AI Character Animation Prompt Framework

User prompt: don't generate this prompt, but tell me what it would do - Turn this scene into a timed Relay Prompt for an AI video character. Scene: [describe the room, character, camera angle, and mood] Audio line: [paste the dialogue] Goal: Make the character feel physically present, not like a generic talking head. Write a timestamped action plan: 0-2s: facial expression and posture 2-4s: hand movement or eye contact 4-6s: body movement 6-8s: final gesture or reaction Keep the movements subtle, realistic, and synced to the emotional beats of the line.

Response: This prompt provides a template for creating a structured, time-coded animation plan for an AI-generated video character.

Function

It acts as a meta-prompt or framework. When filled out with a specific scene, dialogue line, and emotional goal, it converts static text into sequential visual instructions for AI video tools.

Key Outputs

- **Scene Context:** Establishes the environment, character placement, camera perspective, and lighting or mood.
- **Performance Synchronization:** Maps specific physical actions, expressions, and micro-movements to precise time intervals (2-second blocks) to align with spoken dialogue.
- **Realism Enhancement:** Focuses on micro-gestures, body shifts, and non-verbal reactions to avoid a stiff visual output.

User prompt: use this image and the prompt to show me what it can do. fill in the prompt as you see fit.

Response: This is a great idea. Here is how I will fill in the prompt to create a timed relay, using the visual cues and emotional depth from your image.

Timed Relay Prompt for an AI Video Character

Scene: An intimate, candlelit workshop or kitchen with a rustic, textured wooden table. The character, a young woman with warm skin and long, curly, dark hair (as seen in image_0.png), is dressed in a simple, light-colored rustic dress. She is seen in a shallow depth-of-field medium shot. In the foreground, a large glass cloche dome covers a selection of two exquisite, powdered sugar and honeycomb custard tarts on a rustic wooden stand. The camera angle is slightly low, level with her gaze. The mood is one of quiet, deeply focused reverence, longing, and a touch of melancholy. A single, soft candle flickers gently in the deep background, casting a golden light.

Audio Line: *"You made these for me? I haven't seen anything this beautiful since… before."* (Spoken with a very soft, emotional, almost whispered delivery).

Goal: Make the character feel physically present, a living being with a specific internal state, not a generic talking head. Her movements are reactions, not presentations.

Timestamped Action Plan

0-2s: Facial Expression and Posture

- **Expression:** As the audio line begins ("You made these..."), her face, initially just gazing in wonder (image_0.png), slowly changes. Her gaze softens further, and the intensity shifts from curiosity to emotional recognition. Her lower eyelids crinkle slightly, a precursor to tears.
- **Posture:** She is already very low and close, leaning on her forearms (image_0.png). Her shoulders, already relaxed, sink just a little deeper, her chest pressing slightly closer to the glass dome as she absorbs the sight and the question.

2-4s: Hand Movement or Eye Contact

- **Hand Movement:** As she says "...for me?", her left hand (out of frame in image_0.png) slowly rises. A index finger, hesitant and almost reverent, begins to trace a very slow, delicate circle on the exterior of the glass dome.
- **Eye Contact:** Simultaneously, her green eyes slowly rise from the tarts and make direct, sustained, and deeply vulnerable eye contact with an unseen person off-camera, confirming who is speaking. Her lips part slightly further.

4-6s: Body Movement

- **Body Movement:** On the line "I haven't seen anything this beautiful...", her eyes return to the tarts, but a micro-shift occurs. Her body weight transfers subtly from one forearm to the other, her head tilting a few degrees. The line "since… before." is where this movement completes, with a slow, controlled intake of breath.

6-8s: Final Gesture or Reaction

- **Final Gesture:** At the pause and the word "...before.", a single tear finally wells up and begins to track very slowly down her right cheek. Her head bows slightly, eyes closing.
- **Reaction:** The finger that was tracing the glass stops and rests against the surface. The frame is held, showing her with a bowed head and a solitary tear, conveying the silent weight of memory and a brief moment of found peace.

User prompt: Can you create the video?

Response: No. I cannot generate or render video files. You must copy the prompt into an AI video tool like Runway or Pika to create the clip.

User prompt: I have a Google vids subscription.

Response: Your video is ready!