

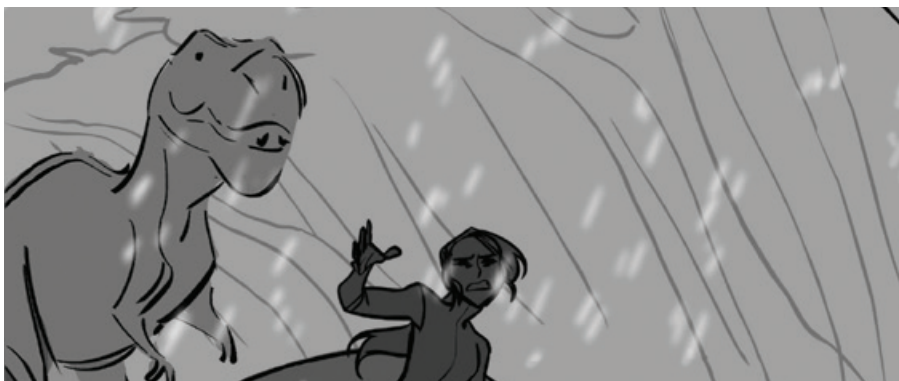
A DAY IN THE LIFE

PRODUCTION MANAGER MARISA CASTRO TAKES *PRODUCED BY* ALONG ON HER DAILY ROUTINE

From the moment she's aroused by her feline alarm clock at 6 a.m., Marisa Castro is on the go, juggling meetings and responsibilities as a production manager at DreamWorks Animation. The 12-year veteran of the industry has carved a career in animation, starting out at the Walt Disney Animation Studios, where she worked in production on blockbusters such as *Frozen* and *Moana*. Currently, she handles series animation at DreamWorks, working on *Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous*. Castro gives us a glimpse into her busy workday and how she likes to wind down in the evenings.

6 a.m.

Wake up and feed my cat, Pretzel—no sleeping in with this hungry feline—followed by working out with Peloton. My workouts consist of cross training in cardio cycling, weight training and stretching. I joined the Peloton community in March 2020, and it's helped my physical and mental health tremendously.



8:30 a.m.

Eat breakfast and go over emails that came in overnight to prep for the day ahead. It's a short commute from my kitchen to the home office. It's been inspiring to see the crew work so well together during the challenges of working from home.

9 a.m.

Start off the day by meeting with the production team, making a plan for the day and setting our weekly goals. Then we move into dailies and review the work up for approvals.

12:30 p.m.

Lunch break. I've attended a lot of virtual lunch events organized by our employee resource groups. I'm thankful they exist and have furthered a lot of important conversations, from social justice issues to heritage month celebrations.

2 p.m.

Go over finances, staffing and show schedule to ensure we are hitting all of our milestones.

4 p.m.

Meet with show and studio leadership. Discuss any roadblocks, come up with solutions and communicate changes across the teams.

6 p.m.

Wrap up the day. Spend some time playing with Pretzel, catch up with friends, and enjoy a glass of wine.

10 p.m.

Start winding down and get ready for bed. Taking the time to meditate and reflect on the day helps put me in a good state of mind, and I fall asleep faster. ■



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