

She appears to be in total control of her company, the city and has ambitions to reunite the USA and take control of the whole country. Now Kat has reached 21, her skills are reaching maturity. Rosita puts her master plan into action and demands that her daughter designs the ultimate augmentation for her: a combination of tattoos that will make her more intelligent, quicker, stronger than anyone. The process is dangerous; the slightest mistake could see her become a mutated mess. To lessen her personal risk, Rosita has hundreds of clones created (the clones have no cognitive functions but are perfect, genetic copies of Rosita) for Kat to draw the perfect INK. Once finished, the skin would be transplanted onto Rosita giving her super human powers. Kat is set to work practising and perfecting the tattoos under the lusting eye of her mother's right hand man DYLAN STORM, who wants Kat for himself.

SERIES 1-3

Series 1

In series one we follow Kat's awakening. She slowly realises that her suspicions about her controlling mother don't even scratch the surface. When a mysterious Japanese man, Haruko, appears in her life Kats world is turned inside out. He has his own INK, which Kat believed to be impossible. Despite her mother's best efforts to keep the two apart Haruko manages to tell Kat that he is her stepbrother and her father is still alive, before Rosita has him killed.

Kat realises she will never find the truth of what happened to her father, or why her mother has lied to her for so long, if she stays in the tower. With the aid of an Inked clone, she names Jun, she escapes and begins a perilous journey half-way around the world to find her father.

This is a problem for Rosita and The Coterie; a group of clandestine figures who are working behind the scenes to elevate Rosita to power and re-unite the USA for their own benefit. Without INK under their control the plans are in disarray. Rosita charges Dylan to find Kat, destroy the clone and return her to the tower.

Unknown to everyone the sudden increase in INK activity has awoken a mysterious Maori. Charged with protecting the power behind the Moko (ancient Maori art of Tattooing that channels the power of their ancestors through the unique designs) he sets out to find the source and stop it before it sets in motion a devastating imbalance that threatens the entire world.



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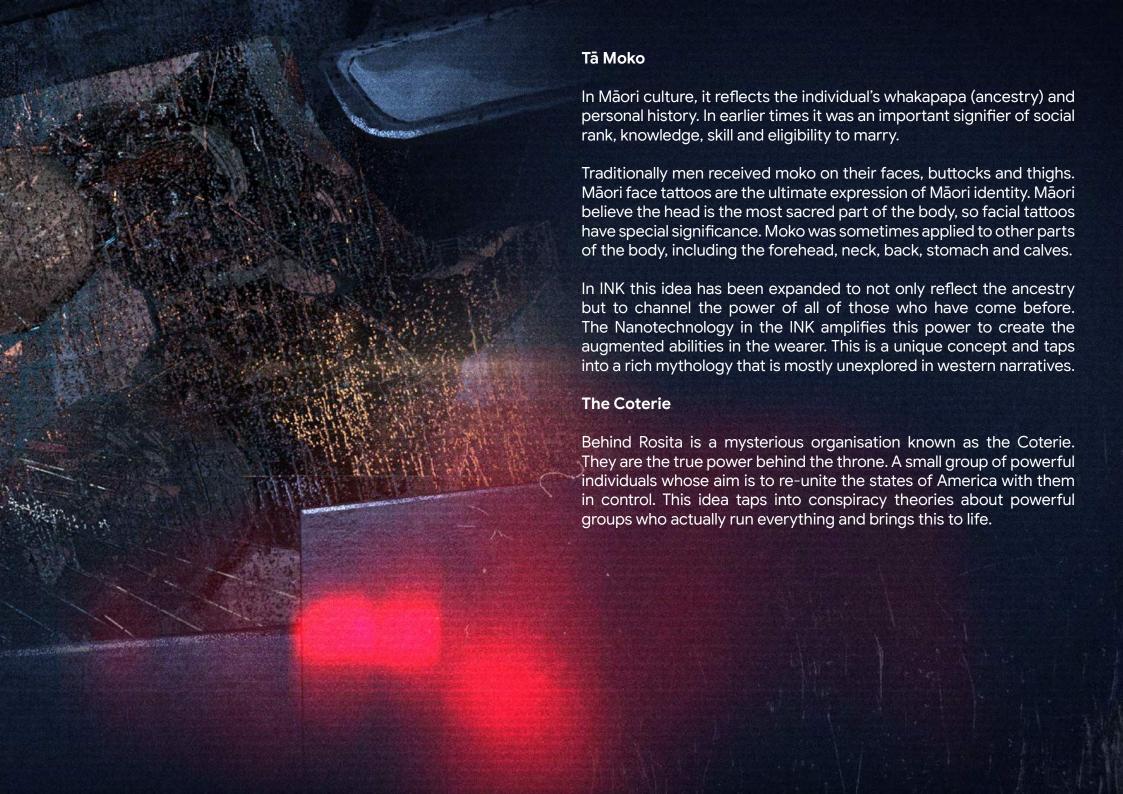
The tech

