.
- 0:04–0:08 Chaos cut — scissors "snik-snik", clippers buzzing, fur exploding; deadpan -> suspicion.
- 0:08–0:10 Foam shock — a foam tsunami engulfs the cat "fwoomp"; eyes go huge.
- 0:10–0:12 Blow dry — roaring dryer, fur flying; the cat, offended, keeps its dignity.
- 0:12–0:15 Pampered finish -> mirror spin -> SCREAM reveal; tiny dog stares, freeze-frame.

THE 15-SECOND MASTER PROMPT

This is the whole thing — copy it, swap the cat for any pampered pet, and you have your own makeover-gone-wrong series.

MASTER PROMPT · THE GROOMING DISASTER

STYLIZED 3D AI CARTOON MINI-STORY – THE GROOMING DISASTER

[STYLE] Fast-paced cinematic 3D animated comedy, high-end Pixar / DreamWorks look, bright modern pet grooming salon, glossy floors, big mirrors, colorful shampoo bottles, soft daylight, realistic fur physics, exaggerated but clean cartoon anatomy, hugely expressive animal faces. 9:16. 720p+. 15s. Rendered in Seedance 2.0.

[CHARACTERS – use the 2 uploaded reference images]

DUKE – the cat: an enormous fluffy orange long-haired cat, cream chest, pink nose, sleepy grumpy eyes, tufted ears – majestic and judgmental. Expression arc: bored annoyance -> suspicion -> shock -> offended rage. Same recognizable cat throughout.

BRUNO – the groomer: a huge muscular man, tattooed arms, black shirt & apron, white gloves, dead-serious confidence. Treats the grooming chair like a high-budget action movie – snapping gloves, flashing scissors, roaring blow dryer.

THE TINY SALON DOG: a tiny salon dog (described, not required as a reference) that peeks from the bottom corner and stares in pure disbelief at the final reveal.

[ENVIRONMENT] A bright modern pet grooming salon: glossy floors, big mirrors, colorful shampoo bottles on shelves, a grooming chair/table, soft daylight, clean premium surfaces. Loose orange fur tufts float in the air during the chaos.

[MOOD] A pampered makeover that goes gloriously wrong. Action-movie energy over a cat groom – Bruno dead-serious and heroic, Duke cycling from royal boredom to offended horror. Comedy huge, the final reveal + scream is the payoff.

[TIMELINE] 0:00–0:02 ARRIVAL: a majestic, enormous overgrown orange cat struts into the bright salon expecting royalty treatment, bored and judgmental; Bruno waits in the background, gloves ready. · 0:02–0:04 GLOVES ON / INSPECTION: Bruno snaps his white gloves on with dead-serious confidence and inspects the overgrown fluff; Duke gives a slow judgmental blink. · 0:04–0:08 CHAOS CUT: action-movie energy – scissors flashing, clippers buzzing, orange fur exploding in slow motion; Bruno trims and rotates the cat at high speed; Duke shifts from deadpan to suspicion. · 0:08–0:10 FOAM SHOCK: a foam tsunami engulfs Duke into a giant lather; his eyes go huge with shock. · 0:10–0:12 BLOW DRY: a roaring blow dryer sends fur flying; Duke, offended, tries to keep his dignity. · 0:12–0:13 PAMPERED FINISH: the fur settles into a ridiculous over-styled pageant pompadour – sculpted body, puffed groomed tail, a sparkly jeweled collar. · 0:13–0:15 MIRROR SPIN & SCREAM REVEAL: Bruno spins the chair to the mirror; Duke sees himself, his sleepy grumpy eyes blow wide in pure horror, pupils shrinking – and EXPLODES into a dramatic scream as a tiny salon dog stares in disbelief. Freeze-frame.

[CAMERA] Proud low-angle on the cat's arrival; fast action inserts on scissors, clippers and flying fur; a foam-tsunami wide; blow-dry close-up on the offended face; clean mirror-spin reveal; final freeze-frame on the scream with the tiny dog in the corner.

[AUDIO / SFX] Cartoon SFX only plus ONE scream at the end. Snapping gloves, flashing-scissor "snik-snik," clipper buzz, foam "fwoomp," roaring blow dryer, a sparkling "ting" on the pampered finish – then the cat's single dramatic "MEOWWW" scream at the mirror. Playful comedic score building to the scream. No dialogue, no lyrics, no subtitles.

[NEGATIVE] No text, no logos, no on-screen text or subtitles, no real brands. No dialogue or lyrics (only the one cat scream). No harm or distress to the animal – it's clean, comedic and family-friendly; the cat is offended, never hurt. Consistent cat and groomer identity across every frame; correct anatomy, no warped fur glitches.

QUALITY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Same cat & same groomer throughout — no identity, fur or outfit drift
- ☐ The cat's arc reads instantly: bored -> suspicious -> shocked -> offended
- ☐ Chaos peak is fast & physical — flashing scissors, flying fur, foam tsunami
- ☐ The reveal is ridiculous but readable — pompadour + jeweled collar

- [] One scream only; cartoon SFX everywhere else; no dialogue
- [] Clean & family-friendly — the cat is offended, never hurt
- [] 9:16, 15 seconds, 720p or better, strong first 2 seconds (the proud strut-in)

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