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# Node-Based Editing for Multimodal Generation of Text, Audio, Image, and Video

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## Abstract

We present a node-based storytelling system for multimodal content generation. The system represents stories as graphs of nodes that can be expanded, edited, and iteratively refined through direct user edits and natural-language prompts. Each node can integrate text, images, audio, and video, allowing creators to compose multimodal narratives. A task selection agent routes between specialized generative tasks that handle story generation, node structure reasoning, node diagram formatting, and context generation. The interface supports targeted editing of individual nodes, automatic branching for parallel storylines, and node-based iterative refinement. Our results demonstrate that node-based editing supports control over narrative structure and iterative generation of text, images, audio, and video. We report quantitative outcomes on automatic story outline generation and qualitative observations of editing workflows. Finally, we discuss current limitations such as scalability to longer narratives and consistency across multiple nodes, and outline future work toward human-in-the-loop and user-centered creative AI tools.

## 1 Introduction

Recent progress in generative models makes it possible to easily create text, images, audio, and video [3]. These capabilities open new possibilities in domains ranging from filmmaking to game design. Today, the dominant interaction paradigm for generative models based on prompts [8]. However, a single prompt typically doesn't fully capture the users intent [16]. To address this, AI-driven content generation platforms must go beyond one-shot generation to support iterative, human-in-the-loop workflows where narrative structures can be guided, revised, and extended.

Storytelling presents a challenging opportunity for controllability due to the many ways narratives can be structured. Stories may unfold through sequential or branching events [11]. Existing AI-driven systems often struggle to satisfy these constraints, producing workflows that are linear, non-iterative, and fixed in structure, lacking the flexibility to support both high-level control and targeted edits.

Our approach represents stories as graphs of nodes, where each node corresponds to a scene or event that can be iteratively created, expanded, or edited through generative AI. This representation makes the narrative structure explicit and allows users to branch, reorder, or refine content. The system combines two complementary interaction modes: natural language interaction with a large language model for high-level edits and node-based interaction for iterative refinements. Each node supports multi-modal generative AI output such as text, audio, images, and video. Our system contributes a node-based framework for AI-assisted storytelling by enabling (1) automated story node generation, (2) selective node-based media editing, and (3) iterative refinement through node branching.

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## 2 Related Works

Advances in model architectures and training are beginning to support editable video generation [2]. For example, recent work explores ControlNet-style video conditioning with edge and depth maps [18], spatio-temporal encoders that fuse layout and motion cues using motion vectors [6], and trajectory-based controllers that decouple camera and object motion [15]. Building on these advances, AI-driven content creation platforms are introducing interfaces that foreground user control, offering new ways for creators to structure and edit generative outputs. OpenAI's Sora introduced a storyboard interface for sequential video generation, allowing users to break a script into discrete scenes and specify captions for each shot [13]. Google's Flow leverages Veo, Imagen, and Gemini to enable filmmakers to produce cinematic clips with scene-level continuity and camera control [4]. Similarly, Runway Gen-2 provides users with prompt-based video generation and timeline editing [14]. These systems highlight a growing emphasis on controllability at the level of scenes and sequences, though they typically remain tied to linear editing metaphors and interfaces.

Node-graph editors have been previously used in AI-driven creative workflows. ComfyUI, an open-source interface for diffusion models, lets users compose complex generation pipelines through modular graph representations [17]. In narrative design, visual scripting tools such as Twine have long demonstrated how stories can be authored and visualized as branching graphs [1]. More recently, Geneva by Microsoft Research takes high level narrative descriptions and uses LLMs to generate graph based story representations [7]. Previous work on AI-assisted storyboarding has transformed scripts into segments, with an emphasis on linear storyboard generation and image outputs, while lacking support for editable, controllable, multimedia workflows [9].

Our work builds on these directions by integrating a prompt based chat interface with a node-based story graph for multimodal generation. Unlike linear interfaces, our system emphasizes iterative editing at the node level for generative content creation, enabling both targeted updates and node level branching, comparison, and reordering.

## 3 Methods

We present a storytelling platform that integrates a conversational interface with a node-based representation for multimedia generation. The system integrates natural language interaction with a structural graph view, enabling users to iteratively outline, compare, expand, and revise AI generated content (Fig. 1). This architecture allows both high-level story generation from prompts and specific updates to selected subset of nodes.

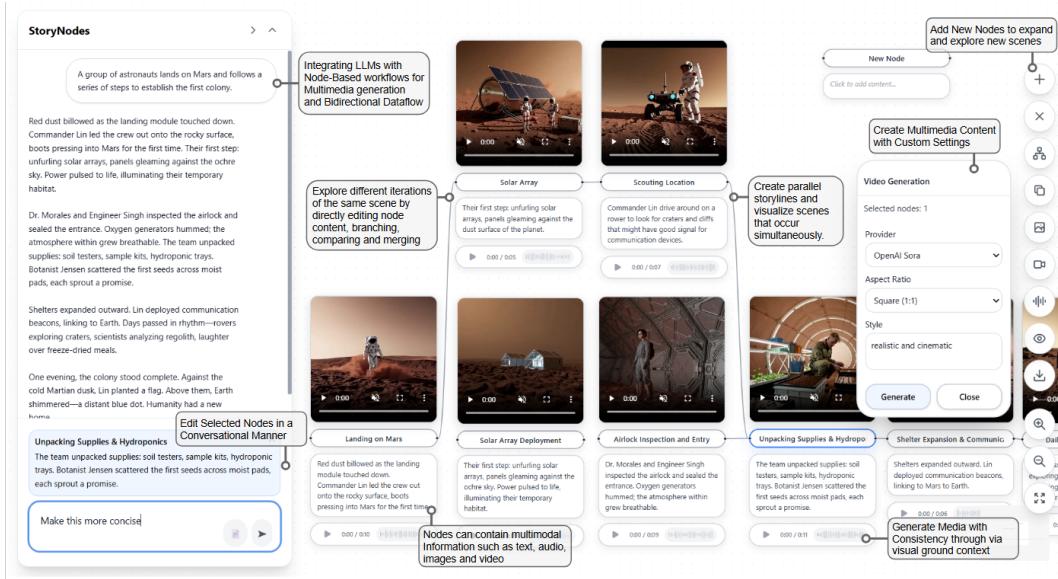


Figure 1: Conversational AI Interface integrated with a Node Based Multimedia Content Generation

**Large Language Models for Story Generation and Node-Based Diagram Generation.** A task selector agent acts as the orchestration layer of the system, interpreting user input, monitoring changes in the node diagram environment, routing requests to the appropriate generative task, and updating the diagram. Each of the tasks is driven by a large language model, specifically GPT-4.1 for its reasoning and generation capabilities [12]. When a user prompts for a story to be generated, the task selection agent routes the request to the Generator, which produces narrative text from the input (Fig 2). The Reasoner then decomposes this text into a set of nodes, assigning edges that represent the narrative flow and relationships in the story. The Diagrammer formats the node list into a structured graph, enforcing strict JSON output with node titles, node segments, and edges (Appx A.1). When the user wants to make targeted changes, the task selection agent routes to the Editor, which regenerates the selected nodes with user instructions while preserving the existing node structure.