INK is the power to enhance and augment one's natural abilities by applying precise tattoos, which activate via a music trigger. The tattoos can only improve natural skills, speed, strength, vision, intelligence, psychic powers. They cannot give you an ability you don't already have.

INK is composed of nanoparticles that bond to the central nervous system. Here it energises the mitochondrial system, producing augmentations of natural abilities. However, this is only half of the story.

The spirituality

The principles behind INK are from Maori theology. The tattoos channel the power of ancestors through the wearer. INK taps into an ancient Maori concept of the Moko. A ritual tattoo customarily applied to the face channels the power of the wearer's ancestors into the wearer. Each Moko is unique to the wearer, and the application is ritualised, painful and prolonged. This "spiritual" factor is not understood at the start of the show. Still, it becomes clear that this overlooked element is critical to the power of INK.





Episode 2

Whilst Kat works on her mother's unique tattoos, Dylan tries to locate the mysterious young man. As part of their investigation into the gunfight at the nightclub, Rapha, and Tor talk Rosita. She deflects their questions away and demands they track down the "terrorist" that tried to get to her daughter. The tension between Tor and Rapha increases and Rapha struggles to balance the demands of his new job whilst caring for his sick daughter.

Meanwhile the young man, Haruto is struggling to find another way to speak with Kat. Dylan tracks him using a device that can register the unique energy signal of INK. He discovers Haruto and after a brief INK power fight Haruto is injured but slips away. Meanwhile, Kat applies an intelligence tattoo to a clone but something extraordinary happens; it becomes conscious, alive.

Episode 3

Haruto watches Kat from a neighbouring tower. She is helping the clone, which she names Jun, learn to speak and understand the world around them. Dylan tracks down Haruto, and they battle it out using their INK augmentations. Haruto is injured and captured by Rapha and Tor; however, Tor is ordered to hand him over to Rosita. Rosita decides that Councillor Vaughan is a problem she needs to fix; he is in danger of messing up her plans. Haruto and Kat meet face to face for the first time under the watchful eye of Rosita and Dylan. They want to know where he got his INK. Haruto manages to tell her that her father is still alive; this changes everything.

Episode 4 Dylan puts Rosita's plans into action and bring down the city council leader and his supporters on the council by stealing an EMP (Electro-Magnetic-Pulse Weapon, designed to destroy anything electrical) from a military base. They plan to use it against a civilian target: the hospital run by the deputy council leader Tushuko. Councillor Vaughan is becoming increasingly concerned about the attacks on the significant pharmaceutical businesses in Boston. He demands Commander Simmons, head of the CB-TA, does more to bring the perpetrators to justice. Dylan loses control of his INK at the base, and it ends in a massive firefight. Meanwhile, a stressedout Rapha accidentally feeds his daughter nuts, and she goes into anaphylactic shock. He rushes her to the hospital to save her life. Haruto escapes from his hospital bed in RN tower and sets off to find Kat. Far away in New Zealand, the increased use of INK alerts Maui the Maori, charged with protecting the power now unleashed on the world. He sets out to find the source.



