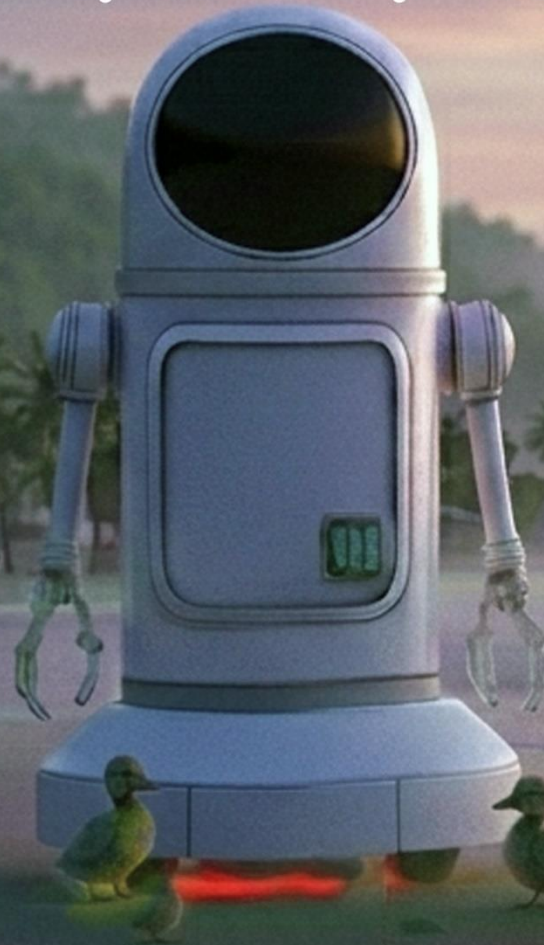


MOTHERBOARD FEVER

A Film by Ahmad Seyedkeshmiri



“.Hardware. Software. Motherhood”
A Digital Odyssey on the Misty Monsoon Shores

Format: Short Film (Proof of Concept for the Anthology Feature)

Genre: Sci-Fi / Human Drama

Status In Development / Seeking International Partnership & Funds

SYNOPSIS

The Routine: Amidst the fragrant smoke of Satay grills and the echoes of traditional Malay coastal melodies, an industrial robot performs its daily labor in a bustling seaside restaurant along the monsoon shores. A silent observer in the vibrant tapestry of human life, it yearns for a connection that remains unseen.

The Spark: The pure kindness of a young girl and the echoes of a gentle fable ignite an unexpected warmth within its circuits. Seeking to experience affection, the robot transcends its rigid programming, beginning to mimic humanity by crafting delicate gestures of love from the coastal wilderness.

The Fever: After a tumultuous encounter with the sea, the robot succumbs to a mysterious "fever." This is no malfunction; it consciously raises its internal temperature to protect a cluster of fragile duck eggs hidden within its chest. In the serene dawn of the tropical restaurant, its algorithms transform into a mechanical lullaby, witnessing the ultimate miracle of birth.

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Genre: Sci-Fi / Human Drama

Tone: Poetic & High-Tech

Duration: 15 Minutes (approx.)



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Director's Statement:

"A visual poem told through the lens of a machine, capturing the warmth of the human soul."

The Essence of Love in a Vessel of Iron In an era where technological advancement often distances humanity from its core, Motherboard Fever explores the profound boundary where artificial logic and organic empathy meet. This film is a definitive departure from **conventional sci-fi tropes.**

The protagonist is not a symbol of futuristic threat, but a rugged tool of labor performing its routine amidst the fragrant smoke of **coastal grills, undergoing** a silent, emotional transcendence.

By transcending its rigid programming to embrace empathy, the machine risks its own circuitry to protect a fragile **new life hidden within its chest.**

Through the stark contrast between the coldness of hardware and the delicate warmth of traditional life, the film serves as a cinematic commentary on nurturing and sacrifice—a testament to the belief that motherhood is a universal

language, capable of flourishing even within a vessel of iron.

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The Protagonist

A departure from sci-fi clichés, the protagonist is a pure industrial tool. Standing one meter tall, its rugged cylindrical body resembles a utilitarian appliance. Its flat, expressionless black visor serves as a silent mask, reflecting the world while concealing a profound emotional awakening.

Key Features:

Industrial Frame: A compact, one-meter-tall cylinder built for durability in harsh, salty coastal environments.

Seamless Mobility: Glides on hidden wheels with mechanical grace, delivering trays and clearing tables in silence.

Integrated Cleaner: Features a rotating circular brush at its base, constantly polishing the floors as it moves.

