

THE ARCHITECT

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NCCA Entertainment

LOGLINE

When a serial killer targeting corrupt elites is revealed to be her supposedly dead partner, a disgraced detective must choose between upholding the law or joining his brutal crusade to replace the city's broken system with his own brand of justice.

TONE + GENRE

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Action-Thriller | Psychological | Conspiracy

TONE

Se7en meets The Dark Knight with the moral ambiguity of Heat

KEYWORDS

- Vigilantism
- Systemic rot
- Moral choice
- Stylized justice

THE WORLD: MERIDIAN CITY

"The city that justice forgot."

- Grimy, vertical, corrupt to the core—where architecture reflects moral decay
- Shadow networks operate beneath polished skyscrapers and civic facades
- Visual references: Blade Runner 2049, The Batman, John Wick's Continental

MERIDIAN CITY ELEMENTS

- Towering skyscrapers with hidden criminal enterprises
- Perpetual rain and neon-lit streets
- Meridian Tower - the central symbol of power
- Class division reflected in vertical architecture

KEY CHARACTERS

KAITO ISHIKAWA

The Disgraced Detective

- Once a rising star, now fallen and jaded
- Haunted by her niece's death and betrayal by the system she served
- Her arc: justice vs revenge; idealism vs survival

SILAS VANCE / THE GHOST

The Urban Legend

- Tactical vigilante with a moral code
- Lost his family to the system and fights back from the shadows
- His arc: justice vs manipulation; healing vs destruction

MARCUS "MAC" THORNE

The Reformer Turned Executioner

- Brilliant ex-cop who faked his death to dismantle the system
- Designs poetic, public executions of the corrupt
- His arc: visionary or monster?

CASTING VISION

KAITO ISHIKAWA

The Disgraced Detective



Rinko Kikuchi

Jessica Chastain

Determined, intense, wounded

SILAS VANCE

The Urban Legend



Mahershala Ali



Oscar Isaac

Stoic, cerebral, morally grounded

MARCUS "MAC" THORNE

The Architect



Cillian Murphy



Dan Stevens

Charismatic, calculating, radical

PLOT OVERVIEW

A cinematic breakdown in five arcs:

01 THE GHOST'S WAR

Silas targets corrupt players, but someone more brutal intervenes.

02 THE ARCHITECT'S DESIGN

Mac escalates the killings with symbolic precision.

03 THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE

Kaito and Silas reluctantly team up.

04 THE RECKONING REVEALED

Mac's true identity and master plan surface.

05 THE FINAL GAMBIT

Meridian Tower burns as justice is redefined in blood.

KEY TWISTS & STAKES

01 Mac's Master Plan

A secret network to replace the old system

02 Silas's Manipulation

He's been a pawn in Mac's long game

03 National-Scale Corruption

The network spans far beyond Meridian

04 Kaito's Final Choice

Save the system—or destroy it

VISUAL SPECTACLE



Cinematic Set Pieces

Executions as theatrical events — courtroom crucifixion, skinned mogul, each death a statement



Meridian Tower Burning

The city's symbol of power in flames while livestreams expose the truth to the masses



Signature Weapons & Environments

Stylized tools of justice and iconic locations that define character and purpose



Graphic Novel Precision

Each scene designed with meticulous visual storytelling and symbolic framing

FRANCHISE POTENTIAL

The Ghost Spin-offs

International corruption, new cities, Silas's origin story

The Architect's Network

New operatives, new ideologies, expanding the system

Meridian Collapse Files

Prequels, origins, or docu-style web series

Cinematic Universe

Multiple entries in a morally complex shared world

COMPARABLE TITLES

Se7en

Dark psychological thriller with methodical killings and moral ambiguity

The Batman

Noir detective story in a corrupt city with systemic rot

The Dark Knight

Philosophical battle between order and chaos with high stakes

John Wick

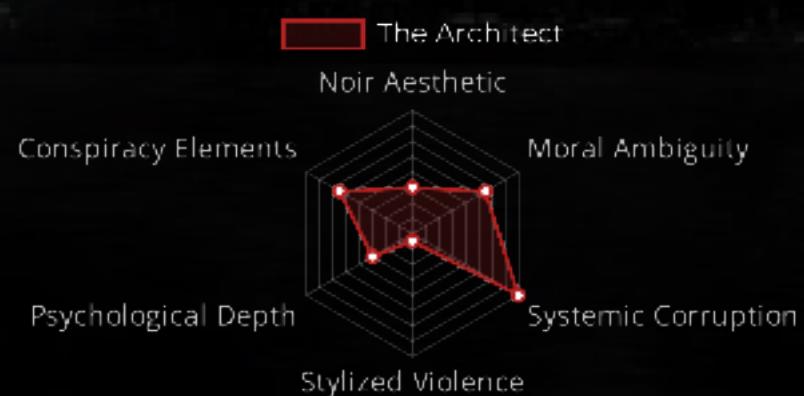
Stylized action with a hidden world operating beneath society

Zodiac

Methodical investigation with obsessive attention to detail

Mr. Robot

Psychological themes and anti-system tension with complex characters



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