Episode 5

In a flashback sequence, we learn about the mysterious Maori, Maui and how he got his Moko (face tattoo) and became the guardian of the spirits. On the run, Haruto is forced to attempt to climb the exterior of RN Tower. Rapha is caught in an explosion at his daughter's hospital, shutting down the machines keeping her alive. Rapha focuses his rage at the death of his daughter on the hospital owner, Tushko, but is stopped from killing him by Tor.

Meanwhile, Jun's training continues. Kat has a plan to escape with Haruto, and she needs Jun to help her achieve it. The Maori arrives in America. However, Rosita, ever watchful, kills Haruto with a done as he finally reaches Kat's Penthouse. Kat watches him plunge to his death, torn apart by the loss.

Episode 6

In the series finale, spurred by Haruto's death at the hands of her mother, Kat finishes Jun's augmentations. With Rosita at a meeting with the Coterie (the real power behind Rosita), they try to escape. The Maori sets off to Boston in a stolen car. Rapha is locked up for the attempted murder of Tushko. Commander Simmons gets him released, but suspended from duties; he returns home to find his wife has left. He has lost everything. Rosita meets with Vaughan, and he agrees to make her deputy leader of the council now Tushuko has had to step down. He then suffers a massive heart attack, precisely as she planned.

Kat and Jun battle it out with Dylan and augmented henchmen as they escape RN Tower. Just as they think they have reached freedom, only to fall into the hands of the fearsome Maori ... Maui. Series one ends on this dark cliff-hanger, in which the future of Kat and Jun appears very bleak and Rosita is no in position to start her war to reclaim the USA with nobody to stop her.