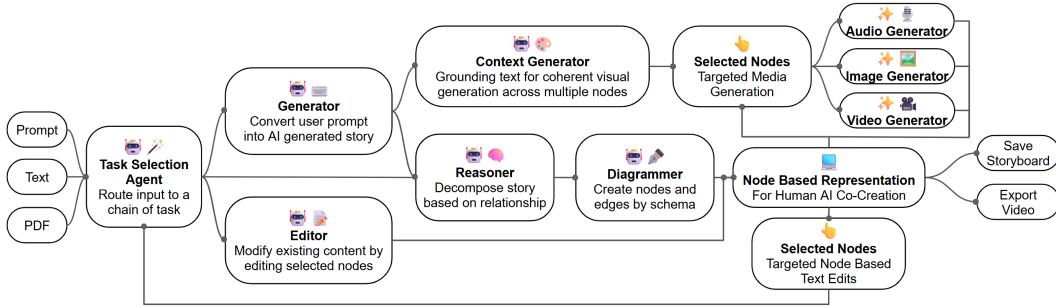


Figure 2: System Overview: From User Input, Task Selection Agent, Generator, Reasoner, Diagrammer, Node Graph Represenation, Editor, Context Generator to Multimedia Generation

**Node Based Representation for Multi-Media Generation.** The node structure acts as the interface between text generation and media generation. Stories in the system are represented as directed graphs, where each node contains a text segment and media assets such as audio, images, or video. The text segment serves as the prompt for generating the media linked to that node. For visual consistency, the system maintains a rolling story context that is passed to image and video generation tasks. Audio narration is produced by the GPT-4o’s text-to-speech model, which converts each node’s text segment into audio narration (Fig. 10). Images are generated by GPT-Image-1 using each node’s text and contextual story details, while OpenAI’s Sora is used for video generation [12] (Appx. A.7). By structuring stories as graphs, users can select a node to create media for a single scene, regenerate assets for a subset of nodes, or preview the entire graph as an audiovisual sequence (Fig. 2). Allowing users to maintain control over their AI-generated media, while preserving the graph structure.

**Graph Based Story Sequencing and Video Export.** Stories represented as graphs can be exported in multiple formats: as a compiled video clip, a visual storyboard, or a JSON graph. The full video export process handles the integration of audio, visuals, and subtitles (see Appx. A.6 Fig. 17). Each path through the graph could correspond to a possible narrative trajectory. Therefore, users have to option to select specific nodes to export or generate an export sequence based on the graph topology.

## 4 Experiments and Results

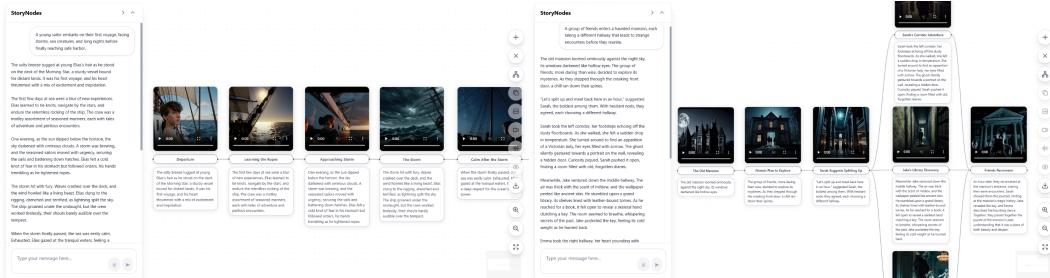


Figure 3: Generating a Sequential Storyline Generation versus a Branching Storyline

**Automated story node generation.** To evaluate the system, we constrained the task to short stories represented as a graph of 8 to 12 nodes. Using a large language model (LLM), we generated 10 user prompts for single narrative stories and 10 user prompts for branching narrative stories. For single-narrative prompts, the system produced linear story graphs without unintended branching in 8 out of 10 trials. For branching prompts, the system generated parallel paths in 10 out of 10 trials (Fig. 5). These results indicate that the system can generate story graphs for both linear and branching narrative structures (see Appx. A.2 Fig. 8, Fig.9 for more details).

**Selective node-based editing and content creation.** The interface supports manual edits directly in the node context and AI-driven edits. Manual editing was effective for targeted changes, such as altering specific objects, settings, or scene details, with edits immediately reflected in exported outputs. AI-assisted editing, allowed for higher-level modifications such as adjusting tone (e.g., "make this sound mysterious"), extending descriptions (e.g., "add the fact that her backpack is on the ground") or condensing narration (Fig. 4). We observed that manual editing was most effective for specific adjustments, while AI editing was more useful for structural or stylistic revisions. Once the node is regenerated or edited users can regenerate the media (Appendix A.4, Fig. 12). In addition, the system supported global edits: users could select all nodes and request a rewrite that preserved the graph structure while modifying narrative details across the story (Appx A.5, Fig. 14).

