

**EXT. CACTUS FIELD - 2055/01/03 - DAY**

LONG SHOT, STILL

Cactus field, giant cacti standing on a vast field. Standing quietly, reminds people of a forest. They are in all shapes and forms. Their arms pointing up to the sky. As if they are receiving signals from somewhere above.

CUT TO:

MEDIUM TO CLOSE SHOT

If observed closer, one can find labels on each cactus, some of their branches are broken, and one can also find square peels on their skin.

CUT TO:

CACTUS POV.

A scientist in a white coat approaches with a notebook and a scalpel in their hand. They examine the cactus for a while, and write something down in their notebook, then hold up the scalpel.

CLOSE UP.

The scalpel cut into the cactus's skin, and cut down a square.

CACTUS POV.

The scientist preserves the skin peel onto a metal tray. The frame begins to shake slightly.

**FADE OUT.**



# INT. EXPERIMENT LAB - 2055/01/03 - DAY

The 128th day of the VitaCacti Project.

LONG SHOT, STILL

The experiment lab is located at the corner of the cactus field. Scientists examine cactus samples, taking notes, and discussing their findings.

On the other end of the lab, a group of participants are sitting in front of the desks, eating cactus food.

MEDIUM SHOT

As the scientist taking a record of the participants' performance, participants A, B, C, and D report their abnormal perception.

SCIENTIST

This is our weekly check-in. Does your body feel stronger with our cactus gummy treatment?

PARTICIPANT A

Humm. I think I heard the universe whispering to me.

PARTICIPANT B

I haven't slept in days, but I feel more awake than ever.

PARTICIPANT C

I saw lights in the night sky, and they talked to me.

PARTICIPANT D

It's like I can perceive everything, past, present, and future.

The scientist gasps.

CUT TO:

The scientist gathers an emergency meeting with all the scientists in the lab. They discuss frantically. And the lab equipment starts to operate in a rapid speed.

SCIENTIST

I got an idea.

How about we keep using those cacti but switch our goal to boosting people's spirituality?

This might even let us connect with extraterrestrial life and score another huge breakthrough in human history!

It does not take long before a set of new human-cactus fusion products come into being, including patches, apparel, juice, injections, etc.

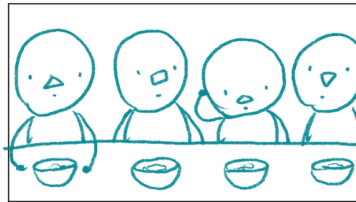
Each participant gets a different product and starts multiple approaches at the same time.

fixed



scientists in the lab / 4s

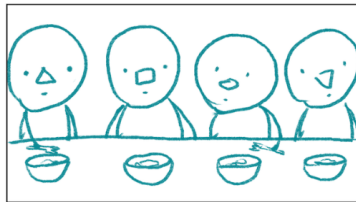
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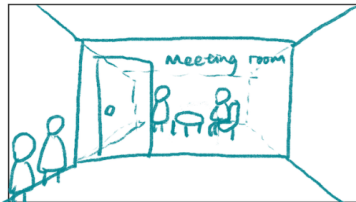
participants preparing to eat  
cactus food / 3s



cactus gummies  
2s



participants eating cactus food  
/ 3s



meeting room (outside)  
/ 3s

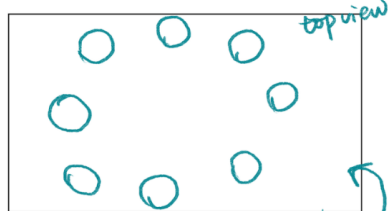


interview x 4  
/ 3s x 4 = 20s

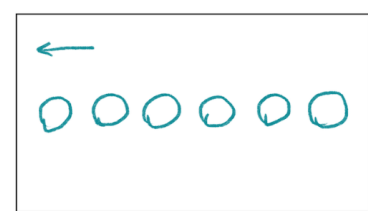
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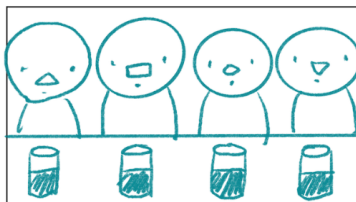
scientist's reaction / 4s



scientists (top of their heads)  
in a meeting, exchanging ideas / 5s



scientists reach an agreement,  
walking out of the meeting room / 4s



juice / 2s



mask / 2s



injection / 2s



meditation / brain connection / 2s



INT. EXPERIMENT LAB - 2055/06/10

In a meeting room.

SCIENTIST

Eclipse is happening tomorrow. Get yourself ready for the field experiment. Remember to take down every detailed reaction before, during, and after the eclipse.

Tomorrow is the big day for the SpaceSpine Project. During the solar eclipse, pay close attention to all your senses and let us know if you experience anything unusual.

PARTICIPANTS

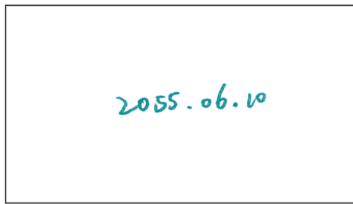
Yes, will do.

