



SPOON-FED ADDICTION

A one-sided conversation with a dying man—about how his version of love made suicide contagious.

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Logline

Houston, 1995. A dealer bleeds out in his bathtub, confessing the night grief made him a killer. Two months later, a teenage girl's suicide—after his kiss and three empty words—proves the confession wasn't penance. It was his last performance.

The Vision

- Spoon-Fed Addiction is a non-linear psychological thriller about how trauma mutates when it's retold—and how a dying man's last performance can outlive him.
- Framed as two deathbed testimonies (Adiran's bathtub confession and Angela's diary), it uses voiceover as a complete confession track while the images deepen and sometimes contradict what he says.
- Structured as a 4-act psychological collapse rather than a traditional 3-act redemption arc, it focuses on myth replacing memory and pain replacing closure. The screenplay is a direct adaptation of the novella of the same name written by Silvano Williams. The discomfort is intentional; there are no easy answers.





Narrative Design – 4 Acts

A 4-act structure built around Adiran's psyche:

1. THE WOUND – The originating trauma.
2. THE FALL – The slow burn gives way to chaos.
3. THE VOID – Delusion and collapse.
4. THE INFECTION – Pain passed on to Angela (and, implicitly, to us).



Core Story – Myth Replacing Memory

The narrative tracks two connected lives.

Angela:

- Introspective girl in a corrupt home.
- Misreads Adiran's breakdown as tragic romance.
- Never sees the violence directly; she reconstructs it in her imagination.
- Functions as the in-world "audience" for his story.

Adiran:

- Drug dealer rotting in guilt over Veronica's death.
- After Mary is killed, he and Seth launch into a hallucinatory revenge trip.
- Seriously wounded, he spends what may be his last night telling the story he's built around his grief, a story that tragically catapults Angela into his worldview.



The Catalysts for the Chaos



Veronica – The Original Wound:

- Adiran's first love.
- Accidental, drug-fueled rooftop death.
- Defines his guilt and self-image.



Mary – The Trigger:

- Calm, commanding, spiritually grounded.
- Her murder triggers the revenge spiral with Seth.



Seth – The Last Line:

- Loyal best friend and partner in the rampage.
- Dies in the final shootout, leaving Adiran completely alone.



Angela – The “Dangerous Void”

Angela embodies the risk created by over-sheltering.

- Raised by a corrupt, authoritarian father.
- Emotionally underdeveloped, with no framework for real danger or moral complexity.
- Drawn to Adiran’s breakdown as if it were romantic and profound.
- Builds an idealized version of him in her diary.
- Her last diary entry is the final transfer of his damage into her life.

A man with dark hair is lying in a bathtub, his eyes closed. The bathtub is set into a wall of dark tiles. In the bottom left corner, a small, dark, rectangular object with a face on it is visible. A solid red rectangle is located in the top left corner of the image.

Adiran – Tragic Engine, Not Hero

Adiran drives the story but is not meant to be admired.

- Hollowed by guilt; misreads his own trauma and uses it to justify more harm.
- The film is framed as his one-sided conversation from the tub—his last performance.
- The audience is pulled into his logic, riding his confession the way Angela does.
- He is not a romantic antihero; his influence corrodes everyone around him.

Title Meaning – Spoon-fed Addiction



The meaning of “Spoon-Fed Addiction”:

- Pushes against “spoon-fed,” formulaic 3-act storytelling.
- Points to an addiction to comfort and over-sheltering, which produces people like Angela and leaves them vulnerable to narratives like Adiran’s.
- Comments on our tendency to romanticize doomed, self-destructive figures.
- Suggests that how we consume stories like ~~this—including Adiran’s confession~~—is part of what the film is examining.

Visual Language & Tone

Psychological realism with hallucinatory imagery, not literal supernatural events.