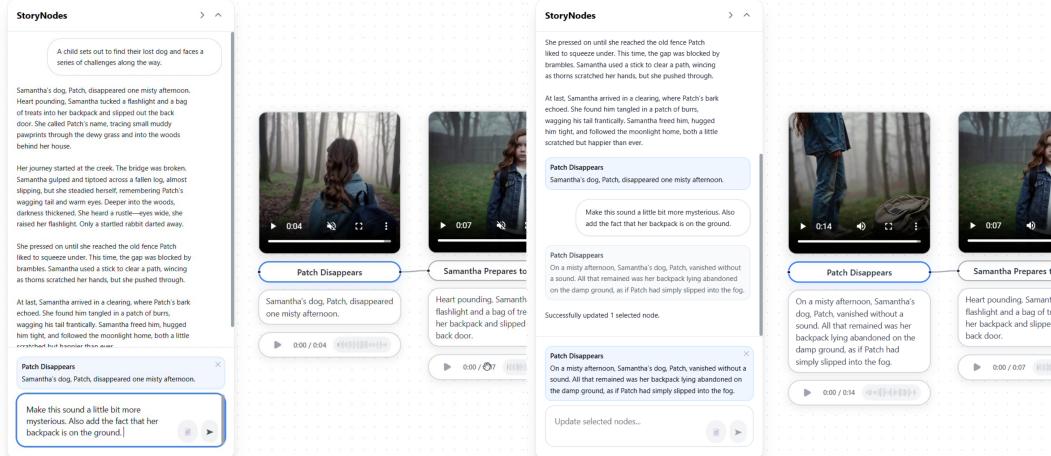


Figure 4: Using an LLM to edit selected nodes and make targeted changes to tone and story details

**Iterative refinement through branching and comparison.** Unlike regular content, generative AI content can be regenerated and refined output through prompt changes. Our results demonstrated that a node-based representation can facilitate this AI-driven iterative exploration. Users could duplicate nodes or branches to create multiple versions of the same storyline, then compare them side by side. This allowed for experimentation with different stylistic directions while preserving the underlying structure. Such iteration was not possible in linear prompt-based systems, highlighting the advantage of the graph-based approach for exploring narratives with generative AI content.

## 5 Limitation and Conclusions

A key limitation of this work is its reliance on text-based context grounding to maintain consistency across multiple generations. Future work could integrate image grounding for coherent media generation across multiple nodes or ground generated media grounded with real world data [5]. Another limitation of the system is its ability to handle longer text and larger node graphs. Future work could explore hierarchical generation or subgraph-based approaches to preserve clarity and narrative coherence in longer context generation. We also plan to further conduct user studies with content creators to gather feedback on the usability of the interface and its impact on their creative process. By representing AI-generated content as author-able visual nodes, the system can lower barriers for non-technical users, preserve human agency, and increase access to collaborative human-AI creation for broader societal impact (Appx. A.8). In conclusion, our work contributes a step toward AI-assisted creative content generation workflows that are controllable, editable, and iterative.

Iterative narrative exploration allows creators to experiment with branching storylines, compare outcomes, and refine narratives through targeted regeneration. By duplicating nodes or branches, users can explore stylistic or thematic variations without disrupting the overall flow or regenerating the entire sequence. This process supports side-by-side comparisons of media and text, helping creators select the branch that best fits their vision. Branching iterations enable nondestructive content creation, which is especially valuable given the time and computational cost of generating video.

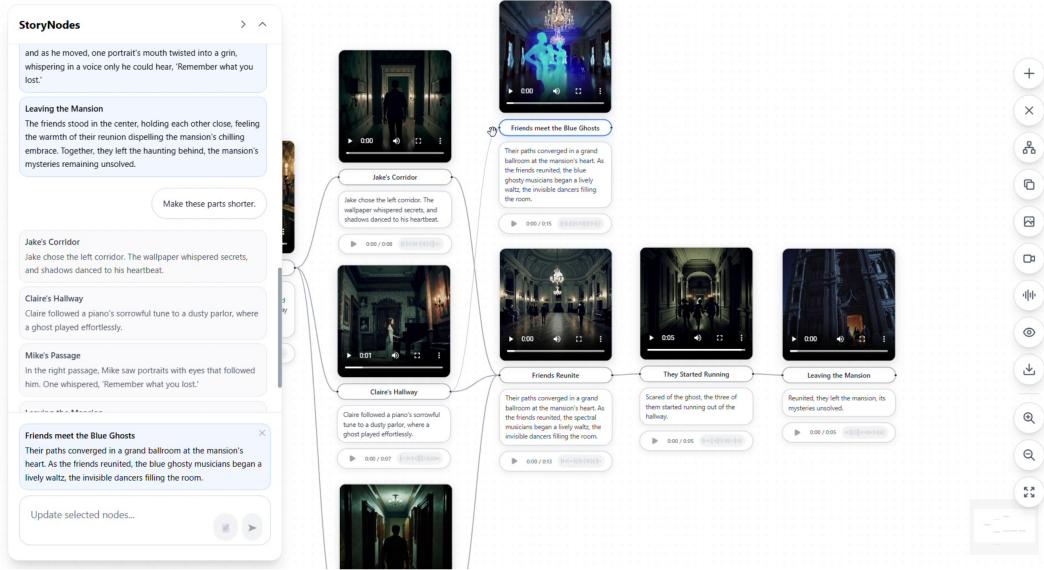


Figure 5: In this example, the “Friends meet the Blue Ghosts” node was regenerated with alternative descriptions, producing different video interpretations. The system displays both versions side by side, allowing the user to compare outcomes and select the preferred branch for continuing the narrative.

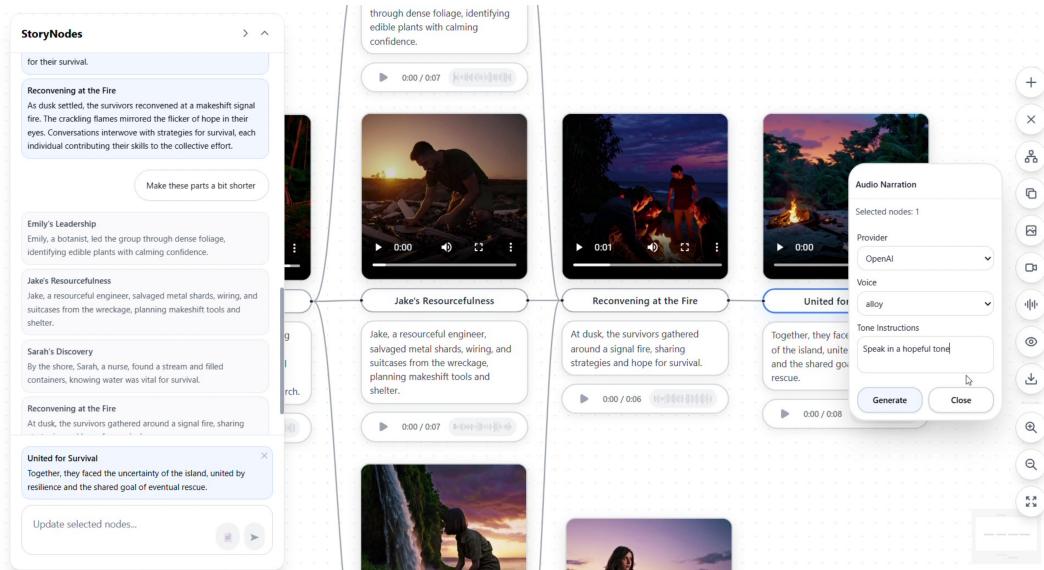


Figure 6: Media generation menu for audio narration. The author selects one or more nodes and configures provider, voice, and style instructions; generated clips attach to each card with duration and playback controls. In this case, the user instructed the AI model to speak in a hopeful tone.

