

The Spider Standoff

Production & Prompt Guide

A complete, repeatable workflow for a 15-second cinematic 3D one-room comedy — from character reference images to the final Seedance 2.0 render.

15 sec · 9:16 vertical · Pixar look · No dialogue · Built for virality

THE IDEA

An epic action standoff over a tiny spider.

The funniest tension is the kind that's completely out of proportion. Sam spots a tiny house spider on the lampshade and treats it like a final boss: slipper raised like a sword, combat crouch, sweat rolling, neon-noir lighting and lightning flashes selling life-or-death stakes. The spider, meanwhile, could not care less — it tilts its head, strolls two steps, and sits on the rim of his mug. The gap between the thriller staging and the harmless threat is the whole joke. And of course, there's a second spider. No dialogue — cartoon SFX only.

WORKFLOW AT A GLANCE

01. Design characters — Lock the hero and the tiny nemesis as references.
02. Build key frames — Three stills: the sighting, the standoff, the truce.
03. Animate in Seedance 2.0 — Feed refs + master prompt, render 9:16 at 15s.
04. Polish & post — Cartoon SFX, gold title card, publish to Reels.

CHARACTER REFERENCE IMAGES

Consistency is everything — the same face, body and room must appear in every frame. Lock two clean references — the terrified hero and the calm little spider — in Nano Banana (Gemini) or GPT Image, then upload both into Seedance 2.0. Because the whole video happens in one room, also keep your environment consistent so the lamp, couch and window read the same throughout.

Sam (The Terrified Hero) — Wild messy hair, oversized round glasses, grey tee, hugely expressive panic. Treats the spider like a final boss — slipper raised, combat crouch, sweating.

The Spider (The Tiny Nemesis) — A small, almost cute cartoon house spider with big innocent eyes. Perches calmly, tilts its head, strolls. The mismatch with Sam's terror is the joke.

STORYBOARD THE SIGHTING, THE STANDOFF AND THE TRUCE

[SIGHTING] Sam frozen mid-step, eyes widening at the spider on the lampshade; lightning flash through the rainy window.

[STANDOFF] Sam in a combat crouch, slipper raised like a sword, sweat rolling; the spider calmly tilts its head.

[TRUCE] Sam panting, defeated, slipper lowered; the spider perched on the rim of his mug, almost friendly.

KEY FRAME · THE STANDOFF

STANDOFF FRAME — the combat crouch

[STYLE] Pixar / Illumination 3D animation, neon-noir apartment at night, rain-streaked window, dramatic shadows. 9:16.

[ACTION] SAM — wild hair, round glasses, grey tee — in a combat crouch, slipper raised overhead like a sword, eyes huge and panicked, sweat bead rolling, fully committed to battle.

[FOREGROUND] A tiny calm cartoon house spider with big innocent eyes perched on the lampshade, completely unbothered.

[NEGATIVE] Maximum tension over a tiny threat. No text, no logos, no inconsistent identity.

TIMELINE

- 0:00–0:02 The sighting — Sam freezes, spots the spider, dramatic zoom, lightning flash.
- 0:02–0:05 The arm-up — slipper raised like a sword "shhk", combat crouch, sweat bead.
- 0:05–0:08 The circling — tense crab-walk standoff; the spider calmly strolls two steps.
- 0:08–0:11 The fake-out — the spider drops an inch; Sam leaps back into the couch "boing".
- 0:11–0:13 The truce — defeated, slipper lowered; the spider sits on his mug, unbothered.
- 0:13–0:15 Punchline — slides the mug out the window, then spots a SECOND spider — freeze.

THE 15-SECOND MASTER PROMPT

This is the whole thing — copy it, swap the tiny nemesis (moth, mouse, roomba) and you have your own one-room standoff series.

MASTER PROMPT · THE SPIDER STANDOFF

CINEMATIC 3D AI CARTOON MINI-STORY – THE SPIDER STANDOFF

[STYLE] Pixar / Illumination-inspired 3D animated comedy with thriller staging, exaggerated but clean cartoon anatomy, hugely expressive faces, neon-noir lighting, rain-streaked windows, glossy render, shallow depth of field, dramatic shadows. The whole story plays like a tense action standoff over a tiny harmless spider. Duration: 15 seconds. Aspect ratio: 9:16. Resolution: 720p or higher. No dialogue. No speech. No subtitles. No logos. Cartoon SFX only.