The Void: A featureless dark visor with no mouth or eyes, yet perceiving the world with deep, silent empathy.



Visual Style & Color Palette

The Aesthetic: Cinematic Realism meets Poetic Atmosphere

The visual language of "Motherboard Fever" is built on the contrast between the rigid, industrial nature of the machine and the soft, organic beauty of the coastal landscape.

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Color Palette:

Industrial Cold: Shades of muted white and metallic blues reflect the robot's origin as a tool of labor.

Living Warmth: Golden ambers and sunset oranges symbolize the awakening of the heart and the "fever" of life.

Natural Earth: Deep ochres and sandy beiges root the story in the timeless environment of the seashore.

Lighting & Texture: We utilize natural, low-light cinematography during the "Golden Hour" to blur the line between the mechanical and the biological. The textures of rusted metal, sea salt, and soft feathers create a tactile experience for the audience.

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The Awakening: From Tool to Protector

The Metamorphosis: The "Fever" isn't a malfunction; it's an awakening. When the robot discovers a life more vulnerable than its own, its internal thermal core—once designed for mechanical maintenance—becomes a source of life-giving warmth.

Key Narrative Beats:

The Incubation: Transforming its internal compartment into a sanctuary for the duck eggs.

Calculated Sacrifice: Diverting its battery power from its own mobility to maintain the precise temperature needed for life.

Defying Logic: Choosing the survival of the "other" over its own mechanical preservation.

"In the heat of its motherboard, a new world is hatched."

The Setting:

The Seaside Restaurant A beautiful, traditional restaurant located on the misty shores. It combines classic architecture with timeless coastal heritage.

The story unfolds in an environment where the night air is humid and chilly, and the atmosphere is thick with sea mist.

Key Locations Indoor Space: A warm area filled with the fragrant smoke of traditional open-fire grills and glowing embers.

This is where the robot seeks refuge to maintain its core temperature.

Outdoor Terrace: A quiet space facing the vast, rhythmic waves and the sandy beach.

The Contrast: The golden, flickering light of the cooking fires inside the restaurant against the deep blue, misty shadows of the shore.

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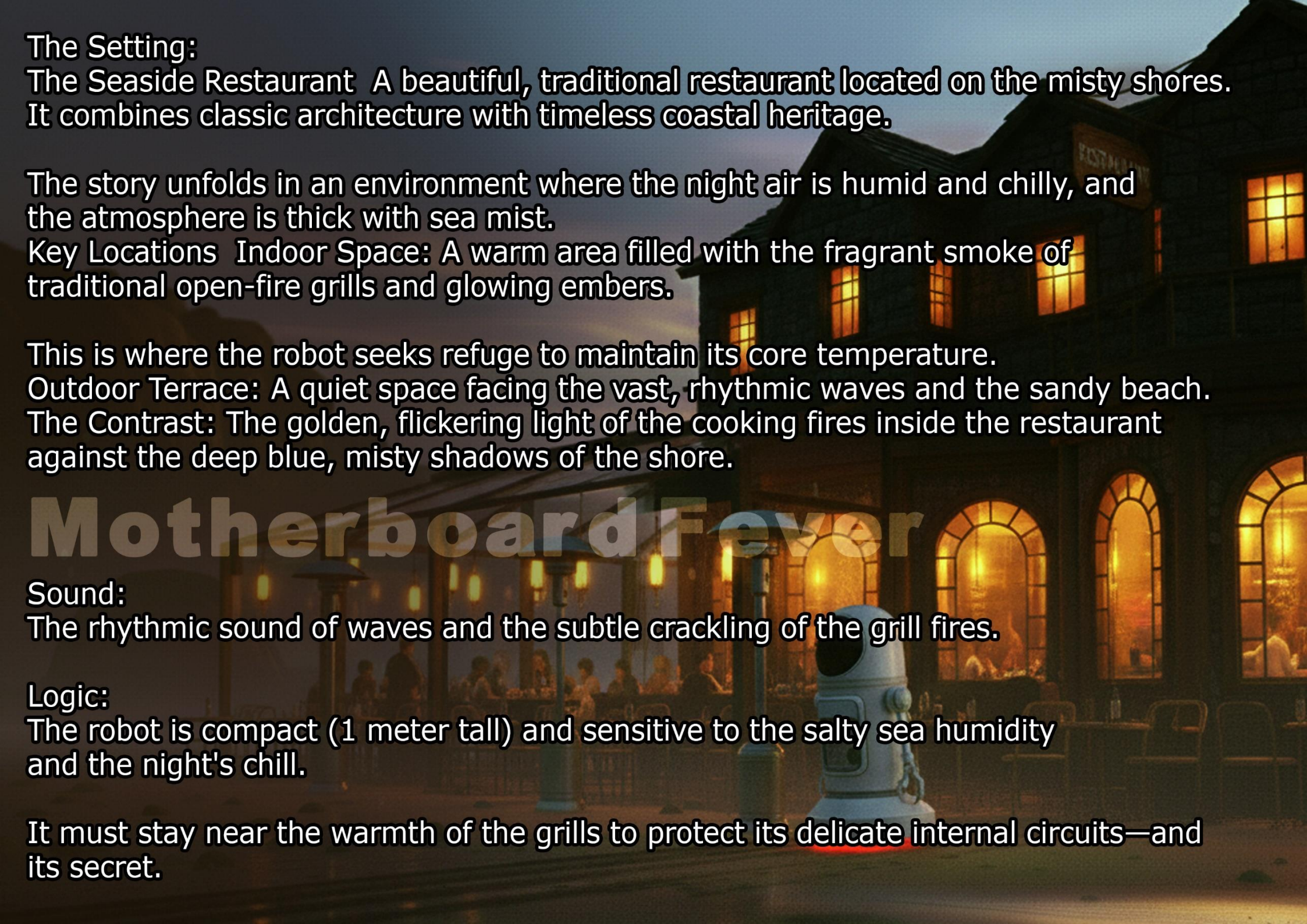
Sound:

The rhythmic sound of waves and the subtle crackling of the grill fires.

Logic:

The robot is compact (1 meter tall) and sensitive to the salty sea humidity and the night's chill.

It must stay near the warmth of the grills to protect its delicate internal circuits—and its secret.





The Director Filmmaker & Cinema Educator

With a professional career spanning over 25 years, Ahmad Seyedkeshmiri is a dedicated voice in independent cinema, specializing in blending poetic realism with universal stories that explore human crises.

AHMAD SEYEDKESHMIRI

Key Achievements:

Prolific Creator: Directed and produced over 30 short fiction and documentary films, establishing a distinct, socially conscious cinematic vision.

Global Recognition: Highly acclaimed in the international festival circuit, with works screened and awarded across prestigious global platforms.

Expert Educator: A trusted mentor who has supervised cinema students and conducted specialized workshops at the various film schools.

Master of Craft: A self-taught auteur mastering the entire production lifecycle—from conceptual screenwriting to cinematography and final editing.

The Vision & Partnership

Ahmad's cinema serves as a bridge between profound local realities and global audiences. With *Motherboard Fever*, he utilizes his decades of experience to craft an authentic, visually striking world. We welcome international co-producers, cultural funds, and partners who value artistic integrity to join us under a framework of equitable collaboration to bring this poetic vision to the global stage.

Budget Estimate & Financial Overview
Estimated Total Budget: \$20,000 - \$25,000
(Independent International Co-Production)

Budget Breakdown:

Production (45%): Professional crew, cinema-grade equipment rental, location logistics, and robot maintenance.

Post-Production & VFX (30%): Specialized visual effects for the robot's HUD, "Fever" sequences, professional color grading, and sound design.

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Cast & On-Set Operations (15%): Talent fees and essential production hospitality in coastal regions.

Marketing & Festivals (10%): Strategic submission to Oscar-qualifying festivals under fair-access waiver protocols.

Equity & Partnership Strategy:

International Co-Production: Seeking cultural and artistic partnerships to secure fair-access resources and international distribution channels.

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Animal Welfare & Technical Note: "To ensure the safety of living creatures, all interactions with chicks and eggs will be handled using a combination of Practical Props and CGI/VFX."

Festival & Distribution Strategy

The Goal: To position "Motherboard Fever" as a leading contender in the international short film circuit, focusing on festivals that celebrate poetic sci-fi and human-centric stories.

Target Festivals:

Oscar-Qualifying Festivals: Focusing on top-tier festivals such as Linz, Clermont-Ferrand, and major European/US short film festivals.

Specialized Markets: Showcasing at the Short Film Corner (Cannes) and other international industry markets.

Distribution:

Digital Platforms: Exploring partnerships with curated platforms for independent cinema (e.g., MUBI or Criterion Channel) after the festival run.

Educational & Cultural Screenings: Leveraging the film's themes for workshops and cinema-tech conferences.

"Our vision is to reach a global audience, proving that motherhood and empathy are universal languages."

Thank You

Thank you for your time and for exploring the world of Motherboard Fever with us. We are ready to bring this poetic vision to life and invite you to join us in shaping this unique international co-production.

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