ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: Waves - A Digital Comic Project

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This creative project explores some of the ways in which the internet as a medium can be better utilized in telling a comics-style narrative. The project does so by telling a transmedia narrative, housed in a website (www.thewavesproject.com) and centered around a digital comic. The website includes an introduction to the site, prologue, synopsis, two pages of the digital comic, three artifacts that inform the central narrative, and an extensive treatment that details the remainder of ‘act one’ of the narrative. The science fiction narrative, titled Waves, follows a space pirate named Beck as he investigates the secretive actions of a large corporation, called Pi, on an Earth-like moon called Aezerea. Meanwhile, a young woman who grew up working for Pi feels increasingly angsty about her life and the world around her. The accompanying paper analyzes the problem space left in the current space of digital comics, including such offerings as ComiXology and Madefire.