

# HOW TO MAKE 2D AI CARTOON ANIMATIONS

## A BEGINNER'S GUIDE



## CHAPTER 1

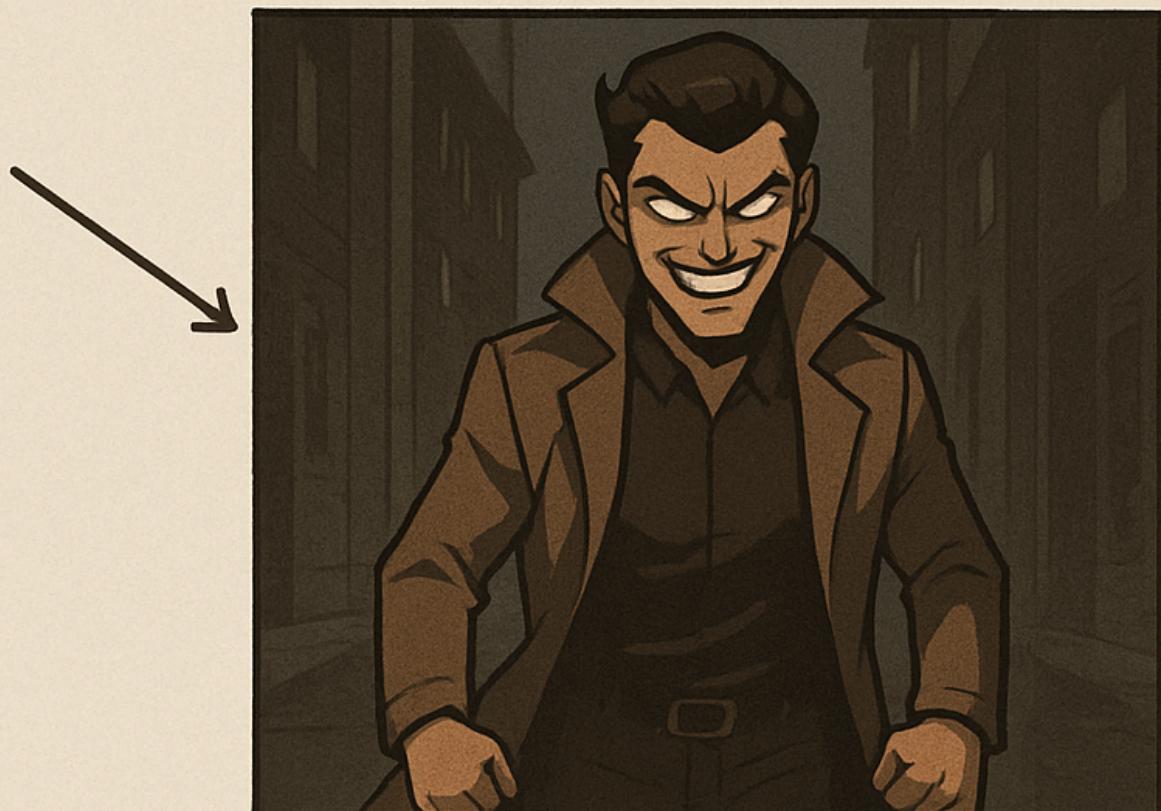
# STEP 1 – GENERATE STORYLINE & SHOT LIST

Start with an idea. Use ChatGPT to write a short story, ideally 60–90 seconds long.

Then break that story into individual “shots”—just like a movie storyboard.

- A brief scene description
- The visual focus (character pose, setting, emotion)
- Dialogue or voice-over lines if needed

**Example:**



## STEP 2 — GENERATE EACH SCENE THROUGH CHATGPT

Now that you have your shot list, use ChatGPT to generate image prompts for each scene.

Be specific with style, lighting, facial expression, resolution, and composition.

"A gritty, 2D cartoon of a young villain laughing on the street. Glowing white eyes, bold outlines, cinematic shadows, 1080x1920 resolution, full body."

