

VALENHEIM

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INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

DANIEL and GLORIA sit in the living room. Daniel fidgets with the Dive gear nervously.

DANIEL

Gloria, get me back in there now!

Gloria furiously types codes into her laptop.

GLORIA

Daniel, she's dead. I told you, I can't bring her back. It's the glitch.

DANIEL

Put. Me. Back. Now!

Gloria frowns and looks at Daniel. She pushes her laptop onto the floor, grabs Daniels arm, and shakes it.

GLORIA

If you die, I can't save you.
Charlie is dead. There is nothing we can do.

Daniel yanks his arm from Gloria's hand. He puts his face close to hers.

DANIEL

I will get her back... Put me in the game now.

Gloria rolls her eyes and shakes her head.

GLORIA

Fine... lie down. But if you die, I can't get you back out.

Daniel lies down on the floor. He closes his eyes.

DANIEL

Just do it. I'd rather die trying to get her back than live and do nothing.

Gloria picks her laptop up and sets it on her legs. She types code into her laptop.

INT. GAME - OUTSIDE VALENHEIM TEMPLE - NIGHT

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

WhiteKnight12 shimmers and solidifies. He holds his sword, ready for a fight, and looks around.

SHOWOFF007 lies on the ground under a fallen branch next to a cherry blossom tree.

WhiteKnight12 runs to ShowOff007.

WHITEKNIGHT12
Charlie... Charlie!

WhiteKnight12 uses his sword as a lever to lift the branch off of ShowOff007.

WHITEKNIGHT12 (CONT'D)
Charlie!

Whiteknight12 sits and pulls ShowOff007 into his arms.

WHITEKNIGHT12 (CONT'D)
Come on, baby. You're not dead.
Please don't be dead. Open your
eyes, baby. We've gotta get you out
of here.

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Gloria sits next to Daniel. She picks up a headset from the floor and puts it on. She connects to Daniel.

GLORIA
Is she alive?

INT. GAME - OUTSIDE VALENHEIM TEMPLE - DAY

Whiteknight12 smacks ShowOff007 on the face.

ShowOff007 groans and opens her eyes.

SHOWOFF007
Why are you slapping me? What's the
deal, dude?

Whiteknight12 laughs.

WHITEKNIGHT12
Gloria took me out, but she said
she couldn't get you because you
were dead. I made her put me back
in.

SHOWOFF007

What? A little tree branch couldn't
kill me.

Sh0w0ff007 smiles and sits up carefully. She turns to look at
WhiteKnight12.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)

Did you get my crown polished while
you were out?

Whiteknight12 smiles and shakes his head.

WHITEKNIGHT12

You never give in, huh?

SHOWOFF007

Never!

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Gloria snatches the headset off of her head and throws it.
She reaches over to Daniel and smacks him hard in the face.

Blood drips from Daniel's nose.

Gloria leans down and kisses Daniel on the lips.

GLORIA

I guess there's no reason to keep
either of you alive.

Gloria types code on the keyboard and smiles.

INT. GAME - OUTSIDE VALENHEIM TEMPLE - NIGHT

WhiteKnight12 helps Sh0w0ff007 stand up.

Sh0w0ff007 sways and balances.

WHITEKNIGHT12

That little branch did more than
you want to admit.

Sh0w0ff007 glances at Daniel and frowns.

SHOWOFF007

I'm fine.

Sh0w0ff007 blinks three times and selects health. Sixty-seven
percent hovers above her head.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)
I'm just not at full power yet.
It's all good.

Whiteknight12 looks at the health score above Sh0w0ff007's head.

WHITEKNIGHT12
It's taking a while to regenerate.
Gloria needs to get us out of here.

WhiteKnight12 blinks three times and selects the chat menu. He selects "G0ddessValenheim."

WHITEKNIGHT12 (CONT'D)
Gloria, pull us out. Charlie needs a rest.

WhiteKnight12 waits for a response for a beat.

WHITEKNIGHT12 (CONT'D)
Gloria. Get us out of here.

