

PLAYER 2

A One Act

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Cast

AIDAN- The younger sibling, vibrant, sensitive

ALEX- The older sibling, orderly, reliable

PERICLES THE GAMEMASTER/NPC- The system that rules over Fleurhaven/various roles as unplayable characters in Legends of Freesia

Setting

The RPG game “Legends of Freesia”

Time

Modern Day

Notes from author

All roles are written to be gender neutral for open casting. Pronouns can be interchanged to correspond with the actor’s identity.

(Lights up on ALEX in front of the TV. They're extremely concentrated on their video game)

ALEX

Come on come on come on come on! YES!!!

(A victory noise sounds from the TV as AIDAN enters and flops on the couch)

ALEX

Hey how was your week?

(General noises of distress from AIDAN)

ALEX

(pretending this is a news interview)

Yeah? Anything else you'd like to add?

(More, slightly less intense noises of distress from AIDAN)

ALEX

Alright, back to you Jan, more news at 6.

AIDAN

The world is stupid.

ALEX

Not this again.

AIDAN

I'm serious this time.

ALEX

(still playing is game, is clearly disengaged)

Sure, lay it on me, what's the problem?

AIDAN

...Nevermind.

ALEX

You come to complain and then you don't say anything? Whatever, you want to play this game with me?

AIDAN

I guess

ALEX

Cool. I picked up this new RPG and I figured we could start it before I have to go to my night shift.

AIDAN

What's it called?

ALEX

Ummm

(reading the case)

Legend of Freesia. I don't know, I found it at the back of the game store and I didn't see any reviews online, so I picked it up.

AIDAN

What's it say on the back?

ALEX

"Explore the world of Fleurhaven as you fight monsters and defeat the ancient sorcerer to restore peace"

AIDAN

Sounds generic.

ALEX

It looked mindless enough for us to make fun of.

AIDAN

Fair enough

(They both grab controllers)

ALEX

Oh wait, you ended up as player 1

AIDAN

So?

ALEX

I'm player 1. I'm always player 1.

AIDAN

Just cause you're older doesn't mean you have to be player 1.

ALEX

Look those are the rules, I'm player 1.

AIDAN

Okay fine, we'll resync them.

(They do, and ALEX puts in the console. As they put it in there's a blackout. As the lights come up, they have entered a completely new place)

ALEX

What was that? Are we in a field?

AIDAN

It's a meadow Alex, there's flowers everywhere.

ALEX

What it is doesn't matter. Where are we?

(PERICLES THE GAMEMASTER enters)

GAMEMASTER

Hello there travelers!

ALEX

Who are you? What is this?

PERICLES

Welcome to Fleurhaven! I'm Pericles, the ruler of this land. The gamemaster if you will.

AIDAN

Fleurhaven? Isn't that the kingdom in the game?

ALEX

Did we just enter the freaking game?

GAMEMASTER

You, the holders of the controllers, I have a mission for you.

ALEX

Hold on pause.

(They try to mess with the controls)

Can I not pause the game?

GAMEMASTER

You can't pause real life. Now players, please enter your names.

AIDAN

NO. WAY. We're in the game! It's finally my time to be the chosen one! My name is-

ALEX

Wait, Aidan. We can't give a random guy our names! We have no idea what's going on.

AIDAN

Okay Alex, we'll give them fake ones.

GAMEMASTER

Players, if you don't enter your names you cannot continue.

ALEX

Fine, my name is uhhhh...Grug.

AIDAN

And I'm Kibs!

GAMEMASTER

Fake and/or stupid names are not accepted.

AIDAN

Excuse you, Kibs isn't a stupid name.

ALEX

How can you even know that name was fake?

GAMEMASTER

I literally just heard you guys say each other's names.

ALEX

Okay fine I'm Alex.

AIDAN

I'm Aidan the Magnificent!

ALEX

Wait, I want a cool title.

GAMEMASTER

Too late. Now your first mission. To help me reclaim my kingdom, you must go through many fierce battles across the land to defeat the evil sorcerer. Only then, will you be able to go home.

AIDAN

Oh that's it? Okay let's go!

GAMEMASTER

Your first battle, my heroes, is against this monster.

(The monster is basically just a big stick with eyeballs. ALEX and AIDAN break it easily)

ALEX

That sure was one of the monsters of all time.

AIDAN

Great! What's next?

GAMEMASTER

Progress to the next town. Head east, and good luck to you both.

(The GAMEMASTER exits)

AIDAN

Okay let's go!Which way is east?

ALEX

Uhhhhhhhhh.....

AIDAN

Let's try this way

ALEX

No, let's try this way. I have a feeling it's this way.

AIDAN

But-

ALEX

Look Aidan, I have a job interview I have to get to.

AIDAN

But if you look at the sky-

ALEX

I don't need you to argue with me Aidan. Let's go, we're running out of time.

AIDAN

I...okay.

(the two start walking, a bit of time passes by as they fight more stick monster things. Just then,
the first NPC appears.)

NPC

Hello travelers! I'm Brad the Baker! I'm on my way back to my village! It's that direction!

(They point in the opposite direction of where the siblings have been walking)

ALEX

DAMMIT!

(Transition to the first town, the travelers walk in the opposite direction, NPC in tow, as the enter
NPC switches to a new character)