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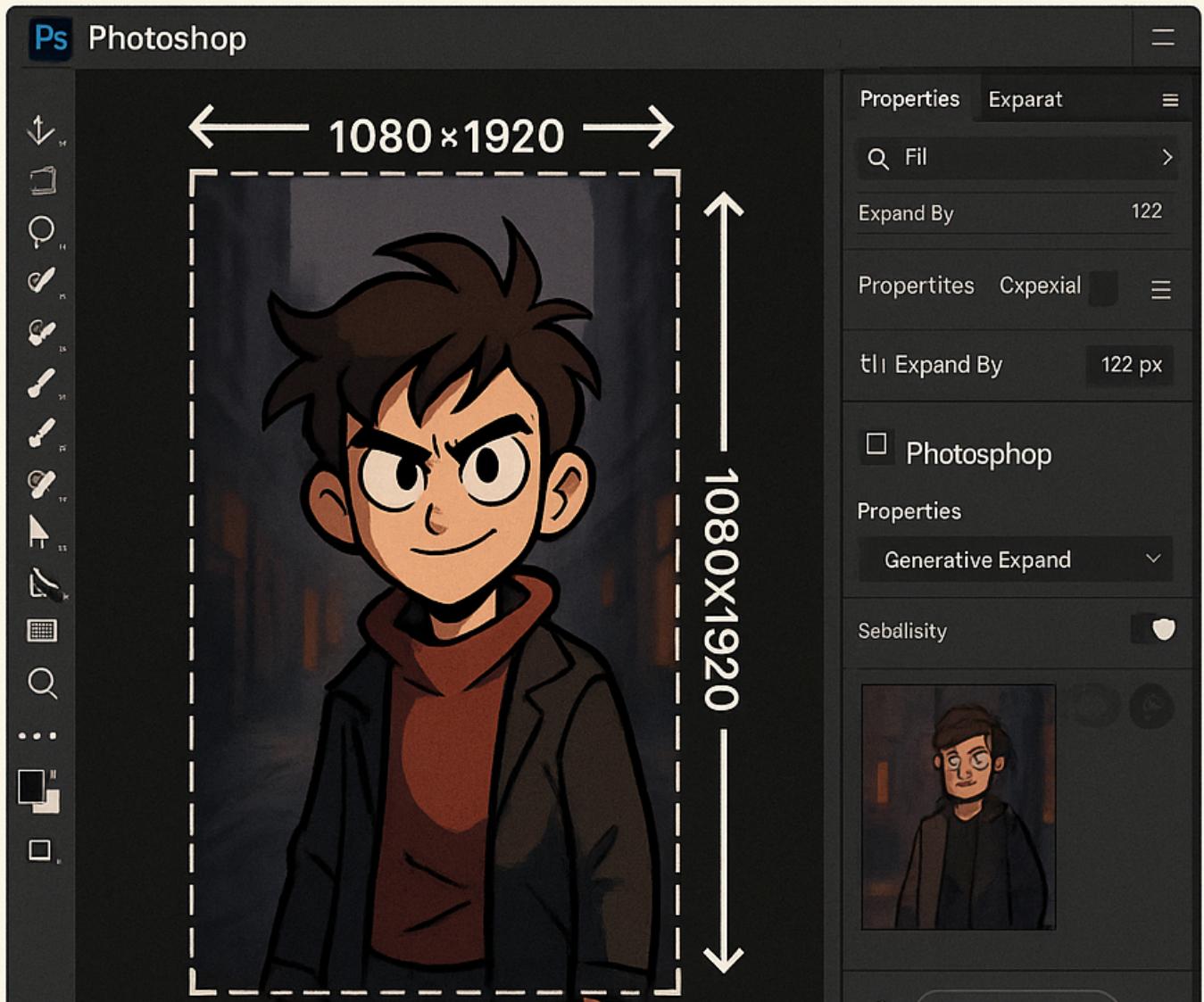
## CHAPTER 4

# STEP 3 – RESIZE OR EXPAND YOUR IMAGES

Bring each image into Photoshop (or Canva/Fotor for beginners). Use these two techniques:

1. Resize to 1080 x 1920 for vertical video format.
2. Use Generative Fill to expand the image outward—this helps add room for camera movement (especially orbit, push, and crane animations).

Make sure important characters and visual elements stay centered and clear.