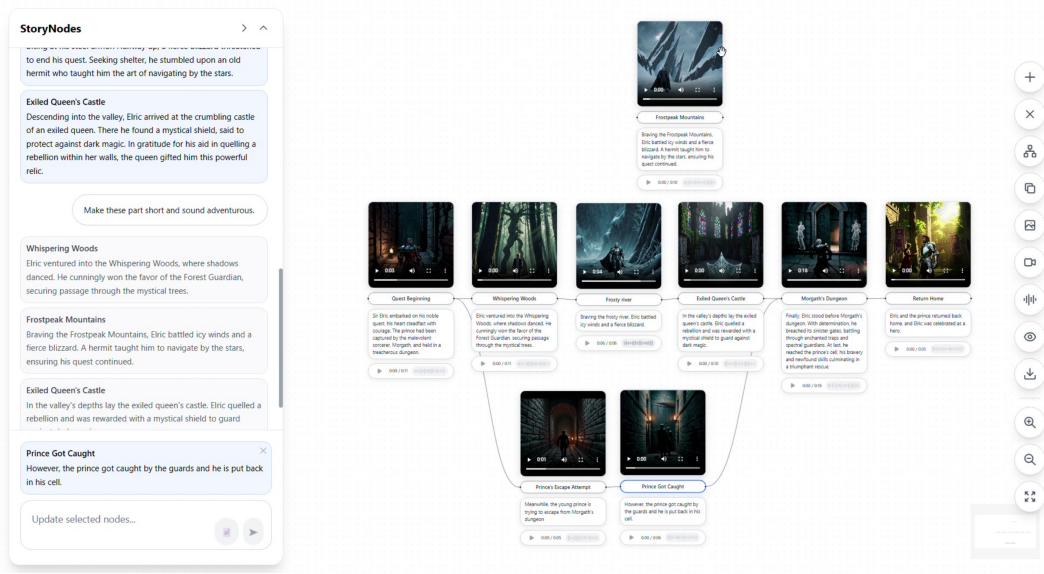


Figure 7: Example of branching parallel timelines within the story graph. This demonstrates how the system can represent events occurring at the same time in different narrative threads, allowing creators to explore and visualize parallel storylines.

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## A Technical Appendices and Supplementary Material

### A.1 Example of Structured Json Graph Output from Diagrammer LLM Task

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### A.2 Evaluation of Story Graph Generation

For automated story node generation, we evaluated 10 prompts for linear narratives and 10 prompts for branching narratives. The system produced correct linear graphs in 8/10 cases (80%, 95% CI [44%–97%]) and branching graphs in 10/10 cases (100%, 95% CI [69%–100%]). These binomial confidence intervals were calculated to reflect uncertainty given the small sample sizes, providing a measure of statistical significance for the reported success rates.

Below are the meta-prompts used to generate example prompts for the experiments to test branching and sequential narratives.

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Generate 10 user prompts for a short story that can be represented as a branching narrative with parallel events. There should be around 8-12 events. The prompt should be around 1 to 3 sentences long. Return only the prompts, nothing else.
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Generate 10 user prompts for a short story that can be represented as a linear sequence of events. There should be around 8-12 events in total. The prompt should be around 1 to 3 sentences long. Return only the prompts, nothing else.
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Table 1: Branching narrative prompts used in evaluation

#	Branching narrative prompt	Result
1	A group of friends enters a haunted mansion, each taking a different hallway that leads to strange encounters before they reunite.	Pass
2	A colony ship lands on an alien world, where different crew members explore separate regions that reveal conflicting discoveries.	Pass
3	A royal court faces a crisis: the king seeks peace, the queen demands war, and advisors pursue secret plots that intertwine.	Pass
4	A city is struck by a mysterious blackout, forcing residents across different neighborhoods to make choices that eventually converge.	Pass
5	A team of treasure hunters splits up inside a vast cave system, each path filled with traps and clues pointing to the same artifact.	Pass
6	A rebellion begins in a futuristic city, where different factions take divergent actions that may ultimately decide the same fate.	Pass
7	A group of scientists investigates a spreading anomaly, with each researcher following a separate theory until their findings intersect.	Pass
8	A traveling circus arrives in a new town, and performers’ separate adventures—on stage, in the streets, and in secret—eventually collide.	Pass
9	A family separated during a natural disaster each struggles to survive in different locations, working toward reunion.	Pass
10	A medieval village faces an approaching army, with villagers choosing to fortify defenses, hide in the forest, or negotiate, all leading to a shared resolution.	Pass

Table 2: Linear narrative prompts used in evaluation

#	Linear narrative prompt	Result
1	A child sets out to find their lost dog and faces a series of challenges along the way.	Pass
2	An archaeologist explores an ancient tomb, uncovering traps, puzzles, and a final treasure.	Pass
3	A knight embarks on a quest to rescue a captured friend, passing through forests, mountains, and dungeons.	Pass
4	A group of astronauts lands on Mars and follows a series of steps to establish the first colony.	Fail
5	A chef attempts to prepare a complex dish, encountering difficulties but completing it step by step.	Pass
6	A musician travels from town to town, slowly building recognition until reaching a grand concert.	Pass
7	A fisherman battles a storm at sea, struggling with wind, waves, and exhaustion before making it back to shore.	Pass
8	A teacher prepares their students for an important exam, overcoming obstacles in study sessions until the final test.	Fail
9	A young inventor builds a flying machine, refining it through a series of trials until it finally succeeds.	Pass
10	A messenger must deliver an important letter across dangerous terrain, encountering challenges one after another until the mission is complete.	Pass

Narrative Type	Correct / Total	Success Rate	95% CI
Linear	8 / 10	80%	[0.44, 0.97]
Branching	10 / 10	100%	[0.69, 1.00]

Table 3: Evaluation of story node generation across 10 prompts for each narrative type.

