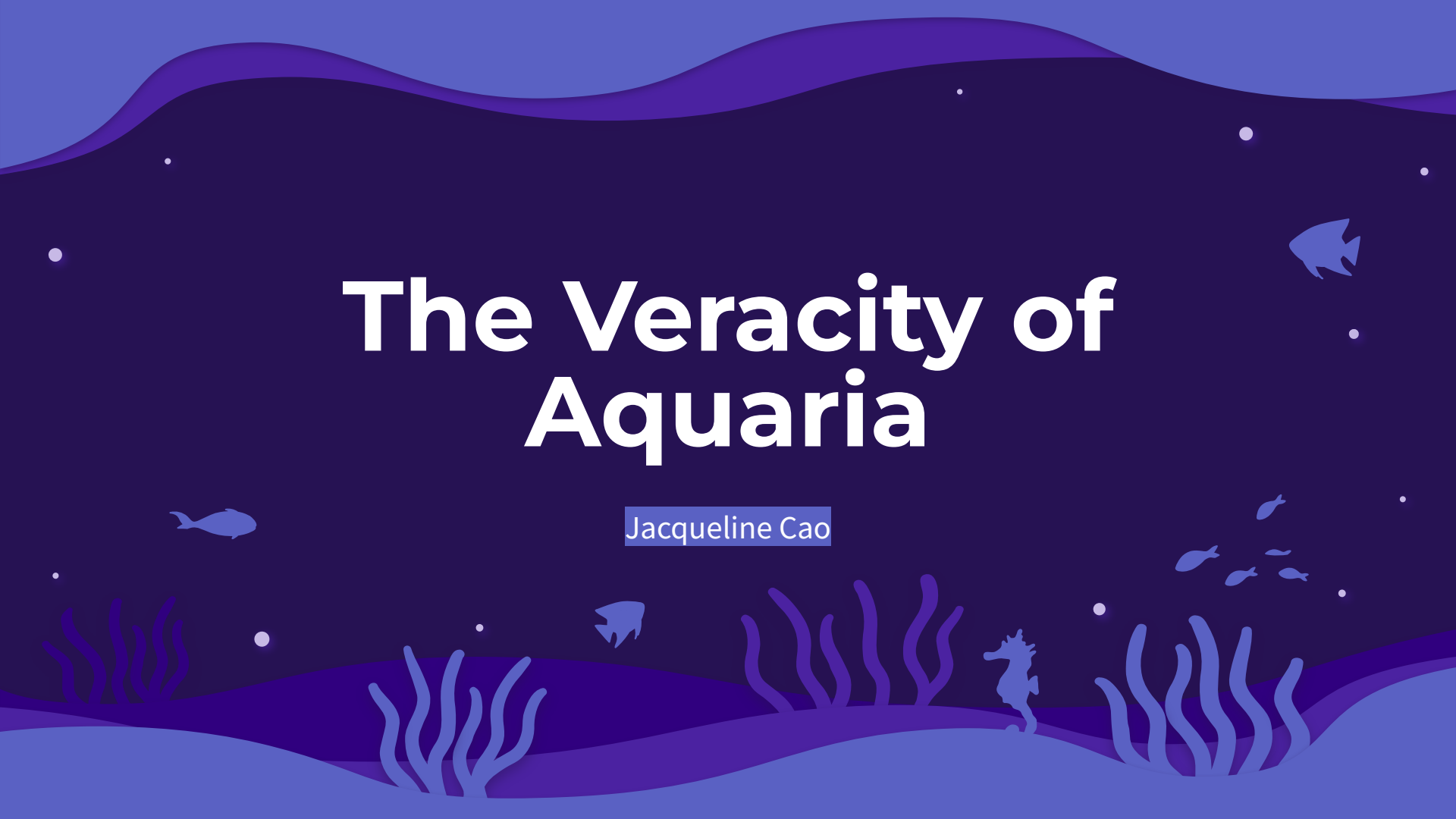


The Veracity of Aquaria

Jacqueline Cao



INTRODUCTION

Title: The Veracity of Aquaria

Genre: Open-world · Sci-fi · Fantasy

Time/Place: Future after more ocean pollution, Aquaria (Underwater world)

POV: 3rd Person

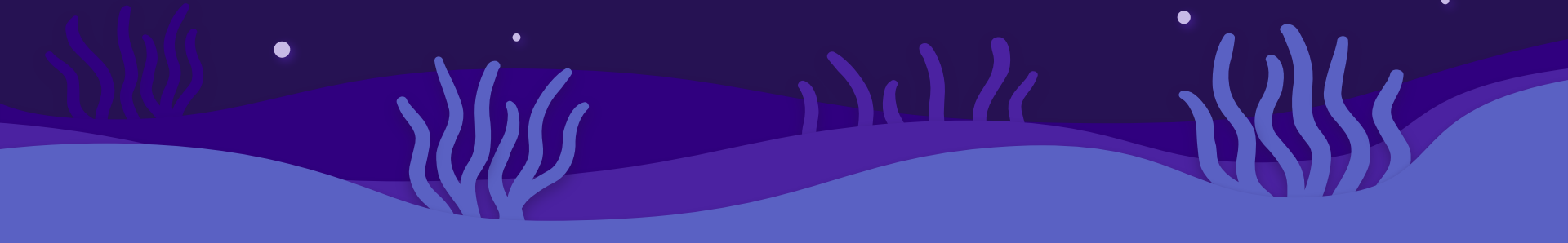
How many players: Singleplayer

Target age: Rated T, 13+



Story Description

In a “Cyberpunk” meets “Little Mermaid” world, the heir of the Aquivlo Empire, Lorin, is arranged to marry into the Orcinus Kingdom to end the war between the two nations. Lorin’s magic was sealed away temporarily for opposing this decision. The Slums’ leader intercepts Lorin to tell them that a toxic smog is spreading. After witnessing the corruption of their empire first-hand, Lorin aims to expose the Empire’s nefarious actions to the public.



