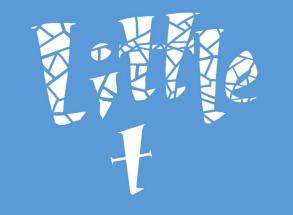
a short film by Masha Ellsworth



Running Time:6 minutesWriter/Director/ProducerMasha Ellsworth

Editor: Layout DP: Lighting DP: Composer: Diana Flores Philip Graham Airton Dittz Jennifer Rowekamp



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### LOGLINE

After failing to get her dream job, Alexis questions her inner critic and unravels the origins of her comfort food.

#### SYNOPSIS

Follow Alexis on the biggest day of her life - her dream job interview as an interior designer. She's armed with an impressive resume, design portfolio, and two trusted companions: her "inner critic" and "inner child." Join Alexis on a journey through the origins of comfort food, as she uncovers new depths to herself and her abilities, and finds the courage to showcase her potential in the interview. Can Alexis overcome obstacles and land her dream job?

## What is Little t?

"Little t" trauma, also known as small "t" trauma, refers to traumatic experiences that are more common and less severe than those typically associated with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). These types of traumas may not necessarily involve physical harm or danger but can still have a significant impact on a person's psychological and emotional well-being. Examples of "little t" traumas include emotional neglect or abuse, parental divorce, bullying, discrimination, and other experiences that may be distressing or traumatic. While these traumas may not necessarily result in PTSD, they can still have long-lasting effects on a person's mental health and well-being.



#### Director Masha Ellsworth

"Little t" is Masha's directorial debut, this project is a part of Pixar's co-op program!

Masha is a lead technical director in characters department at Pixar Animation Studios. She started her career in 2007 when she became an intern on "Ratatouille" working on sets and lighting. Later she transitioned into characters working on feature films like "UP", "Toy Story 3", "Brave", "Cars 2", "Inside Out", "Finding Dory", "Cars 3", "Good Dinosaur", "Coco", "Incredibles 2", "Onward" and "Turning Red". Masha was born and raised in northern Ukraine, graduated from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah with a double degree in Computer Science and Visual Art.



#### Director's statement

A few years ago I was hitting a career plateau and looking for a new challenge, only to find myself doubting every idea I came up with, and being worried about failing at everything. I couldn't shake off that paralyzing feeling, until one day I read a message in a fortune cookie, from a local fast food joint, that said "Silence the critic within." I've heard about this "inner critic" character before; and finally realizing why I felt stuck, I jumped head deep into learning where this "inner critic" came from, why I got it, and lastly, how to "silence" it. At the end of my research journey, it only felt right to share what I have found through film. "Little t" short film became the challenge I was longing for.

-Masha Ellsworth





### Jenny Rowekamp

a San Francisco-based composer and music editor, currently works as a Music Editor at Pixar Animation Studios on projects such as "Turning Red" and "Nona".

#### Diana Flores

an editor from Northern California, passionate about animation and storytelling. She majored in Film and Digital Media at UC Santa Cruz, focusing on production. She is currently an Assistant Editor at Pixar Animation Studios, working on an undisclosed project.

### Cassandra Rodriguez

Post-Production Supervisor for "Little t". Cassandra Rodriguez is a part of the Post Production family at Pixar Animation Studios, and her current role is a Mastering Coordinator for "Turning Red", "Lightyear", and "Elemental".



# Alex Pimwong

Story Artist for "Little t",. He started as an intern at Pixar Animation Studios in 2019 and went on to become a full time Story Artist working on projects including "Dug Days" and other unannounced projects.

# Jared Fong

Character Modeling and Rigging TD at Pixar Animation Studios. He hails from Salt Lake City but now considers California his home. Throughout his tenure at Pixar, Jared has contributed to numerous films and shorts, starting with "Toy Story 3" and extending to the most recent release, "Elemental".

## Max Rodriguez

Story Artist and Animator for "Little t". Max is a technical artist at Pixar, previously at PDI/Dreamworks and other small VFX studios. He is always taking expensive animation classes because he enjoys getting his art/heart ripped apart.

#### cast

alexis meredith hom deborah fran kalal mira seraphina tong recruiter britta wilson cashier freeson wang additional scratch wendy chen rich hurrey alex pimwong rui tong

editors diana flores libby blood kathy riggold michelle sahlin

story artists alex pimwong jake kaplan max rodriguez

production design arisa nakahara masha ellsworth sarah shen torey butner

credits/title design **jenny horn**  supervising technical director masha ellsworth

global technology supervisor **wendy chen** 

director of photography lighting airton dittz

director of photography layout philip graham

additional layout matt wilkinson

art directors maria lee anthony cristov craig foster mykola martynenko rui tong

script production assistants vivian morgowicz freeson wang

#### animation **kevin andrus**

nicholas de lotto masha ellsworth daniel gonzales kelly juarez hernandez brandon montell ada pyszkiewicz max rodriguez

character model/rig jared fong jessica psy delacy glory jo tanja krampfert brittany mcgrath kyle roldan david strick

tailoring/simulation uma havaligi sara ferdousi aimei kutt character shade/paint hailey yoon lisa durand haley kannall jilliene tongson paras chuck waite

#### sets model/dress/shade

joseph suen alec bartsch glory jo kimberly li peter roe frank tai yaa-lirng (ling) tu raymond wong

cassandra rodriguez post supervisor susan brunig grading mark dinicola cristopher knight mastering robin leigh liz gazzano additional production gerisa macale rebecca nisco jennifer rowekamp composer adrian matsuri sound engineer/score mixing vince caro miriam perkoff cellist shauna revelli violinist marcelo meira clarinetist susanne rublein flutist guitarist andrew simmons alec bartsch bassist

pr and marketing supervisor sound design and mixing