Signal at the Lantern Bridge

Original practice script by Zoivu. You may reuse or adapt this script.

CAST

Mara: an adult courier with short dark hair, a yellow raincoat and a blue satchel.

Pip: a small round service robot with one amber eye and a scratched green shell.

PANEL 1 - ARRIVAL

Wide shot. At dusk, Mara reaches a narrow bridge under paper lanterns. Pip waits beside a dark signal box.

Mara: "You said the light would guide us."

Pip: "It did. Then it went out."

PANEL 2 - THE CLUE

Close shot. Mara opens the blue satchel and takes out a brass key. Its teeth match a slot in the signal box.

Mara: "Maybe it was waiting for this."

PANEL 3 - THE CHOICE

Medium shot. Rain begins. Pip holds the lantern steady while Mara turns the key. Keep the yellow coat on Mara and the single amber eye on Pip visible.

Pip: "Ready?"

Mara: "Together."

PANEL 4 - A WAY FORWARD

Wide shot. The bridge lights one lantern at a time. Mara and Pip walk toward the far bank, leaving the open signal box behind.

Caption: "Some signals need an answer."