

TearRing Saga Game Script Translation

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----- I. Introduction -----
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Hey, FireLizard here.

I've decided to attempt a script translation of Tear Ring Saga. This game is long compared to other Fire Emblem titles I've tackled, so updates may not be as quick (plus the audience for this game is relatively small).

The original Japanese text was taken from here:
<http://ts.mirupage.com/ts1/index.html>

Enjoy!

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----- II. Version History -----
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Version 0.11: Opening, Map 1 - 5 done. (July 29, 2007)

Version 0.20: Map 6 - 10 done. (October 29, 2007)

Version 0.30: Map 11 - 13, Encounter 1 - 2 done. (November 30, 2007)

Version 0.38: Map 14 - 16, Encounter 3 done. (June 14, 2008)

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----- III. Characters -----

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Character list. Will be updated as new characters appear in the script.

== PLAYER CHARACTERS ==

Runan

Class: Knight Lord

The heir to the Principality of Lazeria, one of the subkingdoms of Lieve. He's known as the Hero of Granada for putting up a fight against the empire and lasting for a year. He heads for Wellt with his knights after finally suffering defeat at Granada.

Holmes

Class: Bow Hero

Son of Admiral Valce of Granada. He is a good friend of Runan. After losing Fort Granada to the Empire, he goes out on a pirate adventure.

Archis

Class: Rook Knight

A knight of Lazeria. He's easygoing and cheerful.

Kreiss

Class: Rook Knight

A knight of Lazeria. He's more serious than Archis.

Garo

Class: Pirate

One of Holmes' crew members. He is assigned to Runan's group by Holmes.

Sasha

Class: Princess

The princess of Wellt. She is being pursued by the chancellor, Count Codha, who schemes to overthrow the kingdom.

Kate

Class: Lady Knight

A knight of Wellt. She is assigned to protect Sasha.

Raffin

Class: Command Knight

The adopted son of Count Merlon of Vierge, a prefecture in the east of Wellt. He is originally from a country called Barge, which was overrun five years before.

Esther

Class: Rook Knight

Daughter of Count Merlon of Vierge. She is Raffin's stepsister.

Lee

Class: Bishop

A bishop serving Merlon.

Ezekiel

Class: Axe Knight

A knight of Vierge.

Narron

Class: Rook Knight

An apprentice knight of Vierge.

Ruca

Class: Bowfighter

A hunter from a village north of Gram, ruled by Codha. He flees to Vierge from Codha's oppression.

Enteh

Class: Cleric

A cleric from the Temple of Mars. She is sent as a healer to the village of Taurus in Vierge. She is being pursued by Gwenchaos for reasons unknown.

Barts

Class: Axefighter

A young man from the village of Taurus. He goes to rescue Enteh from the hands of the Taurus bandits.

Julia

Class: Swordfighter

A mercenary. She is saved by the people of Taurus, and offers to eliminate the brigands in the area to repay them.

Plum

Class: Priest

A girl from the village of Taurus. Barts' stepsister. She decides to go with Enteh on her trip back to the Temple of Mars.

Narthas

Class: Thief

A thief originally working for Holmes. He sneaks off the boat at Saura because he doesn't want to risk his life fighting pirates.

Martelle

Class: Pegasus Knight

A knight residing in the Temple of Mars. She is originally from the Kingdom of Saria.

Vega

Class: Swordfighter

A mysterious swordsman known as the Reaper of Shram.

Raquel

Class: Bowmaster

A hunter living in a small village north of Gram. Ruca's sister. Her unparalleled skill with the bow earned her the title of the Child of Bridget.

Roger

Class: Paladin

A holy knight serving under Codha. His loyalty as a knight conflicts with his righteous nature, causing him to suffer from a dilemma.

Mel

Class: Troubadour

Roger's fiancée. She is the granddaughter of Eisenbach. She left the order to be with Roger.

Sieg

Class: Dark Knight

A knight of the destroyed kingdom of Barge. He was sent into slavery by the Theocratic State of Garzel, where he eventually was forced into servitude as a dark knight.

Marc

Class: Mage

A mage of the Temple of Mars. He is the grandson of Eisenbach, and Mel's brother.

Norton

Class: Armor Knight

A knight serving the royal family of Wellt. He follows Sasha's orders and joins the Liberation Army.

Thomas

Class: Woodshooter

A hunter from a village called Loto. He was drafted into Codha's army as an archer. Or so he thought.

Rionel

Class: Spear Knight

A knight serving the royal family of Wellt.

Shigen

Class: Swordfighter

A swordsman in Holmes' group. He's a good and understanding friend to Holmes, and acts as his right-hand man. Julia's brother.

Katri

Class: Cleric

A young cleric whom Holmes' band rescues. Pirates attacked the ship she was sailing on, taking away from her the only person whom she could call family.

Xeno

Class: Fighter

A member of Holmes' group of adventurers. He's polite and has a kind heart.

Juni

Class: Thief

A young thief in Holmes' gang. She apparently begged in tears to be allowed to join Holmes.

Merhen

Class: Boss

The leader of the fearsome Isla Pirates. He gets beaten by Holmes and is driven away from Isla, but...

Meriah

Class: Mage

The granddaughter of the Great Sage Mios. She's looking for her brother whom she lost contact with two years earlier.

Tia

Class: Ledah Princess

A mysterious princess said to carry the blood of the royal family of Ledah. She was being kept prisoner in Istorica, but was later rescued, and leads the Ledah Alliance Army alongside Richard.

Mintz

Class: Black Knight

One of the Arless Black Knights. He rescues Lennie from the hands of Pavlov.

Lennie

Class: Bowfighter

A member of a rebel group led by a man named Leonheart.

Sharon

Class: Lady Knight

A former knight of Barge, now working as a mercenary in Senay.

Billford

Class: Armor Knight

A knight known as the Wild Bull of Barge. He fights alongside Sharon.

Retina

Class: Priest

A blind girl whom Kreiss falls in love with. Ezekiel's sister.

Samson

Class: Axefighter

A mercenary from Aerial.

Alicia

Class: Mage

A mage from a temple in Trente.

Atrom

Class: Fighter

A boy traveling in search of his stepsister. He eventually finds her in the hands of Merhen.

Rene

Class: Saint

A priestess traveling in search of a missing family member. She's found and kidnapped by Merhen along the way.

Criscinne

Class: Swordfighter

A swordswoman. After having her lover, Aldo, killed by Vega, she swears revenge.

Leonheart

Class: Mamluke

The lord of Selba.

Flau

Class: Pegasus Knight

A young Pegasus Knight in-training from Saria.

Sun
Class: Rook Knight
A young knight in-training from Canan.

Lyria
Class: Priest
A young acolyte from Brahd. She aspires to be a singer rather than a priest.

== MAJOR ENEMIES ==

Codha
Class: Duke
The chancellor of Wellt. He schemes to overthrow the royal family and take control of the kingdom in the king's absence.

Gwenchaos
Class: Diabolist
One of the Four Great Sages of Liberia. He joined forces with a cult worshipping an evil god to establish the Theocratic State of Garzel. He kills the other Great Sages with a powerful dark magic spell called Zahakk.

== MINOR ENEMIES ==

Ruth
Class: Armor Knight
One of Codha's lieutenants. He hunts down Sasha in Saura.

Yazam
Class: Boss
The big cheese of the Taurus bandits. He imprisons Enteh after having her cure his sickness.

Eritz
Class: Command Knight
A noble forced to side with Codha after having his family taken hostage.

Domes
Class: General
One of Codha's trusted generals. He sets up a defense at the Wellt Bridge.

Berom
Class: General
One of Codha's trusted generals. He defends Castle Wellt's gate against Runan.

Chamos
Class: General
A general of Canan. He is an honorable warrior who only wishes the best for his country and his people.

Dagon
Class: Dark Bishop
A powerful bishop of the Garzel Church.

Pavlov
Class: Duke
An Imperial commander in charge of the area surrounding Senay. He reaps taxes from Senay and plans to donate to Garzel to curry favor with the church.

Dolk

Class: Dark Bishop

A bishop of the Garzel Church. He was hunting around for Katri, and joins forces with Merhen for a short period of time.

== NPCs/OTHER CHARACTERS ==

Eugen

Runan's mentor and personal guardian. He's a veteran knight of Lazeria. With most of Lazeria's knights killed in the struggle against the Empire, only the young and inexperienced soldiers survived. Eugen looks after the remaining soldiers and trains them to become knights.

Merlon

The lord of Vierge, a territory in eastern Wellt. He is respected as a kind and understanding man, and is the preferred candidate for chancellor as opposed to Codha.

Liza

The queen of Wellt. She is being kept prisoner by Codha.

Eisenbach

Class: Bishop

The Master of the Temple of Mars, and one of the Four Great Sages. He is known as the Mage of Wind.

Sylphize

Class: Saint

Eisenbach's daughter. She resides in the Temple of Mars. She is the mother of Mel and Marc.

Richard

Class: Kings Knight

The prince of the Kingdom of Marl. He leads the Ledah Alliance Army to liberate his country once and for all...but he seems to have other plans as well.

Albert

One of Richard's lieutenants.

Ronald

A commander residing in Castle Marl. He was forced to retreat when Richard stormed in to capture the castle.

Barca

One of the three mighty princes of Canan. He cares for his troops, and always considers what's best for his nation and people.

Elette

Ezekiel's wife, and Retina's stepsister. She takes care of the blind Retina while Ezekiel is off fighting in the war.

Law

A bishop from Marl. He raised Katri like his own daughter. He was on a trip to the Temple of Mars with Katri, but their ship was attacked by Merhen's pirates. He was supposed to be killed, but in actuality, Merhen didn't lay a finger on him, allowing him to be reunited with Katri.

== THE GREAT SAGES ==

Eisenbach: The Mage of Wind.
Mios: The Mage of Light.
Octavas: The Mage of Fire.
Gwenchaos: The Mage of Darkness.

Morse: The White Master. The above four were students of Morse.

== THE HOLY DRAGONS ==

Muse: The Holy Dragon of Lieve.
Cranion: The Holy Dragon of Ledah.
Neuron: The Holy Dragon of Saria.
?????: The Holy Dragon of Canan. Hasn't appeared yet.

== THE GOD TIER ==

Utona
The goddess of earth. She is pretty much the recognized deity of the game.
The four Holy Dragons were said to be created by Utona to defend the continent and its people.

Garzel
A demonic god. He terrorized the world with his monsters many hundreds of years ago, but was defeated and sealed away. He's said to demand women as sacrifices, and bring nothing but ruin in return.

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----- IV. Script -----
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== Opening ==

The continent of Liberia, floating on the Moratonian Ocean...

In the distant past, this land was a dark continent ruled by a demonic god. Hellish beasts roamed the earth, and the people led hopeless and painful lives as slaves of the evil empire.

However, eight hundred years ago, one young man stood up to lead the people into a rebellion against the evil god. Under the blessing of Utona, the goddess of earth, the brave man prevailed, and the dark empire was defeated.

Later, the man and the goddess united to create a peaceful kingdom that the people had dreamed of.

The kingdom was inherited by four princesses, and divided into four holy subkingdoms, each bearing the princesses' names.

The Kingdom of Lieve, overlooking the peaceful plains in the midland.
The Kingdom of Canan, ruler of the mountain ranges in the northeast.
The Kingdom of Ledah, cultivating the uncharted regions in the northwest.
The Kingdom of Saria, governing the vast grasslands in the south.

The four kingdoms, at times in harmony, and at others in conflict, established themselves as the four great nations of Liberia for six hundred years.

However, fifty years ago, a disastrous war broke out between Ledah and Saria, bringing ruin upon the two kingdoms and leading to both of their deaths.

Meanwhile, Canan and Lieve were also at war, but Lieve also soon fell due to the Tragedy of Norzeria. It was not long before dominion of the entire continent rested in Canan's hands.

King Bahanuk of Canan declared the reconstruction of the Zoa Empire and began a campaign to conquer the rest of the continent.

One year later...

On the deck of a pirate ship heading west through the Senay Sea toward the Kingdom of Wellt could be seen two young men.

One of them was Runan, heir to the Principality of Lazeria. The other was Holmes, son of the pirate admiral of Granada.

Thus started the journey of the two young heroes, each destined to carry the fate of continent in his hands.

== ON THE SHIP ==

Holmes

"Runan? There you are. What's the matter? You look a little out of it."

Runan

"Holmes... It's nothing. I was just getting some sea air."

Holmes

"Oh, all right. Anyway, we're almost at Wellt. You ready for the landing?"

Runan

"All I need is this rapier. Eugen should be taking care of our troops."

Holmes

"Sure wouldn't want to be one of Lazeria's knights. How do they stand that old geezer jabbering at them all the time?"

Runan

"They understand his pain. After the battle with the Empire, the Lazerian Knights were decimated, leaving only the youngest soldiers. Eugen went through hardship after hardship to protect us, and now he can't even hold a sword any more after all the wounds he's suffered. The young knights all know his pain... That's why they do their best to repay him."

Holmes

"Yeah, you're right... Without Eugen or my old man, we all would've died a long time ago. Ha, although, it is kind of sad that we were saved by a pair of, shall we say, senior citizens."

Runan

"Holmes, the admiral told us to escape from Fort Granada, but are we doing the right thing? Are our lives really worth sacrificing the admiral over...?"

Holmes

"Don't worry about that. He's not a man to drop dead so easily. I can guarantee it."

Runan

"I hope you're right... Under those circumstances, even Admiral Valce would..."

Holmes

"Runan, it's not like you to cry over spilled milk. My old man didn't do this for you. He simply stayed to fight for what he believed in. When the time comes, we'll retake Granada. Then we'll be able to see him again."

Runan

"I suppose you're right... Thanks, Holmes."

Holmes

"Hey, come on. I'm actually kind of excited, you know? I probably said this before, but my dream is to travel the world as an adventurer. Now that my old man let us go, I can make that dream come true."

Runan

"An adventure... Sounds like fun."

Holmes

"Yup, living freely with a bunch of trusted friends. Runan, I'd like it if you came along. Aren't you sick of this useless war by now?"

Runan

"Holmes, I..."

Holmes

"Haha, just kidding. I know you can't."

Runan

"Yeah... But...surely some day..."

Eugen

"Lord Runan, forgive my interruption, but the Isle of Wellt has been sighted."

Holmes

"Ah, so it has. No more time to be shooting the breeze, eh? All right, we'll dock at the Port Saura for now. Castle Wellt shouldn't be far from there."

Runan

"All right. Eugen, make sure everyone's ready."

Eugen

"Yes, at once."

== Port of Saura ==

Runan

"This is the port town of Saura... It seems rather quiet for the doorway to a large kingdom like Wellt."

Eugen

"Well, my lord, we cannot blame them for being intimidated by the sight of a pirate ship like this. Holmes, you must begone at once. We must not be mistaken for outlaws such as yourselves."

Holmes

"Yeah, yeah, we're going. You don't have to tell me with that big mouth of yours."

Runan

"So I assume you're off to Isla?"

Holmes

"Yeah. That island's out of the Empire's reach. We're going to drive out the pirates and make it our new base."

Runan

"Will you be all right on your own?"

Holmes

"Hey, don't worry. Hunting down pirates is our job. One glimpse of the lion on our flag'll be enough to send them running in terror. I'm more worried about you, Runan. The Lazerian soldiers are all soft, and your personal guard's that old fossil... I know, I'll give you one my men. Garo! Come down here!"

Garo

"I know, boss. You want to me help out the prince, right?"

Holmes

"That's right. Give him your best."

Runan

"I'm sorry, Holmes... And Garo..."

Holmes

"Well, suppose it's goodbye for now, Runan. May the sea breeze bless your journey!"

Runan

"Yes! Yours too, Holmes!"

[MAP01]

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Map 1: Landing at Wellt
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== OPENING ==

(Focus on Runan)

Runan

"...Eugen, do you believe that the Kingdom of Wellt will be sympathetic to our cause?"

Eugen

"My lord, not long after the Balt War, King Rophal has gone missing, and the Wellt Knights have been all but decimated. Convincing them to fight in their current state will surely be no easy task. I am afraid that for now, we are alone."

Runan

"...Perhaps our first course of action should be determining exactly what kind of situation this country is in."

Eugen

"Then let us gather information in this port."

Runan

"Yes. All troops, I want you to talk to the people here and gather whatever information you can. We'll head for the castle after that."

Kreiss

"Yes, sir."

Archis

"At once, Lord Runan."

Garro

"Aye aye."

(Focus on Sasha, Kate)

Kate

"Lady Sasha! The enemy is gaining on us. We must make haste!"

Sasha

"Kate... I can't... I can't run another step..."

Kate

"You musn't say that, Your Highness! Vierge is just up ahead. Please bear with me!"

Sasha

"But...my leg... Ah...!"

Kate

"...! You've sprained your ankle! To think that you have been putting weight on it this entire time... Forgive me, my lady. I should have noticed earlier..."

Sasha

"Kate..."

Kate

"I shall stay here and hold back our pursuers. You must make it as far as Saura. If you can hide yourself and rest in a lodge overnight, the pain should subside. Then you can continue on toward Vierge in the morning. You must press on, with or without me!"

Sasha

"No! I can't leave you here alone, Kate!"

Kate

"You have no need to worry about me, my lady. I am your guardian and a trained knight. I will prove to be more than a match for Codha's soldiers."

Sasha

"Yes, you are indeed a fine knight, Kate. But not even you could prevail against such numbers."

Kate

"I realize that. But I must protect you, no matter what the cost. That is my duty...no, my privilege, as your loyal knight."

Sasha

"No! I will not allow you to run to your death! Please, Kate. I can make it to Saura... I promise. So let's go together, all right?"

Kate

"Lady Sasha..."

== TURN 1 ==

Codha

"Ah, we've caught up to them at last. Ruth, I shall leave you in charge. Capture the princess and bring her back to the palace."

Ruth

"And what of her escort?"

Codha

"Hmph, I cannot be bothered with the fate of a single wench. Kill her."

Ruth

"Yes, my lord."

== SASHA REACHES THE DRAWBRIDGE ==

Sasha

"Ah... Not another step..."

== TURN 5 ==

Eugen

"The drawbridge has been lowered, Lord Runan. Let us be off."

== CONVERSATION (Runan, Sasha) ==

Runan

"What's the matter? Are you being chased by those soldiers?"

Sasha

"!"

Eugen

"Lord Runan, the conversation must wait. We must drive off those soldiers first."

Runan

"You're right. We'll deal with the pursuers, so hide someplace safe in the meantime. You'll tell us what's going on afterwards."

Sasha

"Y-Yes..."

If Kate is alive

Kate

"Foreign knights? ...Where are they from?"

== HOUSE (Top, left) ==

Old Man

"Nearly all of the countries on the mainland have gone under Imperial rule. But I doubt that the Empire would bother coming all the way out here. His Highness, King Rophal, went with his troops to Fort Balt in Lieve's aid, and has been missing ever since. He was a fine king... It's unfortunate that his kindness cost him his well-being. This country is finished without the king... Queen Liza and Princess Sasha aren't enough to pull our nation through these times. Oh, forgive my rambling. Here, take this sword as an apology. It's nothing special, but perhaps my prior use has made it sharper than other blades of its kind."

== HOUSE (Top, center) ==

Man

"You know that big ship that sailed in not too long ago? Isn't that one of Granada's privateers? Wait, you guys were on that thing? Who are you...? I don't know what you came all the way from the mainland for, but just don't cause any trouble, you hear? We've got enough problems as it is. Hm? This thing? Some medicine, I guess. I found it down at the docks. I don't know what it's for. If you want it, be my guest."

== HOUSE (Bottom, far left) ==

Before Turn 5

Old Man

"The drawbridge in the south rises and falls with the tide. If it isn't down yet, it should be soon. Why don't you wait for a while?"

After Turn 5

Old Man

"The drawbridge in the south rises and falls with the tide. Once it's down, it won't be going back up for a while. It's safe to cross now."

== HOUSE (Bottom, center left) ==

Man

"Vierge in the east is ruled by Count Merlon. He's old, but he's intelligent and cares for his people. He's a much more honorable man than Chancellor Codha. Everyone thinks that Count Merlon is more fit to be chancellor than that vile Codha. Queen Liza is the one who keeps Codha in charge, but why does she simply let him do whatever he wants? Maybe the higher-uppers just don't care about what happens to common folk like us. ...By the way, would you mind taking this for me? It was a present from an old lover. I can't let my current girlfriend see it, but throwing it away seemed wrong, too. I'd appreciate it if you would have it."

== HOUSE (Bottom, center right) ==

Girl

"Wellt used to be a peaceful nation up until a half a year ago. But after King Rophal went missing in Fort Balt, Count Codha was made chancellor and has been abusing his powers ever since. There's a reason why this port seems so empty. The chancellor's soldiers force outrageous taxation on trading vessels carrying cargo into the port, so many ships have begun avoiding our shores. We cannot survive under such oppression... If only King Rophal were still here... Oh, I'm sorry, I shouldn't be filling the ears of strangers with such gloom. Here, take this leather shield as an apology. It belonged to my father, but I'm sure it would be better off in your hands."

== HOUSE (Bottom, far right) ==

Woman

"So, you're the heroes from Granada, eh? I was wondering what kind of ferocious warriors had lasted an entire year against the Empire, but you're still a boy. Well, no matter. Here, take these herbs."

== TRAINING CENTER ==

Man

"This is a training center for sailors. We train fighters into marines who go out and teach a lesson to those filthy pirates who roam the seas."

If the character has the Sea Fighter skill

Man

"You're already a fine warrior of the sea! There's nothing more I can teach you. If you have friends who want to become marines, bring them here and I'll be happy to train them!"

If the character does not have the Sea Fighter skill

Man

"Hm, you look like you might have talent. Let me teach you some tips on fighting out on the ocean."

Choice: "All right! I'm listening."

"Maybe some other time."

If you answer yes

Man

"All right, to fight effectively on water... ..All right, now you're a full-fledged Sea Fighter! You'll be a force to be reckoned with on the ocean. Use your new skills to knock some sense into the goons who roam the sea!"

If you answer no

Man

"I see... But come back any time if you change your mind!"

== BATTLING RUTH ==

Ruth

"...You will not stand in my way!"

VS Sasha

Ruth

"I certainly do not wish to harm her ladyship..."

== DEFEATING RUTH ==

Ruth

"Ugh...failed..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Eugen

"Lord Runan, the soldiers are turning tail."

Runan

"...Where's the girl?"

Eugen

"We have her safe and sound. Here she is."

Runan

"Are you all right?"

Sasha

"Yes... Thank you very much."

Runan

"Those must have been Wellt's soldiers. Why were they after you? You look like someone of noble upbringing."

Eugen

"Lord Runan, don't you remember? This is Lady Sasha, princess of Wellt."

Runan

"Princess Sasha!?"

Sasha

"Yes. I am pleased to see you again, Lord Runan."

Runan

"I see... I'm sorry, I didn't recognize you."

Sasha

"Of course, the last time we met was very long ago. But...I recognized you at once. We only met for a short while, but you were very kind to me...much like you were today."

Runan

"I was still a boy of ten when I accompanied my father on his trip to Wellt. I recall meeting a young princess, but... You've changed so much that I couldn't recognize you."

Eugen

"Well, I remembered, my lord."

Sasha

"Oh, you must be Lord Runan's personal guard. Your name was..."

Eugen

"Eugen at your service, my lady."

Sasha

"Yes, that's right, General Eugen. Thank you for remembering me."

Runan

"...Princess Sasha, would you mind telling us what's happening in Wellt? Why is a member of the royalty being pursued?"

Sasha

"Are you familiar with the Balt War, Lord Runan?"

Runan

"Yes. It was a major battle between the Empire and Western Union over Fort Balt that broke out half a year ago. The Western Union was decimated... I heard that King Rophal was leading the Western Union and went missing soon after."

Sasha

"Yes... My father has gone missing after that battle. The nobles and knights who accompanied my father were mostly killed, leaving only a handful who managed to return. With much of the nobility gone, those remaining have begun running the country into the ground, driven by their greed. Without my father to keep them in check, they have free reign to abuse their power as they wish."

Runan

"But would a nation as powerful as Wellt be crippled so badly after a single loss? King Rophal is counted among the Five Great Kings of Liberia. He must have left someone trustworthy in charge to manage his kingdom in his absence."

Sasha

"Yes, Count Codha was left in charge to protect the country. However, he has let his greed overtake him. When the previous chancellor fell ill, Codha named himself his successor. With his power, he has been putting heavy taxes on our people, banishing authorities who dare question him... He has become nothing short of a tyrant."

Runan

"...So he's free to do what he wants without the king to intervene. What does your mother... What does Queen Liza think about this?"

Sasha

"My mother noticed Codha's despotic reign, so she prepared a letter to banish him and name Count Merlon as chancellor in his place, but..."

Runan

"Count Merlon?"

Sasha

"Count Merlon is the lord of Vierge, to the east, and is one my father's closest allegiants. His age prevented him from participating in the Balt War, but he is a loyal and honorable man liked by all of our people. My father asked Count Merlon to take the role of chancellor, but he refused, insisting that he was not worthy of such a title. He still resides in Fort Vierge."

Runan

"I see... Then you're on your way to Vierge to deliver your mother's letter to him."

Sasha

"My mother entrusted the letter to Kate, one of our knights. However, she feared that I would be taken hostage if Codha found out, so I was told to accompany her."

Runan

"All right, I understand. Then we'll escort you to Vierge. I'd like to meet this Count Merlon myself."

Sasha

"But what are you doing in Wellt, Lord Runan? I heard rumors that you were fighting against the Empire in Granada..."

Runan

"I'll tell you about it later. Anyway, we should leave before Codha sends reinforcements."

(Focus on Castle Wellt)

Codha

"Queen Liza, how do you fare? If there is anything at all I can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask."

Liza

"Count Codha, how long do you intend to keep me confined in this room? Are you not ashamed as one of King Rophal's allegiants?"

Codha

"Well... This is..."

Liza

"I have been hearing rumors that you are planning to build an alliance with the

Empire. Do you honestly believe that Rophal would allow such foolishness? What sort of excuse do you intend on giving the king when he returns?"

Codha

"With all due respect, your Majesty, King Rophal is dead. As chancellor, it is my duty to protect our nation, is it not?"

Liza

"The king is alive! I am his wife, I would know... Codha, you must stop oppressing our people. There is still time to repent for your deeds."

Codha

"...Your insults wound me, my lady. Generous as I am, I still have my limits."

Liza

"Are you threatening me? Then spare yourself the trouble and kill me now. Your name shall be stained forever in history as a filthy traitor!"

Codha

"Erg..."

Liza

"Count Codha, if you have no further business, then I ask you to leave. I need some rest..."

(Codha leaves)

Codha

"Erg... That bitch... Perhaps I should kill her off after all..."