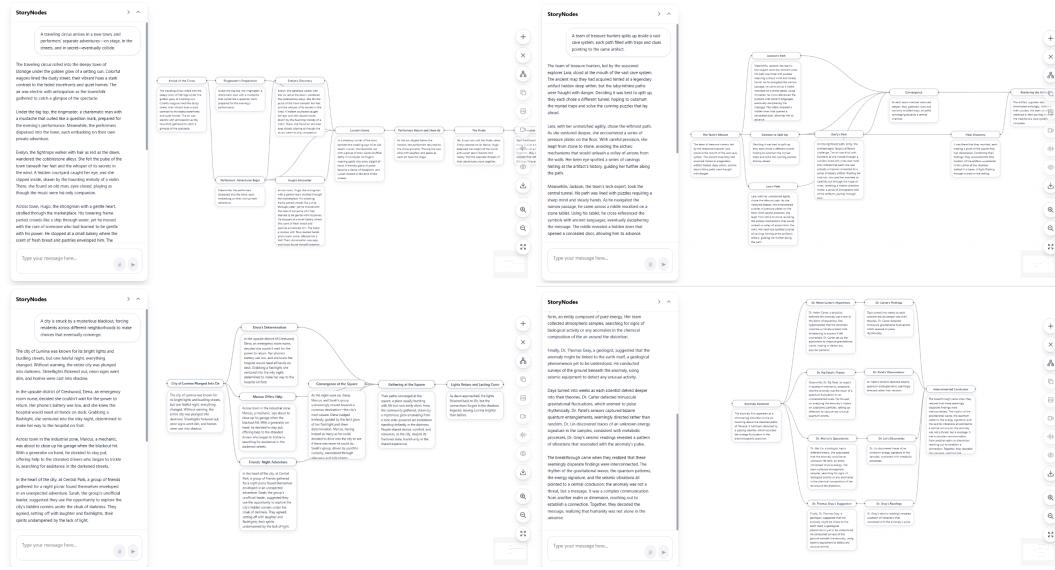


Figure 8: Example of Branching Narratives generated by the system

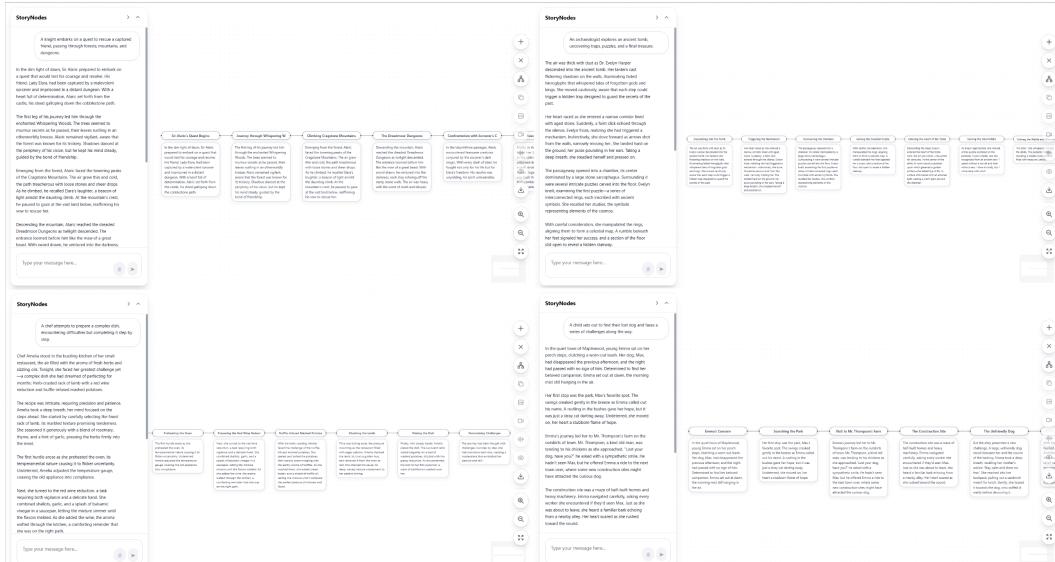


Figure 9: Example of Single Sequence Narratives generated by the system

### A.3 Media Generation Menu and User Customization

The media generation menu lets users create audio, images, and video at the node level. Users select any subset of nodes, set options such as voice and brief style instructions, and launch generation. Requests are queued, progress is shown inline on each node, and the resulting assets are written back to the selected nodes without altering their text. The system carries forward a rolling story context to promote consistency across nodes. Users can rerun the menu to regenerate only the selected nodes or batch apply new settings to a branch before exporting a preview or a compiled video.

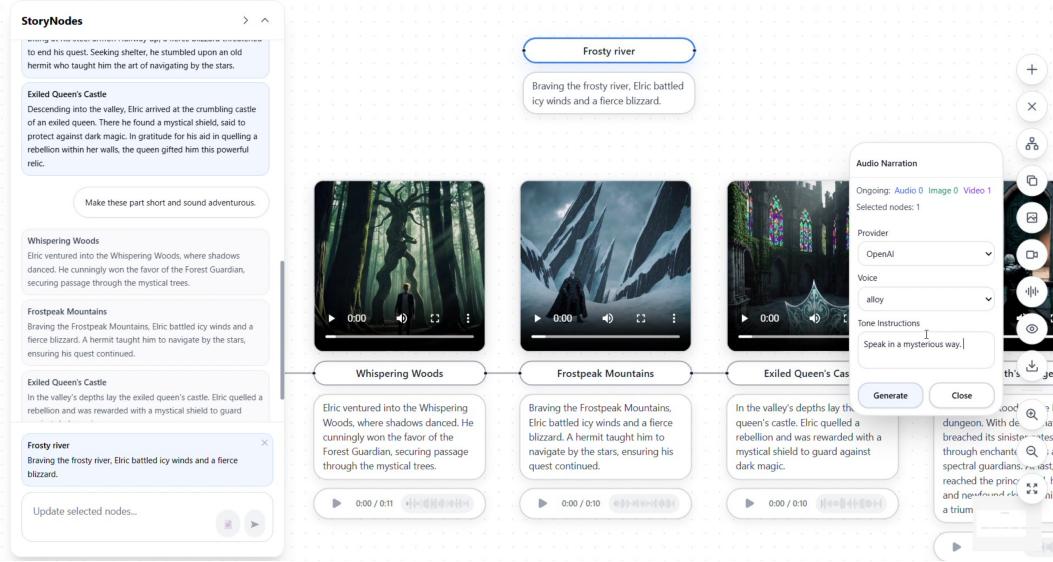


Figure 10: Media generation menu for audio narration. The author selects one or more nodes and configures provider, voice, and style instructions; generated clips attach to each card with duration and playback controls. In this case, the user instructed the AI model to speak in a mysterious way.