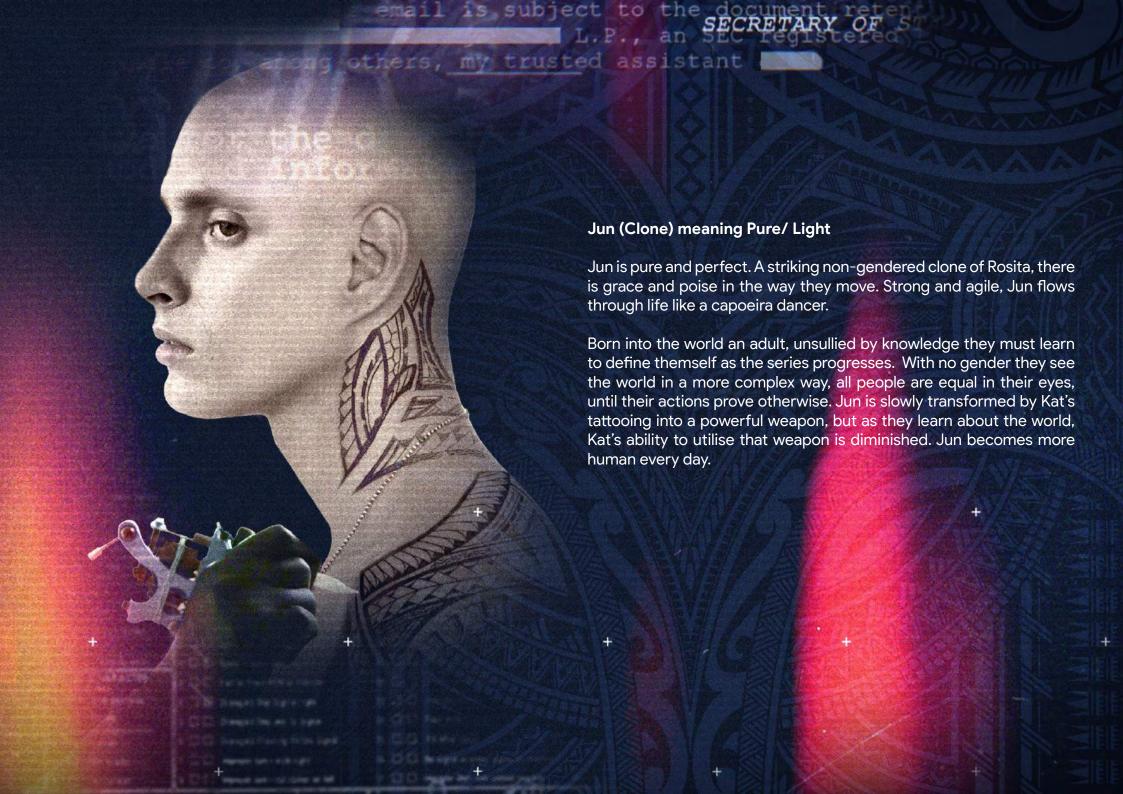
CHARACTERS

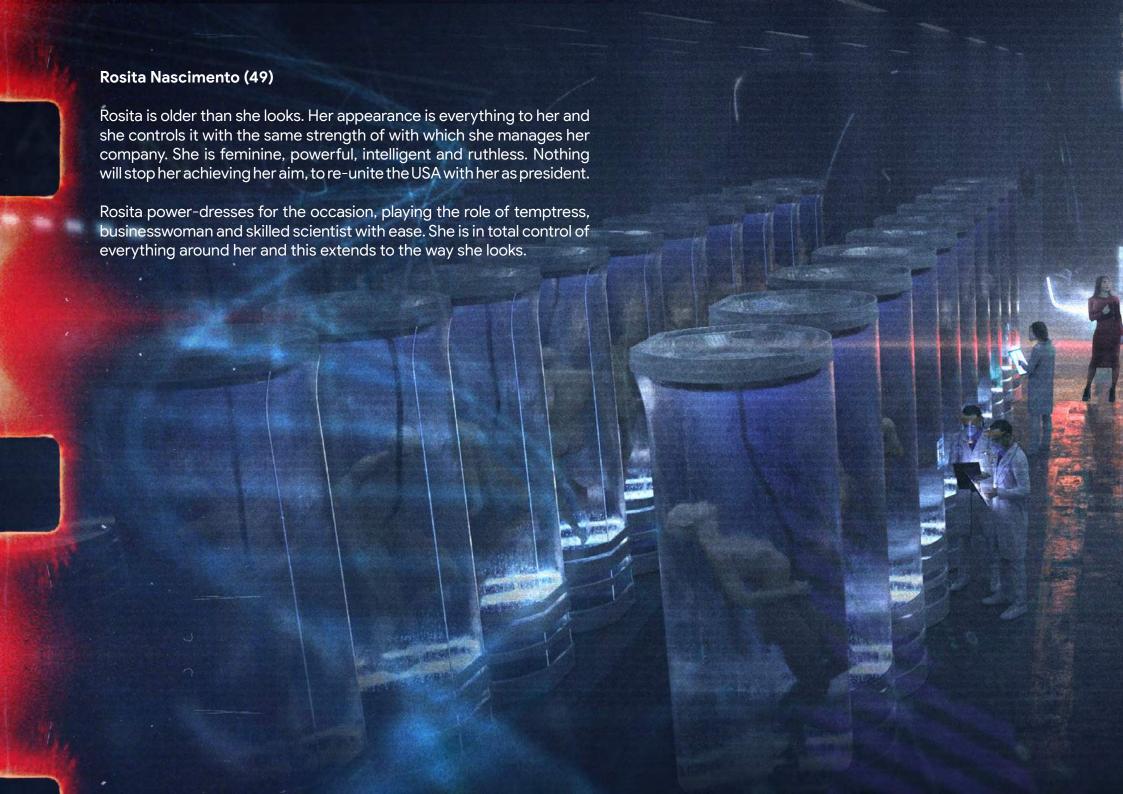
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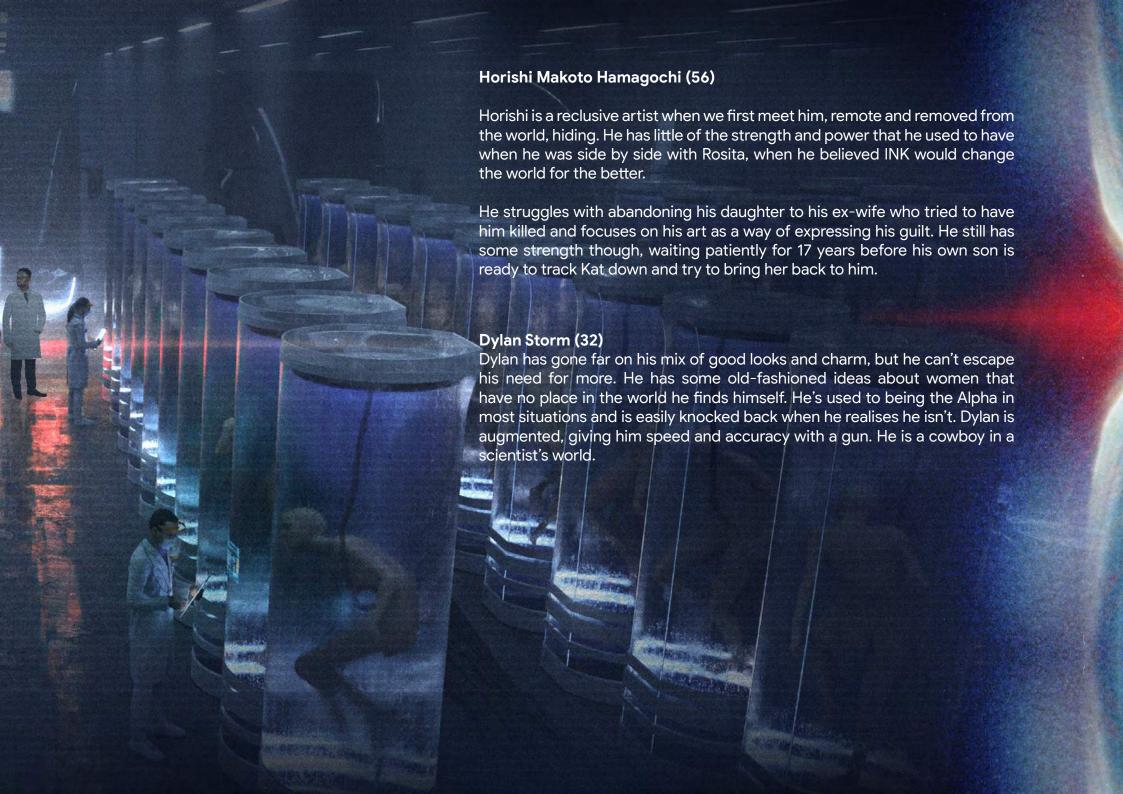
Kat is elegant and refined, she is the physical embodiment of her artistry. Complex, detailed, mysterious with untapped power. Kat's Brazilian mother (Rosita) and Japanese Father give her a unique appearance. She has control over her emotions and reads people as an artist; seeing beyond the surface and able to capture their inner truth after the briefest of interaction. Her experience of the real world is extremely limited, but she learns fast. Once Kat has decided she will not be easily swayed.