Codha's Advisor

"No, my lord. If we harm the queen now, those neutral nobles will turn against us. The Wellt royal family descends from General Sutherland. Antagonizing them would not be a wise decision."

Codha

"What do you suggest we do, then?"

Advisor

"The queen's hope lies in Count Merlon. If he were lost, she will be sure to give in to our side."

Codha

"Yes... We must eliminate Merlon. We must make haste... If we take too long, the neutral nobles may side with the queen..."

(Focus on Vierge)

Raffin

"We are ready, Father. We will be departing shortly."

Merlon

"Wait, Raffin. I just received a report from Saura. Princess Sasha is safe. She is heading here as we speak."

Raffin

"What? I thought she was being pursued by Codha's soldiers."

Merlon

"She was rescued by a group of knights who had landed at Saura. The report

says it was a small band, but they were all fine warriors."

Raffin

"Knights? ...Could it be the Empire?"

Merlon

"No, they were flying the flag of the Blue Dragon."

Raffin

"Blue Dragon... Lieve's emblem."

Merlon

"They are either from Lieve itself, or one of its four principalities. I suspect that they must be from Lazeria. I heard that Lieve's last remaining base, Fort Granada, fell only a few days ago."

Raffin

"Then Prince Runan fled with his soldiers to Saura? Why would they come to Weltt?"

Merlon

"The Duke of Lazeria and King Rophal were close friends as members of the Five Great Kings. The king's recent dispatch must partly have been to avenge his old comrade. Now, the duke's son has lost his nation, and has come to Weltt seeking aid. It is not all that surprising."

Raffin

"Prince Runan... He is known as a hero for fighting well against an entire Imperial legion. What do you think of him, Father?"

Merlon

"He is still a boy, barely twenty years old. That is too young to be called a hero. The people are simply projecting an image onto him after witnessing the death of their true hero, Gramud."

Raffin

"So is the 'Hero of Granada' an illusion?"

Merlon

"I suspect as much... But, regardless, we must thank him and his knights for rescuing the princess. Raffin, go to the castle gate and welcome them in. We must pay our due respects..."

Raffin

"Yes, Father."

Esther

"May I accompany you, brother? Or would I be in the way?"

Raffin

"What do you mean by that, Esther?"

Esther

"Well, it has been a long time since you last met the princess. I perhaps thought that you might prefer some time alone with her."

Raffin

"Don't be ridiculous. I swear loyalty to the princess as a knight of Weltt. That's all."

Esther

"You never change, do you? I'm sure the princess would appreciate a kind word or two from you..."

Raffin

"Sigh... Women! Esther, if you have time to waste on such trivial matters, why don't you use it on your training? Father was against you becoming a knight, but I supported you because I trusted your words when you said you wished to be of help to him. I must eventually return to my home country. I can't be protecting you forever."

Esther

"I never once asked you to protect me!"

Raffin

"Wait! Esther!"

Merlon

"Raffin... You mustn't pamper her. Don't forget that you two are not related. We don't need the other knights to start talking."

Raffin

"Yes... I'm sorry..."

(Focus on Port of Saura)

Sasha

"I see... Then Lord Gramud..."

Runan

"Yes, he was burned to death Muse's breath attack. My father was trying so hard to end the war... When there was finally hope of a treaty in Norzeria, my father was overjoyed and headed over at once. But the Empire had resurrected the Holy Dragon Muse. My father was reduced to ash along with thousands of other innocent people..."

Sasha

"...I'm sorry. He was so kind..."

Runan

"Sasha?"

Sasha

"...Lord Gramud used to visit Wellt very frequently. He cared for me like his own daughter. The last time we met, he even offered for me to go visit Lazeria."

Eugen

"Lord Gramud was very fond of you, Lady Sasha. He always wanted to welcome you to Lazeria as Lord Runan's bride. He was disappointed that that would not do, of course, since you are the only heir to the throne of Wellt."

Sasha

"Really, Eugen? But I'm not taking the throne. My father never wanted me to. Lord Gramud... He should have told me."

Eugen

"Well, then, will you come to Lazeria, Lady Sasha?"

Sasha

"What?"

Runan

"...Eugen, let's get going."

Eugen

"Ah! Yes, forgive me, my lord."

== MOVEMENT: VIERGE ==

(Focus on Vierge)

Raffin

"Princess Sasha, we have been expecting you."

Sasha

"Raffin! Where were you? I was expecting you to come for me after I escaped, but you simply left me on my own!"

Raffin

"Forgive me, the report of your escape only came in late last night. I was not prepared for the sudden news, so my departure was delayed."

Sasha

"You don't care at all about me, do you, Raffin. I thought I trusted you..."

Raffin

"...Forgive me."

Sasha

"...Don't worry, Raffin, I'm kidding. I just wanted to tease you."

Raffin

"....."

Sasha

"Oh, did I anger you? You're always so calm and collected, so I just wanted to see you troubled. But I apologize if I angered you. I'm sorry..."

Eugen

"...Lady Sasha, would you mind introducing your friend to us?"

Sasha

"Oh, yes. This is..."

Raffin

"I am Raffin, son of Count Merlon of Vierge. Before we talk, I must invite you inside. Please, follow me. My father has been waiting for you."

(Merlon's Room)

Merlon

"..... ...Yes, now I understand your situation. I suspected it to be Lord Runan when I heard the report of the flag of the Blue Dragon. So, you have come to reinforce your militia with our troops."

Eugen

"That is correct. We Lazerian Knights are among the finest in Lieve, but our numbers have dwindled in the recent string of battles. With only a few dozen

knights left, we have no hope to recapture our homeland. We decided to seek aid from Wellt, our trusted ally."

Merlon

"Surely you must know by now the chaos our country is in. The court is run by a greedy pro-Empire chancellor, and we do not even know the safety of our own queen. Providing troops to you under our current circumstances would be difficult."

Runan

"Count Merlon, what kind of person is Codha?"

Merlon

"He is a member of a very powerful family which has its roots in the royal house of Sutherland itself. He is the lord of vast area of land to north of the capital. However, he is cunning, greedy, and vile. He places harsh taxes on his people, takes their women as his own, and executes all those who oppose him."

Runan

"Why do you let a man like that run loose? Can you not expel him from the court?"

Merlon

"As you are aware, our country suffered a massive hit from the Balt War six months ago. Codha and the majority of the nobles were against the dispatch, arguing that we should seek a path of peace with the Empire. However, the Empire has joined forces with the dark god, Garzel. King Rophal said that the Empire would lead the world to ruin unless something were done to stop them. Only the brave nobles loyal to the king accompanied him as he went off to battle."

Eugen

"I see... And now, only disgraceful nobles such as Codha remain."

Merlon

"Exactly. I am also one of the survivors..."

Runan

"The king must have trusted you to keep watch in his place. Is there no way to stop Codha?"

Merlon

"I tried many times to talk some sense into the man, but never once did he heed me. It seems I am left with no choice but to evict him by force, but our army here in Vierge lacks the sufficient manpower."

Runan

"Are Codha's forces so numerous?"

Merlon

"That is one issue, but the main problem is that the bulk of our troops left for Balt with my eldest son. Only a handful of knights under the command of my other son, Raffin, remain. Additionally, bandits from Taurus have been taking advantage of our lack of troops to attack the nearby villages. It is our foremost duty to protect our people, and we do not have enough men to send to confront Codha."

Runan

"...I see. Then allow us to deal with the bandits. We will subdue them so

that will be inactive for a fair time. Will you reconsider if we do this?"

Merlon

"Of course, I have no objection. But are you sure?"

Runan

"Yes. Please leave the bandits to us."

Merlon

"Very well. Then Raffin, you may accompany them. You can serve as their guide in our lands."

Raffin

"Yes..."

Esther

"Father, I shall go, too!"

Raffin

"No, Esther. You will stay here."

Merlon

"Wait, Raffin. As a knight, one must not run in the face of battle. ...Very well, Esther. Go, and fight a battle worthy of my child."

Esther

"Yes, father!"

Merlon

"Prince Runan, I shall provide you with one more ally. Please follow me."

(Choosing additional team member)

Merlon

"I have gathered those who wish to fight alongside you. However, you may choose only one. Any more and castle will be left without sufficient defense."

Lee

Runan

"You are..."

Lee

"My name is Lee. I am a bishop in the service of Count Merlon. I may not be handy with a blade, but I have magical skills to offer."

Runan

"What do you think, Eugen?"

Eugen

"Let's see... Bishop Lee specializes in magic for both healing and offense. He has the very abilities that our force currently lacks. On the other hand, we cannot expect him to stand in the front lines."

Ezekiel

Runan

"You're an Axe Knight."

Ezekiel

"Pleased to meet you, Lord Runan. I am Ezekiel, expert of front line combat!"

Runan

"What do you think, Eugen?"

Eugen

"Let's see... Sir Ezekiel specializes in the axe. His attacks are powerful, albeit lacking in accuracy. He is strong, and above all, experienced. We can rely on him as an immediate asset."

Narron

Runan

"What's your name?"

Narron

"Y-Yes, I am Narron. I'm still an apprentice just knighted last month, but I promise I'll do my best! Please let me accompany you!"

Runan

"What do you think, Eugen?"

Eugen

"Let's see... I appreciate Narron's enthusiasm, but I do not see any particular skill worth noting. Still, maybe... Just maybe, he might be a diamond in the rough, who just needs a push in the right direction."

Ruca

Runan

"You don't look like a soldier."

Ruca

"...Yes. I am Ruca, from a village north of Gram. I escaped from Codha's oppression and fled here to Vierge. I am merely a hunter, but please allow me to help defeat the bandits."

Eugen

"Lord Runan, we do not yet have a competent archer among our ranks. Ruca's skill with the bow may be just what we need at the moment."

Choosing _____

Merlon

"Is he your choice?"

(After choosing)

Sasha

"Lord Runan, I heard that you're going to stop the bandit attacks."

Runan

"Yes, the villages in the south are suffering the most. The villagers will be in danger if we don't do something."

Sasha

"Raffin is going with you... Lord Runan, may I accompany you as well?"

Runan

"No. I can't take you along."

Sasha

"Why not? Even Esther is going..."

Runan

"Once we deal with the bandits, liberating Wellt is next. You have responsibilities as the leader of the Liberation Army. For now, you should rest and prepare for the upcoming battle. I must ask you to stay here with Kate until we return."

Sasha

"Yes..."

Raffin

"Princess Sasha, you have no need to worry about the prince. He is the Hero of Granada, he most certainly will not fall to a band of outlaws."

Sasha

"But Raffin..."

Esther

"Raffin, we don't have time to talk! The village of Taurus is in danger. Lord Runan, we need to hurry!"

Runan

"You're right, we should get going. Let's go, Eugen!"

(Focus on Castle Wellt)

Codha

"What? You let the queen escape!?"

Advisor

"Yes, I'm afraid..."

Codha

"Erg... You useless slugs, letting her escape into Vierge of all places! We have no choice now, we must capture the princess no matter what the cost... Bring me General Eritz."

Eritz

"Count Codha, you called for me?"

Codha

"General Eritz, Merlon has declared a rebellion. Her Majesty the queen has ordered his execution. If you can take his head, I shall assign the land of Vierge to you."

Eritz

"Is that true!? Very well, I shall crush Vierge in one swift stroke!"

Rionel

"Wait a minute, General Eritz. Count Merlon is a veteran general, and his son, Raffin, is no joke, either. I've fought him before in the royal tourneys, but I could never once defeat him. So if you're going, go on your own. I don't want any part in it."

Eritz

"You are speaking out of place, soldier! Are you trying to embarrass in front

of the lord chancellor?"

Rionel

"We're knights of Wellt, General Eritz, not the chancellor's personal soldiers. Why should we listen to him?"

Codha

"What do you mean by that? I told you that the queen herself has ordered an attack."

Rionel

"Then bring her here. I'll ask her myself."

Codha

"The queen has been ill from shock after the rebels made off with the princess. No one is allowed near her quarters."

Rionel

"Then what are your soldiers doing keeping watch in front of her room? Looks like you're confining her there if you ask me."

Codha

"Erg... Such insolence! You must be a rebel, too! You, over there, throw this traitor into the dungeon!"

Rionel

"Hmph, it'll be my pleasure. But, lord chancellor, I'll tell you one thing. The trust of Wellt's troops lies with the king and the princess. The only ones who'll side with you are your own troops or idiots like Eritz. Do you really think you're capable of overthrowing an entire kingdom? Get your head out of your ass!"

Codha

"Why, you...! Forget the dungeon! Execute this man at once!"

Norton

"Um... What's his crime, sir?"

Codha

"I don't know, think of something, you useless fool!"

Norton

"Sigh..."

Codha

"I will return to my own land. Eritz, escort me until Gram."

Eritz

"Gladly, my lord, Gram is on the way to Vierge. But why the sudden decision?"

Codha

"I am returning to bring back more of my troops. I cannot trust Wellt's knights. Eritz, let this be a lesson to you. If you dare betray me, you can be sure that your wife and children will be the first ones to pay!"

Eritz

"....."

[MAP02]

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Map 2: Bandits and Brigands

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== OPENING ==

(Focus on House)

Old Man

"Miss Julia, are you sure you'll be all right?"

Julia

"Don't worry, I'll do my best. The villagers were generous, and Sister Enteh saved my life. This is the least I can do in return."

Old Man

"I see... Nothing can bend your resolve now, it seems. Very well. Here, take this sword."

Julia

"What's this? ...A Killing Blade!? You're giving this to me?"

Old Man

"A traveling merchant left it here a while ago. No one in the village has the skill to use it, but I'm sure it would be well-suited for you."

Julia

"Of course! No brigand will be a match for me now!"

(Focus on Enteh, Barts)

Barts

"Are you all right, Sister?"

Enteh

"Y-... Yes..."

Barts

"You're unbelievable. You go knocking on a brigand hideout's door all on your own, just to help a sick bandit?"

Enteh

"He was in grave danger. If I had gone any later, he would not have survived."

Barts

"But once he recovered, he didn't waste any time to throw into the dungeon. Sounds just like something Yazam would do."

Enteh

"Yazam?"

Barts

"He's the leader of the Taurus bandits. The man you saved is one of the cruelest and most vile brigands in the area."

Enteh

"I'm sorry... But..."

Barts

"I know. 'Never overlook a person in need,' one of the important teachings of Master Eisenbach. He was...the high priest of the Temple of Mars, right?"

Ete

"Yes. He preaches the teachings of Mars, the god of water."

Barts

"Yeah... You know, I really admire you. You're not that much older than my little sister, but you're nothing like her. You're mature, and considerate, and... You fear nothing, seek for nothing in return... How do you become so strong?"

Enteh

"I'm not strong! I...just..."

Barts

"Oh, I'm sorry! Did I say something rude?"

Enteh

"Oh... ..No, of course not."

Barts

"Oh, all right, then. Crap, we can't be sitting here talking, the bandits are catching up on us. Hide behind me, Sister. This is a straight path... One wrong move, and we'll be sandwiched!"

(Focus on Runan)

Raffin

"Prince, that is the village of Taurus in the south. The bandits' hideout is to the west."

Runan

"How does the village look?"

Raffin

"It seems to be safe for now."

Runan

"How can you tell?"

Raffin

"The village is still standing. When the Taurus bandits attack, they reap prizes and burn the village to the ground. They leave nothing behind."

Runan

"Hm... Then I suppose we should show them no mercy, either."

Raffin

"Of course. We will give them what they deserve. An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth."

Runan

"What if they surrender? Should we still kill them?"

Raffin

"Even if we choose not to, the villagers most certainly will. With their homes destroyed and their kinsmen murdered, a simple apology will not be enough. Besides, the bandits will never surrender. They know that the only thing that awaits them if caught is death."

Runan

"There's no easy way out, is there..."

Raffin

"Prince, these are harsh lands where people are desperate to scrape up a living. When there is a shortage of food, men resort to banditry to feed their families. Men who have had their villages destroyed also become bandits."

Runan

"We have to protect this village to prevent that vicious cycle... All right, we'll send the faster mounted knights to the village first. We'll head for the bandits' base after that."

== CONVERSATION (Archis, Esther) ==

Archis

"Hey, you want me to guard you? You look like you're going to have trouble swinging your lance with those thin arms of yours."

Esther

"I most certainly do not need a guard. You're still a novice, too, aren't you? The blind shouldn't lead the blind."

Archis

"Well, aren't you a shrew. But I like that in a girl. I'm Archis, from Lazeria. What's your name?"

Esther

"I can't believe an airhead like you is serving under that calm and collected Lord Runan. Why do you want to know my name? If that was a pickup line, then I'm afraid I've heard far better."

Archis

"Hahaha, is that what you were thinking? What's wrong with wanting to know the people in your army? I may still be new, but this is my seventeenth battle. I've seen over a hundred of my comrades die in battle, but I remember all of their names. They were all precious companions to me. But fine, if you're that opposed, then I won't twist your arm. It's just one less name that I have to memorize."

Esther

"Over a hundred...?"

Archis

"What's the matter? You look pale. Don't tell me you're scared."

Esther

"Wh-Why would I be... Oh, fine, you may have my name. I'm Esther, daughter to the count of Vierge. But I won't ask you to remember it."

Archis

"Esther... That's a nice name. I'll be sure to remember it. See you around, Esther."

Esther

"....."

== CONVERSATION (Runan, Enteh) ==

Runan

"Are you the cleric the villagers were talking about?"

Enteh

"! You are..."

Runan

"We are knights from Vierge on a mission to subdue the bandits. Anyway, the villagers are worrying about you. You should return."

Enteh

"Y-Yes..."

Runan

"What's the matter?"

Enteh

"Oh... Nothing... ...Why all the way from Lazeria..."

Runan

"What?"

Enteh

"No... It's nothing. I will return to the village. Thank you...Lord Runan."

== CONVERSATION (Runan, Julia) ==

Runan

"Are you a mercenary? Were you hired by the villagers?"

Julia

"Yes, I'm a mercenary. But I don't ask for payment from the poor. I have a favor to return, that's all."

Runan

"I see... Your hard work saved the village. Thank you."

Julia

"...You're a knight from Vierge? I see you took your sweet time coming down here."

Runan

"....."

Julia

"Isn't it your duty to the protect the villages? If all you do is reap taxes and do nothing in return, perhaps we'd be better off without knights at all!"

Runan

"You're right... I have to apologize to the villagers."

Julia

"Oh? Maybe you're a better person than I thought. I figured nobles were all greedy and lazy, but I suppose you're an exception. You seem to be of rather high birth, but who are you?"

Runan

"I'm Runan of Lazeria."

Julia

"What!? ...Then you're the Prince Runan who fought against the Empire at Granada? Oh... I'm surprised you're still alive."

Runan

"No thanks to you, apparently."

Julia

"Oh, did I anger you? I'm sorry, was I rude to his Majesty the prince?"

Runan

"Haha, don't worry about it. Anyway, you seem to be a rather skilled warrior. Do you have much experience in battle?"

Julia

"No, I've only been a mercenary for half a year. This is only my third battle. But I do have confidence in my swordsmanship. My father drilled it into me since I was a little girl. My father was... Oh, this isn't the time for flashbacks, is it. All right, you seem to be a nice person. You can hire me."

Runan

"Well, that's great, but why?"

Julia

"You're eventually going back to Lazeria, aren't you? I have business in Lazeria."

Runan

"All right. Then I'll hire you as a mercenary."

Julia

"Good! I won't ask for payment as long as I'm fed. See you around, Lord Runan."

== CONVERSATION (Barts, Plum) ==

Barts

"P-Plum!? What are you doing here?"

Plum

"I don't want to stay at home all the time any more... I'm going to the Temple of Mars with Sister Enteh!"

Barts

"Look, Plum. You have no idea how dangerous it is beyond the village walls. And you're not tough enough for a long journey. Go back home!"

Plum

"...No! You're leaving the village, aren't you, big brother!?"

Barts

"Plum..."

Plum

"You're always talking about making a name for yourself in the battlefield. I was always scared that one day, you'd disappear and leave me behind. But I have dreams just like you, Barts! If you're leaving, than why can't I go with

Sister Enteh!?"

Barts

"...All right... I'm sorry, Plum. I thought I was keeping you safe, but... Maybe I was just being selfish."

== HOUSE (Top, right) ==

Old Man

"Bandits have recently moved into the old fort to the west. They wouldn't be able to do much harm if they didn't have that base. Here, I'll give you one of my special remedies, so do something about them, will you?"

== HOUSE (Bottom, left) ==

Visit with a character other than Julia/Barts/Enteh/Plum, before Barts/Enteh

Old Man

"Ah, you must be knights from Vierge! We were wondering when you would arrive. ...I beg of you, please help Sister Enteh! She is being help captive by the bandits!"

Visit with a character other than Julia/Barts/Enteh/Plum, after Barts/Enteh

Old Man

"Ah, you must be knights from Vierge. Thank you for rescuing Sister Enteh!"

Visit with Julia, before Barts/Enteh

Old Man

"Miss Julia... Please help Barts and Sister Enteh!"

Visit with Julia, after Barts/Enteh

Old Man

"Ah, Miss Julia. Sister Enteh is safe and sound. On behalf of the village, I thank you."

Visit with Barts

Old Man

"Barts! You're safe!"

Barts

"Yeah, sorry for worrying you, Gramps... I'm thinking of leaving the village to join the prince's army."

Old Man

"What!?"

Barts

"I like this village, but... I think that maybe in Prince Runan's army...or somewhere outside the village, there's a place where I can contribute more."

Old Man

"Barts..."

Barts

"Well, if I can't find any place, then I'll just come back. Don't worry."

Old Man

"Worry? Ha, I wouldn't worry about you. Very well... Here, take this bag of coins. Think of it as a last gift from your grandfather."

Barts

"Thanks, Gramps. I won't forget this. If I make it big, I'll build a really nice gravestone for you."

Old Man

"Just get going, you fool!"

Visit again with Barts

Old Man

"What are you still doing here? Just get going, you fool!"

Visit with Enteh

Old Man

"Sister Enteh! We were worried sick when we heard that the bandits got ahold of you. Thank goodness you're safe."

Enteh

"Yes, I was able to return safely thanks to Barts. Forgive me for causing you worry..."

Old Man

"It's an honor if a fool like Barts was able to help you. I'm sure you're exhausted. Here, take this healing fruit. It will restore some of your lost energy."

Visit again with Enteh

Old Man

"Thank goodness you're safe..."

Visit with Plum

Old Man

"Plum, what's all that baggage...?"

Plum

"I'm sorry... I've decided to go with Sister Enteh."

Old Man

"I see... I suppose you cannot go against your own fate..."

Plum

"What?"

Old Man

"Plum, take this hand mirror. Your mother left it for me to give to you when you went out on your first journey."

Plum

"Mother..."

Old Man

"Lan knew that this day would come... Your mother was born into a poor family. She was sold as a dancer into a troupe of entertainers. Her life there was harsh...she said that she thought of killing herself almost every day. Then, a young man appeared and bought her freedom from the troupe. Lan fell in love with the man, and was blessed with you."

Plum

"But wasn't he killed in the war? I heard that my mother remarried and came to this village."

Old Man

"...Daros was my foolish son. His wife died young, and he left his infant son with me to go work as a mercenary in Brahd. It was there that he met Lan, who was carrying you. He one-sidedly fell in love with her."

Plum

"One-sidedly...?"

Old Man

"Daros practically carried Lan into this village. We thought than an angel had descended among us...she was that beautiful. Daros worked day and night to support you and your mother. When Lan fell to a contagious disease, Daros also died soon after, as if to follow her. He was never able to lay a single finger on her..."

Plum

"I...always felt sorry for Father. Why couldn't Mother love him?"

Old Man

"It's not that she didn't love him. She simply couldn't admit it. She was that deeply in love with your father..."

Plum

"Huh...?"

Old Man

"...Plum. This hand mirror was a gift from your father to your mother. This is the only clue you have to finding out who your real father was. Do you understand what I'm telling you?"

Plum

"My real father...? ...N-No... You don't mean..."

Old Man

"...Please, forgive my son. The reason Lan stayed here was because she felt the need to care for the elderly, and because she loved young Barts..."

Plum

"...Grandpa. Barts doesn't know this, does he? Then...don't tell him. Please... Don't...tell him..."

Old Man

"I know, Plum. You're a kind girl, just like your mother. If you go to Brahd, you should be able to find out more about your father. Now...stop crying... I'll always be praying for your happiness..."

== HOUSE (Bottom, right) ==

Visit with a character other than Barts/Enteh

Plum

"Please, could you help Sister Enteh...? Sister Enteh came all the way from the Temple of Mars to care for our sick and wounded. My brother was once bitten by a poisonous snake, and Sister Enteh was the one who saved him. She always extends a helping hand to those in need, whoever they may be... But I never thought she'd trust the words of a bandit... My brother went to rescue her, but I'm so worried. If only I were stronger, I would be able to repay Sister Enteh for all that she's done for us... I beg you, please rescue her from the Taurus bandits!"

Visit with a character other than Barts/Enteh, after Barts

Plum

"Um... Have you found Sister Enteh...?"

Visit with Barts

Barts

"Plum, I'm home!"

Plum

"Big brother! You're safe... Thank goodness..."

Barts

"Whoa, what's the matter? Did you think I'd lose to a bunch of brigands?"

Plum

"No... But... I couldn't help but think that... If something happened to you, then I'd be all alone..."

Barts

"....."

Plum

"Never... I'd never be able to bear that! I'd never be able to bear being all alone..."

Barts

"Plum..."

Plum

"...Barts?"

Barts

"....."

Plum

"...You're leaving the village, aren't you?"

Barts

"...I'm sorry."

Plum

"...I hate you!"

Barts

"Plum! I'm sorry, Plum. But I promise I'll come back some day... I'm taking the poleaxe in the shed. ...See you."

Plum

"...Barts..."

Visit with Barts again

Plum

"Big brother..."

Barts

"D-Don't get excited... I just forgot something..."

Plum

"Yeah... What about Sister Enteh?"

Barts

"Don't worry, she's safe. She said she's going back to the temple. Be sure to thank her if she drops by, okay?"

Plum

"Yeah..."

Barts

"...Well, I'll get going. Be good!"

Plum

"....."

Visit with Enteh

Plum

"Sister Enteh! You're all right!"

Enteh

"I'm sorry. I caused both you and your brother much worry."

Plum

"No... I've been fed up with myself after all this."

Enteh

"What? ...Why?"

Plum

"I'm only a year younger than you...but I'm nothing like you. I'm just a useless child."

Enteh

"That's not true. You put in so much effort to learn healing magic from me to help your fellow villagers. Now that you can use healing staves, you can tend to your people in my place."

