

# wormwood

## presskit

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The day the radiations disappear, Simon rushes to the heart of the zone, taking his colleague Agathe with him, in the hope of rediscovering a lost past.

### synopsis

Ten years after the fall of the star fragment that created the exclusion zone, the radiation disappears for good. Simon, who works on monitoring the border, then rushes beyond the barriers. Followed by his colleague Agathe, torn between worry and curiosity, they venture into the area where nature seems to have reclaimed its rights. Simon heads without hesitation towards his childhood home, but he is forced to realize that he will never return to his past life.





from left to right : Phimémon Martin, Alexander Vanderplank, Chenhe Liu, Matthieu Dupille, Ninon Quemener, Binlin Xie

## wormwood team

We are a team made up of six friends and classmates, linked by our love for poetic and aesthetic cinema.

## director's note

Nostalgia springs from loneliness and is the search for a connection. The pain of it is its irretrievable nature. Nuclear exclusion zones are an extreme example, somewhere where the past is essentially frozen in time, you might wish to return there but it is dangerous. We want to explore the danger of indulging in terminal nostalgia and staying mentally stuck daydreaming of a happier time in the past. And how connecting with your present environment can be a release of all our mental restrictions.

A larger theme of the setting of the film is the relationship between people and nature and the consequence of this connection being severed. This is nature that has been released from the pressures of human society and has flourished. It has easily broken through the boundaries set by humans. However we are also nature and have the equal potential to break through the mental conditioning and boundaries set by our own kind.



## technical sheet

**Title :** Wormwood  
**Year of production :** 2024  
**Format :** 16/9; 5.1  
**Duration :** 10 mn  
**Language :** English, French  
**Genre :** poetic, emotional journey  
**Technique :** 2d animation

## credits

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Simon's mother : Hannah TORKINGTON

### Original music

### Sound Design

### Mix

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