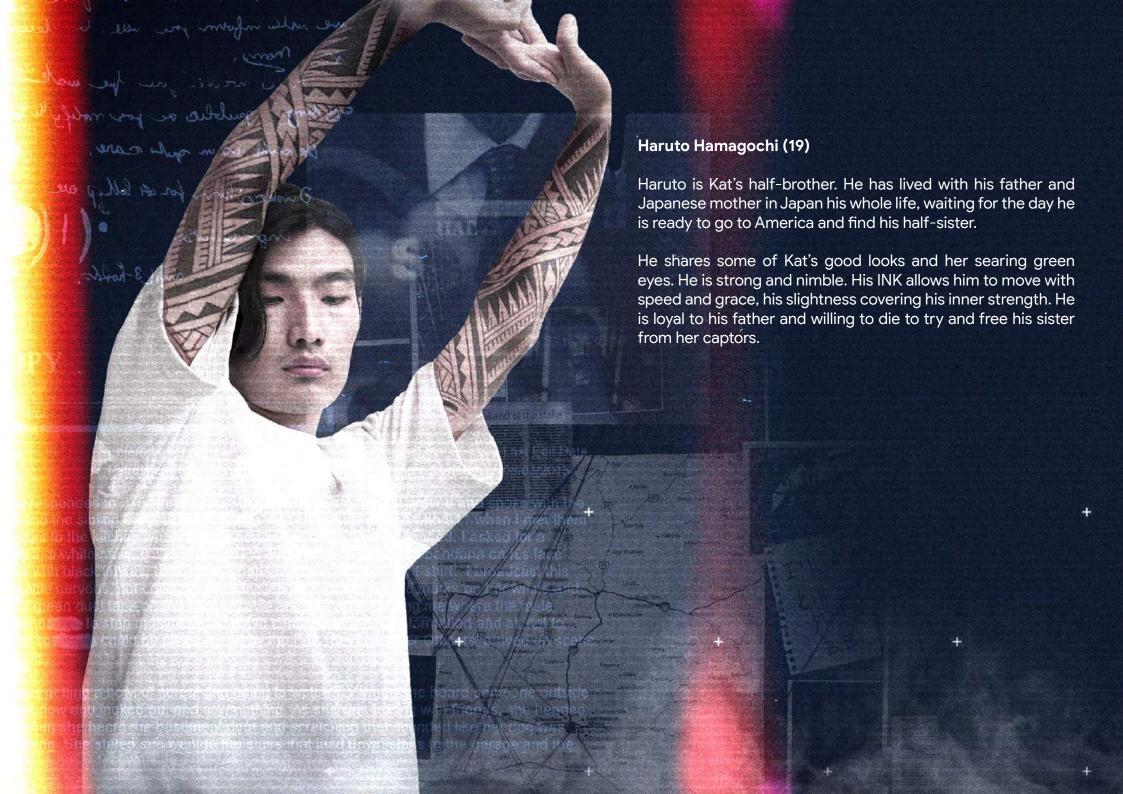
Kat is a wolf (in the Japanese sense rather than the traditional Western sense) – Keen sensing, playful Spirit, heightened capacity for devotion. Relational by nature, deeply intuitive.











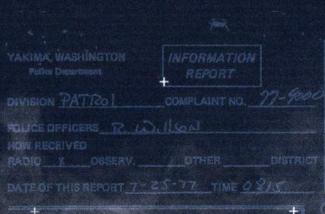
Tor Ingasol (44)

Tor's outward simplicity belies her inner warrior. Often misjudged, she uses this to her advantage: switching easily from helpless victim to predator. Tor is secretly INKed - her augmentation heightens her photographic enabling her to find and deduce clues very quickly. She has been manoeuvred into the CB-TA by Rosita as her inside woman to look after the objectives of The Coterie.