Plum

"I need to learn more... I want to become a pure and strong cleric like you. Please, Sister Enteh, take me with you to the Temple of Mars!"

Enteh

"But..."

Plum

"Journeys aren't only for men. I want to spread my wings as well! I don't want to be left here alone, doing nothing but waiting! I want to see what the

world has to offer! I don't want to spend the rest of my life in a tiny village like this!"

Enteh

"Plum... ..Very well. I suppose I cannot refuse after seeing such strong resolve. But remember, Plum, many people cannot return to their homes even if they wish to. Some day, you will realize how important this village is to you. Some day, I'm sure..."

== BATTLING YAZAM ==

Yazam

"Don't think you can make it back alive!"

== DEFEATING YAZAM ==

Yazam

"Uggghhh...."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Runan

"It looks like the bandits are gone."

Eugen

"The Taurus Mountains are riddled with caves. That is probably where they have fled."

Runan

"It's getting dark... Chasing them any further would be dangerous."

Eugen

"Well, we've struck them hard enough to lay low for at least a while. Let us leave it at that."

Runan

"You're right. Let's return to Vierge."

Eugen

"...Ah, Lord Runan. About Sister Enteh..."

Runan

"What about her?"

Eugen

"She said she would be returning to the Temple of Mars, but going alone would be dangerous. We have decided to let her stay under our army's protection for a while."

Runan

"That's a good idea. Getting mixed up in a battle all on her own would be the last thing she needs."

Eugen

"But Lord Runan... Sister Enteh is quite a beauty. I can say with confidence that she is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen in my sixty years of life."

Runan

"Do you think so? I can't really tell..."

Eugen

"Are you serious, Lord Runan? You must make an effort to understand women more. When you take rule of Lazeria, you will welcome a fine lady into the palace as your wife. Whether it be Lady Sasha or Sister Enteh... Your insensitivity will not win you any prizes, my lord."

Runan

"This isn't the time to be talking about such nonsense, Eugen. We're going back to Vierge."

Eugen

"Yes..."

If Lee and Plum are alive

(Focus on Taurus Village)

Lee

"Plum, is something wrong? You looked like you were crying..."

Plum

"Bishop Lee... No... It's just that so much has happened over the past few days, and I'm a little disoriented... I'll be fine..."

Lee

"Don't worry... That is perfectly understandable..."

Plum

"Bishop Lee... Why do people fight? Why do they murder and rob one another?"

Lee

"That is a difficult question to answer. I could give you a templated line from the scriptures, but I'm sure that wouldn't satisfy you. So... Travel the world and find out for yourself. It is you who must find your own answer to that question."

Plum

"Yes..."

Lee

"I shall give this to you, Plum."

Plum

"What? ...A staff?"

Lee

"This is a Staff of Protection. It surrounds the body with magical power and eases physical damage. It is a very expensive staff, but it is too much for me to handle. I would appreciate it if you would accept it."

Plum

"Y-Yes! Gladly!"

If Kate is alive

(Focus on Vierge)

Kate

"Lady Sasha, there you are. Are you waiting for the prince's return?"

Sasha

"Yes... Kate, do you think Lord Runan is all right?"

Kate

"Raffin is with them, my lady. There is no need to worry. Now, it is getting cold out. Please come back inside."

Sasha

"Kate... You'll always be with me, won't you, Kate? You won't go anywhere without me, will you?"

Kate

"Of course, Lady Sasha... I shall always stay at your side."

== MOVEMENT: VIERGE ==

(Focus on Vierge)

Sasha

"Lord Runan! You're back!"

Runan

"Sasha? Were you waiting out here for us?"

Sasha

"Yes. Count Merlon assured me that you would be all right, but I had to see your face for myself..."

Eugen

"I am back in one piece, too, my lady."

Sasha

"I'm glad you're safe, General Eugen."

Eugen

"Thank you. Where is Count Merlon?"

Sasha

"He is waiting for you at the castle."

Eugen

"Well, Lord Runan, we should hold a meeting at once."

Runan

"Yes, I want to find out what Codha has been up to. Sasha, you're probably worried about Queen Liza."

Sasha

"Yes, of course... I want to see her as soon as I can..."

Eugen

"There is no need to worry, Lady Sasha. The chancellor would never be able to lay one finger on the queen. If he harmed her, the entire kingdom would turn against him. We will be sure to rescue your mother, so please be patient."

Sasha

"Thank you. I will be looking forward to it."

Eugen

"I shall swear it by my sword. Lord Runan, let us head for the castle."

(Inside castle)

Merlon

"Lord Runan, we just received word of your victory at Taurus. The people are impressed with the Lazerian Knights' skill."

Runan

"No, we would never have succeeded without Vierge's help. We Lazerians need more training."

If Raffin is alive

Eugen

"Lord Runan is right. Sir Raffin's skill with the sword is especially impressive. I felt like I was seeing an image of my youth. You must be proud to have such a talented son."

Merlon

"No... Raffin is not my child."

Eugen

"Excuse me? What do you mean?"

Merlon

"Raffin is a knight of the now disintegrated Kingdom of Barge. His late father was a good friend of mine, so he came to me five years ago seeking aid. To pay my respects to my friend, I decided to take Raffin as my adopted son."

Eugen

"I see..."

Merlon

"Yes. Now, let us begin the meeting, Lord Runan."

Runan

"Has Codha shown any movement?"

Merlon

"I received a report that a group of knights is headed here from Castle Wellt. Their numbers are unknown, but I doubt them to be the main force."

Runan

"Count Merlon, I think we should take the initiative here. We must not give Codha the time to organize his forces."

Merlon

"I agree. The neutral nobles would also be encouraged to side with Princess Sasha if they see us strike first."

Runan

"Then do we have permission to dispatch troops?"

Merlon

"Yes. We will begin marching to Castle Wellt in the morrow. Here is 10000G."

Please use it to buy new equipment for your troops. I shall accompany the troops on the dispatch."

(Focus on Gram Forest)

Codha

"Berom, Domes, I want you two to lead Gram's troops to Castle Wellt. Roger, I shall leave you in charge of defending my land in my absence."

Berom

"Yes, my lord."

Domes

"Understood."

Roger

"Count Codha, if I may be so bold..."

Codha

"Yes, what is it?"

Roger

"It is about the rumors I am hearing about you, my lord. They say that you are trying to overthrow the royal family, and that you are confining the queen... I am sure it is a misunderstanding, but I would like to hear the truth from you personally."

Codha

"Why do you ask? Would you betray me if the rumors were true?"

Roger

"I would never betray you, my lord. However, if you have strayed off the path of good, then it is my duty as a knight to help you return."

Codha

"Ha... The rumors are nothing but filthy lies. I am the chancellor. With King Rophal gone, it is my duty to protect this nation and its queen. It would be foolish of the chancellor to harbor greedy intentions. Are you trying to insult me? Can you not trust your lord?"

Roger

"Forgive me..."

Codha

"Roger, do not forget why your family lives in comfort. It is because you have been serving my house for generations. If you are foolish enough to betray me, your entire family will be held accountable. They will go to the guillotine at best, or be slashed alive and fed to the hawks at worst. I do not wish to sentence your family to such a horrible fate. You must trust me, Roger..."

Roger

"Yes... Forgive me..."

Codha

"Good. You are one of Wellt's finest holy knights. Loyalty to your master is more important than your life. I can return to Castle Wellt knowing that my land lies in the right hands."

Roger

"....."

Mel

"Roger, is Count Codha gone?"

Roger

"Mel, I told you not to come out. I don't want the chancellor to see you."

Mel

"You look exhausted... What happened? What did he tell you? Talk to me, Roger."

Roger

"Mel... Why was I born into nobility? Why did I become a holy knight? If I were a commoner, I would be able to live freely together with you..."

Mel

"Roger...?"

[MAP03]

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Map 3: The Encounter
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== OPENING ==

(Focus on Eritz)

Soldier

"General Eritz, we have come into contact with the enemy's frontmost line. This is our chance to launch an ambush!"

Eritz

"Ah, a mixed force including foot soldiers... They will be mincemeat to our cavalry. All troops, charge, and retreat after the initial clash! From there, we will keep our distance to minimize our casualties. I shall give a reward to whoever brings me the enemy commander's head! This is your chance to climb up, troops!"

Soldier

"Yes, sir!"

Eritz

"Ha... Those rodents are not worthy of my time. I shall sit back and watch."

(Focus on Runan)

Eugen

"...Lord Runan! A wave of cavalry is approaching!"

Runan

"Make use of the land to defend yourselves! Into the forest to the left! Don't let them get our backs! Knights, move forward!"

Enteh

"Lord Runan..."

Runan

"The clerics should stay in the rear. We'll send any injured troops to the back for you to heal."

Enteh

"Yes..."

If Raffin and Sasha are in your team

Raffin

"I will draw the enemy toward me. You must protect Princess Sasha."

Sasha

"Raffin, no! Lord Runan, please stop him!"

Runan

"Raffin, Sasha is right. No matter how strong you are, charging in all on your own is pointless. You need to fight in formation."

Raffin

"Very well. I will follow your instructions, commander."

If Kate and Sasha are in your team

Kate

"Leave the princess to me! No enemy shall lay a finger on her!"

Sasha

"Kate, don't force yourself, all right? I would never be able to face my mother if something were to happen to you."

Kate

"I assure you that I will not fall until I deliver you safely to the queen. Do not worry, Lady Sasha."

If Barts and Plum are in your team

Plum

"Barts..."

Barts

"Don't worry, I'll be here for you."

Plum

"Yes... Be careful, okay...?"

Barts

"You don't have to worry, Plum. I'll never lose!"

If Archis, Kreiss, and Esther are in your team

Kreiss

"This is it. No foolish mistakes, understood, Archis?"

Archis

"Hmph, I should be telling you. Besides, I've got something to look forward to. I can't drop dead here."

Esther

"Something you're looking forward to? My, my, what could it possibly be?"

Archis

"What, Esther? Are you picking a fight with me!?"

Kreiss

"...Archis. The old man's glaring at you."

Archis

"Crap..."

If Julia and Garo are in your team

Julia

"Sure are a lot of strange people in this army. Like you, for example."

Garo

"....."

Julia

"You're a quiet one. Or did I turn you off?"

Garo

"No... I'm just not used to talking with women..."

Julia

"Oh... Well, I think that's better than being frivolous. I'm Julia. Nice to meet you."

Garo

"Y-Yeah..."

== TURN 2 ==

(Focus on House)

Narthas

"Hey, is it time for dinner yet? You're not trying to starve me, are you?"

Old Woman

"Of course not. I can't have someone starving to death at an inn, can I? Here, it's your favorite soup made from tartar. Now, eat up and begone."

Narthas

"Thanks! Man, I knew you were a nice lady. Munch, munch..."

Old Woman

"Sigh..."

== TURN 3 ==

(Focus on Runan)

Eugen

"Lord Runan, it seems we have extra company."

Runan

"Thieves riding horses... Mounted bandits."

Eugen

"They must be headed for Saura. They seem not to have any intention of attacking us, but we must protect the city."

Runan

"...I know. Eugen, tell the troops to protect the port."

== HOUSE (Bottom, far left) ==

Old Man

"Listen carefully, for what I'm about to tell you is very important. Units who are already promoted can only be trained to Level 30. However, unpromoted units who change their classes at Level 20 may be trained to Level 40 once promoted. It seems that pre-promoted units are at a disadvantage... That's where this Super Proof comes in handy. This will add ten extra levels to any unit's maximum. However, no unit can have a maximum achievable level greater than 40, so use it carefully."

== HOUSE (Bottom, center left) ==

Man

"I heard that the queen has been secluding herself in her chamber. Codha says that it's because Count Merlon has taken Princess Sasha hostage and started a rebellion, but rumors say that the queen is actually being confined because she tried to stop Codha. I'm ashamed of myself for slandering the queen without knowing anything... This is a magical potion that'll raise your luck. I'll give it to you, so please help the queen!"

== HOUSE (Bottom, center right) ==

Girl

"I heard that Count Merlon of Vierge has begun dispatching his troops. Not as the Vierge Army, but as the Wellt Liberation Army... I'm sure that the Liberation Army is in the right, but... I wonder how many lives will be lost in this battle? I hoped that Wellt would be a nation free of warfare... Oh, please wait. This used to belong to my grandfather. It's a lance that will penetrate even the strongest shields. It doesn't look like much more than a simple iron lance to me, though..."

== HOUSE (Top, left) ==

Old Man

"Are you from the Wellt Liberation Army? Codha's tyranny is getting worse by the day. You're our only hope. ...Ah, I know. Here, take this. It's a family heirloom, but I'm no knight. You might find some use for it."

== HOUSE (Top, center) ==

Man

"After hearing about Count Merlon's Liberation Army, even Codha's own people have been rooting for you guys. And for good reason, since I hear that Codha is nothing short of a thief, sucking out as much taxation as he can out of his people, and using it only to fulfill his own greedy desires. I'm on your side, too. Good luck! I know, I'll give you this. It's a scroll that'll teach you a useful skill that allows you to move once again after attacking. But you have to be mounted on a horse or pegasus to use it, so choose carefully who to teach it to."

== HOUSE (Top, right) ==

Visit with a character other than Runan

Old Woman

"Hello, there. Are you looking for a room? ...Oh, you're not a customer. Our inn is cheap and we offer good service, so I would expect more business, but all we seem to get are people like you or people who can't pay, like the guy who's staying here now. Hm? He said he was on the ship from Granada that sailed in here the other day. He claims that he knows the prince of Lazeria and that he'll pay in his place, but I wonder. I really need to do something about him..."

Visit with Runan

Old Woman

"You good-for-nothing leech! We're not a volunteer service, you hear? If you can't pay, you can't stay. Now get out!"

Narthas

"H-Hey, wait!"

Old Woman

"Here's your stuff! Now hit the road!"

Narthas

"Aw, man... ...Hm? Hey, what're you looking at? This ain't a show! Get lost!"

Eugen

"I thought I recognized you. I see you haven't changed much."

Narthas

"Huh? ...The old fart!? No way!"

Runan

"Weren't you headed to Isla with Holmes?"

Narthas

"I jumped off the ship before it set sail. I'm peaceful guy who doesn't like fighting, you know? No way I'm risking my life against the Isla pirates. Besides, I was tired of the boss overworking us, so I thought it'd be a good time to bail out of piracy. ...Wait! Maybe you'd be so kind as to hire me? I'm not a fighter, but I'm the best in Granada when it comes to picking locks or disguising myself."

Eugen

"Well, I have the perfect job for you, then. I want you to sneak into Castle Wellt and gather information for us. If you succeed, I will allow you to join our ranks."

Narthas

"Hell no, old man. Why would I do something crazy like that?"

Eugen

"Fine, then we will turn you over to Holmes. He hates sneaky rascals like you. If he finds out what you were up to, he will be sure to break more than a few of your bones."

Narthas

"...Ulp. P-Please, anything but that! All right, I'll do whatever you want."

You want to me sneak into Castle Wellt, right? What am I supposed to investigate?"

Eugen

"First, Queen Liza's safety. Second, the castle's military strength. Third, Chancellor Codha's movement. Fourth, the people's rumors. Fifth, their troops' morale. 27th, affordable armories. 28th, good places to eat. 29th, taverns with beautiful waitresses... ..Narthas! Are you listening!"

Narthas

"Yawn... Ah, that was a good nap... All right, I'll get going."

Runan

"Narthas, be careful. Don't get yourself killed."

Narthas

"Of course. Oh, where should we rendezvous, prince?"

Runan

"The Wellt Bridge, to the north of the castle."

Narthas

"Roger that!"

Eugen

"...And there he goes. His speed is indeed commendable..."

Runan

"We need to get going, too. The battle isn't over yet..."

== BATTLING ERITZ ==

Eritz

"I commend your bravery to confront me. But you are no match for my steel lance!"

== DEFEATING ERITZ ==

Eritz

"Lord chancellor... I fought to the death... Do not harm...my family..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Runan

"We've cleared out the enemies..."

Eugen

"Our tactical strategy has prevailed. That was a fine battle, Lord Runan."

Runan

"The enemy commander fought to the death. Perhaps Codha's army's morale is higher than we thought."

Merlon

"The commander's name was Eritz. He is only an average knight. He probably stayed till the end out of fear of Codha."

Runan

"Fear? What do you mean?"

Merlon

"Codha takes his troops' families as hostages to ensure their loyalty."

Runan

"I see... Then maybe Eritz..."

Merlon

"No, Eritz only got what he deserved. It is his own fault for giving in to his greed to help a vile man like Codha."

Eugen

"Lord Runan, enemies' personal matters are of no importance to us. You must not let such things cloud your judgment. If they arm themselves and stand in our path, then we must not show them mercy. Now, let us hurry. We should be off before the sun sets."

(Focus on Saura)

Merlon

"Codha's land of Gram lies beyond Saura. Its main line of defense, Fort Gram, is a challenging point to conquer due to the natural protection given by the thick forestry surrounding it. I was hoping to go to the Temple of Mars and ask for Master Eisenbach's aid, but..."

Runan

"The Temple of Mars...?"

Merlon

"Further west of Gram lies an ancient temple dedicated to the god of air and water, built before the kingdom of Wellt was established. Master Eisenbach was once counted among the Four Great Sages. He has deep, unclouded wisdom, and the power to bend the laws of nature itself. It is said that the Master has been watching over Liberia for decades, ensuring that nothing disastrous happens. Even Codha would be hesitant to send an army to the Temple of Mars."

Runan

"Master Eisenbach..."

If Archis and Kreiss are alive

Archis

"Kreiss, where's the prince?"

Kreiss

"He's having a meeting with Count Merlon."

Archis

"Figuring out how to attack the castle, huh? Sure is taking his sweet time..."

Kreiss

"What's the matter? You seem to be in a bad mood."

Archis

"Of course I am. If you haven't forgotten, our homeland is overrun! What are we doing wasting time in a place like this?"

Kreiss

"We're not wasting time. We don't have the power to face the Empire now. We need Wellt's aid, so we have to fix their problems first."

Archis

"Why are you so calm? Aren't you worried about Leena?"

Kreiss

"She's a strong girl. I can't say I'm not worried, but I trust her."

Archis

"How's a young girl going to defend herself on her own? Canan's soldiers are barbaric. Don't kid yourself, she's not safe!"

Kreiss

"."

Archis

"Leena said she wanted to stay, but I knew I should have forced her come with us. And I would have if only you hadn't opposed me!"

Kreiss

"Saving your family but leaving the other civilians to the mercy of Empire? Such selfishness would be shameful to us knights of Lazeria. Look, Archis. She's my sister. I worry about her every day. But we are, first and foremost, knights of Lazeria. Right now all we can do is have faith in Lord Runan..."

If Garo and Julia are alive

Julia

"Hello, Garo. What are you doing here?"

Garo

"."

Julia

"Such a nice sea breeze... Can we talk a little?"

Choice: "Sure..."

"No, leave me alone."

If you answer yes

Julia

"I was born on a small island off the coast. You're a sailor, right? Ever heard of an island called El?"

Garo

"No..."

Julia

"About fifteen years ago, the island was attacked by pirates. The men happened to be all out at the time, and the pirates rampaged through our village. They had no mercy, not even to women and children. I was hiding in the marquess' mansion, but they eventually found me. They tried to kill me, just like they would a frightened rabbit..."

Garo

"."

Julia

"Then a man suddenly appeared behind me and yelled, 'Stop!' That's when I passed out."

Garro

"....."

Julia

"When I woke up, the man was standing in front of me, drenched in blood, with several bodies lying at his feet. ...He then smiled at me ever so slightly, and left without a word."

Garro

"....."

Julia

"I later heard that the pirates were crushed by Admiral Valce, but I never found out what happened to the man who saved me. Garro, you work under Admiral Valce. Would you happen to know anything...?"

Garro

"No..."

Julia

"There's one thing I remember about him. He suffered a scar protecting me. It was a wound running from his head down to his cheek, so deep that I couldn't believe he survived it at all..."

Garro

"....."

Julia

"Garro..."

If you answer no

Julia

"...Okay... See you later."

(Focus on Temple of Mars)

Eisenbach

"Sylphize, has Enteh not yet returned?"

Sylphize

"She is currently in Saura with the Vierge Liberation Army. She should be returning soon."

Eisenbach

"Hm..."

Sylphize

"Father? You don't look well... Is something wrong?"

Eisenbach

"...Something evil is approaching... It feels like...Gwenchaos..."

Sylphize

"What!? ...Then Lady Enteh...!"

Eisenbach

"Yes... Sylphize, could you call Martelle here for me?"

Martelle

"...I am here, Master Eisenbach. What is it that you wish to ask of me?"

Eisenbach

"I would like you to fly to where the Liberation Army is residing and bring Enteh back here."

Martelle

"...Understood, Master."

[MAP04]

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Map 4: The Tragic Warriors
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== OPENING ==

(Focus on Runan)

Runan

"...Eugen, something's flying toward us from the west."

Eugen

"Hm... That looks like a pegasus. Pegasi are sacred beasts known only to inhabit the forests of Saria."

Merlon

"Yes, that is indeed a Pegasus Knight. But I have never heard of any troops who know how to mount pegasi in Weltt..."

Enteh

"...Is that... Martelle!?"

Runan

"Do you recognize her, Enteh?"

Enteh

"Yes..."

(Martelle flies toward Runan)

Martelle

"...Lady Enteh! Thank goodness you're safe."

Eugen

"Forgive my rudeness, but who might you be?"

Martelle

"Oh, I'm sorry. My name is Martelle, a knight of Saria. I have come to escort Lady Enteh back to the Temple of Mars under Master Eisen's orders."

Eugen

"We were intending on bringing Sister Enteh back to the temple ourselves, but I never would have expected a Pegasus Knight escort. Are you going to take her back on your pegasus?"

Martelle

"Yes, Ivis won't mind carrying the both of us."

Eugen

"Hm..."

Martelle

"...?"

Eugen

"...Are you sure? Your mount seems to be having enough trouble just with you."

Martelle

"What?"

Enteh

"...Martelle, I shall be fine. I can make it back on my own."

Martelle

"But Lady Enteh..."

Eugen

"We were planning on meeting with Master Eisen ourselves. Lady Martelle, let us travel together. Perhaps we can be of assistance to each other."

Martelle

"Yes... If you insist."

Eugen

"A wise decision. Now, we must find a way out of the Gram Forest. A Pegasus Knight will be a valuable asset. We appreciate your cooperation."

Runan

"Eugen, we can't get her mixed up in..."

Eugen

"My lord, we must make use of all the troops we can. I'm sure Lady Martelle has no problem with it."

Martelle

"Of course... If I shall suffice, I will be happy to offer my services."

Runan

"I'm sorry, Martelle. Eugen can be a bit forceful sometimes..."

Martelle

"No, please don't apologize. My mission is to see Lady Enteh safely back to the temple. As long as she stays with you, I will be more than happy to help. Would that be all right, Lady Enteh?"

Enteh

"Yes, Martelle. Please help Lord Runan..."

Martelle

"...Runan? ...Wait... Then this is...?"

Enteh

"....."

(Focus on Roger)

Mel

"Roger, think about what you're doing! I'm sure we can settle this peacefully. There's no need to fight!"

Roger

"Count Merlon joined forces with a foreign army to start a rebellion against the royal family. I must follow my master's orders and kill him..."

Mel

"Codha is the one planning a rebellion! You know that as well as I do!"

Roger

"....."

Mel

"Roger!"

== TURN 2 ==

If Sasha is alive

Sasha

"General Eugen, I need to go to a village north of Gram."

Eugen

"North of Gram? The village where Raquel the Hunter lives?"

Sasha

"Yes, I heard about her from a soldier named Ruca in Castle Vierge. His sister is a famous archer in these parts."

Eugen

"I have heard of her, but meeting with her is no use. I have sent messengers time and time again to recruit her into our army, but she simply would not budge."

Sasha

"Why not?"

Eugen

"She dislikes warfare. She says that she cannot stand the idea of hurting another human being."

Sasha

"I see... I'd like to talk to her some time..."

If Julia is in your team

(Vega appears)

Vega

"...Smells like prey... I've found you at last..."

== TURN 5 ==

(Focus on Roger)

Roger

"...We're losing too many men. It looks like I'll need to go out after all..."

Mel

"....."

Roger

"Mel, I must go and lead the remaining troops. I promise I'll return, so you should..."

Mel

"Fine... I won't try to stop you. But, if you're going, then so am I. I'll watch your back!"

== CONVERSATION (Martelle, Sasha) ==

Martelle

"Sasha, don't go too far out front. You might be hit by a stray arrow."

Sasha

"I wish I could fly like you, Martelle. It must be wonderful."

Martelle

"Do you want to fly on a pegasus, too?"

Sasha

"Of course. Just imagining what it would be like to fly freely in the sky is exciting. I'm envious."

Martelle

"My mother once told me that Lady Liza used to be the finest Pegasus Knight in Saria when she was young. She took part in the Ledah Liberation Wars and fought just as well as the men. That was when she met King Rophal. She was also friends with Lord Gramud and Admiral Valce... You have her blood, Sasha, so I'm sure you could be a Pegasus Knight. I'll ask my mother for the Pegasus Flute when I go back to Saria. We could soar through the skies together some day. Then we could get Venne and Flau, and see who can fly the fastest."

Sasha

"Yes, Martelle. I'll be looking forward to it..."

== CONVERSATION (Julia, Vega) ==

Vega

"The red-haired mercenary... Julia."

Julia

"Wh-What!? Who are you?"

Vega

"People call me the Reaper of Shram..."

Julia

"The Reaper of Shram... Vega the Swordsman!?"

Vega

"You must atone for your sins. I shall send you to where you belong..."

(They fight)

Julia

"...! ...I suppose they don't call you...the Reaper of Shram for nothing..."

Vega

"I sense no hesitation in your blade. Why is it, woman? Are you truly a sinner?"

Julia

"A sinner...?"

Vega

"You murdered the wife of the guardian Xemtheria."

Julia

"No... I... I didn't kill her..."

Vega

"...If what you say is true, then I must find that man and kill him. I shall spare you for now, woman. Use this fruit to heal your wounds."

== HOUSE (Top, left) ==

Visit with a character other than Ruca/Sasha

Raquel

"So... You're the Liberation Army? I'm Raquel, a hunter. My skill with the bow? Some people say I'm the best in the village, but I'd have to disagree. You came from Vierge, right? Then do you know my brother? His name is Ruca. He left the village some time ago saying that he was going to avenge our parents. I can't, though. I don't mind hunting animals, but warfare isn't for me. I am a good cook, though. Here, have something to eat."

Visit again with a character other than Ruca/Sasha

Raquel

"I'm sorry. There's nothing I can do help you..."

Visit with Ruca

Raquel

"Ruca!? What's the matter? Have you decided to come home?"