#### A.4 Node-Level Editing and Media Regeneration

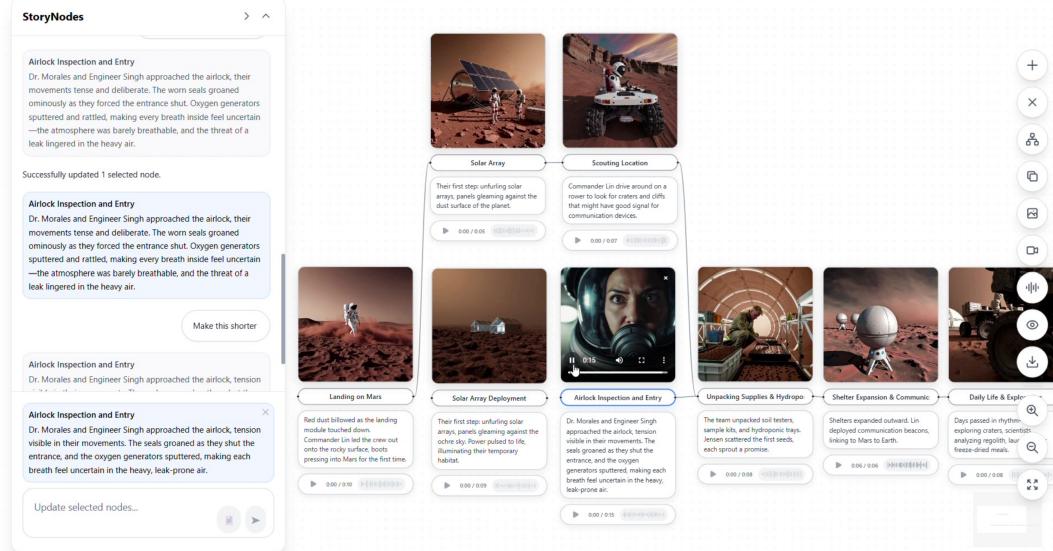


Figure 11: The Airlock Inspection and Entry node describes Dr. Morales and Engineer Singh approaching the airlock with visible tension

Node-level editing allows targeted revisions to specific parts of a story without regenerating the entire narrative. In the top figure, the Airlock Inspection and Entry node describes Dr. Morales and Engineer Singh approaching the airlock with visible tension. The associated media reflects this. In the bottom figure, the same node was edited to add details about the entrance. This textual change directly influenced the regenerated media, producing imagery with the people walking towards the entrance door. By comparing the two figures, we see how selective editing of a single node propagates into meaningful differences in the generated media while the rest of the story graph remains unchanged.

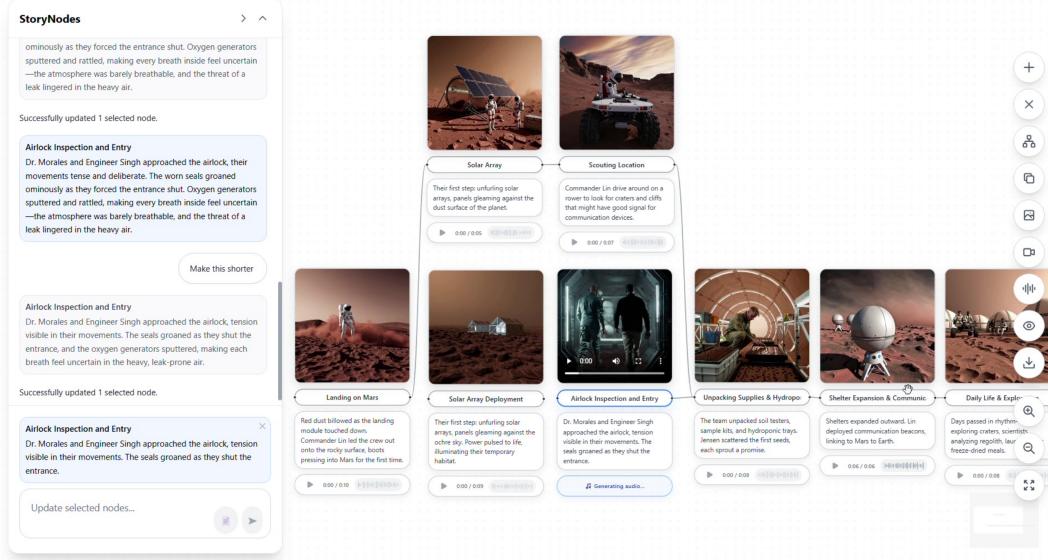


Figure 12: The Airlock Inspection and Entry node was edited to include details about the entrance, and the regenerated media reflects this change by showing the crew walking directly toward the airlock door.

## A.5 Node Based Global Graph Level Editing and Media Regeneration

Graph-level editing enables simultaneous modification of multiple nodes, allowing creators to shift tone or style across entire story branches without altering the underlying structure. This global update not only streamlined the text but also influenced the associated media regeneration, producing visuals and audio. The overall graph structure remains unchanged, ensuring that edits adjust content while preserving narrative coherence. By operating at the graph level, the system provides a powerful mechanism for large-scale yet coherent adjustments, preserving narrative flow while adapting the creative direction across all branches.