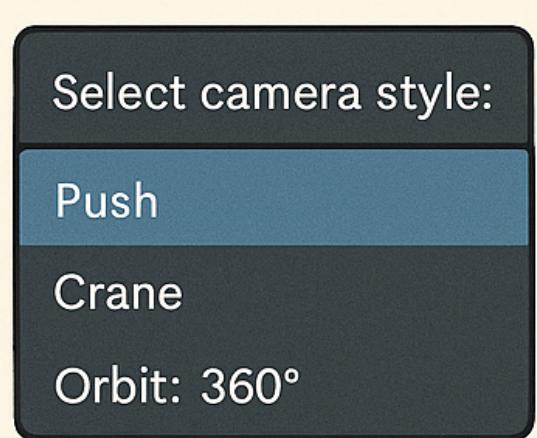


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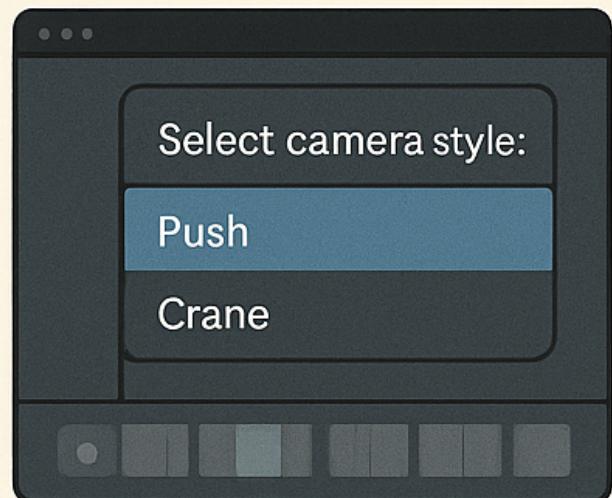
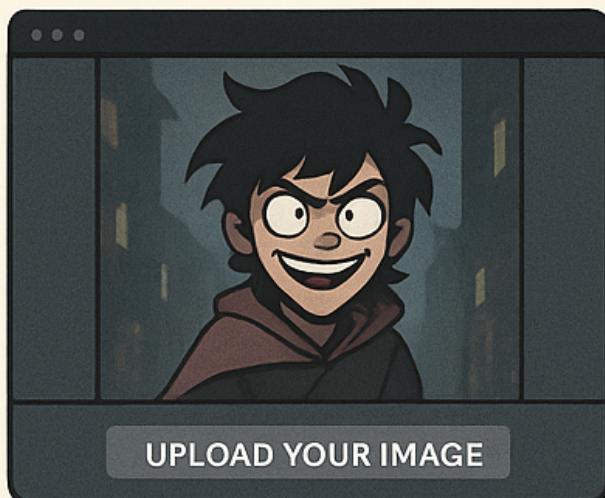
## STEP 4 – ANIMATE IN LUMA DREAM LABS

Upload your final images into Luma Dream Labs, and use Keyframe Mode to animate them.

- Upload your image
- Select a camera style:
  - Push: forward zoom
  - Crane: vertical movement
  - Orbit: 360° pan around subject
- Set start and end keyframes
- Adjust the speed and timing



Export each animated scene as a short video,

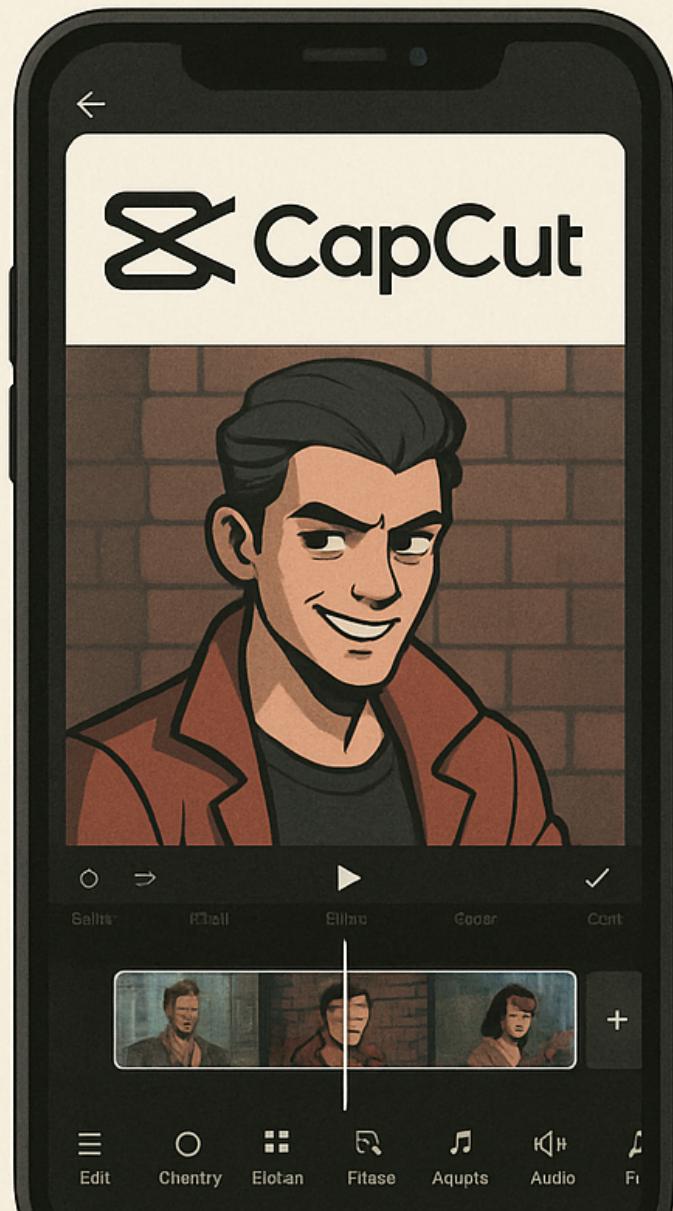


# Chapter 6: Step 5 – Edit in CapCut

Finally, take your animated scenes into CapCut:

- Import your clips in order
- Add transitions between scenes
- Use overlays like glitch effects, smoke, or particles
- Add cinematic filters for color grading
- Import music or voice-over
- Export in 1080x1920 for TikTok, Reels, or YouTube Shorts

*Don't forget to preview everything to check pacing and flow.*



# CONCLUSION

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And that's it! With this system, you can go from an idea in your head to a fully edited 2D animated story in just a few hours.