Ruca

"Raquel... Thank goodness you're okay. I was worried that you might have been attacked by Codha's troops."

Raquel

"Oh, that's why you visited. Thanks... We've been fine. The count's left for Castle Weltt and hasn't returned since, so things have been much better. The Holy Knight, Roger, has been protecting us."

Ruca

"Roger...? Oh, him. You're still..."

Raquel

"Oh, you must be hungry. Wait here, I'll make something for you. You have to eat well to become a strong hunter."

Ruca

"I'm not going to be a hunter. I'm still a volunteer soldier now, but some day, I'm going to become a knight of Weltt."

Raquel

"Why do you want to be a knight? You never used to say that before."

Ruca

"Because... Because I want to protect our kingdom, of course!"

Raquel

"Oh? You're all red. Hm, something's fishy."

Ruca

"...Uh, this is pheasant, right? It's really good. Where did you find it?"

Raquel

"In the woods to the west. That's a good place to hunt, so we don't have to worry about starving."

Ruca

"...I have to get going. The battle's not over yet."

Raquel

"Good luck, Ruca. Oh, I almost forgot. Here, take this."

Ruca

"This is your favorite bow..."

Raquel

"Yes, but I'll give it to you. It's nice and flexible, so I'm sure it'll be of some help."

Ruca

"Thanks, Raquel..."

Visit again with Ruca

Raquel

"Ruca? Back again?"

Ruca

"Yeah. I don't know when we'll see each other again, so..."

Raquel

"You're coming back once you retake the palace, right?"

Ruca

"I'm thinking of staying there if I can. I don't know if they'll let me, but..."

Raquel

"I see... Well, you're a boy, so you should live the way you want to. I'll always be on your side."

Ruca

"Yeah..."

Raquel

"Something's on your mind, isn't it? Come on, tell me. I'm curious."

Ruca

"No, it's nothing. See you later, Raquel..."

Raquel

"Ruca..."

Visit with Sasha

Sasha

"Good day. You're Raquel, right?"

Raquel

"Yes, that's me. ...Who are you? You look like a princess or something, with knights at your side..."

Eugen

"Exactly. This is Lady Sasha, the princess of Weltt. I am Eugen, tactician of the Liberation Army. We came to visit you today to..."

Raquel

"I will not join your army. As I have said before, I am a simple hunter. I cannot hurt other people. I'm sorry, but I must ask you to leave."

Sasha

"I understand how you feel. I don't like fighting, either. But someone has to fight to protect the law and justice."

Raquel

"....."

Sasha

"I've heard that you are fine warrior known as the Child of Bridget. I've also heard stories about your prowess against Codha's soldiers from your brother, Ruca."

Eugen

"Oh? I haven't heard that one."

Sasha

"About a half a year ago, twenty rogue soldiers attacked this village. They were drunk, and tried to take advantage of the village's women. The men who stood up to stop them were all killed, and Ruca was about to die, too. Then, Raquel came back from the woods and defeated the soldiers in the blink of an eye."

Eugen

"I see. Very impressive."

Sasha

"She didn't kill them, though. She merely shot their legs to incapacitate them. Ruca said that she was just like the goddess Bridget in the legends."

Raquel

"...My lady."

Sasha

"Yes?"

Raquel

"What use is a soldier who cannot kill?"

Sasha

"...My father said that the soldier's duty is to defend the law and protect the weak. Just as you fought against Codha's troops, I think that you could contribute to us with your own way of fighting."

Raquel

"Hm... I thought that you were just a naive little princess, but I guess I was wrong. ...So that's why Ruca..."

Sasha

"Excuse me?"

Raquel

"Oh, nothing. Very well, Lady Sasha. If my means are all right with you, then I can help."

Sasha

"Really!? Thank you, Raquel. Then could you teach me to cook? I heard from Ruca that your cooking is the best around. I'll be looking forward to it!"

Raquel

"It would be my pleasure."

== HOUSE (Bottom, right) ==

Old Man

"So you are the Liberation Army from Vierge? This land has belonged to Codha's family for generations, but we've never had a lord this horrible before. If only King Rophal were still here, this never would have happened. The Holy Knight Roger is also a tragic man. Since his father died when he was still a boy, Roger became the head of the family. And now, he has no choice but to follow Codha's commands. He is a kind and honest youth, so it must be painful... Hm? Sister Mel? She used to be a cleric of the Temple of Mars, but she and Roger fell in love one day. But romance is forbidden among clerics, so Mel decided to leave the temple and go to Roger's side. ...Ah, sorry for keeping you. Here, take this Farheal Staff. It's a staff than can heal targets at long range."

== BATTLING VEGA ==

Vega

"...Die..."

== DEFEATING VEGA ==

Vega

"Ha... ...Embarrassing..."

== BATTLING ROGER ==

Roger

"You will not take this fort!"

VS female unit

Roger

"...I don't wish to harm a lady, but I have no choice if you threaten me first..."

VS Raffin

Roger

"Raffin... It's been a long time."

Raffin

"Yes, the last time we met was at the tournament at Castle Wellt. Pathetic that a knight of your caliber is still following Codha around."

Roger

"...Are you insulting me?"

Raffin

"Forgive me if I said too much. But, Roger, you're one of the finest knights in the kingdom. On the mainland, the Zoa Empire is expanding, and trying to bring back the Dark Ages. We have a duty as knights of Utona to fight against this evil. We can't be wasting our lives over a ridiculous feud like this. It doesn't matter who wins here, we'll all die in the end unless we stop the Empire."

Roger

"I want to fight against the Empire as well. I am a knight, after all. Of course I would want to fight for justice."

If Mel is alive

Roger

"But, Raffin, I have aided the chancellor's evil deeds. I can't forgive myself... I can't turn back any more..."

If Mel is dead

Roger

"But, Raffin, I lost something very dear to me in this battle. I can't forgive myself... I can't turn back any more..."

Raffin

"I see... I'm sorry you feel that way. Now come, Roger! I'll take you on!"

== DEFEATING ROGER ==

Roger

"Mel... Forgive my...foolishness..."

If Mel is alive

Mel

"Roger... ...I'm coming to you...so wait for me..."

== BATTLING MEL ==

Mel

"...!"

== DEFEATING MEL ==

Mel

"Roger... I was happy...to be able to stay by your side..."

If Roger is alive

Roger

"Mel!? No... This can't be happening... Damn...!"

== MAP CLEARED ==

If Roger is alive

Roger

"...What, we lost the fort!? Damn... Retreat!"

(Focus on Runan)

Eugen

"So this is Chancellor Codha's castle... I would expect a stronger defense."

Merlon

"Hm... Codha must have moved the majority of his forces to Castle Wellt."

Runan

"To Castle Wellt? ...Why? The castle has plenty of troops on defense."

Merlon

"The troops defending the castle are knights serving the royal family. Codha technically has power over them, but they are not his personal soldiers."

Eugen

"Hm, if Codha's greedy motives become known, he would not be able to trust the castle's troops."

Merlon

"Exactly. The only soldiers Codha can trust are his own. In particular, Roger, Domes, and Berom are his most important lieutenants."

Runan

"How are the other nobles behaving?"

Merlon

"Codha has labeled us as rebels and has been asking them to join forces, but they are not paying heed. They know that we cannot possibly be rebels with Princess Sasha as our leader."

Runan

"That puts us at an advantage."

Merlon

"Yes. Codha still has the upper hand in terms of manpower, but his ill judgment is leaving him isolated without allies. However, our troops are exhausted. We should allow a few days to recover and reorganize our army. Lord Runan, may I suggest that we visit the Temple of Mars? I wish to explain the situation to Master Eisen and ask for his aid."

Runan

"Ask the Master to side with us? But that's..."

Eugen

"No, I agree with Count Merlon. We do not have a capable magician in our army. Master Eisen's powers would be a great asset."

Runan

"What do you think, Enteh?"

Enteh

"A mage's power is to be used to battle the evil gods. The Master will have nothing to do with the quarrelings of the secular world."

Eugen

"Haha, you make it sound hopeless, Sister Enteh. Anyway, let us be off. We must at least try to ask the Master for help."

If Raquel, Ruca, and Sasha are alive

Ruca

"Huh? Raquel!? What are you doing here?"

Raquel

"I decided to join the army. What? You don't have to be that shocked."

Ruca

"You were the one always saying that you never wanted to fight. What happened?"

Raquel

"I like Princess Sasha, that's all. I can teach her a lot of things. Like cooking, and...maybe some things about you."

Ruca

"A-About me...?"

Raquel

"Hahaha..."

(Focus on Temple of Mars)

Sylphize

"Father..."

Eisenbach

"Yes... This presence...it is him. He has found us at last. Sylphize, bring Marc here. I must tell him something."

Sylphize

"Yes..."

Marc

"Master, you called?"

Eisenbach

"Marc, I have a task for you. I want you to go to Enteh and tell her not to come near the temple."

Marc

"What? Why? Just earlier, you sent Martelle to bring her back."

Eisenbach

"Things are different now. Danger is approaching Enteh. We have no time to spare..."

Gwenchaos

"Yes... You have no time to spare..."

Eisenbach

"...Gwenchaos!"

Gwenchaos

"...Eisenbach... Where have you hidden the Priestess of Water..."

Eisenbach

"... Gwen... You haven't given up yet... You are still trying to find priestesses to sacrifice to obtain the power of the dark god. Do you insist on making the same mistake that countless others have lost their lives to in the past?"

Gwenchaos

"Eisen... Enough talk. Give me the girl."

Eisenbach

"..... I once feared you as my senior, but I see there is no turning back now. I have no choice but to slay you myself..."

[MAP05]

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Map 5: Beyond the Legend
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== OPENING ==

(Focus on Eisenbach/Gwenchaos)

Gwenchaos

"Hahaha... You amuse me, Eisen. We are the Four Sages of Liberia, the finest students of the White Master Morse. Mios, the Mage of Light, and Octovas, the Mage of Fire, have already succumbed to my spells of darkness. You are the only one left, Eisenbach, Mage of Wind. Do you still doubt my power now?"

Eisenbach

"..... The power of which you speak comes of Zahakk, the evil magic of darkness, and is not your own. You were cast out of our order because you broke the seal of that forbidden spell. You are a fool to have not yet realized your mistake!"

Gwenchaos

"Hmph... Very well. Witness the power of Zahakk with your own eyes!"

(They fight)

Eisenbach

"Augh... I... I cannot...move..."

Gwenchaos

"Hahaha... Your actions fail to back up your words, Eisen. Hmph, I believe I

have seen enough of you now, old friend. Let us put an end to this little game. Die, Eisen!"

(They fight)

Gwenchaos

"Ha, down already? I was expecting more. Dagon, clean this mess up. And dispose of the other clerics while you're at it."

Dagon

"...Yes, at once."

(Focus on Sylphize/Marc)

Marc

"Master Eisen!"

Sylphize

"Marc, you must do what my father instructed you to. Go protect Lady Enteh. You can leave the temple to us. I will rescue my father...! Now go!"

Marc

"Mother..."

(Focus on Runan)

Enteh

"Th-this feeling... No... Master Eisen!"

Runan

"Enteh? What's the matter? ...Wait! Don't rush in on your own!"

== CONVERSATION (Runan, Sieg) ==

Sieg

"Are you this army's commander? I have no intention to fight. Put away your blade."

Runan

"Who are you?"

Sieg

"My name is Sieg. I was a knight of a small kingdom in the north called Barge, but my country was destroyed, and my family were taken as slaves of Garzel. I became a dark soldier in return for my family's safety, but my patience has come to an end. Please, let me exile to your kingdom. I want to fight alongside you and liberate my home country!"

Runan

"An exile... What do you think, Eugen?"

Eugen

"Well... I'm very sorry to hear what happened. Very well, Sir Sieg, we shall welcome you. Let us fight together for our countries' freedom."

Sieg

"Thank you... You have my absolute loyalty. I am at your command."

Runan

"....."

== CONVERSATION (Enteh, Marc) ==

Enteh

"Marc!? What's happening...?"

Marc

"I don't know... Who are those people? Mother and Master Eisen told me to protect you. What's going on!?"

Enteh

"Where is the Master!? Is Lady Sylphize safe!?"

Marc

"That's right...! Mother...! Enteh, I'm going back in. Don't move from here."

Enteh

"No... I will go with you. I've decided never to flee again. I cannot tolerate people being hurt for my sake any more!"

== BATTLING DAGON ==

Dagon

"Fools... I would have killed you painlessly had you not resisted..."

== DEFEATING DAGON ==

Dagon

"Curses...!"

== DEFEATING SIEG ==

Sieg

"Ugh... How could I..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

(Focus on Enteh)

Enteh

"Master Eisen! ...Why..."

Eisenbach

"Enteh... You have...returned..."

Enteh

"...Master... All for my sake... Forgive me..."

Eisenbach

"No... I have lived long enough... Enteh...do not give in to evil... You must be strong...and live bravely..."

Enteh

"Yes... I will never lose again... I shall take good care of the life you gave me..."

Eisenbach

"Ah... I can see light... ...I have reached my destination at last..."

Enteh

"Master Eisen? ...No... Master Eisen!"

If Marc and Sylphize are alive

Marc

"The Master is dead!? No, it can't be..."

Sylphize

"Marc, listen carefully. Your grandfather left this spell book for you."

Marc

"This is...the Wind of Miracles!? But I don't have the ability to use such a powerful spell."

Sylphize

"Marc, you are the grandson of Eisenbach, the Great Mage of Wind. Of course you are able to use it."

Marc

"But I still can't..."

Sylphize

"Your grandfather broke the seal on the spell to make it usable for you. Do you know why he went that far?"

Marc

"To... To protect Enteh?"

Sylphize

"Yes. Now, it is your job to protect Enteh alongside Martelle. You are the only one left who carry on the Master's legacy."

Marc

"Mother, you must tell me about Enteh. I know nothing about her. Why is she being pursued? I need to know the reason for her danger if I am to protect her..."

Sylphize

"An innocent girl is living in fear of an evil cult. For now, you must ask nothing and simply stay at her side. The truth will become clear soon enough."

Marc

"The truth..."

If Marc is alive

Marc

"Enteh, there you are."

Enteh

"Marc..."

Marc

"Are you still blaming yourself? The Master's death isn't your fault. How many times have I told you?"

Enteh

"..... Marc, do you know who attacked the Master?"

Marc

"Archbishop Gwenchaos... I hear he's a fearsome sorcerer who established the Theocratic State of Garzel along with a cult of evil god worshippers."

Enteh

"Yes, he is a terrible man. Three of the Great Sages have already died at his hands. I'm so relieved you didn't follow the same fate..."

Marc

"...I regret running from him. Even without a chance of victory, I should have faced him like a man. I'm ashamed that I survived when so many of our allies were killed..."

Enteh

"What are you saying, Marc! You wouldn't have stood a chance. Think of how Lady Sylphize would feel if you had..."

Marc

"I'm not a child any more!"

Enteh

"What...?"

Marc

"You're going with Prince Runan to the mainland, right?"

Enteh

"Yes... I can't stay here any more..."

Marc

"I'll join the Liberation Army, too. But it's not for you, Enteh. There are people in the army who say they appreciate my skills."

Enteh

"Marc!?"

Marc

"I don't know anything about you. It's been an entire year since you came to the temple, but never once did you open up to me."

Enteh

"That's not true. I think of you as..."

Marc

"...As a little brother. Mother told me that you look at me like a cute little brother."

Enteh

"Yes... But that's because I like you. I apologize if that has upset you, though... I'm sorry..."

Marc

"You're always like that! Fine, you can ask Prince Runan to look after you."

I'll defeat Gwen for myself. I'll have nothing to do with you now!"

Enteh

"Marc..."

(Focus on Castle Wellt)

If you didn't kill Roger and Mel in Map 4

Codha

"You lost the impregnable Fort Gram to the rebels? ...And you come running back to me like a frightened dog with your tail between your legs?"

Roger

"Yes... Forgive me."

Codha

"Ha, and you call yourself a holy knight, do you? ...Ah, I see. It's that girl, isn't it? She is turning you into a gutless coward. I heard she left the Temple of Mars to chase after you. How embarrassing. She is the granddaughter of Master Eisenbach, and she broke her oath as a cleric to fulfill her desire for men!"

Roger

"!"

Codha

"Roger, I shall keep the girl for now. You will be able to fight without worry if you know that she is safe, will you not?"

Roger

"Mel and I are engaged for marriage. We cannot be separated from each other now!"

Codha

"What? The other generals have given their entire families as hostages. And you dare complain about turning in a single girl?"

Roger

"My lord!"

Codha

"Don't worry, I won't lay a finger on her. I shall give her back safe and sound once you get rid of the rebels. But if you still refuse, then you will take responsibility for your defeat. I will have your entire family executed! Is that really what you want?"

Roger

"Erg...!"

Mel

"Roger, do what the chancellor says... I'll be fine..."

Roger

"Mel..."

Codha

"Don't worry, Roger. I shall take good care of the girl. Hahaha..."

Roger

"....."

Codha

"Now, Roger, you will go under the command of General Berom. Strengthen the defenses of Castle Wellt."

Berom

"Understood, sir."

Roger

"....."

Codha

"Domes, you will take your troops and set up a defense at the Wellt Bridge. You may take any man you see fit from the castle guard. Don't let the rebels cross that bridge alive!"

Domes

"Yes, my lord. I shall have the enemy slain in no time!"

If you killed Roger/Mel in Map 4

Codha

"The rebels took the impregnable Fort Gram? ...Argh, I am surrounded by incompetent fools! Domes, you are the only capable man left. Set up a defense at the Wellt Bridge. Don't let the rebels cross that bridge alive!"

Domes

"Yes, my lord. I shall have the enemy slain in no time!"

== MOVEMENT: GRAM FOREST ==

(Focus on Gram Forest)

Merlon

"Ah, I am glad you have returned safely, Lord Runan. And Master Eisen...?"

Runan

"Master Eisen is dead... The temple was attacked Garzel's mage army..."

Merlon

"...Unbelievable. A man as powerful as Master Eisen..."

Runan

"Has there been any movement at Castle Wellt?"

Merlon

"Codha has strengthened the palace's defenses, and has also sent a sizeable force to the Wellt Bridge. Having lost such an important point of the defense to the enemy may cause some trouble..."

Eugen

"There is no need to worry about that, Count Merlon. I have a secret plan."

Merlon

"A secret plan?"

Eugen

"Yes. Just wait and see..."

(Focus on Castle Wellt)

If you visited Narthas in Map 3

If you didn't kill Roger and Mel in Map 4

Narthas

"Hey."

Liza

"...!? Wh-Who are you!?"

Narthas

"Oh, I'm on your side. I was asked by the Liberation Army to check on you."

Liza

"Liberation Army...?"

Narthas

"Yeah, an army to liberate Wellt. I heard their leader's some girl named Sasha. Pretty funny, eh?"

Liza

"Oh... Count Merlon has finally stood up! I am sorry for suspecting you. Please tell him that I am fine. Also, could you give this Pegasus Flute to Sasha?"

Narthas

"Sure, no prob. Is that all you need, though? I could help you get out of this place if you want."

Liza

"No, I must remain here to name the new chancellor. But, if it is not too much, may I ask you to free the hostages kept prisoner in the dungeon level?"

Narthas

"You got it."

Liza

"Dear Utona... Give Sasha strength..."

(Prisons)

Codha

"You there, bring me the hostages."

Guard

"Lord chancellor? What brings you here?"

Codha

"That is none of your business. I want to see the hostages. Hand 'em over, punk!"

Guard

"E-Excuse me?"

Codha

"Oh, I mean... Ahem... Bring them to me. Are you telling me that you cannot follow my orders?"

Guard

"O-Of course not, my lord! I shall bring them at once."

Codha

"..... Sigh... Why do I have disguise myself as an ugly geezer like this?"

Guard

"The hostages are here!"

Codha

"A-Ah, yes, good work! I have no further use for you. Begone!"

Guard

"Yes, sir..."

Codha

"Hm, now you are beautiful young lady..."

Mel

"! Don't you dare touch me! One step closer, and I'll..."

Codha

"Whoa, whoa, hang on!"

(Narthas takes off his disguise)

Narthas

"Phew, it was hot wearing that thing. ...So, how was my disguise? Shocked that I was really such a nice-looking guy?"

Mel

"Wh-What? ...Who are you?"

Narthas

"No time to explain now. We gotta get out of here."

Mel

"Yes... I suppose I have no choice but to trust you."

Narthas

"By the way..."

Mel

"?"

Narthas

"Are you single?"

Mel

"!"

Narthas

"Ow... Guess not..."

If you killed Roger/Mel in Map 4

Narthas

"Hey."

Liza

"...!? Wh-Who are you!?"

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Narthas

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Liza

"No, I must remain here to name the new chancellor. I shall stay here with my people until the end..."

If Sieg and Kate are alive

(Focus on Gram Forest)

Sieg

"Wellt has female knights? That's unusual..."

Kate

"You... Is it true that you're a knight of Barge? Raffin said he didn't recognize you..."

Sieg

"Fine, I will show you proof of my identity. Take a look at my back!"

Kate

"! ...Th-This is...terrible. Arethese...lashings...?"

Sieg

"That's right. I was captured by Garzel's troops and taken to a valley in Zoa to work as a slave. It was hell there... Even women and small children were chained and whipped, and worked like animals. I couldn't take it, and stood up to protect the children. The result is what you see. As you can tell, it was a whip with barbs, which raked through my skin and tore away my flesh. It's amazing that I survived at all."

Kate

"That's... That's just terrible..."

Sieg

"I would have endured it if I was the only one who had to suffer. But my young siblings went through the same torture because of me. After hearing their screams, I couldn't take it any more... I begged forgiveness and became a dark knight of Garzel to save them. Laugh at me all you want... My loyalty, my pride as a knight... I lost it all on that fateful day..."

Kate

"I'm sorry for suspecting you... I have heard rumors about what happens to countries overrun by Garzel, but I never thought it was this bad... I'm ashamed of myself..."

Sieg

"No, I'm the one who should be ashamed. Kate, was it? Please keep this a secret... I don't want the others to find out about me..."

Kate

"Of course. Sieg, if there's anything I can do for you, don't hesitate to ask. I want to help you..."

[MAP06]

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Map 6: Across the River
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== OPENING ==

(Focus on Runan)

Runan

"Is this your secret plan, Eugen?"

Eugen

"Yes, I sent in a small portion of our troops to sneak in to the enemy camp last night. Crossing the bridge will be difficult with the enemy's ballistae sniping us from the other side, but now we have allies on the enemy's ground to make things easier."

Merlon

"That also means that we are lacking in manpower on this side. We will be doomed if a different squad ambushes us from behind."

Eugen

"Are you saying that my plan was a mistake, Count Merlon?"

Merlon

"No, not at all. I am merely saying that we should be wary."

Runan

"Count Merlon is right. I've gotten reports of other troops hiding around here. We need to secure the bridge as quickly as we can. Eugen, Count Merlon, give the troops the order to charge!"

Eugen

"Yes, my lord."

Merlon

"At once."

(Focus on Domes)

Soldier

"General Domes, it seems the enemy has fallen right into our trap."

Domes

"Hahaha... We have them right where I want them. I cannot wait to see the

shocked look on their faces..."

Soldier

"When shall we order the ambush?"

Domes

"Wait until they come a bit closer. Then we will have them sandwiched. Do not fail!"

Soldier

"Yes, sir."

== TURN 2 ==

If you visited Narthas in Map 3 and didn't kill Roger and Mel in Map 4

(Focus on Narthas)

Narthas

"Whoops, looks like it's already started. Okay, Mel, that's the Liberation Army over there, on the other side of the bridge. Look for a guy named Runan, he'll help you out. And don't forget to give the flute to the princess."

Mel

"Where are you going? You're not coming with me?"

Narthas

"Nope, my job is done. I'm not gonna let the old man order me around any more."

Mel

"I see... That's too bad."

Narthas

"Watch out for the chancellor's soldiers. Don't try crossing the bridge. Find a shallow part of the river instead. You'll have to get off of your horse to go in the water, though. Well, then, good luck. I hope you get to see your fiance again."

Mel

"Thank you... Take care, Narthas."

(Focus on Domes)

Soldier

"General Domes, we have report that a young woman has wandered into our ranks. What shall we do?"

Domes

"Hm, she could be a spy. Send some troops to dispose of her."

Soldier

"Yes, sir."

== TURN 3 ==

Norton

"That's it, I'm not hiding here in the woods any longer. All right, guys, charge! Crush the rebels!"

== CONVERSATION (Sasha, Norton) ==

Norton

"Hm? Who're you? This is no place for a kid. Come on, go home."

Sasha

"I am not a child. Can't you see the sword in my hand?"

Norton

"What is that, a toy? Huh, you don't see a girl playing with toy swords very often. Anyway, just go on home. I'll have a couple of my men guard you on the way if you want. Where do you live?"

Sasha

"Well... Castle Wellt."

Norton

"Castle? ...Look, girlie, you shouldn't joke around about things like that."

Sasha

"It's true. You must recognize this emblem if you are a knight of Wellt."

Norton

"What? ...W-Wait... Princess Sasha!?"

Sasha

"That is correct. And you are?"

Norton

"Y-Yes, my lady! I am Corporal Norton of the castle guard!"

Sasha

"Corporal Norton, are you a soldier under the royal family, or one of Codha's personal troops?"

Norton

"My loyalty lies with the royal family, my lady!"

Sasha

"Then why are you fighting against Count Merlon? His army is the true Wellt Army."

Norton

"I don't understand politics very well, but I will follow the princess' orders! I am at your service, my lady!"

Sasha

"Very well, then I ask you to fight alongside us. The enemy is Codha. Please join our Liberation Army to fight for the people of Wellt."

Norton

"Gladly, my lady!"

== CONVERSATION (Runan, Mel) ==

Mel

"Are you Prince Runan?"

Runan

"And you are?"

Mel

"My name is Mel. I was rescued from the hands of Chancellor Codha by a man named Narthas."

Runan

"Oh, Narthas... So where is he?"

Mel

"He..."

Eugen

"He probably ran off again, Lord Runan. I never trusted a thief like him in the first place."

Mel

"...He told me about the queen's safety. Queen Liza is being kept prisoner in her private quarters by Codha, but she is in no danger of being harmed. She also sends her respects to you, Count Merlon."

Merlon

"I see... Well, thank goodness for that. I'm glad to see you safe as well, Lady Mel."

Mel

"Count Merlon..."

Merlon

"I know... Roger is a precious treasure of Weltt. I promise we will break the chains that hold him down in unwilling servitude..."

== CONVERSATION (Marc, Mel) ==

Marc

"Sister...? What are you doing here?"

Mel

"Marc... You look well."

Marc

"Why haven't you come back to the temple? Mother has been worried sick about you."