SCIENTIST

Wish the power of cactus be with us!

PARTICIPANTS

All the time!



Date / 25



"Human-cactus cyborgs" gathering / 25



the scientist coming / 25



Announcing the plan / 66



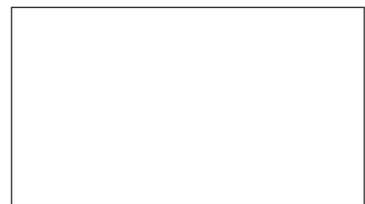
Reaction 1 / 25



Make a wish / 35



Reaction 2 / 25



## EXT. CACTUS FIELD - 2055/06/11

### THE CROWD

The scientists and the participants carried their experiment equipment and notebook to the cactus field. They put on their sunglasses simultaneously.

CUT TO:

### THE SUN

The eclipse starts.

### THE CROWD

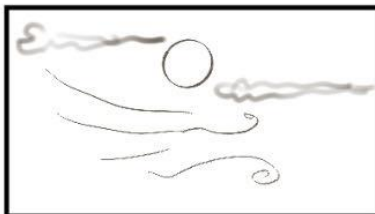
They are still staring at the sky, without moving their eyes away.

### PARTICIPANT A POV.

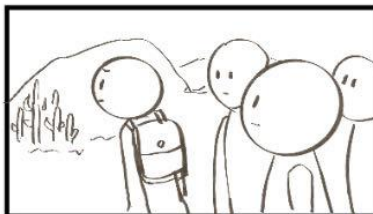
Participant A looks at the patch on their skin. Then they look at the eclipse. Then looks back to the cactus patch.

A strong wind starts to blow. The eclipse reaches its full coverage. The sky blacks out.

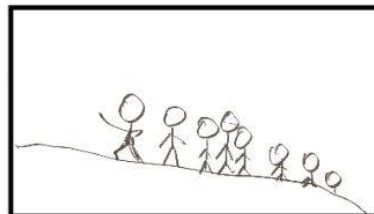
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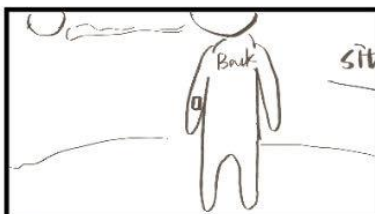
Sun in the sky wind blowing



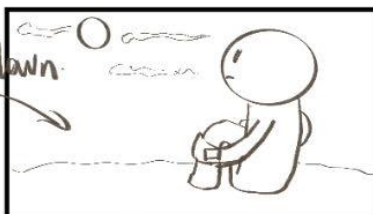
people



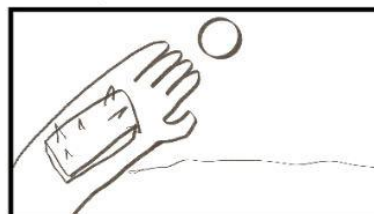
Wideshot people heading toward the center of the island



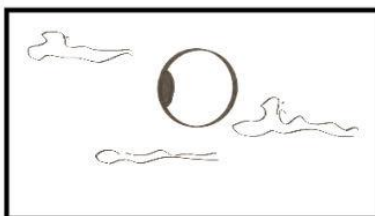
People pick a spot



Sitting down



Participant POV  
Looking at the canvas patch on forearm



Eclipse starts



Participant put on sunglasses



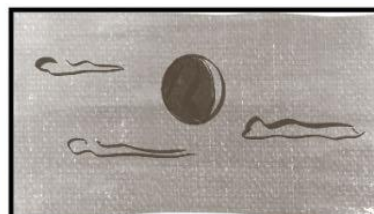
POV forearm zoom in



Eclipse continues



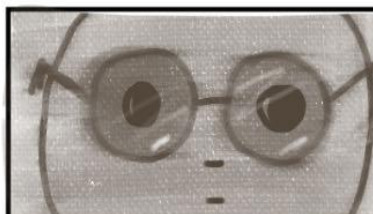
POV forearm zoom in



Eclipse continues



POV forearm zoom in



Close up on face  
Reflection in the sunglasses



Full Eclipse Dip to black



**EXT. CACTUS FIELD - CONTINUOUS**

The eclipse concludes, and the participants open their eyes.

They look at each other, and then look back to the cacti field.

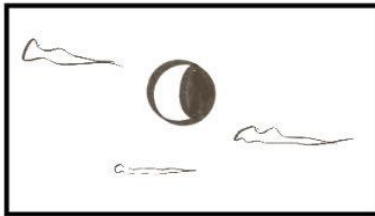
SAME AS THE OPENING SHOT

Cactus field, giant cacti standing on a vast field. Standing quietly, reminds people of a forest. They are in all shapes and forms. But most of the cacti are dilapidated, with broken branches, rotten skins, and wilt tints.

Title The Immortal's Palm

Scene 5

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POV fore arm

Turn head towards cacti

Wideshot cacti field