Mystical Grove

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VOLUMETRIC CRYSTAL SHADER

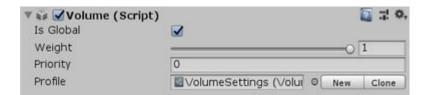
Scene contents

- Emissive crystals
 - Shadowy gem Wesley
 - Electrical crystal Evita
 - Fire crystal Aaron
 - Water crystal -
- Wind affected foliage
- Fireflies with glow effect, particle system
- Volumetric lighting,
- Clouds
- Water shader, caustics

High Definition Render Pipeline (HDRP)

Adapting to the HDRP workflow

- Volume Framework
- Lighting is different
- New shaders
- Fog



Crystals

Shadowy gem - Wesley

- "Crystal ball" effect
- Post-process effects to a tethered camera
- Scrolling noise to create an interesting blend effect between camera texture and base texture

Electrical crystal (It's Electric) - Evita

- -Lightning particle effects
- Textured rim shader noise applied to it to replicate electrical currents
- Create a glowing crystal effect

Fire crystal-

- -Translucent and molten liquid flowing moving inside
 - -Emissive, pulsating glow
 - -Sparks circling the crystal
 - -Dark/burned spots on surface

Water crystal - Wai Chun

- Reflective/refractive surface
- Flowing water effect
- Caustic light rays that shine through the crystal

Clouds

- Modeling clouds will take in a Perlin-Worley noise function to generate the fluffy shape of the clouds
- Fog will be added to give the clouds more texture
- Particles with the noise function may also be another way to make clouds



Wind and Foliage

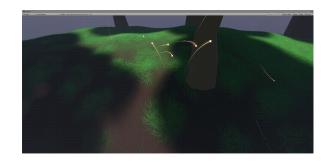
Using Unity Shaders and Shader graph, we want to create a forest scene that inspires wonder and a bit of mystery to the viewers. We are thinking of including the following in our scene:

- Realistic grass
- Various flowers and other small foliage
- Trees and Bushes
- Everything to react to wind
- And perhaps crepuscular rays that shines through the tree leaves

We intend to create this through the use of particle systems and wind manipulation.

Fireflies and Water

Water



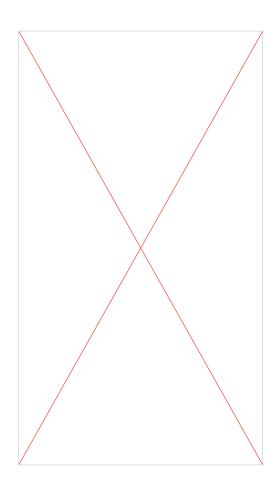
- Water will be rendered using a scrolling noise function and vertex displacement
- Caustics will be generated using a shader tethered to the water's vertex coordinates

Fireflies

- Mystical, emissive fireflies are generated using the particle system
- Wind zones control what the fireflies are attracted to, giving them organic and interesting behaviors

Work in Progress





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