Mel

"Hasn't Mother told you anything?"

Marc

"You don't have to worry about your relationship with Roger. Even the Master said that ancient precepts cannot bind down one's heart."

Mel

"Marc! Is that true?"

Marc

"Yes. I can tell you all you want later, but not here... You should retreat to the back for now."

Mel

"Yes... Thank you, Marc."

== CONVERSATION (Sasha, Mel) ==

Mel

"Princess Sasha, I was looking for you. Please take this."

Sasha

"Yes? ...This is Mother's Pegasus Flute... Why did she..."

Mel

"I was told that her Majesty wants you to use it if you wish to soar the skies on a pegasus. That is all I have heard."

Sasha

"Thank you... I'm so happy. Becoming a Pegasus Knight is like a dream come true..."

== BATTLING NORTON ==

Norton

"I was hiding a long time in the woods. You'd better be worth the wait!"

== DEFEATING NORTON ==

Norton

"Damn... I screwed up..."

== BATTLING DOMES ==

Domes

"Filthy rebels! Die by my blade!"

== DEFEATING DOMES ==

Domes

"This...can't be... The...puny soldiers from Vierge...can't be this strong...!"

== MAP CLEARED ==

Runan

"That was a tough battle..."

Eugen

"With the river behind us, nothing stands in our way now. Let us march towards Castle Wellt!"

Runan

"Count Merlon, the troops aren't exhausted?"

Merlon

"The joy of liberating their country is fueling them, Lord Runan. There is no need to worry."

Runan

"All right, let's push on towards the palace. Eugen, give the troops the order to march!"

Eugen

"Yes, my lord."

If you visited Narthas in Map 3 and killed Roger/Mel in Map 4

Narthas

"Hey... Prince..."

Runan

"Narthas? ...What are you hiding there for?"

Narthas

"Well, I was waiting to catch you alone so I wouldn't have to deal with the old man... I gotta report the results of my investigation, right?"

Runan

"Oh? Maybe you're more diligent than I thought. I suppose you weren't one of Holmes' men for nothing."

Narthas

"Hey, hey, I'll at least take my missions seriously. You should trust me more. Y'know, I was once..."

Runan

"Right. Anyway, let's hear the report. How is the castle looking? Is the queen safe?"

Narthas

"...Y-Yeah... Ahem... The queen's fine. She said not to worry about her and watch out for yourself."

Runan

"Oh, good..."

Narthas

"And she gave me this to give to the princess."

Runan

"To Sasha? All right, I'll give it to her later."

Narthas

"Okay, that's it. Suppose I'll get going now..."

Runan

"Narthas? You're not coming with us?"

Narthas

"You're attacking the castle next, right? I'm useless in battle. Anyway, just give me a holler if you ever need anything. I'll be glad to help you, Prince."

(Focus on Castle Wellt)

Codha

"Damn that useless Domes! This is what he gives me after all that boasting!? Berom, you are the only one I can rely on now. We will execute the plan!"

Berom

"Yes, my lord. Preparations have already been done."

If you visited Narthas in Map 3 and didn't kill Roger and Mel in Map 4

Codha

"How is Roger doing?"

Berom

"Yes, he does not yet know of Mel's escape. He should be fine..."

Codha

"Good. I still have work for him to do..."

Codha

"Curse that Merlon! He should be ashamed of himself for seeking aid from a foreign army! Can't he fight with his own strength like a man?"

Berom

"He is indeed fortunate. No one would have expected the Lazerian Knights to land on our shores at such ill timing."

Codha

"The Lazerians are seasoned warriors. They lasted an entire year in Granada against an Imperial legion. It is no surprise that our inexperienced troops are having a hard time against them."

Berom

"Yes..."

Codha

"But that shall end here. I have dispatched our elite forces in the town, and the plan to split up the enemy's forces is ready. General Berom, I trust that you shall not fail me."

Berom

"Fear not, my lord. The rebels are but prey that have fallen into our trap. I shall take them out in one swift stroke!"

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Map 7: Liberating the Capital
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== OPENING ==

Eugen

"Lord Runan, our infiltration squad has successfully broken into the castle town. We are ready to attack!"

Merlon

"Excuse me, General Eugen... What squad is that?"

Eugen

"I sent in a small number of troops through the back gate on the eastern side of town. The gate was wide open, without a single guard on watch. Codha is much too careless for his own good. Hahaha!"

Merlon

"..... This is bad...very bad. The east gate is equipped with a drawbridge. Codha must be scheming to lure us into the castle and raise the drawbridge to cut off our line of retreat. This is a trap, my good Sir Eugen..."

Eugen

"Haha...ha... Er... ...Do you speak the truth, Count Merlon...?"

Runan

"Eugen, the squad you dispatched is in danger. We have to go meet them inside the castle!"

Eugen

"Yes... At once, my lord!"

(Focus on Codha)

Codha

"Hahaha... The enemy has been divided up. They have fallen right into our trap, just as planned. Berom, start off by taking care of the forces in the town. Leave none alive!"

Berom

"Yes. I shall send our elite troops to dispose of them at once. I will be on guard here, so you may return inside the palace, my lord."

If you didn't kill Roger and Mel in Map 4

Codha

"Good. ...Hm? Where has Roger gone?"

Berom

"He is on watch further down south with his knights. He should be reporting back shortly."

Codha

"Very well. Keep an eye on that man, he bears distrust toward me. Order him to meet the enemy as soon as he returns."

Berom

"Understood, my lord!"

If you killed Roger/Mel in Map 4

Codha

"Good. I shall leave the rest to you."

Berom

"Understood, my lord!"

== TURN 2 ==

Thomas

"Dammit... This thing stinks... Why do I have to push this load of garbage around anyway? Codha, the bastard... I'm just a hunter, and he tells me he

wants my archery skills, but this is what I get stuck doing. Aw, man...
Barts'll laugh his ass off if he sees me like this..."

== TURN 10 ==

Roger

"The battle's started already... Troops! After me! Don't let the enemy near
the palace! Mel... Please be safe..."

== CONVERSATION (Barts, Thomas) ==

Barts

"Hey, you there! Quit hiding and come out!"

Thomas

"Crap... Found me, huh? Hey, Barts, long time no see. How'd you know it was
me hiding inside this box?"

Barts

"Oh, trust me, I can tell by your smell."

Thomas

"Oh, dammit... As if you're one to talk."

Barts

"What are you doing here, anyway? I thought you'd become a hunter in Loto."

Thomas

"Well, I was, but I was conscripted into the army to 'protect our nation,' by
Codha, no less. And, uh... Well, this is what I'm doing now."

Barts

"Pathetic... That's just pathetic, partner."

Thomas

"Since when am I your partner?"

Barts

"Look, just come with me. I can guarantee it'll be better than this crap
you're doing now."

Thomas

"Hey, thanks, man. You're gonna let me out of this box?"

Barts

"Sure thing, partner. Except..."

Thomas

"Except what?"

Barts

"Except only after we win this battle."

== CONVERSATION (Mel, Roger) ==

Mel

"Roger! Stop! It's all right now! Stop fighting!"

Roger

"Mel!? How did you... Weren't you being kept prisoner by Codha!?"

Mel

"The Liberation Army rescued me. I'm safe and sound, so you don't have to fight any more!"

Roger

"Thank goodness... You have no clue how worried I was... Mel, no hesitation lies in me now. I will do justice to Codha. Stay by my side, Mel... I don't want to be separated from you ever again!"

== CONVERSATION (Runan, Roger) ==

Runan

"Are you Roger the Paladin?"

Roger

"....."

Merlon

"Roger... You've suffered quite enough. You chose the wrong master to swear loyalty to. Come with us, Roger. Let us fight together to defend what is just!"

Roger

"Count Merlon... You would forgive a wretch like me?"

Merlon

"If you still have your dignity as a Paladin of Wellt, then you must not have forgotten your loyalty to the royal family. I ask that you offer your skills for the good of Wellt."

Roger

"Yes... It would be my pleasure... You have my deepest thanks, Count Merlon!"

== HOUSE (Top) ==

Man

"Hey, you're the Liberation Army everyone's been talking about, right? The castle town is heavily defended by Codha's troops. I used to be a blacksmith over in town, but I got sick of the troops' attitude and moved my shop way out here. Ah, yes, I've got a little something for you. This is a sword that I made myself. It'll cut through armor like soft butter. Here, take it. I'm sure it'll be of some use."

== HOUSE (Second from bottom, left) ==

Man

"Hmph, luring in the Liberation Army and raising the drawbridge to trap you inside, huh? Sounds just like something that sneaky Codha would do. But, this is the battle that'll decide Wellt's future. We gotta have you guys win no matter what. Here, take this key. This'll lower the drawbridge for you!"

== HOUSE (Second from bottom, right) ==

Old Man

"The arena won't take just anybody. Being too weak or too strong will get you the boot. If that happens, try again with a different weapon equipped. That sometimes works."

== BATTLING THOMAS ==

Thomas

"...Dammit, an enemy!? Fine, I'll take you on!"

== DEFEATING THOMAS ==

Thomas

"Noooo... My toughness was all I had going for me..."

== BATTLING ROGER ==

Roger

"No more excuses. No more lies... I shall fight to the death on my honor as a knight!"

VS Mel

Roger

"Mel!? W-Wait! Why are you...!"

VS female unit

Roger

"...I don't wish to harm a lady, but I have no choice if you threaten me first..."

== DEFEATING ROGER ==

Roger

"Gah...! I suppose...this is what I deserve... Forgive me...Mel..."

== BATTLING BEROM ==

Berom

"Erg... You shall not pass! As long as I stand here, you shall never reach the palace!"

== DEFEATING BEROM ==

Berom

"Damn...! Perhaps...siding with the chancellor...was a mistake after all..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Eugen

"Well... We've somehow secured the castle town. That was a tougher battle

than I had expected."

Runan

"Now, Codha's the only one left. But we can't do anything rash with the queen taken hostage..."

Rionel

"Well, you can stop worrying about that. We secured the inside of the castle. Codha's troops all surrendered. And... We got the son of a bitch himself, too."

Codha

"Ergh... Unhand me at once, you traitors!"

Rionel

"You're the traitor, you sorry bastard! You can leave this pile of filth to me, prince. I'll tear him apart and feed him to the crows!"

Runan

"...Who are you?"

Rionel

"Oh, sorry. I'm Rionel, one of the Palace Knights of Weltt. I was about to be executed by Codha, but one of the guards helped me out. I've been waiting with some other troops who don't take kindly to Codha's tyranny for a chance to retaliate. And since you made a huge commotion downtown, the palace's defenses became lax, giving us a perfect opportunity to attack."

If Norton is alive

Norton

"Hm? ...You're that guy from... You're still alive?"

Rionel

"Norton!? What are you doing in the Liberation Army? What was all that crap you gave me about politics not concerning you when I tried to get you on my side?"

Norton

"Ha... I've always been on the princess' side. You would never understand..."

Rionel

"Is that so..."

Runan

"Chancellor Codha, do you have anything to say for yourself?"

Codha

"Ah... A-Are you the good Sir Runan? P-Please! Don't kill me! I had nothing but our kingdom's well-being in mind. I only played the role of villainy to unite our people under a single ideal! We cannot confront the Empire if our countrymen are divided!"

Runan

"Do you claim that your actions were not driven by schemes of self-gain?"

Codha

"I swear it! Indeed, I have not laid one finger on her Majesty the queen. I shall forfeit my position of chancellor to Count Merlon if the queen so wishes. I will return to my land and repent for my deeds, so please, good

sir, I beg you to spare my life!"

Runan

"It is not I who will decide your fate. Count Merlon, what is your decision?"

Merlon

"Codha's sins and misdoings are clear. However, I must not let personal enmity cloud my judgment for a fair and just punishment. We shall determine Codha's fate after the king returns..."

Eugen

"I must say that is rather lenient, but I have no right to object the new chancellor's decision. Well, Codha, you should be grateful for Chancellor Merlon's generosity!"

Codha

"Count Merlon... I will be forever in your debt..."

Merlon

"Do not mistake me, Codha. Once King Rophal returns, I can guarantee that you will be sentenced to death for treason. Until then, you will be imprisoned and put under strict surveillance. There is no escape, Codha."

Codha

"Erg..."

Merlon

"Guards, throw this man into the dungeon. Keep watch over him at all times!"

Soldier

"Yes, sir..."

Merlon

"Now, Lord Runan, please follow me. I shall lead you to the queen's chambers."

Liza's room

Runan

"Queen Liza. I am pleased to see you in one piece."

Liza

"Prince Runan... I have heard the rumors of your arrival at Weltt, but I couldn't believe them until now, when I can see you with my own eyes. Could this be a blessing from our dear Utona...?"

Runan

"No, if I only I had thought of coming earlier, I wouldn't have put you or Sasha through such hardship. My humblest apologies, Lady Liza."

Liza

"Lord Runan... With Duke Gramud gone, I understand that Lazeria has gone under Imperial rule. How can you be so considerate toward a faraway nation leagues away from your overrun home? You have grown strong, Lord Runan. When we last met, you were still a charming little boy of ten years, but the fine young man I see before me now is a striking image of Gramud the Hero in his youth. It brings back many fond memories..."

Runan

"Queen Liza?"

Liza

"Oh, excuse me. Now, what are your next plans, Lord Runan?"

Runan

"I will return to my homeland and challenge the Empire once more."

Liza

"Fight against the Empire?"

Eugen

"If I may interrupt, your Majesty, our incentive for coming to Wellt was to borrow troops and funds for the upcoming struggle against the Empire."

Runan

"Eugen, that's..."

Eugen

"There is nothing to be ashamed of, my lord. We are fighting not only for ourselves, but for the well-being of the entire continent. No one could possibly refuse to cooperate."

Liza

"General Eugen is right, Lord Runan. My dear husband, King Rophal, also left for Balt to protect our world. It would be my pleasure to ask that you accept our finest soldiers into your ranks. And I, too, shall give you my full support so that you may recapture your homeland, and bring an end to the darkness that is haunting our continent of Liberia."

Runan

"You have my sincerest thanks, Queen Liza!"

Liza

"However, due to Codha's wasteful expenditures, we have only 20000G remaining in our treasury. It is but a trifle, but I shall donate it all to your funds."

Runan

"But..."

Liza

"Please take it. Our people would wish the same."

Runan

"Very well... If you insist."

Liza

"And now, as for troops..."

Runan

"Count Merlon already provided us with a vast number of troops, and others have joined us in our travels. If we have your permission to take them, that is all we ask."

Liza

"I see... When will you depart?"

Runan

"Knowing that Wellt lies in Count Merlon's good hands, we wish to leave as early as tomorrow morning."

If Sasha is alive

Liza

"I see... Sasha will be disappointed..."

Sasha

"Why, Mother? I will be going with him."

Runan

"What are you saying, Sasha? I can't take you along, of course not!"

Sasha

"Lord Runan, at least let accompany you to Balt! I must find my father. I've already made up my mind. I'm going with you whether you like it or not!"

Liza

"...Lord Runan. Please, I ask that you grant Sasha her wish. She has always been a stubborn one, and she will not take no for an answer."

Runan

"But Queen Liza..."

Liza

"To tell you the truth, I am the one who wants to go to Balt. Rophal is alive in the forests of Saria. The people of Saria...my homeland... They would never leave a good man like him to die. Sasha, go with Lord Runan. Your journey will be filled with hardships, but you are my daughter. You will be able to overcome anything that stands in your way."

Sasha

"Yes, Mother! I promise I will bring Father back home. So...until then..."

Liza

"Come now, tears already? You will be a burden to Lord Runan like that, Sasha. You carry the blood of a Sarian warrior in your veins. You must never lose. You may be a woman, but you must never let that be an excuse for weakness. A harsh world awaits you, so you must be independent, and be able to fight for yourself. Understood, Sasha?"

Sasha

"Y-... Yes... Mother..."

If Sasha is dead

Liza

"I see... Lord Runan, I will be praying for your success."

Runan

"Yes, thank you, Queen Liza!"

Merlon

"Lord Runan, in celebration of your valiant departure in the morrow, we of the nobility of Wellt have prepared a banquet for you. Please take this time to relax and converse among your troops."

Eugen

"My, this looks like a fine meal indeed. The young knights will be most pleased."

Runan

"Thank you very much, Count Merlon. We appreciate your consideration."

If Archis and Kreiss are alive

Archis

"This is amazing! Hey, Kreiss, it's been years since we've had food this good, eh?"

Kreiss

"Yes... But it pains me to think that our people back in Lazeria may very well be starving as we speak."

Archis

"Come on, let's not ruin the mood. Now that we've succeeded in recruiting troops from Wellt, we're ready to go back to the mainland. We'll take back our country in no time."

Kreiss

"I see you're easily swayed. Weren't you saying the exact opposite just a few days earlier?"

Archis

"Nah, I was just feeling a little upset back then. But then I remembered that the prince always has what's best for Lazeria in mind. I'm ashamed I doubted him for even a second. From now on, I'll stay loyal to him no matter what happens."

Kreiss

"Of course."

If Esther and Archis are alive

Esther

"Enjoying yourself, Archis?"

Archis

"Esther... Well, fine wine, a delicious feast, and the beautiful traditional dances of Wellt. What more could I ask for?"

Esther

"I heard from Kreiss that you have a fiancée back in Lazeria. Aren't you worried about her?"

Archis

"You mean Kreiss' sister? That was just something our parents decided on without consulting us. We're not really lovers. Besides, Rina's still a kid."

Esther

"Hm, her name is Rina... And how old is she?"

Archis

"Let's see... I think she's turning fourteen this year..."

Esther

"Fourteen is quite old enough to be a lady. You shouldn't treat her like a child."

Archis

"You think so? I was a mischievous little demon when I was fourteen."

Esther

"Oh, really? Then I see you haven't changed much."

Archis

"Hey, now, Esther... Why are you always so..."

Esther

"Well, see you later, Archis. I hope you can meet your cute fiancée again!"

If Raffin and Esther are alive

Raffin

"Esther, are you serious?"

Esther

"About what, Raffin?"

Raffin

"No need to sound touchy. Are you serious about joining Lord Runan's army?"

Esther

"Why, yes, I am. Is that a problem?"

Raffin

"Don't be a fool. You will stay here and look after Father."

Esther

"I've already gotten Father's approval. I'm not a little girl any more, Raffin. I won't take orders from you."

Raffin

"What is it with you lately, Esther? You seem to take great pleasure in rebelling against me. Have I done something to upset you?"

Esther

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Raffin

"We may not be related, but I've always thought of you as my true sister these five years. And I'd like to keep it that way from now on... ..Is there something wrong with that?"

Esther

"True sister, you say? Ha, only on the outside! Your heart is left waiting in Barge. You're going to forget all about Vierge or me once you return to your precious homeland. Stop acting like you care, because you know you don't!"

Raffin

"Esther..."

If Sasha and Ruca are alive

Sasha

"What's wrong, Ruca? Your face is all red."

Ruca

"Huh!? Oh...ah...er... It's nothing..."

Sasha

"You're sweating so much! Here, let me wipe your brow..."

Ruca

"N-No, my lady! I-I'm fine!"

Sasha

"You don't like me very much, do you? You never talk to me, and you seem to run off whenever we meet. Have I done something to upset you? Don't hesitate to tell me if that's the case, okay? I'm a little dense about things like that, so I often let my tongue slip without knowing even in the royal court. My mother scolds me all the time about it."

Ruca

"N-No, that's not the case at all... Ah... M-My stomach... E-Excuse me, Lady Sasha!"

Sasha

"Oh... I did it again, didn't I? Sigh..."

If Norton is alive

Norton

"Rionel, you sure you don't want to come with us?"

Rionel

"The bandits might start acting up again with a large portion of our troops gone. Someone's got to stay behind to defend Weltt and the queen."

Norton

"Yeah, suppose you're right. Have to admit I'll miss having you around, though. Come join us once things calm down in Weltt, you hear?"

Rionel

"Sure thing. You better stay alive till then."

Norton

"Ha... Same to you, friend."

If Kate and Sieg are alive

Kate

"Sieg, you're alone again..."

Sieg

"Kate... No one should talk to a man like me. You, too... I have no need for your sympathy."

Kate

"It's not sympathy. I just want to talk with you."

Sieg

"My past is tainted with darkness. There is no enjoyment to be sought from a conversation with me..."

Kate

"Then you should know that some women don't take kindly to quipping. If you don't want to talk, then let me sit by your side in silence. I just want you to keep an open heart, Sieg..."

Sieg

"....."

If Barts and Plum are alive

Barts

"Man, this is good! How long has it been since we had a meal like this, Plum?"

Plum

"Stop eating like a pig, big brother... You're embarrassing me."

Barts

"Oh, stop putting on airs. You've been acting strange like that lately, you know? Do you have a crush or something?"

Plum

"Of course not! I'm fifteen already, Barts. I have to start acting at least a little ladylike."

Barts

"Hey, no need to be touchy about it. Here, you gotta try some of this roasted chicken. It's nice and dripping with juice, you'll love it!"

Plum

"Barts! Sigh..."

If Julia and Vega are alive

Vega

"Don't stand behind me, woman!"

Julia

"Hm... Never lowering your guard, even in a place like this? Perhaps I should learn from you."

Vega

"I need to keep my guard because we're in a place like this. That should come naturally to a warrior."

Julia

"Maybe so. If I had eyes as watchful as yours, I never would have been tricked by that scum of a man..."

Vega

"Do you mean Lenzhenheimer? If you really did fall for his deceptions, then you are nothing short of a fool."

Julia

"As are you. You came all the way to a little island like this, not even suspecting that you were being used. What an embarrassment for the Reaper of Shram."

Vega

"!"

Julia

"Oh, and one more thing. The mainland is filled with swordsmen who can match your mediocre skills. My father, Yoda, or my brother, Shigen, for example, would be able to best you in a heartbeat. Don't get cocky just because you won one match against me!"

Vega

"What!? You... Are you Yoda's daughter?"

Julia

"That's right. Surprised?"

Vega

"Yes... The Dark Swordmaster of Zoa is a legend among assassins like us. I suppose being his daughter would explain your sword arm... Still, you are no swordfighter, woman. I suggest you drop your blade before you stain your father's name with shame."

Julia

"Wh-What!? Why aren't I fit to be a swordfighter!?"

Vega

"I sense no malice in your sword. A swordsman lacking the intent to kill may as well not carry a blade at all..."

Eugen

"Lord Runan, it is getting late. We should call it a night so that we will be rested for tomorrow's departure..."

(Focus on Castle Wellt)

Merlon

"Well, then, Lord Runan, please be careful. You will be in our prayers."

Runan

"Count Merlon, thank you for everything you've done for us. Please take care of Queen Liza."

Merlon

"Of course. I shall protect her with my life until the return of King Rophal."

If you recruited Mel but not Roger

Mel

"Lord Runan..."

Runan

"What's the matter, Sister Mel?"

Mel

"Forgive me, but I must look for Roger. I cannot go with you."

Runan

"I see... I'm sorry to hear that."

Eugen

"Well, Lord Runan, let us be off."

Runan

"All right, let's go! May Utona be with the Wellt-Lazerian Alliance Army!"

== MOVEMENT: WELLT BRIDGE ==

(Focus on Isla)

Merhen

"D-... Daaammiiit! I'll get you for this! Just you wait and see!"

Holmes

"Geez, these are the fearsome Isla Pirates? They're nothing but a bunch of pussies!"

Shigen

"...You got that right. And couldn't he think of a more original comeback than that?"

Xeno

"Holmes, Shigen! Come over here! There's someone locked up in the dungeon!"

(Dungeons)

Holmes

"...Look, how many times do I have to tell you!?"

Katri

"But... You're pirates, too, aren't you?"

Holmes

"Yes, we're pirates, but we're not the kind of scum that goes around kidnapping women! Don't group us in with those idiots of Isla!"

Katri

"I knew you were pirates... Oh, dear Utona! Please save your humble servant!"

Holmes

"I said we're not gonna hurt you!"

Katri

"Ahhh! Don't hit me!"

Holmes

"Sigh... This is useless."

Xeno

"...What's your name?"

Katri

"Huh? Um... I'm...Katri."

Xeno

"I'm Xeno. Pleased to meet you, Katri. That's an unusual name... Where are you from?"

Katri

"I don't know... I don't even know where I was born."

Xeno

"Why not?"

Katri

"The lord bishop said that I was left abandoned in the forest Saria when I was little. He's the one who gave me my name. He was very good to me, and raised me like his own daughter. But he... No...!"

Xeno

"He was killed by pirates..."

Katri

"We were on our way to the Temple of Mars... He was going to leave me in the care of a priest named Eisenbach... He said it was to avoid disaster by a great evil..."

Xeno

"..... You have nothing left that could be a clue to your heritage?"

Katri

"The lord bishop said I was wearing this bracelet when he found me. That's all he ever told me about it."

Holmes

"Hm, let me take a look."

Katri

"No! This is very dear to me! Please, anything but this!"

Holmes

"I never said I was gonna take it away, did I? Xeno, you try."

Xeno

"Holmes, I think we should leave her in peace for a while. The ship she was sailing on was attacked by pirates, and the only person she could consider family was killed in front of her eyes. We can't blame her for being afraid of us."

Juni

"Well, you're awfully kind to her, Xeno. Love at first sight?"

Xeno

"D-Don't be ridiculous! She's had a rough time, so..."

Juni

"Hmm..."

Holmes

"Hey, Juni, what're you doing here? Have you finished looting the pirates' treasure chamber?"

Juni

"Nope, I'm not even half done yet."

Holmes

"What!"

Juni

"I can't do it all on my own. Why don't you help me out for a change, Holmes?"

Holmes

"Look, Juni, remember that I let you on board only because you cried and begged. I won't think twice about giving you the boot if you don't make yourself useful!"

Juni

"Aww..."

Katri

"Xeno... ..Here. I'll let you see it."

Xeno

"No, it's okay..."

Holmes

"Then let me see. Huh, this could sell for a pretty penny... Hm?"

Katri

"Hey! I wasn't showing it to you! Give it back!"

Holmes

"All right, all right. Here ya go."

Katri

"I'm sorry..."

Holmes

"...Xeno, I'll leave that girl to you. Take care of her."

Xeno

"Okay."

Juni

"Katri, there are some pretty flowers growing on the mountainside. Wanna go see? They're really pretty."

Katri

"Really? I'd love to go! Could you take me there?"

Xeno

"Hey, wait! It's dangerous with just the two of you!"

Holmes

"....."

Shigen

"What's the matter, Holmes?"

Holmes

"...That girl's bracelet... I think I've seen it somewhere before. I've got this nagging feeling that I'm forgetting something very important to me..."

== MOVEMENT: GRAM FOREST ==

(Focus on Isla)

Katri

"Holmes, look! Look what I found in the mountains!"