Protagonist

Name: Lorin

Role: Heir to Aquivlo empire (Former), fugitive/rebel

Age: 20

Background: Lorin had always put up a calm and responsible front to the people. When their mother decided to marry them off to the Orcinus Kingdom, Lorin was furious because they were viewed as a trophy of beauty, not recognized for their skills and contributions to the empire.

Goals: To follow their own will, connect with others, and improve the conditions of the slums/Aquaria.

What is their world and why are they the hero for it?

When Lorin witnessed their knights slaughtering innocents in the slums first hand, it opened their eyes they've decided to take a stand against the empire. They want to right a wrong and find out how to stop the toxic smog from killing more merfolk.

Brightgoat



Brightgoat



Antagonist

Name: Empress Leandra

Role: Empress

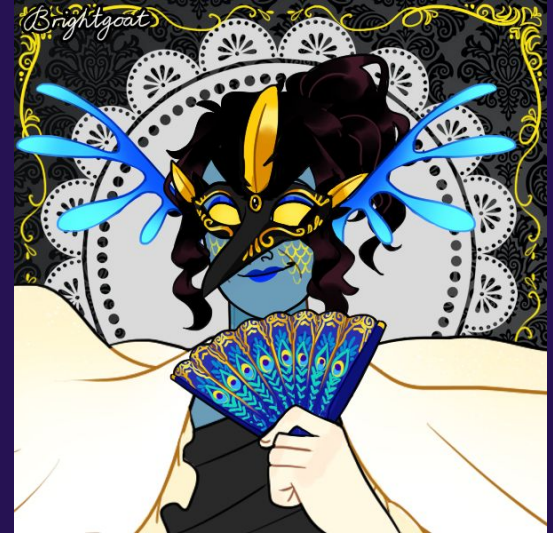
Age: 50-60

Background: Born to the royal family of Aquivlo without any magic, Leandra was cast out as a child to the slums. A merman, Ely, helped her when she was being attacked by looters. The two grew close and had a romantic relationship. One day, Leandra had an opportunity to return to the palace. She promised that she would help the slums once she came into power. When Ely visited the court again she tried to explain to him that she could not support the slums since she had a low status in court because she lacked magic. Ely is disgusted with her excuses and leaves.

Goals: To have magical powers stronger than everyone else, and be remembered as the greatest empress in Aquivlan history.

What is their world, what they want to achieve, how is protag in their way?

The magic stone of Aquivlo used to power the empire, can take magic from other merfolk. Leandra secretly started using the stone, but realized that since she does not have any innate magic, the magic she took cannot regenerate and turned into a toxic smog. Lorin wants to discover the truth behind the pollution and if she were exposed, she'd lose everything she worked for.



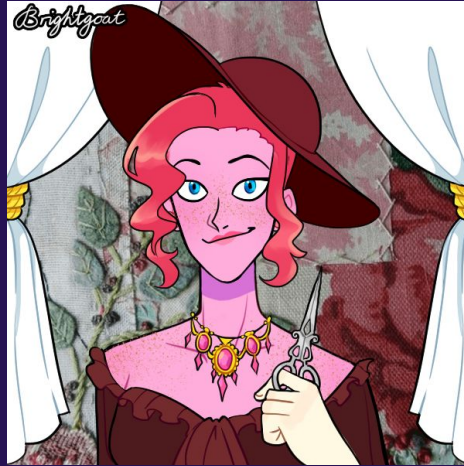
Supporting Characters



Name: Novi

Role: Leader of Slums

Whose side are they on:
Slums, Ally of Lorin



Name: Wenna

Role: Owner of Tailor shop,
Powerful magic user

Whose side are they on: Aquivlo,
Ally of Lorin



Name: Glace

Role: Prince of Orcinus Kingdom
Whose side are they on: Orcinus,
Ally of Lorin

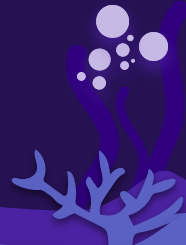
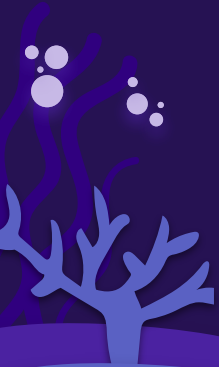
Conclusion

What are you hoping players experience that they haven't before?

- Story set in an ocean setting
- Social commentary in metaphor
- Engaging characters each with their own perspectives

What sticks out about this IP

- Commentary on environmentalism
 - Trash as technology
 - Upper class and responsibilities to environmentalism
- Commentary on social classes
 - Upper class' treatment towards lower class
 - Change and awareness
- The power of connection and solidarity
 - Discrimination





THANKS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

CREDITS: This presentation template was created by [Slidesgo](#), and includes icons by [Flaticon](#), and infographics & images by [Freepik](#)

Please keep this slide for attribution