

VALENHEIM

"DIV3 RIGHT 1N"

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INT. APARTMENT - FRONT ROOM/OFFICE - DAY

CHARLIE, 20s, self-assured and pretty, enters.

CHARLIE

Hey, guys.

GLORIA, 20s, glasses, arrogant, sits on the couch, laptop open and on her knees.

GLORIA

Hey, Charlie.

DANIEL, 20s, glasses, tech-geek, cute but in the boy next door kind of way, sits next to Gloria and attaches a wire to a black, plastic box.

DANIEL

How was work?

Charlie looks at Daniel.

CHARLIE

Same ol', same ol'. You know how it goes.

Gloria smiles at Charlie, excitedly.

GLORIA

So... You know that game, Valenheim, I've been working on? Daniel is finished creating the Dive and both are ready to be tested. Who's in?

Charlie grins.

CHARLIE

You know I'm in! Daniel, you feel up to a challenge?

DANIEL

Hell, yeah, I'm in!

Charlie waggles her eyebrows at Daniel.

CHARLIE

Wanna make a little wager?

DANIEL

Whatcha got?

CHARLIE

If I get the most kills, you post a video online telling the world I beat you and you humbly submit to the queen of the gamers.

DANIEL

Challenge accepted, queen of the losers!

Charlie curtsies and Daniel bows.

CHARLIE

Okay, tough guy. What do you want if you win?

DANIEL

Hmm, how about you and I go out on a date? You'll need a drink or two after your ego has been beaten down a notch.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Daniel attaches the leads for the Dive machine to Charlie's temples and chest.

DANIEL

Feel okay?

CHARLIE

I'm okay. It's a little weird--

GLORIA

Will you guys hurry up! I invited other beta testers and they're waiting.

Daniel scoffs and rolls his eyes at Gloria.

Gloria attempts to assist Daniel with attaching the leads.

Daniel shrugs her off and attaches the last lead to his chest.

DANIEL

We'll have to lie down. I'll take the floor, you take the couch.

CHARLIE

Are you sure?

DANIEL
Yeah, no problem.

CHARLIE
I guess chivalry really isn't dead.

Charlie playfully punches Daniel on the shoulder and lies on the couch.

Daniel lies on the floor.

INT. GAME - VALENHEIM GAME LOBBY - VALOR VILLAGE - DAY

(NOTE: Charlie is Sh0w0ff007, Daniel is WhiteKnight12, and Gloria is G0ddessValenheim in the game scenes.)

Sh0w0ff007 and WhiteKnight12 shimmer and solidify into a small village with wooden huts set on wooden piers that overlook a pale blue ocean.

Sh0w0ff007 wears a purple corset and purple petite-coat that flares at her waist and stops at the bend of her knees. Her skirt stops mid-thigh with black and purple knee-high boots and purple elbow length gloves.

WhiteKnight12, has barbarian markings on his chest, wears heavy armor, arm guards, black boots, white pants, and carries an axe.

SHOWOFF007
You gonna explain the rules of the game now?

WHITEKNIGHT12
It's easy. Blink three times and you will see the menu pop up in your field of view. All your commands and spells are on there.

Sh0w0ff007 blinks three times and picks a spell from the menu. She smiles and flings her hand to WhiteKnight12.

SHOWOFF007
Energy Pulse!

WhiteKnight12 is knocked back twenty feet.

WHITEKNIGHT12
Team kills don't count for out bet.

Sh0w0ff007 laughs and helps WhiteKnight12 up.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Gloria, adorned with a headset, sits on the floor and leans against the couch next to Daniel. She selects Charlie and Daniel on the menu and speaks.

GLORIA

Hey, I found a glitch. I'm working on it now.

Gloria mutes her audio with Daniel and Charlie and selects a private chat with another user, Baphom3t.

GLORIA (CONT'D)

I'm creating an entry point that should appear in front of you now. Remember... just like we talked about, you can't touch WhiteKnight12, but Sh0w0ff007 is fair game.

BAPHOM3T (V.O.)

Ten-Four

GLORIA

I've decked you out, you should be twice as strong as her so it should be an easy kill.

Gloria mutes her mic and looks at Daniel as she runs her fingers through his hair. Gloria unmutes Daniel and Charlie's audio.

GLORIA (CONT'D)

I haven't been able to fix the glitch. Whatever you do, don't die.

INT. GAME - OUTSIDE VALENHEIM TEMPLE - DAY

Sh0w0ff007 and WhiteKnight12 shimmer and solidify in front of the temple door. Cherry Blossoms bloom and a waterfall flows into the river. The temple stands as tall as the trees with golden statues at its base. Paper lanterns dangle above the entrance to a grassy knoll.

A minion, small goblin-like creature with black skin and red beady eyes, attacks Sh0w0ff007.

WhiteKnight12 swings his axe and decapitates the minion.

WHITEKNIGHT12

That's one kill for me. Since I'm
in the lead, how does Chinese
sound?

SHOWOFF007

Game's not over yet!

A bush moves to ShowOff007's right. She pulls out her dagger
and runs off to attack.

A massive, black hellhound emerges from a red dragon Japanese
maple and snarls. Saliva drips from his sharp, yellow teeth.
The hellhound lunges toward her.

ShowOff007 looks at the hellhound advancing on WhiteKnight12
before turning back to her own.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)

Daniel, look out!

WhiteKnight12 pulls out his axe.

ShowOff007 ducks down to escape her hellhound's mouth and
plunges the dagger into his heart. His limp body falls to the
ground.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)

Good boy. Now, stay!

ShowOff007 rushes over and jumps on the hellhound's back as
it attacks WhiteKnight12. She sinks the dagger down to its
hilt into the hellhound's heart and slides off its back.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)

Now who's beating whom? Are you
ready to polish my crown?

WhiteKnight12 is hit with an energy pulse and flies into
rocks.

ShowOff007 turns and looks at BAPHOM3T, a demon with long
pointed black horns, black goat face, and human body who
stands ready to attack.

BAPHOM3T

I hope you prove to be a worthy
opponent.

SHOWOFF007

It's easy when you take a cheap
shot like that.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)

Spectra-clone!

A clone of Sh0w0ff007's dagger appears in her free hand.

Baphom3t shoots a fireball at Sh0w0ff007, misses and hits a tree.

A limb crashes down on top of Sh0w0ff007.

Baph0m3t blinks three times and chooses G0ddessValenheim from the chat menu.

BAPHOM3T

G0ddessValenheim, It's done.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Gloria pulls Daniel out of the game. Daniel's eyes open.

DANIEL

What happened to Charlie?

GLORIA

I was able to extract you from the game but not her.

DANIEL

Put me back!

GLORIA

It's too late. Charlie's dead.

INT. GAME - OUTSIDE VALENHEIM TEMPLE

Baphom3t shimmers and disappears just as Sh0w0ff007 begins to open her eyes.