Holmes

"What the heck is that creepy-looking staff?"

Katri

"Creepy? Do you think so? But maybe it's the legendary Staff of Morse! If only I could bring the lord bishop back to life with this..."

Holmes

"Hey, it could be a Zombie Staff, you know. Who wants to see an old geezer brought back to life?"

Katri

"That's such a hurtful thing to say... Xeno and Shigen are nice, but not you... Is it that fun to be mean to me all the time!?"

Holmes

"Of course not. I just get irritated by your airheaded attitude sometimes, that's all."

Katri

"...Fine. I'll never talk to you again, Holmes! I'll bring the lord bishop back to life myself!"

== MOVEMENT: SORA ==

(Focus on Isla)

Shigen

"Holmes, looks like we've got quite a mess on our hands."

Holmes

"Yeah... That idiot, she really used the staff. Now we're knee-deep in zombies!"

Shigen

"Oh, that staff. Remember that weird-looking staff we found in the stuff we took from that temple in Saria? I threw it away because I thought it was useless. But it was a Zombie Staff, huh? I could've sold it for a fair price if I'd known."

Holmes

"Well, there's no time to be worrying about that. Katri said she swung the staff over a hundred times in an effort to resurrect the bishop. There's got to be a good five hundred zombies out there now. We can't even walk outside safely. That idiot..."

(Focus on Isla)

Holmes

"That idiot, where'd she go?"

Shigen

"She ran out in tears after you finished yelling at her. Xeno and Juni went out to look for her."

Holmes

"They're too soft on her. Leaving her alone for a while'll do her good..."

Shigen

"Maybe we should go, too."

Holmes

"Nah, we can just leave it to Xeno and Juni."

Shigen

"You sure? She might get eaten by the zombies."

Holmes

"Yeah, right. I don't think even a zombie would want to eat a little kid like

her."

Shigen

"Haha, you got a point there."

Holmes

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Shigen

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Holmes

"We'll wait for a while..."

Shigen

"Hm?"

Holmes

"...And if they don't come back, then we'll go."

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Map 8: The Holy Dragon Neuron
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== OPENING ==

(Focus on Holmes and Shigen)

Shigen

"Say, Holmes, we did manage to capture Isla, but do you really think he'll lay low for long?"

Holmes

"He? You mean the boss of the Isla pirates who ran away like a little girl? I can't even remember his face. What did he look like?"

Shigen

"I think he was a big, ugly-looking brute. ...Er, or he might have been a small, pathetic-looking midget... I can't really remember, either."

Holmes

"Whatever, who gives a damn about him, anyway. More important is Xeno and Juni. Where the hell are they? Geez... They can't even take care of their own hides!?"

(Focus on Katri)

Katri

"Where am I... Help me... Xeno..."

(Focus on Xeno)

Juni

"Xeno... What happened to Katri?"

Xeno

"She was probably hurt and shocked after Holmes yelled at her. She could be sitting somewhere in tears..."

Juni

"Why does Holmes have to sound so mean all the time?"

Xeno

"Holmes is..."

Juni

"Huh?"

Xeno

"No...nothing. Never mind."

(Focus on Runan)

Eugen

"Lord Runan, are you sure? Why must we go visit the likes of Holmes?"

Runan

"I just want to see him, that's all. We haven't been able to see each other in a while..."

== TURN 2 ==

(Focus on base)

Holmes

"Hey, Shigen!"

Shigen

"Something wrong, Holmes? You look a little pale."

Holmes

"Katri's bracelet... I remember where I saw it."

Shigen

"Is that thing still bothering you?"

Holmes

"Look, remember the time we went to the Temple of Fire in Saria?"

Shigen

"Temple of Fire? You mean the ancient temple where the Holy Dragon Neuron is supposed to be resting?"

Holmes

"Right."

Shigen

"I do remember the mess we ended up in over there. Not only did we get attacked by some weird monsters, but we didn't even find the treasure we were looking for. That Zombie Staff was the only thing we found that could've been worth anything. Yeah, going there was definitely a bad call on your part."

Holmes

"Sure, we didn't find any loot, but there was an ancient mural in the treasure chamber."

Shigen

"A mural? Who would care about something like that? It's not like we could've

brought it back with us."

Holmes

"Just shut up and listen. The mural was of a bracelet that the goddess Utona gave to her daughter, Saria."

Shigen

"Huh? ...! ...Wait... You don't mean..."

Holmes

"Exactly! Katri's bracelet is the Ring of Saria. It's a heirloom passed down through the Sarian royal family."

Shigen

"...Then that girl's a descendent of the royal family of Saria?"

Holmes

"Yeah... But that's not what the real problem is..."

(Focus on Katri)

Katri

"Ah... No...more... Dear Utona... Give me strength..."

(Katri transforms into Neuron)

(Focus on base)

Shigen

"Wh-What the hell was that? An earthquake? Holmes, we gotta go see what's going on!"

Holmes

"No, Shigen, we should wait here a little longer."

Shigen

"But what about Katri?"

Holmes

"No... She's not the one in danger. It's Xeno and Juni..."

== TURN 4 ==

(Neuron turns back into Katri)

Katri

"...! Wh-What!? What just happened...?"

== TURN 5 ==

Merhen

"We're back! All right, boys, y'all ready to rumble!?"

Pirate

"Aye aye, boss!"

Merhen

"I'll get them runts... They'll be sorry for pickin' a fight with the Isla

Pirates! No one goes scroungin' around in my turf!"

== TURN 8 ==

Merhen

"All right, boys, it's on! Go teach them runts a lesson!"

Pirate

"Where're you goin', boss?"

Merhen

"I'm takin' this here lady back to the base. You wimps better not screw up, ya hear?"

Pirate

"Aw, man! Not again!"

Merhen

"Hey, Rene's your name, right? You're an unlucky lady to have your ship sunk by pirates, ain't ya?"

Rene

"....."

Merhen

"Hehehe... Don't you worry, our base is your new home now!"

== CONVERSATION (Runan, Xeno) ==

Xeno

"Lord Runan!? What are you doing here?"

Runan

"I came to visit Holmes. What in the world is going on? Is Holmes safe?"

Xeno

"I have no idea what's happening, either, but Holmes should be at the fort."

Runan

"All right, we'll head for the fort. Are you coming with us, Xeno?"

Xeno

"No... I need to stay. There's someone I need to protect..."

== CONVERSATION (Katri, Xeno) ==

Xeno

"Katri! Are you all right?"

Katri

"Xeno!? ...You've come for me! What... What happened to me, Xeno...?"

Xeno

"Katri... Let's go back to the fort. Holmes is worried about you..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Runan

"Holmes..."

Holmes

"Hey, Runan. You sure chose a bad time to visit."

Runan

"What's going on, Holmes? That huge dragon we saw just now, wasn't that the Fire Dragon Neuron from legend? What's Neuron doing on an island like this?"

Holmes

"Hang on, pal. There's a certain somebody who's more shocked than you are. Katri... You okay?"

Katri

"Yes..."

Holmes

"Do you understand what you've done?"

Katri

"I...was scared... I started running blindly when the zombies came after me... and I found myself in the poisonous marshes. The poison got to me, and I could barely breathe. Then when I thought I was done for, I suddenly transformed into a huge, red dragon. I... I panicked, and burned all of the zombies that were after me. That was a dream, right, Holmes? It was just an illusion I saw when I was near death, right? Please, Holmes... Just say that it was!"

Holmes

"You know well enough by now that it wasn't a dream, don't you?"

Katri

"But... But why? Why did I turn into a dragon?"

Holmes

"That's because you carry the blood of Utona. How old are you, Katri?"

Katri

"I turn fifteen today..."

Holmes

"I thought so... The scriptures say that the Dragon Priestess must be fifteen years of age. The powers which accompany the priestess only surface for two or three years after she turns fifteen."

Katri

"The Dragon Priestess?"

Holmes

"In our legends, that's what we call a girl who can change form into a Dragon."

Katri

"But... I don't want to be a dragon!"

Holmes

"Then take off that bracelet. That should let you live your life as an ordinary girl."

Enteh

"No! You must never remove your bracelet! The bracelet is protecting you. If you let it go, whoever obtains it next will have the power to take over your mind. If it were to fall in the wrong hands, you could be turned into a savage beast, slaughtering all those in sight. If you wish to remain who you are, you must never let go of the Ring of Saria!"

Runan

"Enteh? Why do you know..."

Enteh

"I'm sorry, Lord Runan... I promise I will tell you some day. But...not now..."

Holmes

"Hmm... So is that the case... Hey, Katri, stop crying already. You heard her, didn't you? So long as you keep yourself under control, you won't transform. But you still need to keep that bracelet on at all times. You got that?"

Katri

"But Holmes... I'm scared..."

Holmes

"Don't worry. You just have to bear with it for a few years, that's all."

Katri

"But..."

Holmes

"Look... Don't worry, okay? I'll make sure nothing happens to you until then. I promise I'll protect you. So you just have to trust me. Got that, Katri?"

Katri

"Holmes..."

Eugen

"Ahem... Forgive my interruption, Lord Runan, but we must hurry forth."

Runan

"You're right, Eugen. Are you still staying here, Holmes?"

Holmes

"Nah, I think everyone's growing tired of this island. We'll be leaving for the mainland once we're ready."

Runan

"Is that the journey to dig up old ruins that you used to talk about?"

Holmes

"Yup, I'm gonna travel around the world, looking for ancient treasures, relics, and legends. That's always been my dream. But I'll never forget about you, Runan. If we find something that might be useful to you, we'll be sure to send it your way."

Runan

"Thank you, Holmes. Thank you for all you've done for us."

Holmes

"Hey, don't worry about it. I want a man like you to be king. Don't forget,

Runan, if you ever need anything, don't hesitate to ask. That's what friends are for, after all."

If Julia is alive

Shigen

"There you are, Julia..."

Julia

"Brother..."

Shigen

"I didn't know you'd left the isle as well. I never thought the old man would allow it."

Julia

"He wasn't happy about it, of course. Even when you left to aid the defense of Granada, I had to stay behind. But I'm not a little girl any more. I wanted to test my skills as a swordfighter of El."

Shigen

"And now you're a mercenary working for Prince Runan. You weren't trying to follow us, were you?"

Julia

"O-Of course not! It was only coincidence that I met the prince. The man who tricked me is in Lazeria, so I wanted to get even with him. That's why I joined the prince!"

Shigen

"Then what are you doing in a place like this?"

Julia

"D-... Don't ask me!"

If Garo is alive

Garo

"Sorry, prince, I'm going with the boss. It was good fighting alongside you."

(Focus on Senay Sea)

Merhen

"All right, we're goin' back to our base at the Port of Mars!"

(Focus on Isla)

Holmes

"You're going, Runan?"

Runan

"Yes... We need to head back to Lazeria as soon as we can."

Holmes

"We're gonna clear out the goons in the area before going to the mainland. The Taurus Bandits and the Isla Pirates might attack Wellt since you took most of its troops."

Runan

"You're doing all this for us..."

Holmes

"Nah, that's not it. We just want their treasure, that's all. Oh, I almost forgot. Listen carefully, Runan. Your battles are going to get tougher and tougher once you reach the mainland. If you have any troops who are too weak to be of any use, why don't you leave them with me? We have the luxury of choosing our opponents, and we can fight as often as we want. I think it would be great training for fresh recruits. And like I said before, I'll be looking for weapons and items that'll help you in your quest. But we're in the middle of a war right now, so I don't know when we'll be able to meet again. We naturally can't trade items unless we meet. Once we leave Isla, we probably won't be able to see each other again for a long time. So, Runan, this'll be your only chance for a while to manage your troops. Think it over carefully."

== MOVEMENT: Senay Sea West ==

Shigen

"Such a touching reunion with your friend, eh, Holmes? I almost shed a tear."

Holmes

"Hmph, say what you want. Runan and I grew up like brothers. You wouldn't understand."

Shigen

"Well, whatever. It doesn't concern me. Anyway, Holmes, where are we off to next?"

Holmes

"We're not going anywhere yet. With Runan gone, the ruffians around Wellt might start acting up. Especially that pirate... Um... What was his name again?"

Shigen

"Merhen?"

Holmes

"Yeah, that was it. We can't let a scoundrel like him run loose. We're gonna find his base and give him what he deserves. After that, we can sail to the mainland. Runan'll be worried if we don't keep Wellt safe..."

Shigen

"Yeah..."

(Focus on Senay Sea)

Runan

"Eugen, do you think we'll be able to reach the Port of Marl safely?"

Eugen

"The Kingdom of Marl has gone under the rule of the Kingdom of Istorica ever since the Balt War. Furthermore, King Guinness is a treacherous man who turned to side with the Empire during the Balt War. I am afraid that we are not welcome in Marl, milord. Still, losing precious manpower here before even confronting the Empire would be foolish... Milord, what say we wait here for Prince Richard's army to arrive?"

Runan

"Prince Richard of Marl... I heard that he had fled to the west to reorganize

after the king of Marl passed away."

Eugen

"Yes, but after Princess Tia joined him, his army has become an unstoppable force. I have report that he is already approaching Castle Marl from the west."

Runan

"Princess Tia?"

Eugen

"Rumor has it that she is the sole survivor of the royal family of Ledah. She is still young, but a beautiful and brilliant commander. She was being kept prisoner in Iatoria, but was rescued just recently by her vassals. She then joined forces with Prince Richard's army and has been leading the Ledah Alliance Army with him ever since."

Runan

"The Holy Kingdom of Ledah... The kingdom which fell after violating the sacred commandments of Utona."

Eugen

"Like our home kindgom of Lieve, Ledah was one of the Four Holy Kingdoms descending from King Carlyon. However, Ledah was destroyed because it resurrected the Holy Dragon Cranion to use in battle. My lord, you also carry the blood of Carlyon. You must be careful not to make the same mistake."

Runan

"Indeed, Eugen. Already, the Water Dragon Muse of Lieve was used to wipe out an entire city and slaughter thousands of innocent people. The Four Holy Dragons were created by Utona to protect mankind from the evil gods. Resurrecting them for use in war is unforgivable."

Eugen

"Which reminds me, that girl named Katri was a surprise indeed. She was a priestess of the Fire Dragon Neuron... It would be a disaster if she were to fall into the hands of our enemies, my lord."

Runan

"Don't worry, Eugen. Holmes will take good care of her. Neuron will never resurface again."

Eugen

"Let us hope as much, my lord."

Runan

"Anyway, Iatoria has formed an alliance with the Empire. If the Ledah Alliance Army is fighting to liberate Marl, then we should aid them. Let's land on the Port of Marl. Waiting around doesn't suit me, Eugen."

Eugen

"Yes... Then we shall continue on westward. We should arrive at Marl in about three days."

(Focus on Castle Marl)

Albert

"Prince Richard, General Lawrence has breached the left wing of the castle."

Richard

"What!? Good work, Lawrence...! Very well, give the reserves the order to charge! I will lead the front lines!"

Albert

"Yes, sir!"

Richard

"Tia, you will wait here. I will send an escort once we secure the castle town."

Tia

"What are you saying, Richard? I will accompany you, as always..."

Richard

"Marl is my homeland. I wish to secure my palace, and formally invite you in as an honored guest. Perhaps as a woman you may not understand, but please, Tia, you must show me deference..."

Tia

"....."

Richard

"Albert, focus your offense on the left wing! Keep sending in troops to overwhelm the castle town!"

(Inside Castle Marl)

Soldier

"Lord Ronald! The walls have been breached! Richard's troops are flooding into the castle town. We cannot stop them, my lord!"

Ronald

"It seems we have no choice. We have lost this battle. Give the troops the order to retreat."

Soldier

"But Lord Ronald, why hasn't the Empire sent reinforcements? They have reached the coast of Senay, but they are sitting there doing nothing!"

Ronald

"That is an expeditionary force led by Prince Barca. Barca is no fool. He knows better than to rush blindly into danger."

Soldier

"What?"

Ronald

"Ha... The biggest fool is King Guinness. He himself cannot handle the ambitions he carries. His greed has led to the destruction to his own nation. He must atone for his sins."

Soldier

"Lord Ronald, that is..."

Ronald

"Yes, if my father hears me, I will be executed. Ha, but my fate was already sealed when I helped Tia escape. She is an unaccountable girl... Richard may think he is using her, but she is the one holding him in the palm of her hand. He will soon follow the same fate as mine..."

(Focus on Port of Marl)

Meriah

"Excuse me, is something happening downtown?"

Woman

"Apparently, Prince Richard's army has finally returned. The townsfolk are overjoyed. The men are all excited and saying that they'll fight alongside him, but nah, they'll probably just get in the way."

Meriah

"I see... Maybe I should help as well..."

Woman

"Come, now, what can a little lass like you do on the battlefield?"

Meriah

"I'm the granddaughter of the Great Sage Mios. I have a little confidence in my magic."

Woman

"Then tell me, can you bear to kill another human being? Or have you killed one before?"

Meriah

"Well... No, I haven't."

Woman

"Then do yourself a favor and stay out of the way. Leave the fighting to the men... They're foolish enough to enjoy it. They never think twice about how other people feel... Both my good-for-nothing husband and foolish son ran out to get themselves killed in battle."

Meriah

"Oh... I'm..."

Woman

"You said you were on a trip to search for your brother. Then you should stay here until the battle subsides. You know, I always wish I'd had a daughter like you instead of a foolish son. Then I never would have had to suffer like this..."

Meriah

"I'm terribly sorry..."

Woman

"Oh, no, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to complain to a guest. Now, I'll prepare something for you, so how about we sit down for dinner?"

(Focus on Castle Marl)

Albert

"Prince Richard, the enemy is retreating! Victory is ours!"

Richard

"Let them be. We don't have the strength to chase them all the way to Istorica."

Albert

"Perhaps the Empire's occupation forces might strike at us from Senay?"

Richard

"Exactly. We must prepare for an attack from the east. We will first secure the castle's defenses, then meet the Lazerian army."

Albert

"Lazerian army, milord?"

Richard

"I don't how he managed it, but a boy from Lazeria has gathered troops from Wellt. He is claiming that he will liberate his nation from the Empire. He seems to be little more than a naive fool, but he may prove to be of some use to us..."

(Focus on Isla)

If Roger is in Holmes' team, Mel is in Runan's team

Roger

"Holmes... I must return to Lord Runan's army. I need Mel by my side..."

Holmes

"Fine... Suit yourself. We have no use for a sissy who spends his time chasing after girls!"

Shigen

"Now, now, Holmes, that just makes you sound jealous. Go ahead, Roger. We're not stopping you."

If Mel is in Holmes' team, Roger is Runan's team

Mel

"Holmes... I must return to Roger's side. I can't bear to be separated from him. Forgive my selfishness..."

Holmes

"Fine... Suit yourself. It's not like I care one way or another."

== MOVEMENT: PORT OF MARL ==

(Focus on Castle Marl)

Richard

"So, Prince Runan's Wellt-Lazerian Alliance Army has landed in Marl... He is merely a boy of seventeen, but I suppose I must pay my due respects. Sigh... What a bother."

Tia

"You mustn't be rude, Prince Richard. I think he is an honorable man to fight for his people at such a young age."

Richard

"Ha... Who knows what his true motive is? You will be stabbed in the back some day if you look too hard for the good side in people, Tia."

Tia

"Then I will have no regrets. I pity those who cannot trust in their fellow human beings."

Richard

"Hahaha... You truly are naive. But perhaps that's what I like about you."

Tia

"!"

Richard

"No need to get upset. I've sent an escort, so he should be arriving shortly. We will see what he's like once we meet him. But I have no doubt that he is simply a boy shining in his father's fame. He is no hero that the rumors make him out to be."

(Focus on Port of Marl)

Meriah

"I'm sorry... I have to go. I can't sit here doing nothing!"

Woman

"Go ahead... I won't try to stop you any more. But just remember one thing. My husband and son fought to protect our women and children from the Istorians during the invasion. I said they were fools, but still, I can't deny that I feel proud of them at the same time. They both said that they were fighting to protect me. Remember, lassie, the reason you should fight is to protect those dear to you. Don't forget that."

(Outside)

Meriah

"Lady Meveh!? Is that you, Lady Meveh?"

Enteh

"Meriah!? What are you... Weren't you at Lady Rene's church?"

Meriah

"I left the church to look for my brother, Rhysuel. I thought the Empire's surveillance would have loosened a little by now..."

Enteh

"You left without telling Lady Rene? She must be worried sick about you."

Meriah

"I left a letter for Rene. I told her not to worry."

Enteh

"Meriah... You should..."

Meriah

"I've made up my mind. I don't want to hear your lecturing!"

Enteh

"Sigh... But what are you doing here at the port?"

Meriah

"The roads have been closed down by the Empire, so I figured the safest route out would be by sea. But I couldn't find a ship headed for Lieve, so I've been staying at the local inn."

Enteh

"Meriah... Are you going to fight...?"

Meriah

"I can never forgive Garzel... They took my grandfather, and now my beloved brother... Lady Meveh, I... I've chosen not to hide any more! I will find my brother and fight against Garzel!"

Enteh

"Meriah..."

If Marc is in Runan's team

Marc

"Enteh, who's this girl?"

Enteh

"This is Meriah, one of the Priestesses of Water. She's my cousin. Take care of her, Marc. She's a mage like you, so you can teach her what you know."

Marc

"Hmm... A mage, you say?"

Meriah

"Yes, but I'm no ordinary mage. I can use the powerful spells of light passed down from the Temple of Water. Like this Starlight spell..."

Marc

"What use is it to pride yourself in your spell books? A spell book is useless once its uses have been depleted. You need to hone your skill and magical power if you want to become a fine mage."

Meriah

"I-I know that much! You don't have to talk down to me like that!"

Enteh

"Now, now, what's the matter? Are you fighting already? You're like a pair of children..."

Marc

"Enteh, I don't have the time to be babysitting little girls like her!"

Meriah

"Wha-...! Wait! Ergh, what's his problem!?"

Enteh

"Lord Runan, if I may..."

Runan

"What is it, Enteh? It's unusual for you to ask me for something."

Enteh

"I wish to keep this girl under our protection for a while. I promise I will look after her, so if you would be so kind..."

Runan

"Are you...a mage?"

Meriah

"Yes, pleased to meet you, Lord Runan. My name is Meriah."

Runan

"Enteh, would you mind telling us a little more about her?"

Enteh

"Yes... She is the granddaughter of the Great Sage Mios of Lieve..."

Eugen

"What!? Then is she descending from the clergy of the Temple of Water?"

Meriah

"Yes! Are you aware of the attack on the temple led by Garzel two years ago?"

Eugen

"I have heard much about that incident. Rogues from Garzel sacked the temple, killing the Great Sage and many of the clerics... I thought that his entire family of priests had been wiped out."

Meriah

"No, I was rescued by my brother and escaped. I fled to Brahd, where I hid in a church run by my cousin for a year. But I haven't heard word from my brother ever since the incident, so I'm very worried..."

Runan

"So you left the church on your own to find your brother... Eugen..."

Eugen

"I understand, my lord. Love for our brethren is something which we all share. Very well, Lady Meriah, if you are from the Temple of Water, then you must be a powerful magician despite your age. We will accept you in our ranks if you will fight for us in return."

Runan

"Good... Meriah, you'll need to follow my commands, but I promise I won't send you into the front lines. Is that all right with you, Enteh?"

Enteh

"Yes. I'm sorry for the extra burden. Thank you very much, Lord Runan."

Meriah

"Thank you, Lord Runan, Lady Enteh! And you, General Eugen!"

(Focus on Port of Marl)

Albert

"Ah, you must be Lord Runan of Lazeria. Greetings, I am Albert, a knight serving Prince Richard. The prince has been expecting you. Would you please come to the castle with me?"

Runan

"Yes, gladly. We were intending to meet with Prince Richard and Princess Tia of the Ledah Alliance ourselves."

== MOVEMENT: CASTLE MARL ==

Runan

"Greetings, Princess Tia, Prince Richard. I am Runan of Lazeria. It is an honor to be invited to the mighty Castle Marl."

Richard

"Sir Runan, surely there is no need for such fabricated pleasantries in these turbulent times. After the Balt War, I have been in battle almost every day,

fighting tooth and nail in the front lines alongside my troops. Seeing a mere boy carrying himself like a hero makes me sick to the stomach."

Runan

"Are you talking about me, Prince Richard?"

Richard

"Oh? I was half expecting you to go cry to your advisor. You seem rather confident of yourself, Sir Runan."

Eugen

"Prince Richard! One more insult out of your half-witted mouth, and I shall...!"

Runan

"Silence, Eugen! Why do you try me, Prince Richard? What is it that the Lion King of Marl fears so? Istorica, your hated enemy, has allied itself with the Empire. With Castle Marl recaptured, the Empire will be sure to send forth its troops. Marl will not stand a chance against joint attacks from the north and east. In order to advance toward Balt, we of the Wellt-Lazerian Alliance need this land of Marl as a midpoint. Do you understand, Prince Richard? An alliance is the only path we have left to victory."

Richard

"..... Indeed, it is true, Sir Runan. We have no other choice. With the battle with Istorica fast approaching, we have no men to spare to confront the Empire. An alliance with your army would be exactly what we need. However, I have been betrayed both in Balt and in Marl. Many of our precious troops were lost, and I have been cursing my foolishness ever since. Thus, I felt the need to test your trustworthiness. I shall apologize for my prior insults. Forgive me, Sir Runan."

Runan

"Of course. Your cautiousness is all the more proof of your sincerity. Both you and I have been fighting under extreme conditions with a scant number of troops. I understand your wariness, for a single move of your ally could determine your fate."

Richard

"Well, well, I see the rumors about you are true. You are a fine leader for your age. Lord Runan, I would like you meet Princess Tia, the leader of our army."

Runan

"Yes, that is what we came here for, after all."

Richard

"Lord Runan, Princess Tia is a direct descendant of the royal family of Ledah. She is a lady of the highest rank to us lords of the nations in the west. I trust you will treat her with the utmost respect."

Runan

"...I understand."

Richard

"Lady Tia, this is Lord Runan of Lazeria."

Tia

"Pleased to meet you, Lord Runan. I am Tia, daughter to Duke Trente. I understand that you have accepted an alliance with our army. You have my

most sincere thanks."

Runan

"Princess Tia, what you do plan to do after you conquer Istorica? Will you rebuild the Kingdom of Ledah?"

Richard

"You are being disrespectful, Lord Runan! Watch what you say!"

Tia

"Hold, Richard. Lord Runan, I do not wish for the destruction of Istorica or the reconstruction of Ledah. I have one thing... There is just one thing which I absolutely must accomplish, and I am uniting the people under that cause. The battle with Istorica is merely a stepping stone toward my goal."

Runan

"What is it that you wish to accomplish? Will you tell us?"