Sh0w0ff007 puts her hands on her hips and stares at WhiteKnight12.

SHOWOFF007
What's up?

WHITEKNIGHT12
She's not responding. Maybe she walked away for a bit.

WhiteKnight12 grabs Sh0w0ff007's hand and leads her over to the temple. They sit on the steps.

WHITEKNIGHT12 (CONT'D)
Rest here for a bit while we wait.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Gloria bends down and picks up her headset then sits down next to Daniel. She sets the laptop on her legs and connects to Daniel and Charlie.

GLORIA
I'll get you two out as soon as I can. There were some issues and I still haven't fixed the glitch. Your health scores have to be at one hundred percent.

Gloria types code on the keyboard. She mutes Daniel and Charlie and laughs to herself.

GLORIA (CONT'D)
Let's see you get away from this
guy!

INT. GAME - OUTSIDE VALENHEIM TEMPLE - NIGHT

WhiteKnight12 and Sh0w0ff007 sit on the temple steps.

A SCORPIONIC with six arms, a long sharp tail, and red eyes appears.

WhiteKnight12 and Sh0w0ff007 jump up. They draw their weapons.

SHOWOFF007
What the hell is that?

Daniel shakes his head, sword in hand.

WHITEKNIGHT12
I have no idea, but this doesn't
look good. Stay behind me.

SHOWOFF007
You've gotta be shitting me! You
can't do this alone.

The scorpionic advances and spins its tail.

Sh0w0ff007 and WhiteKnight12 duck just as the tail sails over their heads.

WhiteKnight12 swings his sword at the tail, narrowly missing.

The scorpionic roars and spins its tail, slashing it down next to Sh0w0ff007 and crushing the stone steps.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)
Sonofabitch! I think it's time to
pull out the big guns!

Whiteknight12 touches a button on the hilt of his sword and pulls up a new screen.

WHITEKNIGHT12
Got it covered. The Dive Machine is
equipped with extra stuff. Check
the hilt of your dagger.

Sh0w0ff007 presses a button on her dagger's hilt, and a screen pops up.

WHITEKNIGHT12 (CONT'D)
Just pick what you want. Do it
fast.

WhiteKnight12 selects a .44 Magnum handgun with demon-fire infused rounds. It appears in his left hand.

SHOWOFF007
You were holding out on me?

WHITEKNIGHT12
Shut up and do it! Now!

A .950 JDJ rifle with a sword on the end appears in Sh0w0ff007's hand just as the scorpionic spins its tail again. She shoots a test round at the scorpionic and misses. The kick of the gun puts her on her butt.

SHOWOFF007
Whoa!

WhiteKnight12 laughs.

WHITEKNIGHT12
Did I mention these weapons don't
mess around?

WhiteKnight12 shoots two rounds at the scorpionic. Blue flames shoot out of the barrel.

The scorpionic dodges and the bullets hit one of it's legs. It roars.

SHOWOFF007
You're really trying to kill him
with that little ol' thing?

Sh0w0ff007 lies in a prone position and lines up her sights.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)
I've got this.

Sh0w0ff007 shoots a round straight into the scoprionic's head.

The scorpionic falls to the ground, silent.

WhiteKnight12 sighs heavily.

WHITEKNIGHT12
Damn, that was close.

Sh0w0ff007 stands, the gun at her feet, and grins.

SHOWOFF007
That's three kills.

WhiteKnight12 looks down and shakes his head.

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Gloria slams her laptop closed, stands, and storms off.

INT. GAME - OUTSIDE VALENHEIM TEMPLE - NIGHT

Sh0w0ff007 walks to the scorpionic and kicks what's left of its face.

WhiteKnight12 blinks three times and selects "G0ddessValenheim" from the menu.

WHITEKNIGHT12
Gloria! Get us out of here!

WhiteKnight waits for a beat. He looks at Sh0w0ff007 and shakes his head.

WHITEKNIGHT12 (CONT'D)
Nothing...