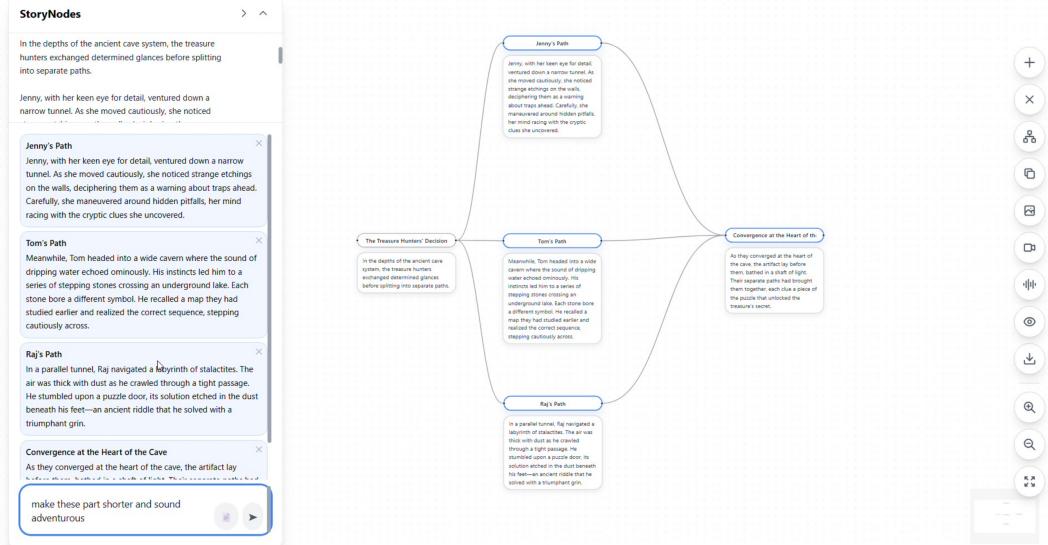


Figure 13: Initial version of the branching story graph, where each path (Jenny's Path, Tom's Path, Raj's Path) is described in detail. The editing prompt “make these parts shorter and sound adventurous” is issued to update the narrative.

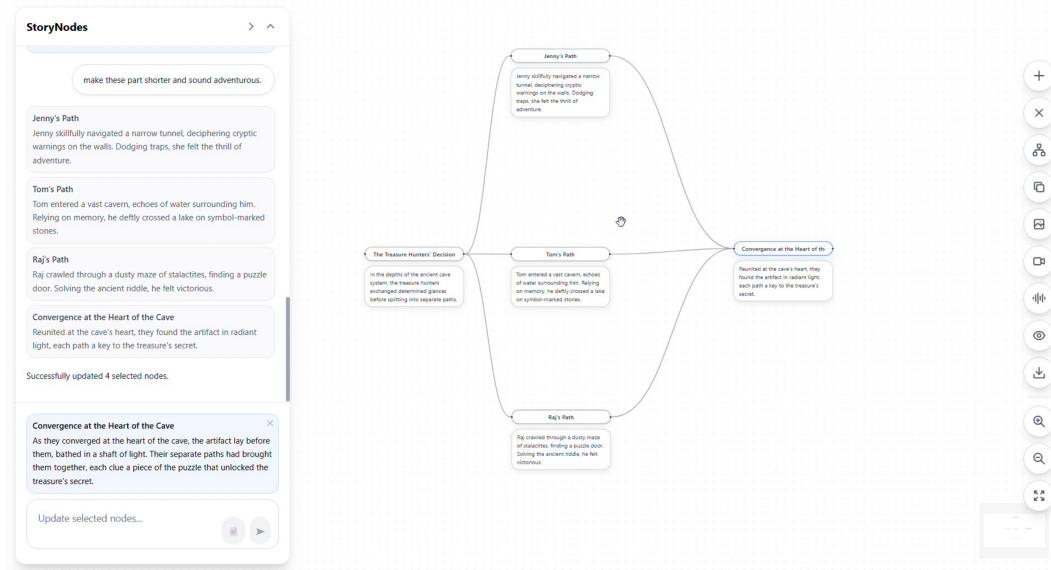


Figure 14: Updated story graph after applying the edit. Each path is rewritten in a more concise and adventurous style, demonstrating how graph-level editing modifies multiple nodes simultaneously while maintaining the branching structure

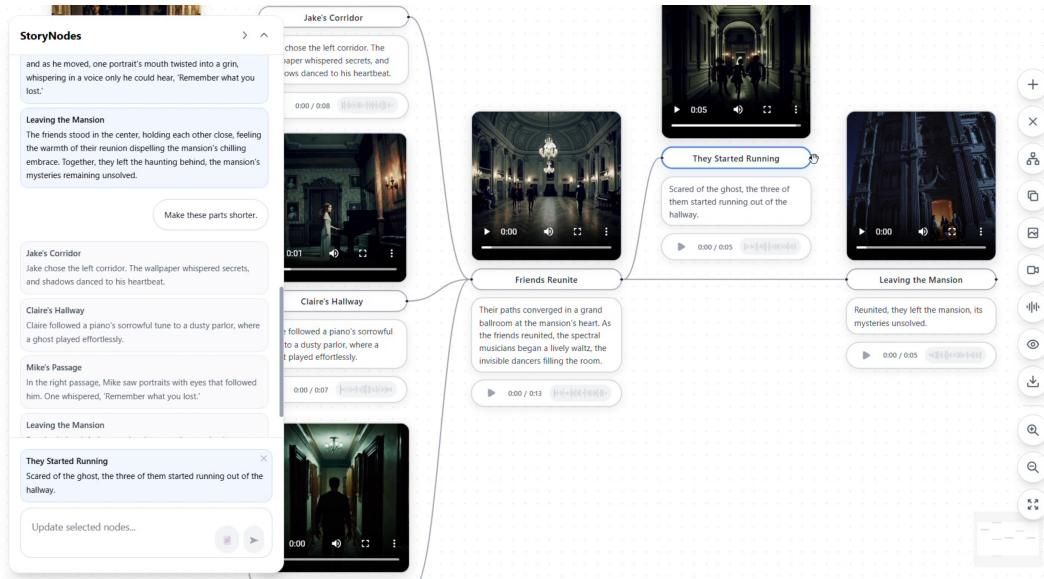


Figure 15: Node-based story extension. A new node is added introducing an additional narrative branch where the characters flee from the ghost. This demonstrates how the system allows stories to be extended by inserting new nodes, enabling users to expand the narrative structure and generate corresponding media without rewriting the entire graph.

