Ancient Utopia (Cutscene)

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OPENING CUTSCENE

EXT. MARS - DAY

A vast lifeless red desert appears in the distance. As a small black spacecraft emerges, red dust obscuring part of the spacecraft from view.

PLAYER ONE (O.S.)

Alora, we must go. No time to say goodbye.

ALORA (O.S.)

I won't ever see my sister again. Please...

PLAYER ONE (O.S.)

Do you see who is following us?

SAMUEL (O.S.)

Alora, we will be back to save our families. I Promise.

PLAYER ONE

Don't make promises you can't keep. Get us out of here now, Samuel.

REGAN

Get this damn show on the road already. I am not gonna miss those metal creeps.

EXT. MARS - DAY

ONE STEEL FIGURE, Emerges from a thick cloud of red dust. Followed by three more identical figures. They stop to check out their surroundings.

The sunbeams glint on the four figures' steel bodies sending out rays of white blinding light.

AI GENERAL

Stop here, soldiers.

The GENERAL, largest of the steel machines, holds up his metal-sheathed arm, stopping the steel soldiers in their tracks.

AI SOLDIER

(in a robotic voice)

Shouldn't we go after them?

AI GENERAL

They won't last long on their own.

The general and soldiers watch as a small birdlike spacecraft rises from the sand and vanishes into the black abyss above.

INT. HUMAN SPACECRAFT - DAY

PLAYER ONE, a female human, 25, dressed in a black skin-tight leather space uniform, is bent over. She tries to catch her breath.

SAMUEL, a male human, 25, dressed in a loose-fitting black space uniform sits at the spaceship's control panel. He watches the murky black depths of space flash by.

ALORA, a female human, 25, dressed in a skin-tight white leather space suit, watches a small screen with blinking lights flash off and on.

Regan, a male human, 25, dressed in a white loose-fitting space uniform, dozes in a chair at the back of the ship.

SAMUEL

Are you gonna live?

Player One stands up with her arms up in the air.

PLAYER ONE

I just need a minute to catch my breath.

SAMUEL

Oh, that does not look good.

Samuel points to a giant black hole that appears in front of the ship.

PLAYER ONE

It looks like we might be in for a rough ride.

Player One sits down in a seat near the command chair where Samuel sits.

PLAYER ONE

Wake me up when the ride is over.

Player One dozes off.

INT. SPACECRAFT - LATER

Player One wakes up to find the other team members staring at her.

PLAYER ONE

What are you staring at?

Player One peers at the teammates with an irritated look.

PLAYER ONE

Did I sleep too long?

SAMUET

You were knocked out during the crash landing.

ALORA

We were worried you weren't going to wake up.

SAMUEL

Regan did not make the lading. He hit his head.

PLAYER ONE

Is everything still working on the ship?

SAMUEL

All the communications should work.

ALORA

The engine thrusters may be too damaged to fly again.

Player One stands up, swaying as she makes her way over to the control panel. Blue and red lights interspersed between all the silver buttons flash and blink.

PLAYER ONE

This doesn't look good.

The cord to the communications system is torn apart. Player One holds up the ripped wires.

ATIORA

We need to decide what to do and quickly.

SAMUEL

Maybe we should eat first and then decide.

PLAYER ONE

We should go explore. It's probably a good idea to know where we are.

ALORA

It's more important to fix the wires and send a message back to our families.

PLAYER ONE

We don't have time to think about food or our families right now.

SAMUEL

Why don't I stay here to get the wires fixed. While you two go...

ALORA

You just want an excuse to stay here and eat.

Alora glares at Samuel, making her way to the control panel to stand next to Player One.

ALORA

I am a tech expert. Shouldn't that be my job?

PLAYER ONE

That's enough. We are all going to look around outside.

SAMUEL

Fine! Let's get moving.

PLAYER ONE

Here goes nothing. Be prepared for anything.

The team grabs their packs equipped with weapons and flashlights. They exit through a small door at the bottom of the ship.

As they drop from the ship one by one, they land on a bed of lush green grass.

EXT. MYSTERY PLANET - DAY

As far as the eye can see is a sea of green grass with small patches of multicolored flowers. Lush trees spring up in random spots among the grass.

BARBARIAN (O.S.)

Don't move. Put your hands in the air.

Samuel and Alora look to Player One, who immediately puts her arms in the air, so they follow suit.

PLAYER ONE

We crashed our ship can you help

A group of FIVE BARBARIAN MEN, dressed in animal skins sporting large gleaming spears, surround the team.

BARBARIAN

You can seek refuge here on one condition.

A GIANT MAN, 50's, wearing striped furs and a feather headdress, steps out from the group.

He shoves the point of his spear at Player One's chest.

BARBARIAN

You must destroy everything you brought with you.

PLAYER ONE

How are we to leave if we do that?

BARBARIAN

You won't be going anywhere.

The barbarians move in closer to surround the group jabbing their spears at them.

BARBARIAN

If you want to be accepted here, you must obey.

SAMUEL

Looks like we have no other choice.

ALORA

We must try to escape.

PLAYER ONE

Let me handle this and do the talking.

The leader of the barbarians grabs ahold of Alora, who tries to free herself.

BARBARIAN

We do not trust you. We must take you as prisoners.

The barbarians take the team's weapons and packs.

EXT. MEADOW - DAY

They are lead away from the ship, down a dirt path through a green meadow overflowing with wildflowers.

PLAYER ONE

This seems a little harsh. Can't we discuss this further?

BARBARIAN

We have lived in peace for thousands of years, undisturbed by outsiders.

PLAYER ONE

We come in peace. We just need some food and help fixing our ship.

BARBARIAN

Our peace cannot be put at risk. You must stay and accept your new roles in our community.

ALORA

We have families who need us. We can't stay.

The barbarian leader jabs at Player One in her side with his spear. Player One tries to dodge the spear.

She loses her footing. Trying not to fall, she grabs ahold of the leader, dragging him down with her to the ground.

The barbarian leader lands on top of Player One, smothering her.

PLAYER ONE

Get off.

Player One tries to squirm out from under the barbarian leader.

BARBARIAN

Patience woman.

Thinking their leader is being attacked. They draw their spears, preparing to attack Player One.

BARBARIAN

Trying to get your team killed already.

PLAYER ONE

My team's survival is of the utmost importance. Our future existence depends on the team.

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