Tia

"To destroy the Theocratic State of Garzel and defeat Pope Gwenchaos. That is my mission..."

Runan

"Defeat Gwenchaos? You?"

Tia

"I must do this, otherwise I will have to live the rest of my days in fear. I have chosen a path to challenge my fears, rather than to run from them."

Richard

"That should be quite enough, Lord Runan. The princess is very exhausted."

Runan

"Princess Tia, Gwen is a hated enemy to me as well. Is there anything I can do to help your cause?"

Tia

"Thank you... But I am sure we are fated to meet again. So until then, I will be praying for your success. May Utona be with you, Lord Runan."

(Focus on Senay Sea)

Barca

"General Chamos, is everything under control?"

Chamos

"P-Prince Barca!? What brings you all the way to the front lines?"

Barca

"The Emperor himself has entrusted this division to me. I cannot be sitting in comfort while my generals are risking their lives up front. Now, is everything under control?"

Chamos

"Yes, we have secured both the highroad and the coastline."

Barca

"Reports say that Prince Runan of Lazeria is leading the Wellt Army toward Lieve. They have already landed in the Port of Marl."

Chamos

"Yes, sir. However, his army is but a ragtag group consisting of fresh recruits and volunteer soldiers. They will be no match for the Imperial Army."

Barca

"Have you no recollection of the humiliation we suffered in Granada? Do you not remember how many troops we lost to the ragtag group of which you speak?"

Chamos

"If I may object, your highness, our difficulties in Granada were due to Admiral Valce's strategies. With him gone, what can a mere boy of seventeen years possibly accomplish?"

Barca

"Do not underestimate Prince Runan. His father was a hero who defeated the dragon Cranion alongside my brother. And his mother is a member of the royalty of Lieve, carrying the blood of Carlyon. After many years without a competent king in Lieve, the people praise Prince Runan as the Hero of Granada, and believe that he will liberate their kingdom once and for all. And now, the youth has returned to the mainland leading a legion of Wellt's troops numbering in the thousands. Can you not comprehend the threat he poses, Chamos?"

Chamos

"Yes... It is as you say, sir. My apologies."

Barca

"Apology accepted. Now, patrol the front lines with the utmost caution. We are building a legion at Fort Senay, but we still need time. You must hold this post until then. A small number of reinforcements should be arriving within a few hours."

Chamos

"Yes, I shall keep the enemy at bay with my life!"

Barca

"I appreciate your bravery, but if you find yourself unable to hold them off, then you must retreat to Fort Senay. Both you and your troops are invaluable citizens of our Kingdom of Canan. You must not throw away your life in vain. Understood, General Chamos?"

Chamos

"Yes, your highness! I hear and obey!"

[MAP09]

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Map 9: The Two Paths
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== OPENING ==

Runan

"Hmm... This desert is larger than I had expected."

Eugen

"Indeed. We have been separated from the squad marching along the coast."

Runan

"Hadh't we received word of an Imperial camp stationed near here? Wouldn't it

be dangerous to continue on our own?"

Eugen

"It is too late for that, milord. Hostile forces are approaching from up ahead!"

Runan

"Damn, they found us! We need to hold out until we can rendezvous with the rest of our troops!"

(Focus on Chamos)

Dagon

"General Chamos, have you taken care of the boy yet?"

Chamos

"Bishop Dagon... This is no place for you and your priests. You are not needed here!"

Dagon

"Well, well... Talking down to the priests of Garzel, are we? It was your king who revived the teachings of Garzel that the people of Zoa had forgotten for so long. The people of Canan are the direct descendants of Zoa. And now, we of Garzel and you of Canan have joined forces to establish the Empire that the people of Zoa have been yearning for for eight hundred years. How else would you rid your nation of the filthy immigrants from Lieve, after all? It seems the soldiers of Canan are discontent, but have you lost your pride as men of Zoa after being abused by the hounds of Lieve?"

Chamos

"Preposterous! Not one person in Canan would wish for the resurrection of the Dark Empire! What is Garzel? It is the dark god whom our faraway ancestors worshipped when they were but savages roaming the hills. It is an evil god who desires young maidens as sacrifices and brings nothing but disaster in return! The only fools who would worship such a heinous deity in this day and age are you, the insane priests of Garzel!"

Dagon

"Very well, then, may I take that comment as an act of transgression against the Emperor himself? 'Twould be a pity to see you sent to the prison camps in Zoa..."

Chamos

"Erg..."

Dagon

"The Emperor has commanded that those not following the teachings of Garzel be reeducated in the prison camps. Do you wish to be cast away to the Valley of Zoa? Don't worry, I will assure you that your family will be sent along to keep you company... Hahaha..."

Chamos

"Erg... F-Forgive me... I was speaking out of place... Forget what I said earlier... Please..."

Dagon

"Hmph, so long as you know your place. My army of magicians will be arriving soon. You will lead your troops and defend the front lines until my forces are prepared. Retreat is not an option! Tell your troops that those who dare retreat shall be sent to the prison camps along with their families!"

Understood, General Chamos?"

Chamos

"...Very well... I shall do as you say... So I pray you to not banish me to that living hell..."

If you visited Narthas in Map 3

(Focus on Narthas)

Narthas

"Pant, wheeze... Where the hell am I... All I can see is sand wherever I look... The old fart said there was supposed to be a landmark somewhere... Where is that blasted Guild Key..."

== TURN 2 ==

Narthas

"...Crap... I can't...move another step... Heeeyyy... Somebody help me, please... A good-looking guy like me can't dry up here... Then I'll just be a good-looking mummy..."

== CONVERSATION (Runan, Narthas) ==

Before visiting house

Runan

"Narthas!? What are you doing here?"

Narthas

"Water... Gimme some water, dammit... Pant, wheeze..."

Eugen

"Hm? Is that how you ask someone for a favor?"

Narthas

"S-Sir Eugen... Please...spare me some water..."

Eugen

"Hmph, very well. You should be grateful for this."

Narthas

"Gulp, gulp... Phew! I feel alive again! Thanks, old man. I swear I'll repay you some day."

Eugen

"Really, now? Perhaps you are more honorable than you look. Very well, Narthas. You may repay me by becoming my personal errand boy."

Narthas

"Oh, crap..."

After visiting house

Runan

"Narthas!? What are you doing here?"

Narthas

"Pant, wheeze... W-Water..."

Eugen

"Narthas, you were searching for the key to the Thieves' Guild. Have you found it yet?"

Narthas

"No... I just need some water..."

Eugen

"Then go find that key. Bring it to me, and I shall give you something to drink."

Narthas

"L-Look, old man... I'll find your damn key... So just gimme some water first..."

Eugen

"Hm? Is that how you ask someone for a favor?"

Narthas

"S-Sir Eugen... Please...spare me some water..."

Eugen

"Hmph, very well. You should be grateful for this. Now go find that key!"

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Narthas

"Oh, crap..."

== LESS THAN 5 ENEMIES LEFT ==

Chamos

"Damn... We can't hold them off any longer! We must somehow persuade the bishop to let us retreat!"

(Switch to Dagon and Chamos)

Chamos

"Bishop Dagon, my troops will be decimated if we continue to fight. I beg of you, you must allow at least the injured troops to retreat!"

Dagon

"Never... March forward, or retreat upon pain of death."

Chamos

"You... You demon! Have you no heart at all!?"

Dagon

"Hahaha... We are the chosen people of Garzel. Do not liken us to you pigs of the lower world."

Chamos

"...That's it. My patience has come to an end, Bishop Dagon! I will protect the lives of my troops, even if it will cost me my own! Attempt to interfere, and I will not hesitate to cut you down!"

Dagon

"...Do you dare turn your blade to me, Chamos? Fool... Very well, I have no further use for you. Die!"

(They fight)

Chamos

"Gah...! Glory be...to the Kingdom of Canan... Guh..."

Dagon

"Hahaha... Fool."

== HOUSE ==

If you don't have the Guild Key

Old Man

"Let me tell you a little secret. There's an item called the Guild Key that will grant you access to the Secret Shops. Secret Shops look like ordinary houses on the outside, but show the residents the Guild Key, and they'll lead you to a hidden room. I used to have the Guild Key, but I lost it in the desert to the south. Perhaps a perceptive thief could find it, but it would probably take a good ten years. I gave up hope long ago."

If you have the Guild Key

Old Man

"M-My word! You found the Guild Key! You have much patience, my friend! Now, follow me. The hidden room is this way..."

== BATTLING DAGON ==

Dagon

"Heathens who defy the dark gods... Die by my hands!"

== DEFEATING DAGON ==

Dagon

"Curses..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Eugen

"Lord Runan, we've found the enemy commander collapsed inside the fort."

Runan

"What? Is he still alive?"

Eugen

"Our healers are tending to his wounds, but I'm afraid he won't last long. He wishes to speak with you. Shall I grant him an audience, my lord?"

Runan

"Yes, I'll go talk to him. Show me to him, Eugen."

Eugen

"Yes, my lord."

(Switch to Runan and Chamos)

Runan

"Are you the commander? I heard that you wish to speak with me..."

Chamos

"...I beg of you... Please... Do not...kill my troops..."

Runan

"Of course. We will guarantee the safety of those who surrender. That is Lazeria's military code. You have nothing to fear, general."

Chamos

"Ah... I see... You have my thanks... Lord Runan... Please...take this..."

Runan

"What is this... A steel shield!?"

Chamos

"Please save Canan... Please save...my country..."

(Switch to Runan and Eugen)

Runan

"Eugen... What's going on? We're fighting against the Zoa Empire. But a general of Canan, the very backbone of the Empire, begged me to save his country... What's happening?"

Eugen

"The Empire is not an invincible monolith, my lord. King Bahanuk of Canan spent twenty long years to unite the five kingdoms in the Zoa region and build the Zoa Empire, but the alliance with Garzel was only established two years before. Furthermore, there are rumors that the now aged Emperor Bahanuk has become infatuated with a certain princess as of late, and it is she who is holding the Empire's reins. It is only the hard work of the talented Prince Barca and Prince Julius that has held the Empire together thus far."

Runan

"That's right... The Three Stars of Canan... My father used to tell me about them as a child."

Eugen

"The eldest heir to Canan, Prince Arless, and Lord Gramud were sworn friends, testing each other's mettle time and time again on the battlefield. The Treaty of Norzeria was only made possible through their efforts."

Runan

"But... Muse then burned the treaty to ash..."

Eugen

"Yes, my lord... Lord Gramud and Prince Arless were brutally murdered, along with thousands of Norzerian citizens."

Runan

"Eugen! Who was the one who resurrected the Holy Dragons of Lieve!? Who was vile enough to use the sacred Dragons to massacre innocent people!?"

Eugen

"That I do not know. The people of Zoa believe that their beloved Prince Arless was backstabbed by Lieve, and the people of Lieve think that the attack on Norzeria was the Empire's doing. This bitterness and hatred... It is what everyone has been fearing."

Runan

"Everyone...? I wonder..."

Eugen

"What do you mean, Lord Runan?"

Runan

"Someone who benefits from the conflict between Canan and Lieve... Who could that be..."

If you talked to Narthas and he is alive

(Focus on Coast of Senay)

If Archis and Kreiss are on Runan's team

Eugen

"Kreiss, have you seen Narthas?"

Kreiss

"Narthas, sir? No, I believe not."

Archis

"Come to think of it, I haven't seen him all day. He's easy to spot, after all. If there's trouble going on, he's always in the middle of it. Chasing after the girls, pilfering other people's stuff... He's a nuisance to everyone. Who cares about him, Sir Eugen? We should just leave him behind."

Eugen

"Silence! Don't you dare say such rubbish without knowing the situation we're in! Now, get off of your useless behind and find him! Incompetent fools!"

Archis

"...Wh-Whoa... He's sure in a bad mood today..."

Kreiss

"Best to leave him alone, Archis. You know what they say... Don't wake a sleeping dog."

Archis

"Yeah... You're right..."

Eugen

"Lord Runan!"

Runan

"Huh? What's the matter, Eugen?"

Eugen

"Narthas has fled, my lord! Forgive me, I should have kept a closer eye on

him..."

Runan

"Haha, that's no big deal, is it? Narthas always said that he wanted to be like a falcon, free to soar the skies. You can't keep him caged up."

Eugen

"Hmph, he is no falcon, my lord. He is nothing more than a crow, a vile and sneaky crow who snatches others' food for himself!"

Runan

"You're rather harsh today, Eugen... Is something wrong?"

Eugen

"Er... I am ashamed that I let him out of my sights. He ransacked our treasury before running off. He has taken exactly half of our funds..."

Runan

"Half of our funds!?"

Eugen

"Fear not, Lord Runan! I shall swear to you that I will hunt him down and reclaim our precious funds. We will behead that rascal as stated in our military code, so until then..."

Runan

"Eugen, I want you to capture him, but don't execute him! I will decide his fate."

Eugen

"Yes..."

(Focus on Senay)

Mayor

"Count Pavlov, about the taxes due for this month... Our people are exhausted, and I have been unable to collect the required amount. I beg of you, if you could only wait a little longer, I promise I will have the taxes paid."

Pavlov

"What!? Do you mock the Empire? Prince Barca acknowledged Senay's autonomy, but he commanded that the taxes being paid to Lieve be given to the Empire!"

Mayor

"Yes... But Rieve never asked for so much... Prince Barca said that the same amount would suffice..."

Pavlov

"...What are you trying to say?"

Mayor

"O-Oh, no, nothing..."

Pavlov

"Are you implying that I am embezzling money from you?"

Mayor

"N-No! Never..."

Pavlov

"One word to the prince, and I shall massacre every last one of your people.
How about if I start with your family?"

Mayor

"H-Have mercy..."

Pavlov

"Now go collect the taxes you owe me!"

Mayor

"Y-Yes... At once, my lord..."

Carnel

"You seem a bit busy, Count Pavlov."

Pavlov

"Lord Carnel... You were here?"

Carnel

"My post is in the dull backwater of Selba. I would go mad if I didn't come down to breathe some city air once in a while. I must say that I envy you, Count Pavlov. There seems to be much profit to be made in the city."

Pavlov

"Ah, yes, the city of Senay... Hmph, I cannot trust those dirty merchants. They claim to have no money, yet they manage to keep a group of useless mercenaries wandering the streets. They are merely hiding their riches from our eyes. There is still much profit to be reaped from them."

Carnel

"What will you do with the riches you earn?"

Pavlov

"Make a hefty donation to the Garzel Church, of course. I do care for my safety, after all..."

Carnel

"I see. So you will become a servant of Garzel as well."

Pavlov

"Now, now, are you one to talk, Lord Carnel? I have heard the rumors about you. I hear that you are draining the villages around your post of their valuables. Not only that, but you have been turning women and children over to Garzel as well. Am I right?"

Carnel

"Hmph, I know not of what you speak. Foul rumors, all of them."

Pavlov

"There is no need to put on airs in front of me. The bandits attacking the villages around your post are under your command, are they not? There is nothing to fear, Lord Carnel. Prince Barca is all but powerless. The Garzel Church will rise to become the new power."

Carnel

"Well, I see that you are no fool, Count Pavlov. Very well, I shall tell you why I came. I have a little favor to ask from you."

Pavlov

"A favor? What is it? I certainly cannot refuse a request from you."

Carnel

"I would like you to keep a certain rebel imprisoned for me. We captured her earlier last week, but keeping her on my premises is much too risky. I would like to keep her here for the time being."

Pavlov

"A rebel, you say? One of Leonheart's minions... Why do you not save yourself the trouble and kill her off?"

Carnel

"I would never be so foolish! I am not ready to die yet."

Pavlov

"Ha... Pathetic. What makes you fear that band of sewer rats?"

Carnel

"You have no idea... You do not know the viciousness of Leonheart..."

Pavlov

"Hmph, very well. I shall take care of the girl. I will torture her to get the location of Leonheart's base so we can crush him once and for all. And she shall face death if she chooses to remain silent..."

(Focus on Senay)

Pavlov

"Do you need more whipping? Now talk, you stubborn wench!"

Lennie

"Hmph..."

Pavlov

"Argh...! You bitch! How dare you spit in my face! I shall teach you to defy me, woman! Take that! And that! And that!"

Soldier

"Count Pavlov... She's fallen unconcious."

Pavlov

"Pant, pant... Then throw more water on her! Don't let her pass out!"

Soldier

"My lord, she will die if you beat her any further. We should call it a day and continue in the morrow."

Pavlov

"Phew... Very well. Throw her into the dungeon, and report to me when she regains conciousness. Also, prepare a stake in the courtyard."

Soldier

"A stake, my lord?"

Pavlov

"Yes, we will publicly burn the girl alive when she wakes up. Hahaha... That will be a sight to see indeed!"

Soldier

"Hm? ...Who are you!?"

Mintz

"I'm Mintz of the Black Knights. Can you tell me where General Ernst is? I just got here and don't know my way around the place."

Soldier

"You fool! This is Count Pavlov's private quarters. Leave at once!"

Pavlov

"Hold, black knight. I have a task for you. Take this girl to the dungeon level. Hand her over to the prison guards and they will take care of the rest."

Mintz

"Huh? All right, fine... Leave it to me."

(Switch to Mintz and Lennie)

Lennie

"...Ah..."

Mintz

"Hey, you're awake... How are you feeling?"

Lennie

"!"

Mintz

"What happened? Why were they beating up a little girl like you?"

Lennie

"..... You don't know anything, do you..."

Mintz

"What's that supposed to mean?"

Lennie

"Never mind... I'm exhausted. I need to rest..."

(Lennie sleeps for a while)

Lennie

"....."

Mintz

"Did you sleep well? Looks like my herbs helped a little... At least your fever seems to be gone."

Lennie

"You... You stayed here in the dungeon with me...? You stayed by my side the whole time?"

Mintz

"Yep. You were sleeping on my lap for about an hour, though."

Lennie

"O-Oh..."

Mintz

"Whoa, whoa, don't worry. I haven't done anything to you."

Lennie

"Oh, no, that's not what I was thinking... U-Um... Thank you..."

Mintz

"I'm Mintz. What's your name?"

Lennie

"Lennie... From eastern Selba..."

Mintz

"Lennie, eh? That's a nice name. Anyway, this is no place for a little girl like you. I'll let you escape after reporting to the general, so you're gonna have to hang in there a little longer. Got it?"

[MAP10]

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Map 10: For Freedom and Justice
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== OPENING ==

Runan

"Will you not reconsider, sir?"

Mayor

"As I have said countless times, the Empire has granted Senay autonomy only under the condition that we remain neutral. I cannot allow your army to set foot in our city."

Eugen

"My good Sir Mayor, surely you have seen the Imperial legion stationed in the north. Will you simply hide behind your gates and leave us to their mercy?"

Mayor

"We ordinary civilians want nothing to do with you or your war. I kindly ask you to leave at once. If you insist on trampling upon our town, then we will be forced to fight in self-defense."

Eugen

"Why, you... Such selfishness..."

Runan

"Enough, Eugen. Very well, Sir Mayor, you have made clear your stance. We'll have to think of something else..."

(Focus on top-right house)

Bartender

"Oh, a female knight, eh? That's a rarity. Are you an Imperial soldier?"

Sharon

"No, I'm a mercenary. I was hired by the mayor of this city."

Bartender

"Well, well, what was our mayor thinking? The least he could've done is hire some mercenaries who can actually fight. Hiring you is like throwing cash into the sewers."

Billford

"...Hey, lady. You seem to have an eye for things, so how about me? Do I look

strong enough?"

Bartender

"Let's see... Yes, you look like a strong, seasoned veteran. Much more worthy than that little lass over there."

Billford

"Really, now? Well, guess what, this little lass right here can kick my ass and hand it to me on a silver platter! Next time, you should think before opening your big mouth, lady!"

Bartender

"S-Sorry!"

Sharon

"That's quite enough, Billford. You're making a scene."

Billford

"Yes, forgive me, Lady Sharon!"

Sharon

"Still, we've fallen as far as we can... To think that we were once fighting to liberate our country... Now, we're stuck here as mercenaries."

Billford

"That's why I suggested that you wait at the inn, Lady Sharon. You can trust me to gather enough money to at least keep our stomachs full."

Sharon

"No, Billford, that's not what I meant. I'm just a little worried about when we'll be able to go home. I'm not complaining about our work as a mercenary."

Billford

"If you say so, my lady. Whatever your decisions are... My duty is merely to stay by your side."

Sharon

"Oh, it's time for our shift. Let's go, Billford. We need to work if we want to be paid..."

Billford

"Yes..."

(Billford and Sharon leave)

Man

"...Who the hell were those two? Haven't seen them around here before..."

Bartender

"Hmph... Probably just some sorry souls who lost their country and don't know where to go."

Man

"Hm, that was a fine girl, but perhaps a bit too much for us to handle. We should aim for one who'll be a bit easier to tame."

Bartender

"So you can kidnap 'em and send 'em off to be dancers in Oaks, eh? You're a vile, vile man."

Man

"Ha, are you one to talk? Anyway, I'll be hiding in the back. Let me know when a good candidate walks in."

Bartender

"Got it."

(Focus on Mintz)

Mintz

"Been a long time, Ernst."

Ernst

"Mintz, I'm glad to see you safe. I decided to put you under my command after I heard you were released from prison, but I hope you don't have any objections to my judgment."

Mintz

"No, I'm grateful for your generosity. Even working for you could never be as bad as being sent to the Valley of Zoa."

Ernst

"Hahaha... I must admit that I missed those wise remarks of yours. Anyway, Garzel's priests cannot touch us here in the front lines. Our 15th Legion is defending these grasslands, but we will not fight unless the enemy approaches us first. You will have plenty of time to recover."

Mintz

"What about Pavlov, the commander of Fort Senay? What are you going to do if he's put in danger?"

Ernst

"Leave him to die, of course. To tell the truth, I would very much like to kill that wretch with my own hands!"

Mintz

"Hahaha... I'm glad to see you haven't lost your honor, friend. One more thing, what would you do if I decided to desert?"

Ernst

"You have neither wife nor child, Mintz. What is there to fear?"

Mintz

"But you'll be held responsible as my commander."

Ernst

"Should I even care? A single deserter could not possibly be sufficient reason to execute a general."

Mintz

"Yeah, you're probably right. Thanks, Ernst. I'll most likely be forced to go on the run... I'm going to have to kill a few soldiers to save that girl. I'll be branded a traitor, and there's nothing I can do about that..."

== TURN 4 ==

Mintz

"Hmm... I can't stop wondering if Lennie's okay. Maybe I should go back to the fort..."

== MINTZ REACHES FORT ==

Mintz

"Hey, you! Where's the girl who was in this cell?"

Guard

"Well... Count Pavlov took her away just a while ago. He said he was going to burn her at the stake in the courtyard. How could he do such a thing to such a young girl..."

Mintz

"What!? Pavlov, that sick bastard!"

== TURN 10 ==

If you're not within Pavlov's army's attack range

Pavlov

"Hehehe... What does it feel like to be in the last moments of your life? I can only imagine how painful being burned alive would be. However, if you beg forgiveness, perhaps I shall reconsider and let you live the rest of your days as my personal slave."

Lennie

"You sick piece of shit! Hurry up and get it over with! I'm not afraid!"

Pavlov

"Erg... Impudent wench! Very well, I will grant you your wish. Light the fire!"

Lennie

"..... Father...Mother... I'll soon join you at Utona's side..."

If Mintz has reached the fort

Mintz

"Not so fast!"

Pavlov

"Wh-What the...! Ugh! Unhand me...at once! I can't...breathe..."

Mintz

"Tell your troops to release the girl, or I'll crush your windpipe."

Pavlov

"V-Very well... R-Release...the girl..."

Mintz

"All right, Lennie, get over here!"

Lennie

"Mintz! You really came for me!"

Mintz

"I'm a man who keeps his promises. You're free now, Lennie. I'll buy time for you here, so run while you can! And don't get caught this time!"

Lennie

"But..."

Mintz

"Just shut up and scram!"

Lennie

"Y-Yes..."

Mintz

"Okay, Pavlov, you just gotta keep still a little longer until the girl makes it out of here safely. Then I'll let you go."

Pavlov

"Ugh... You... You will...regret this...!"

(Lennie escapes)

Mintz

"All right, looks like she's gone. Well, I guess you'll have to imprison me instead!"

Pavlov

"Cough... Why, you...! You will regret this... I will torture you until I have you screaming for mercy! Throw this man into the dungeon!"

Soldier

"Yes, sir. Also, there are hostile forces approaching, Count Pavlov. What are your orders?"

Pavlov

"What!? Erg... Foul scum! I shall meet them myself!"

If Mintz has not reached the fort

Pavlov

"Hahaha... That was certainly a sight to remember."

Soldier

"Hostile forces are approaching, Count Pavlov. What are your orders?"

Pavlov

"What!? Erg... Foul scum! I shall meet them myself!"

(Focus on Mintz)

Mintz

"Damn, this isn't working out. I am worried about Lennie, but maybe it would be better to let the Liberation Army take care of her..."

== ENTER THE MERCENARIES' ATTACK RANGE ==

Billford

"Lady Sharon, we have intruders in the city! Maybe this won't be as easy as we hoped."

Sharon

"We have no choice. We were paid to protect the city, after all. They can't be more than wandering bandits, so show them no mercy!"

== ENTER THE 15TH LEGION'S ATTACK RANGE ==

Ernst

"What!? The enemy has entered the grasslands? Fools... Don't they realize that they riding to their deaths?"

Soldier

"General Ernst, a messenger from Prince Barca is here. He wishes for you to retreat immediately to Castle Lieve."

Ernst

"Don't be ridiculous! I cannot retreat in the face of battle!"

Soldier

"This is a direct order from Prince Barca, General Ernst. The message says that he cannot trust the other generals, so you are the only man he can entrust the castle to."

Ernst

"Hmm... The prince must be fearing a rebellion by the generals who side with the Garzel Church. I see that things have gotten much worse in my absence. It seems I have no choice... I must return to the castle. Forgive me, but I must leave the rest in your hands."

Soldier

"Yes, of course, General Ernst!"

== ENTER PAVLOV'S ARMY'S ATTACK RANGE ==

Soldier

"Hostile forces are approaching, Count Pavlov. What are your orders?"

Pavlov

"What!? Erg... Foul scum! I shall meet them myself!"

Soldier

"And what of the girl's execution?"

Pavlov

"Fool, I have no time to spare for that! Take care of it yourselves!"

If Mintz is alive

Mintz

"Hmm... Looks like Fort Senay's pretty much done for. I am worried about Lennie, but maybe it would be better to let the Liberation Army take care of her..."

== CONVERSATION (Raffin, Sharon) ==

Raffin

"It's been a long time, Sharon. I knew I recognized you."

Sharon

"Raffin... I never thought I'd see you again."

