

Roadside Incision Overview

Gita Gomes considers herself as the luckiest, unlucky person she knows. When a windowpane fell from a skyscraper above, glass shards plummeted and severed her right arm. With doctors unable to reattach her arm, they presented her with two options. Gita could either live life with one arm, or participate in a free, experimental program. Optimistic about the odds, Gita chose the experimental program offering synthetic limbs and internal cybernetics. After she returned stronger and sharper from her rehabilitation, a friend disappears. Gita starts investigating, and finds ties to Chinese Triads – the local mafia. Her new cybernetic enhancements assist her along a dangerous journey to find out what happened.

Roadside Incision takes place in the year 2072. The city features advanced technology, but does not include flying cars, humanoid AI or space vacations. Neon lights paint the grungy city in bright colours. The neon doesn't help. Dark tones, rainy weather and criminal activity troubles the city. Some crime stems from the lack of space and opportunity. Since cybernetic enhancements reached a point of actual application in humans, competition climbed. The newness of physical augmentations or internal cybernetics also bring a lot of risk. Bodies often reject the technological additions and kill the user. Citizens struggling to survive resort to paid assassinations to eliminate their competition.

Umbrella Forecast

Place:

Store: Umbrella Forecast

Character:

Alessia Toni's store, Umbrella Forecast, stays afloat because of luck and her kindness. Her personality puts customers in great moods, so many of them return. They return to use her phone charging station when they travel to or from the nearby train station. She tolerates a lot of small talk. She complains about returning customers, even though she enjoys seeing them.

Alessia knows how to prod, especially when customers speak so freely in her store. People feel comfortable around her, so they tend to trust her. She hears a lot of rumours and builds many connections with people in different industries. Although Alessia doesn't want to run the store forever, she doesn't know what else she'd rather do.

To earn a little extra income, Alessia takes personal information from phones connected to the charging station. After about a month, she compiles lists of names and address and sells them to agencies. Only Gita, the main character, noticed her theft, so she doesn't charge her for in-store items. In a neutral agreement, Alessia and Gita share what they hear.

Umbrella Forecast Description

Umbrella Forecast is located across from Gita home. Alessia opened a hole-in-the-wall store a few years prior for phone repairs and cleaning. With the often random, heavy spurts of rain, she sold hundreds of umbrellas. The umbrella demand rose, and so she sells them as her main source of revenue.

The tiny store lives between two larger buildings, with a green and yellow neon sign above the door. Inside, the store looks dated, but by design. Muted colours paint the walls and dim neon surrounds the vertical and square mirrors. The mirrors help the store feel larger, although it crowds when multiple people charge their phones.

At the centre of the store, a long, mahogany wood counter has USB plugs and power outlets. Around the store's perimeter, expensive umbrellas hang from wall pegs with the cheaper umbrellas bundled in tall floor racks. On one wall a sign reads, "Do NOT open umbrellas. Safety first. Your luck second."