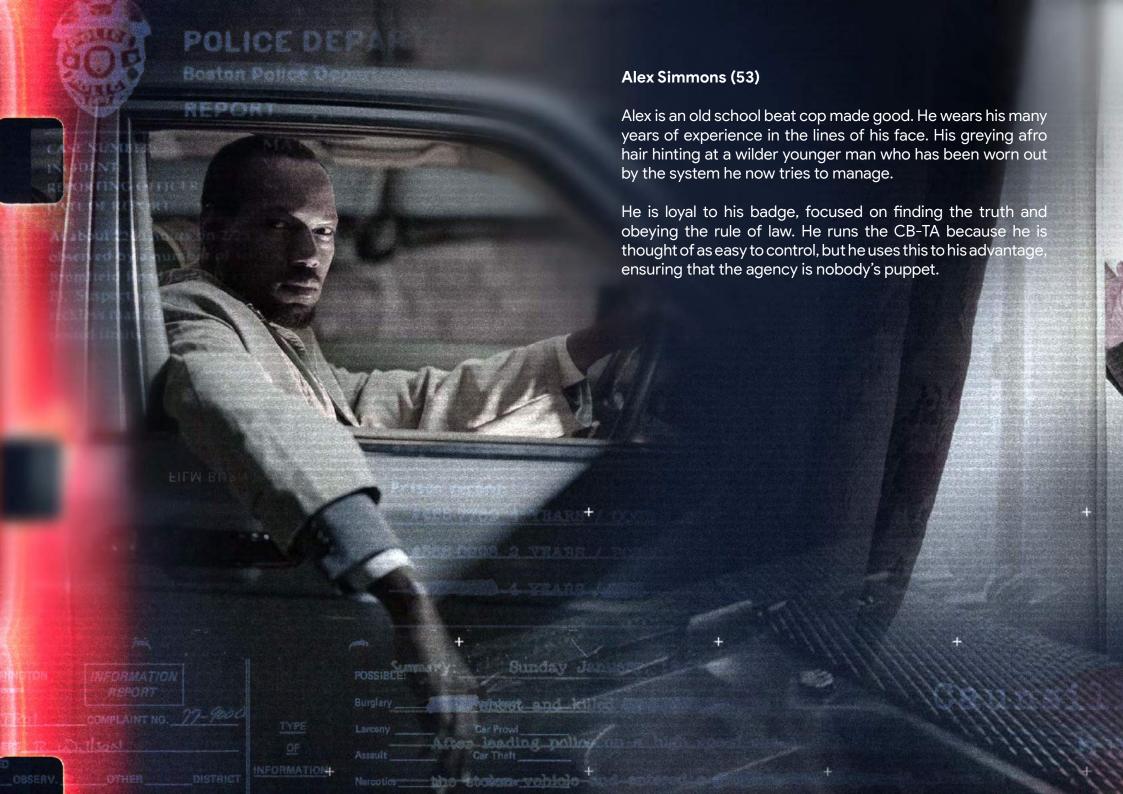
Rapha Ribeiro (39)

Rapha is Puerto Rican by birth. He carries more weight than he would like but still has some of the strength of youth under his dad bod.

CB-TA field agent – believes in the law, believes that things can be done right, fights for the little people. Father was an illegal immigrant, family are embroiled in drug trade, he distances himself from them, but it has a nasty habit of catching up with him.









Councillor Vaughn (65)