[CHARACTERS – use the 2 uploaded reference images]

SAM (The Terrified Hero): a lanky young man in his early 20s with wild messy dark hair, oversized round glasses, a fitted grey/black tee, expressive panic-stricken face, exaggerated wide eyes. Treats the spider like a final boss: combat crouch, slipper raised like a weapon, sweating, trembling, fully committed to an epic battle. Lovable and funny, never pathetic.

THE SPIDER (The Tiny Nemesis): a small, almost cute cartoon house spider with big innocent eyes, perched calmly – on the lampshade, the wall, the rim of a mug. Utterly unbothered, occasionally tilting its head. The contrast between its calm and Sam's terror is the whole joke.

[ENVIRONMENT] A cozy apartment living room at night during a rainstorm. A warm lamp, a worn couch, a bookshelf, an old TV, a radiator, a mug on the table. Rain streaking the window, distant city lights, cool blue moonlight fighting the warm lamp glow. Neon-noir contrast, single confined room.

[MOOD] Maximum thriller tension over a minimum threat. Sam treats it like a life-or-death standoff; the spider could not care less. Tension real, comedy huge, stakes hilariously imaginary.

[TIMELINE] 0:00-0:02 THE SIGHTING: Sam freezes mid-step, spots the spider on the lampshade, slow dramatic zoom on his widening eyes, lightning flash through the window. · 0:02-0:05 THE ARM-UP: Sam slowly, theatrically picks up a slipper, raises it like a sword, combat crouch, sweat bead rolling, thriller music building. · 0:05-0:08 THE CIRCLING: tense standoff – Sam edges around the room in a crab-walk, eyes locked, the spider calmly tilts its head and strolls two steps; Sam flinches hard. · 0:08-0:11 THE FAKE-OUT: Sam winds up for a huge strike – the spider drops on a thread an inch, Sam yelps silently and leaps back into the couch, slipper flying. · 0:11-0:13 THE TRUCE: panting, defeated, Sam lowers the slipper; the spider sits on the rim of his mug, unbothered, almost friendly. · 0:13-0:15 PUNCHLINE: Sam slowly slides the whole mug – spider aboard – out the window, exhales, then notices a SECOND spider on his shoulder. Freeze-frame on his frozen scream.

[CAMERA] Slow dramatic zoom on the sighting; low-angle hero shot as he arms up; tense tracking during the circling; whip-pan on the fake-out leap; intimate two-shot at the truce; sudden push-in on the second-spider punchline; final static comedy frame.

[LIGHTING] Neon-noir: warm lamp glow vs cool blue moonlight, rain shadows streaking across faces and walls, occasional lightning flashes, glossy highlights on the wet window and Sam's glasses.

[AUDIO] Cartoon SFX only: a thriller string sting on the sighting, tense ticking build, a "shhk" as the slipper rises, dramatic footstep creaks, a silent-yelp "gulp," a comedic "boing" on the leap, a soft exhale at the truce, a sharp horror sting on the second spider. No speech, no subtitles.

[NEGATIVE] No subtitles, no logos, no on-screen text, no dialogue, no realistic gore, no squashing on screen, no inconsistent identity, no changing faces or rooms – keep it cartoonish, tense and comedic.

QUALITY CHECKLIST

[] Both characters look identical to their reference images in every beat (identity consistency)

- [] The room stays consistent — same lamp, couch, window throughout
- [] Clear mismatch: thriller staging vs a tiny, calm, harmless spider
- [] Sam's arc reads instantly: terror -> over-committed battle -> defeat -> fresh horror
- [] Cartoon SFX only — no dialogue, no subtitles, no on-screen text
- [] Strong first 2 seconds (the sighting + lightning) so it stops the scroll
- [] 9:16, 15 seconds, 720p or better, gold title used sparingly

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