**Moonnight**

*Moonnight* is an interactive digital narrative project created using Twine (SugarCube). It blends dystopian elements, time travel, and a public health crisis—centered on the catastrophic spread of West Nile Virus (WNV)—with a deeply personal exploration of fate, responsibility, and regret.

**How to Explore and Use My Files**

**For General Users**

* **Direct Experience:** Open the provided HTML file in any modern web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, etc.) to experience the interactive narrative.
* **Audio Settings:** Ensure your device's sound is enabled to fully appreciate the embedded multimedia effects.
* **Follow Prompts:** Carefully follow the on-screen instructions; skipping content may cause audio elements to overlap or repeat.
* **Screen Resolution Notice:** Visual elements may occasionally appear offset on different operating systems (Mac vs. Windows) due to screen resolution differences.

**For Educators and Researchers**

* **Process Analysis:** Import the provided Twee file into the [Twine platform](https://twinery.org/) to view and analyze the creative and structural process.
* **Experience Recommendation:** For a complete experience, it is highly recommended to play through the HTML version at least once since the narrative heavily relies on interactive storytelling and multimedia elements that are not fully represented in the Twee file.

**Project Overview**

**Purpose:**  
Moonnight aims to inform and provoke critical reflection on the complex challenges posed by emerging epidemics (specifically WNV) while entertaining the audience through an immersive narrative. The work uses a dystopian lens to explore themes of destiny, personal failure, and the burden of saving a collapsing world.

**Story Structure:**

1. **Car Interior — Solitude and Hidden Omens:** A rainy night, a solitary drive, and the first hints of a looming disaster.
2. **Hospital — Corruption and Chaos:** The protagonist arrives at a strangely sterile yet chaotic hospital, revealing the disturbing effects of WNV.
3. **Time Reversal — A New Beginning:** A sudden time reversal brings future memories and a mission to change destiny.
4. **The Library — Forbidden Knowledge:** In a quiet library, the protagonist discovers a mysterious black book containing unaltered prevention protocols that may hold the key to altering the future.

**Key Themes:**

* The interplay between personal inadequacy and the monumental task of saving the world.
* The consequences of societal complacency and misinformation during a public health crisis.
* The paradox of time travel: gaining future knowledge while being burdened by the inevitability of fate.

**Features**

**Interactive Storytelling:**

* Offers multiple narrative paths where choices lead to diverse, sometimes irreversible, outcomes.
* Each chapter immerses the reader in a world where every decision matters.

**Multimedia Integration:**

* **Audio:** Embedded sound effects and background music enhance atmospheric tension and emotional depth.
* **Visuals:** Pixel-art images and AI-generated visuals provide evocative imagery that complements the narrative.
* **Dynamic Transitions:** Smooth transitions, timed events, and interactive elements create a cinematic, immersive experience.

**Academic Rigor:**

* The narrative interweaves factual data and scholarly references on WNV, climate change, and public health—all properly cited in APA format.

**Audience**

This work is primarily targeted at:

* College students and educators in digital humanities, public health, and media studies.
* Public health professionals and urban planners interested in the societal implications of epidemics.
* Digital storytelling enthusiasts who appreciate innovative, interactive narratives that challenge conventional storytelling methods.

**Technical Details**

* **Platform:** Developed using Twine with the SugarCube engine.
* **Design:** Utilizes a dark, atmospheric design with strategic use of headings, full-screen images, and dynamic text elements to evoke the intended mood.
* **Sources & References:**  
  The narrative draws upon reputable sources on West Nile Virus and related public health concerns, along with academic research. References are documented in APA format.

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