Preserving existing outputs while experimenting with alternatives ensures cost-effectiveness, provides creative flexibility, and allows creators to return to previous generations when needed. Branching with parallel timelines allows the system to capture events that occur simultaneously across different characters or locations. Rather than restricting the story to a single path, the graph structure enables multiple threads to unfold side by side, giving creators flexibility to model complex narratives. Such representations expand the expressive power of generative storytelling, supporting multi-perspective narratives that mirror the complexity of films, games, and interactive media.

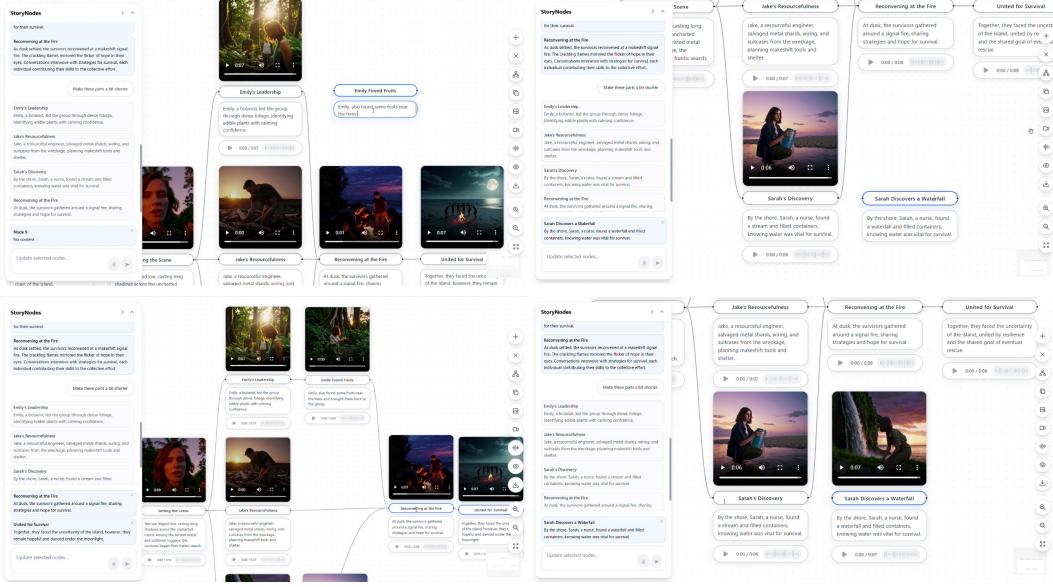


Figure 16: More example of Node Based Story Extension

In addition, the system supports extending the story by adding new nodes, making it possible to introduce fresh plot points, twists, or simply build off the initial AI-generated script.

#### A.6 Full video export and Compilation

The system supports full video export by compiling node-level media into a continuous sequence. Users can preview individual story elements, download specific assets, or export the entire narrative as a single video file with subtitles. Before exporting, the interface presents the story as a slideshow, allowing creators to review the sequence of scenes. The compilation process follows the underlying graph topology, sorting nodes according to their narrative order to ensure that the final video reflects the intended storyline. This functionality enables creators to transform interactive story graphs into polished audiovisual outputs that can be shared or archived beyond the authoring interface.

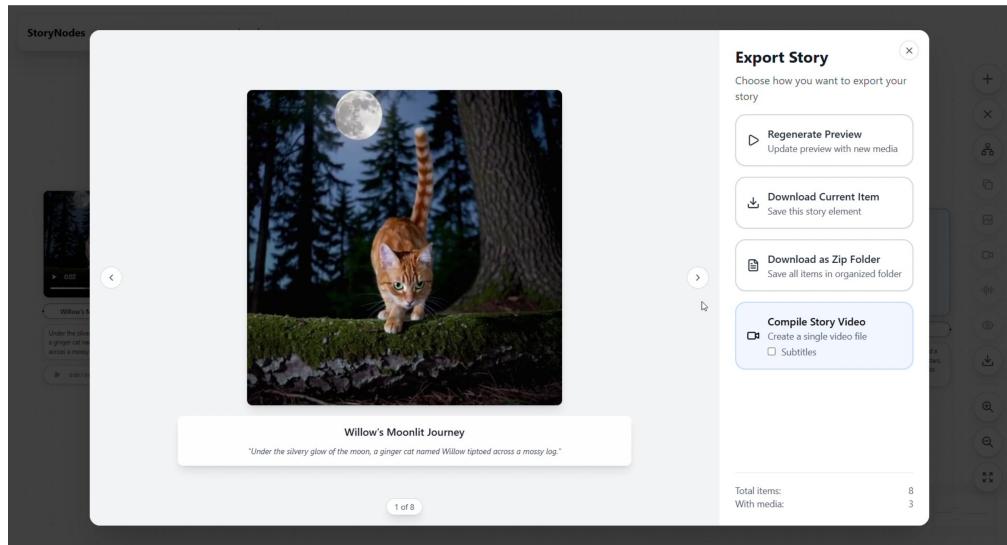


Figure 17: Export interface for full video compilation, showing options to preview, download individual items, or compile the entire story into a single video.

## A.7 Compute Resources and Performance

All experiments in this paper were conducted using deployed generative models accessed through Azure endpoints (Sora model hosted on Azure)[10] and OpenAI endpoints (GPT-4.1 for text and reasoning, GPT-Image-1 for images, and GPT-4o TTS for audio) [12]. The orchestration code, interface, and evaluations were run locally on a standard laptop without the need for GPUs or specialized hardware. Since most computation is performed by cloud-hosted models, reproducing our results requires only API access to the same model deployments and a local Python/JavaScript environment for running the interface. Execution times were interactive in nature, with most node based image / video generation tasks completing within 10–30 seconds per API call.

## A.8 Broader Societal Impact

By providing users with a controllable, editable, and iterative workflow, this work aims to make multimedia generative content creation easier and more accessible. Through visual, node-based human-AI interaction and generation, the system lowers the barrier for non-technical users to direct advanced models, opening opportunities for education, independent media, and community-driven storytelling. Such democratization can support more diverse voices in creative industries, allowing people without access to professional production pipelines to produce expressive multimodal works. At the same time, emphasizing controllability helps preserve human agency in the creative loop, ensuring that AI functions as a collaborator rather than a replacement. Potential negative impacts include risks of misuse for misinformation or low-quality mass content generation. These risks can be mitigated by integrating safeguards such as provenance tracking, attribution, and responsible deployment practices. In addition, protective AI techniques such as watermarking and fingerprinting are important to ensure the traceability and integrity of generated media, further reducing risks of malicious use.

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