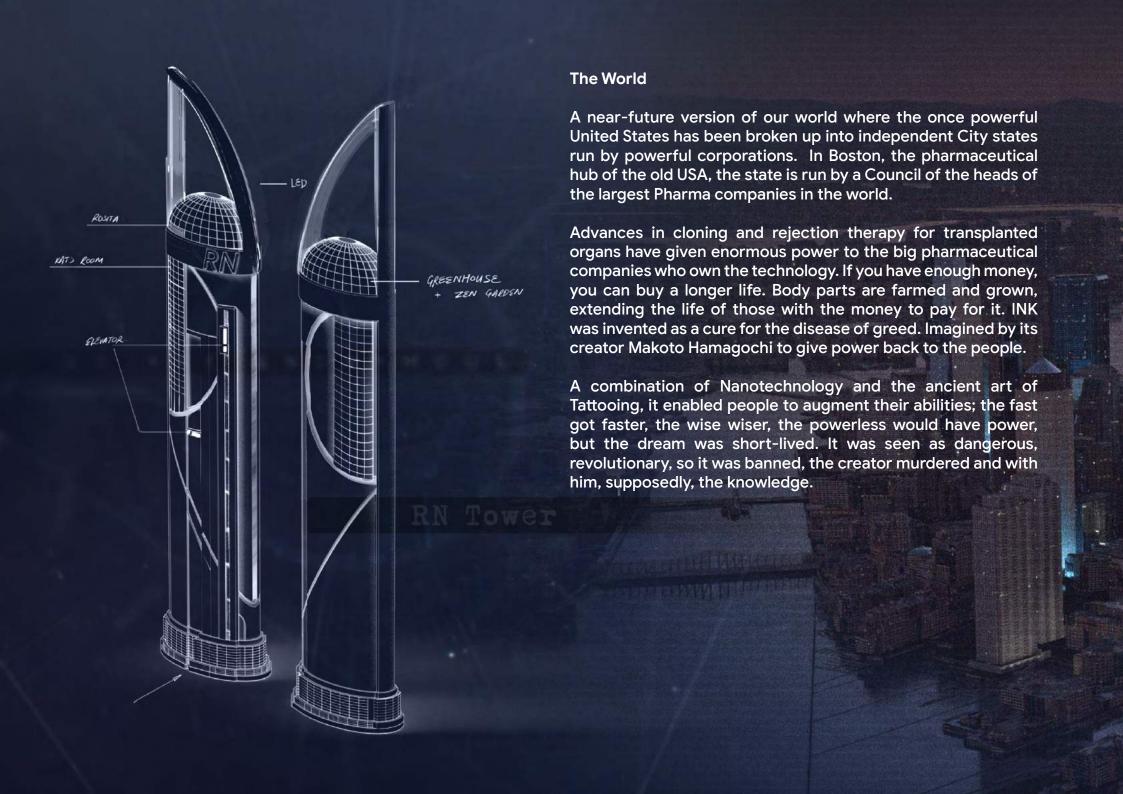
Councillor Vaughan's physical largess is befitting of a professional politician. His loyalties are easily bought and he shifts with the wind of change, manoeuvring himself to the highest seat of office through manipulation and deal brokering. He enjoys a rich life, full of expensive dinners and willing assistants. He is all about greed and excess, the sweaty hand in the city's coffers, and he believes in total control of the world he inhabits.

The Maori (unknown)

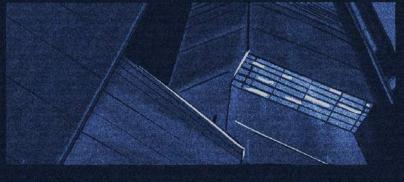
The keeper of the faith. Protector of the Spirit realm. An ancient man, although in this physical form no older than 40 years of age. His body is etched with the symbols of power that have kept him and the others like him safe for all time. He moves through a world that does not see him for what he really is. A conduit, a lightning rod and a prophet.

He carries with him the knowledge of thousands of years and is singularly focused on protecting this knowledge above all else. He assumes nothing and takes no sides.

YAKIMA WASHINGTON THE MISCON











Tone/Style

INK is a combination of Sci-Fi action with political thriller. It crosses over audiences who love the Marvel universe and offers them something darker and twisted. Visually it will be high contrast, vibrant glowing neon mixed with dark brooding cityscapes of a near future world more divided than ever. The powerful and rich have taken over and want to do anything to stay at the top.

Themes/Issues

The story is a simple one at its heart. Kat struggles to find her place in a world that seems intent on consuming her. Her only companion is a clone of her mother-the woman who stole her from her father and imprisoned Kat with lies for her own gain. Together they find a way to redefine themselves, to take control and, in doing so, threaten to destroy the people who created them.

INK explores what it means to be human. What defines us, our nature, or our nurture. We are a small part of a continuum, the whole of human experience. Who we are is determined by where we came from, gender, intelligence, opportunity. As we hurtle towards a world where we can change our bodies daily, what do we risk losing? Is it worth the cost?

At the centre of INK is the notion of creativity being the key to unlock the power of the individual. The tattoos are a unique fingerprint, connecting the wearers to their ancestors, channelling power and realising potential.



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Comparables -

John Wick/ Mr Robot - Global espionage, quirky hero The Expanse - Multi Layered Adventure with Political and Social Allegory Altered Carbon - Sci-Fi Dystopian

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