Motifs:

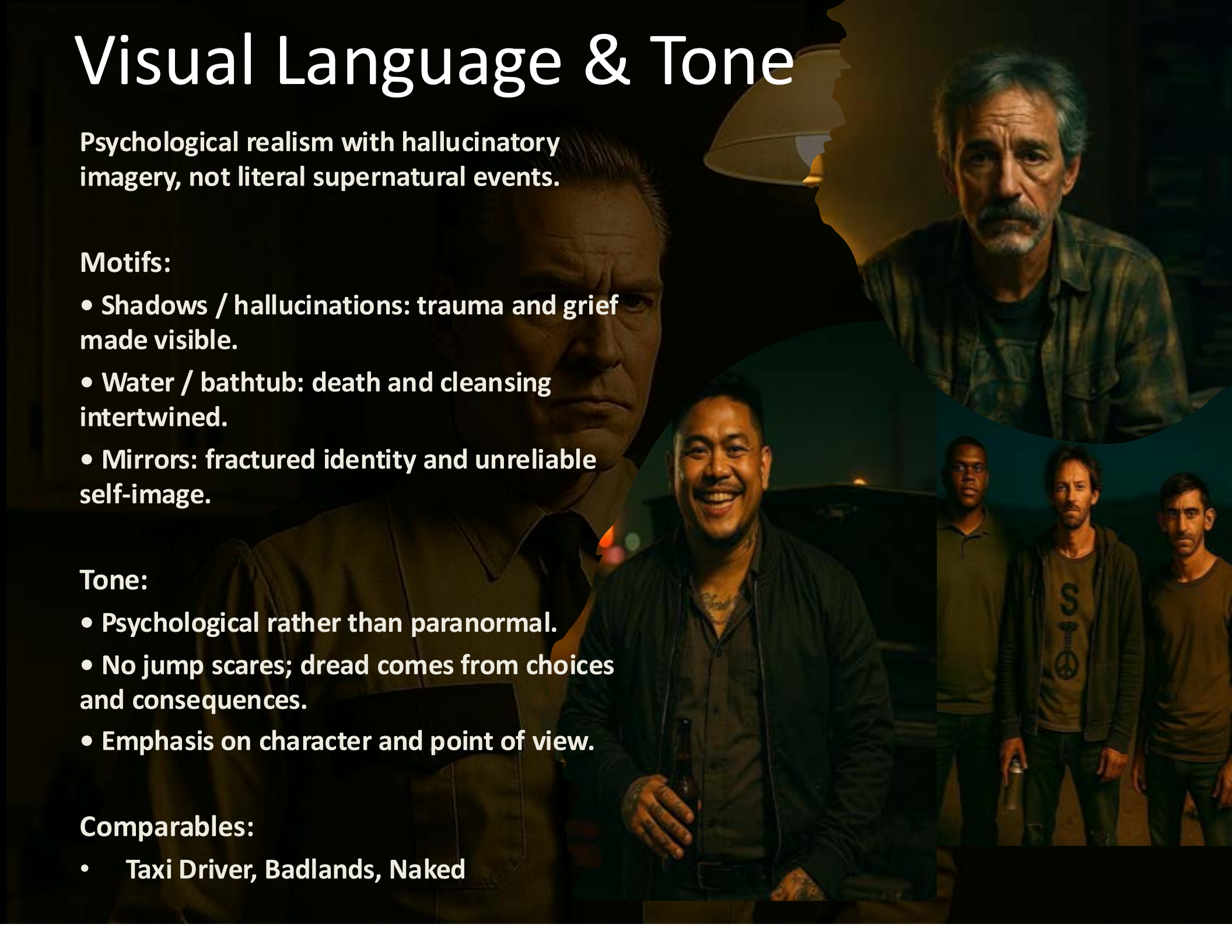
- Shadows / hallucinations: trauma and grief made visible.
- Water / bathtub: death and cleansing intertwined.
- Mirrors: fractured identity and unreliable self-image.

Tone:

- Psychological rather than paranormal.
- No jump scares; dread comes from choices and consequences.
- Emphasis on character and point of view.

Comparables:

- Taxi Driver, Badlands, Naked





Author & Authenticity

The Authenticity of “Unfiltered Grit”:

"As a Puerto Rican-born writer shaped by the unfiltered grit of Houston's Alief streets, I draw on '90s experiences where pain arrived early and illusions didn't last.

I wrote this story to process my own trauma. It comes from real people and 'colorful characters' I grew up around, and from seeing how unshielded experiences can build resilience.

The script argues that if we over-protect and sanitize, we create openings for predators. It's about looking straight into the dark, not dressing it up."

- Silvano Williams

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