Raffin

"The last time we met was in Canan... You seem to be doing well."

Sharon

"It's been five years since we made that oath..."

Raffin

"I'm sorry I couldn't return. With the Empire growing ever stronger, even crossing the Lieve River was no easy task for a wanted man like me. And besides..."

Sharon

"I don't want to hear your excuses. I waited, trusting that you would come, but you abandoned our oath. I felt so hurt and betrayed that I cast way my once long hair... I hated you so strongly that I honestly wanted to kill you. Would it be a sin to have you listen to at least a little of my resentment?"

Raffin

"Sharon..."

Sharon

"But don't worry, that's all in the past for me now. I still want to be comrades with you, and fight by your side. Besides, we have more important issues at stake."

Raffin

"You're right. For now, we should rejoice that we were able to see each other again in one piece. Perhaps we could go out for a drink after we win this battle."

Sharon

"Sounds like a plan. All right, I'll join your army. I'll end up fighting against my fellow mercenaries, but I suppose that can't be helped."

== CONVERSATION (Sharon, Billford) ==

Sharon

"Bill! The enemy is an alliance fighting against the Empire. We're joining them!"

Billford

"Wait, is it Raffin!? Yes, my lady..."

== HOUSE (top right) ==

Visit with a male character

Bartender

"Hmph... A man, eh... Hi, there! Thanks for coming, but we're closed for the day. Sorry."

Visit with a female character other than Plum

Bartender

"Hmm... This one looks like she might fight back... Hi, there! Thanks for coming, but we're closed for the day. Sorry."

Visit with Plum

Bartender

"Hi, come on in. Oh, hello there, missy. Are you alone?"

Plum

"Yes... I got separated from my friends, and now I'm completely lost. Could you please show me the way back to town?"

Bartender

"Sure, no problem. But you must be exhausted. Why don't you have something to drink first? Here's some milk for you. It's on the house."

Plum

"Really!? Thank you! It's very good! Thank you very much."

Man

"Miss, you're a cleric, aren't you? How old are you? Is your mother around?"

Plum

"Huh!? U-Um... Who are you...?"

Bartender

"Oh, you don't need to be afraid of him. He's one of our regular customers. He's got a mean face, but he's actually a really nice man."

Plum

"Oh, I'm sorry... I'm fifteen years old. My mother died long ago."

Man

"I see... She must have been very beautiful."

Plum

"Yes, she was... My mother was a dancer when she was young, so she was very beautiful. I wish I could be as pretty as her when I grow up..."

Man

"A dancer, eh? How about you? Can you dance?"

Plum

"Yes, a little. My mother used to teach me. I still sometimes like to dance all alone. But I've never shown it to anyone other than my mother because it's embarrassing..."

Man

"Oh, what a shame. You need to show off your talent if you can dance, miss... How 'bout it, do you want to come with me? I can teach you to dance even better than you already can."

Plum

"Huh!? No! I could never dance in front of other people! I-I need to get going... ...? ...Wh-... What is...this... I can't...keep...standing..."

Man

"Hehehe... The drugs are finally kicking in. This one'll be a winner... Good job, lady. Here you go, that's your share."

Bartender

"Hehe, any time..."

== HOUSE (bottom left) ==

Man

"Welcome! Here, we sell stolen... Ahem, I mean, rare goods from all over the world! Come right up and check out all the great stuff we have on sale!"

Man

"...Hm? Oh, that's a Wyvern Flute that we got from the land of Sophia, home of the wyverns. If the right guy gets his hands on it, he can turn into a Dragon Knight! If you buy it now, I'll give it to you for the bargain price of just 10000G. What do you say?"

Choice: "No way."

"Great! I'll buy it!"

If you answer no

Man

"Well, too bad. I hope you won't regret it later."

If you answer yes

Man

"Awesome! I knew you had an eye for things. Here you go, it's yours."

If you don't have 10000G

Man

"Oh, you don't have enough gold. Too bad."

== BATTLING SHARON ==

Sharon

"Perhaps you're not just bandits after all... But you still are evil scum for attacking a neutral city!"

== DEFEATING SHARON ==

Sharon

"Ah...! I suppose luck wasn't with me...to let me fall in a place like this... Guh..."

If Billford is alive

Billford

"L-Lady Sharon! No! ...Aaarrggghh! I'll never forgive you! I'll kill you all with my bare hands!"

== BATTLING BILLFORD ==

Billford

"I'm Billford, the Wild Bull of Barge! Remember my name, 'cause it'll be last one you'll ever know!"

== DEFEATING BILLFORD ==

Billford

"Gah...! They're too...strong... Lady Sharon... Forgive me..."

If Sharon is alive

Sharon

"Billford!? No...!"

== BATTLING MINTZ ==

Mintz

"Sorry, this isn't personal. I'm just doing my job..."

== DEFEATING MINTZ ==

Mintz

"Ha, I gave up my life long ago... I'm not...gonna cling to it...now..."

== BATTLING PAVLOV ==

Pavlov

"I knew it was the Alliance Army! Where is Ernst!? What is that fool doing in the face of battle!?"

== DEFEATING PAVLOV ==

Pavlov

"No...! How could this mighty fort...fall to you infidels...!"

== MAP CLEARED ==

If you have not entered the 15th Legion's attack range

Ernst

"Fort Senay has fallen... All forces of the 15th Legion, retreat to Balt Fortress! Fear not! I will take full responsibility!"

(Focus on Runan)

If Lennie hasn't been executed and not rescued by Mintz

Runan

"Eugen, something's going on in the courtyard. What are they doing over there?"

Eugen

"...Hm... They seem to be executing a captive...by burning the victim alive. I can see a young girl tied to a stake. They seem ready to light the fire at any moment now."

Runan

"Eugen! Don't just sit there and watch! Stop them immediately! We need to save that girl!"

(Lennie rescued)

Runan

"Phew, we made it in time. I can't believe they would do something so horrible to such a young girl... Are you all right?"

Lennie

"Yes... Thank you..."

Runan

"You must be exhausted, so you can tell us what happened after you get some rest. I'll get our healers to tend to your wounds."

Lennie

"Yes..."

If Lennie has been executed

Runan

"Eugen, something's going on in the courtyard. What are they doing over there?"

Eugen

"...Hm... They seem to have executed a captive...by burning the victim alive. It looks like a young girl taken captive from a rebel group was burned at the stake. 'Tis a horrible sight to see..."

Runan

"What!? Damn... We could have saved her if only we'd gotten here more quickly... It's all my fault, Eugen..."

If Mintz has reached the fort

Eugen

"Lord Runan, the Imperial Knight that we captured earlier is yelling that he wishes to speak with you. Shall I let him pass?"

Runan

"Yes, I'll talk to him. Bring him here."

Eugen

"Yes, my lord."

Mintz

"Are you Prince Runan?"

Runan

"That I am. And you are?"

Mintz

"I'm Mintz of the Arless Black Knights."

Runan

"Arless Black Knights...?"

Eugen

"Milord, the Black Knights are a group of elite soldiers operating directly under the command of Prince Arless. They were once renowned as the invincible Arless Black Knights, but after the prince's death, the members have been scattered to the four winds. Rumors still abound to this day, none of them good."

Mintz

"Hmph... The wimpy little monks from Garzel don't like us much, after all."

Runan

"I see. So, Mintz, what did you want to speak with me about?"

Mintz

"You know, I used to take pride in myself as a knight of Canan, but that all crumbled yesterday. So I was wondering if you might want to hire me as a mercenary."

Eugen

"Lord Runan, we must not trust a man who would betray his nation as the flip of a hand. We will be the ones to be backstabbed next!"

Mintz

"Now that's just a load of crap, old man. When did I say I would betray my nation?"

Eugen

"Our army is fighting against the Empire. You, too, would be turning your blade to the Empire if you join us. If that is not treason, then what is?"

Mintz

"The Empire ain't my home! My nation is Canan, and only Canan!"

Eugen

"Spewing more rubbish, are you?"

Runan

"Wait, Eugen. I think I understand what he means. Mintz... You want to reclaim Canan from the Empire. Am I right?"

Mintz

"Yep, that about sums it up. I've got some other reasons, too, though..."

Runan

"Very well, we will hire you as a mercenary. I ask you to fight alongside us."

Mintz

"Got it. You can count on me, prince."

Eugen

"Lord Runan, the mayor of Senay is here to see you."

Runan

"Oh...him. I can't say that I'm exactly thrilled to talk to him, but I suppose I should pay my due respects..."

Mayor

"Ah, Prince Runan! Congratulations on your victory."

Runan

"May I help you, Sir Mayor?"

Mayor

"I am representing the city council of Senay. I have come to inform you of a very important decision that we have made."

Runan

"Good sir, I am exhausted after fighting nonstop today. Pardon my bluntness, but would you please get to the point?"

Mayor

"Ah, forgive me. We have decided that Senay, too, shall join the Utona Alliance."

Runan

"The Utona Alliance? I'm afraid I don't follow."

Mayor

"Hahaha, come now, prince. Princess Tia and Prince Richard's Ledah Alliance has united with your Wellt-Lazerian Alliance to form an army to stand up against the Zoa Empire. It is the birth of a new union under the protection of Utona, the Goddess of Light. The Utona Alliance shall gather forces from around the continent to battle the heathens from Zoa who worship Garzel, the God of Darkness. Why, the announcement was made just this morning."

Runan

"I haven't heard any such report..."

Mayor

"Oh? Prince Richard held a most magnificent speech at Castle Marl earlier today. 'All of you good men and women who believe in the righteous goddess, Utona! Join our cause to bring an end to the Empire's tyranny once and for all!'"

Eugen

"I see... And Senay would certainly not miss a chance to curry favor with a new and rising power."

Mayor

"Hahaha... It is as you say."

If you didn't kill Sharon and Billford

Mayor

"However, Senay has no military. We sought out volunteers from our mercenaries, and these two answered the call of duty. Please accept them in your ranks."

Sharon

"I am Sharon, formerly a knight of Barge. I am overjoyed at the creation of the Utona Alliance, and am fully prepared to fight to the death to reclaim my country. Please allow us to join your alliance!"

Billford

"I'm Billford, a knight under Lady Sharon. I'm more than ready to take on the Empire and reclaim what's ours. Count us among your ranks, prince."

Mayor

"Now, Prince Runan, we of Senay have prepared a banquet to celebrate the brave warriors of the Utona Alliance. Please take this time to relax and rest yourselves."

If you killed Sharon/Billford

Mayor

"However, Senay has no military, so I am afraid that we cannot offer you men

to join the Utona Alliance. To compensate, we have prepared a banquet to celebrate the brave warriors of the alliance. Please take this time to relax and rest yourselves."

(Party time)

If Archis and Kreiss are in Runan's team

Archis

"Ahhh, great wine really hits the spot, eh, Kreiss? I'm surprised this city was able to stock so much good wine in times like this."

Kreiss

"Senay is significantly better off than most other autonomous cities. I've heard some horrible stories about the city of Oaks to the north... I hear it's been taken over by deserters and highwaymen."

Archis

"Well, we can't save everyone, you know. We don't even know how Lazeria is doing..."

If Archis and Esther are in Runan's team

Esther

"Archis, have you seen my brother? I've been looking for him all over the place..."

Archis

"Sigh... You need to grow up, girl. You won't be able to catch Raffin like that."

Esther

"And what's that supposed to mean!?"

Archis

"See, you lash out at people over the slightest things! You were really pampered as a kid, weren't you? You're probably used to people waiting on you hand and foot, but that ain't how the real world works."

Esther

"Wh-What does that mean!? Are you, of all people, trying to lecture me!? What would you know, anyway!"

Archis

"Well, if words don't get the point across..."

Esther

"Wh-What... What do you think you're doing!? Let go! I can't believe... Get off of me, you drunkard!"

Archis

"Whoa... Hic... Maybe I had a bit too much to drink..."

If Narron is in Runan's team

Runan

"You're a quiet one, aren't you, Narron?"

Narron

"Lord Runan... I don't feel comfortable at parties like this. And I haven't

been much use to you, yet, either..."

Runan

"But Eugen said you had potential, and he certainly doesn't say that about people very often. There's no need to feel pressured. Just keep strengthening yourself, at whatever pace feels right for you."

Narron

"Yes, I'll do my best! Thank you, Lord Runan!"

If Kate, Sieg, and Norton are in Runan's team

Norton

"Kate, where's Sieg? You're usually with him."

Kate

"He's probably in his room... He doesn't feel comfortable at parties."

Norton

"You have feelings for him, don't you?"

Kate

"What? That certainly wasn't a question I'd have expected from you. Why do you ask?"

Norton

"You're making a big mistake, Kate. Sieg isn't trustworthy. I'm pretty sure Lord Runan feels the same way, too. You can tell by the way he uses Sieg."

Kate

"Don't talk about Sieg like that! We can trust him! You just don't know him well enough."

Norton

"Then you do, huh? You think you know what he's really like?"

Kate

"...I definitely know him better than you or Lord Runan."

Norton

"Ha... I guess you're a woman, too, huh? You're tricked just like that by a guy's appearance."

Kate

"So are you! You're suspicious of him just because he used to be a knight of Garzel! Have you ever thought that he might have been forced to become a dark knight against his will? Some things can't be helped... Things that can't be understood by well-off people like us!"

Norton

"Whoa, no need to get so upset. I'll apologize if I struck a nerve there. Sorry, Kate."

Kate

"...No, it's all right. Just leave me alone..."

If Sasha and Kate are in Runan's team

Sasha

"Say... Kate?"

Kate

"Yes, Lady Sasha?"

Sasha

"Could I have a little wine, too? I want to see what it tastes like."

Kate

"Absolutely not! You must not drink until you are old enough, Lady Sasha."

Sasha

"...Please?"

Kate

"No. I would be the one to be scolded by Queen Liza if I allowed such a thing. I am under strict orders to look after you."

Sasha

"Aw, you're no fun, Kate! This is no different than when we were back at the castle!"

If Roger and Mel are in Runan's team

Mel

"There you are, Roger. I was looking for you."

Roger

"Parties aren't for me, Mel. And besides, you seemed to be having a swell time being surrounded by men..."

Mel

"Well, I can't refuse without reason when asked for a dance, can I? Oh... Is that why you're in a bad mood?"

Roger

"Maybe so. I feel restless without you around..."

Mel

"So do I... I was only able to come this far because I had you by my side. Don't wander off without me ever again, Roger..."

And if Raquel and Ruca are in Runan's team

Ruca

"What are you looking at, Raquel?"

Raquel

"Huh? Oh, no... It's nothing."

Ruca

"Oh... You're looking at him again, huh?"

Raquel

"...What are you giving me that look for? Now come on, eat up. Utona will punish you if you don't finish your meals."

Ruca

"Yeah, yeah, I'm eating. But your cooking is so much better, Raquel."

Raquel

"Don't say things like that. You're being rude to the person who prepared all this for us."

Ruca

"Yes, ma'am..."

If Raffin and Sharon are in Runan's team

Raffin

"What is it, Sharon? You wanted to speak with me?"

Sharon

"Well, I wanted to give you this flute. Garuda can't land inside the mansion, after all."

Raffin

"What? My wyvern... Garuda is here?"

Sharon

"Yes, he's flying right above us as we speak. He's anxious to see you."

Raffin

"Garuda..."

Choice: "I'll take the flute."

"No, I can't accept this."

If you answer yes

Sharon

"You always looked best in that outfit, Raffin. It was certainly enough to make me fall for you back then..."

Raffin

"Sharon, you've done so much for me, and I'm very grateful. But... I've chosen to cast away my true self until we reclaim our nation. So...if you could wait just a little longer..."

Sharon

"I know... I made the same choice. But still... Being all alone on a night like this is too much to bear."

Raffin

"Sharon, I'll get us some wine, so wait here. Let's spend this night celebrating our reunion, just the two of us."

Sharon

"Yes... Together, only the two of us... Just like the days long past..."

If you answer no

Raffin

"Sharon, I have no intention of becoming a Dragon Knight again. I'm sorry, but could you leave me alone for a while..."

Sharon

"I see... All right... Then I'll go back inside..."

Raffin

"....."

(Focus on Port Mars)

Merhen

"What!? You couldn't take back Isla from those runts!? And you wimps all come runnin' back with your tails between your legs!?"

Pirate

"Uh... Sorry, boss..."

Merhen

"Dammit all to hell! You're all just a bunch of useless idiots, you know that!?"

Pirate

"But boss, we were up against the Wellt Army! They're more than a match for pirates like us."

Merhen

"The Wellt Army? You sure about that?"

Pirate

"Positive, boss. Looks like they've left for the mainland, though."

Merhen

"Huh... Then that means there ain't nothin' but a handful of soldiers left in Wellt right now. Hey, this could be a big chance! All right, boys, let Yazam in Taurus know about this! We could take over the entire country if we're lucky!"

(Focus on Isla)

Shigen

"Holmes, we found out where Merhen's hideout is. Why don't we get going?"

Holmes

"Merhen? ...Who's that?"

Shigen

"For Utona's sake... He's the captain of the Isla pirates! How many times do you have to forget his name?"

Holmes

"Oh, right. And what were you saying about him?"

Shigen

"We found his base. He's hiding out in an old port on the west coast of Wellt. So why don't we go over there and kick his ass?"

Holmes

"Great! All right, it's been a while since we've flown our flag of the mighty lion. Let the Sea Lion set sail!"

(Focus on Taurus)

Yazam

"Really!? All right, there's nothing to stop us without that runt of a prince hanging around. Let's go down to Saura and rake up some loot!"

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Encounter: Port Saura, Vierge, Taurus
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== MOVEMENT: PORT SAURA ==

If Xeno is in Holmes' team

(Focus on Port Saura)

Katri

"What a nice sea breeze... Why don't you come sit down, Xeno?"

Xeno

"Sure."

Katri

"Even on a clear day like this, we can't see as far as Isla..."

Xeno

"Katri..."

Katri

"What is it, Xeno?"

Xeno

"Do you want to see your parents, Katri? You don't resent them for abandoning you?"

Katri

"I've never resented my parents. If they're alive, then I would give anything to meet them, even just once. I want to be embraced by them... I want to feel my parents' warmth."

Xeno

"...You've lived a life without hardship, Katri. You don't know how fortunate you are for being able to think like that."

Katri

"What about you, Xeno? Do you hate your parents?"

Xeno

"Until Admiral Valce rescued me, I was a slave, owned by a wealthy family of nobility. They used to force me to work day and night, without even giving me enough to eat. The family's children bullied and made fun of me to no end, and one day, I lost my temper and smacked one of them across the face. The master of the household pressed a hot iron against my back as a punishment, shouting to me that I wasn't human, that I was just an animal whose only worth was to work for him until I died. I felt so enraged, and yet so powerless... That was the first time I felt true hate for my parents. I cursed them every day for bringing me into the world, only to throw me away to suffer."

Katri

"Xeno... I'm sorry... I don't know how to say this, but... I have no doubt that your parents loved you. You have such beautiful eyes, and such a kind heart... They must be gifts from your father and mother. I can't believe that parents like that would abandon their child. Something terrible must have happened to force them to abandon you. So, Xeno, let's find them! Let's find both of our parents. And once we do, we can help them... We can save them from the harsh lives that forced them to abandon their children."

Xeno

"...You're really an odd girl, Katri. The words that come out of your mouth... They're like a soft melody that cleanses the hearts of those who listen. Katri... Do you think we can stay friends?"

Katri

"Of course! I like you, Xeno. I would never leave you even if you told me to. I want you to always stay by my side..."

Xeno

"...If we were still children... But... It's not possible, no matter how hard we wish..."

== MOVEMENT: VIERGE ==

If Archis and Kreiss are in Holmes' team

(Focus on Vierge)

Archis

"Hurry, Kreiss! We'll be late for the rendezvous."

Kreiss

"It's because you spent so much time trying to ask out that waitress back at the bar, Archis. I hope you realize what it's like for me to have to follow up after you all the time."

Archis

"I was so close, though! It we only had a little more time..."

Kreiss

"Enough rubbish, just run! I don't want to be a hindrance to the rest of the group."

Archis

"Yeah, yeah... Whoa! Hey, watch it! Look where you're going!"

Retina

"Oh... I-I'm sorry..."

Kreiss

"Archis! You're the one who crashed into her first! Are you all right, miss?"

Retina

"Y-Yes..."

Kreiss

"You...!?"

Archis

"Hey, Kreiss, what're you doing!? I'm gonna leave you behind!"

Kreiss

"Go on ahead without me. I'll catch up later."

Archis

"Fine, you said it!"

Kreiss

"...Is this all you were carrying? Would you like to me escort you home...?"

Retina

"No, I'm fine. Thank you very much..."

Kreiss

"I'm Kreiss, a knight of Lazeria."

Retina

"Thank you, Sir Kreiss. Well, then, I must be off..."

Kreiss

"Oh..."

(Scene switch)

Retina

"I'm home..."

Elette

"Welcome back, Retina. Were you all right on your own?"

Retina

"Yes, Elette..."

Elette

"Don't hesitate to ask if you need me to go along. I'd be happy to accompany you."

(Scene switch)

Kreiss

"Excuse me."

Elette

"Yes? ...Hello, can I help you?"

Kreiss

"I found this brooch earlier toady... I believe the lady to whom it belongs lives here."

Elette

"Oh... Yes, this is Retina's. Please wait a moment, I'll call my sister..."

(Scene switch)

Retina

"...Thank you."

Kreiss

"No... I should have noticed it earlier, but I only found it after you had already left. The townsfolk told me where you live..."

Retina

"Yes, you just have to ask where the blind girl lives. It's no secret, after all..."

Kreiss

"..... Your sister mentioned your name, Retina. My name is..."

Retina

"Sir Kreiss... You told me earlier."

Kreiss

"Oh, right... I'm sorry..."

Retina

"Why are you apologizing? I don't appreciate sympathy."

Kreiss

"Oh... No, that's not what I..."

Retina

"I'm sorry, but it's time to go to church. Good day, Sir Kreiss!"

== MOVEMENT: VIERGE ==

If Ezekiel is in Holmes' team

(Focus on Vierge)

Ezekiel

"Elette! It's me, Ezekiel."

Elette

"Ezekiel!? You've come home?"

Ezekiel

"No, we're just passing through. We still have a while yet before this war ends."

Elette

"I see... But I'm happy to see you safe, dear. Oh, I'll call Retina."

Retina

"Brother?"

Ezekiel

"Retina, have you been well?"

Retina

"Yes... Elette has been very kind to me."

Ezekiel

"I see... Elette, I'm sorry, but I hope you can still take care of Retina while I'm gone."

Elette

"Of course. Retina is family to me, just as you are. It's my pleasure to take care of her."

Ezekiel

"Thank you... Well, I have to go. I can't keep the rest of the army waiting."

Elette

"Be careful, dear. I'll be praying for your safety..."

Retina

"Ezekiel..."

[MAP11]

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Map 11: The Mage of Ledah
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== OPENING ==

Samson

"Hey, wait. What do you think you're doing?"

Bandit

"I told ya already, didn't I? The boss wants us to bring him the girl. Dunno what he's gonna do with her after that. Pretty easy to guess, though. Hehehe..."

Samson

"Well, I've got a better idea. How about if I take the girl, and you run back empty-handed to your boss? If he's got a problem with it, he can take it to me personally!"

Bandit

"Whaaat!? Shut yer trap, mercenary! You're just another one of those sorry idiots out of a job picked up by the boss, ain't ya? You better think twice before opening your big mouth!"

Samson

"Well, then... You want to settle this the easy way?"

Bandit

"Bring it on, punk! Hey, guys, kill this son of a bitch!"

== CONVERSATION (Samson, Alicia) ==

Samson

"You all right?"

Alicia

"Yes, thank you..."

Samson

"I'm Samson, a mercenary from Aerial. What's a girl like you doing in a place like this?"

Alicia

"My name is Alicia. I come from the Northern Temple of Trente. I was visiting the Temple of Mars, but I was attacked by bandits on the way back."

Samson

"I see... That was unfortunate. You're a mage, aren't you? Can you use any magic?"

Alicia

"Yes, I know a few spells from the schools of lightning and wind. This Bren Thunder tome is my special spell."

Samson

"Then why didn't you use it to defend yourself? That should be more than

enough to drive off a bunch of brigands."

Alicia

"Master Alfred forbids it. Only under extreme circumstances must we use our spells to harm other people."

Samson

"Alfred? You don't mean the legendary mage, do you? Alfred, the Mage of Lightning... His powers exceed even those of his father, Eisenbach."

Alicia

"Oh... I'm sorry. I wasn't talking about that Alfred!"

Samson

"Yeah, I thought so. He died over ten years ago, after all. Bards around the continent sing about his battle with Cranion and how he was burned by the Dragon's fiery breath. There's no way he's still alive..."

== BATTLING YAZAM ==

Yazam

"You damn idiots! Fine, I'll take on the bastards myself!"

== DEFEATING YAZAM ==

Yazam

"Uggghhh..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Holmes

"Sigh... This is all the loot they have? I was expecting more from all the fighting we had to go through."

Katri

"Holmes, are you all right? You're not hurt?"

Holmes

"Come on, did you think a bunch of bandits could beat the mighty Holmes?"

Katri

"Oh, good... But be careful, okay?"

Holmes

"I know, I know. You don't have to worry."

Katri

"Yes..."

If Samson is alive

Samson

"Hey, you look like a fun little group. Mind if I join in?"

Holmes

"Who are you?"

Samson

"My name is Samson. I'm one of the best fighters in Aerial."

Holmes

"A mercenary from Aerial... All right. You can come along if you're not afraid to die."

If Alicia is alive

Holmes

"Oh, where's the girl who was being kept prisoner? Ah, there she is. Hey, come over here."

Alicia

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Holmes

"What's with that look? You're not even going to thank us for saving you?"

Alicia

"I never asked to be rescued. Who are you people, anyway? Bandits? Thieves?"

Holmes

"Sigh... Women'll never understand, will they? We're adventurers with a dream, sailing the high seas in search of fame and fortune. Don't group us in with a pack of measly burglars."

Alicia

"I see... Then would it be all right if I went along? I need to go to Fort Ligria, and then to the Temple of Saria."

Holmes

"What do you think we are, your personal guards?"

Alicia

"...I can't come along?"

Holmes

"Well... All right. We'll be going to the Temple of Saria some time. You can come with us if you want."

Alicia

"Thank you. My name is Alicia."

Holmes

"I'm Holmes."

Katri

"And I'm Katri. Pleased to meet you, Alicia."

If Marc is in Holmes' team

Marc

"Alicia, what business did you have at the Temple of Mars?"

Alicia

"And you are..."

Marc

"My name is Marc. I'm the grandson of Master Eisenbach, the Mage of Wind."

Alicia

"Y-You... You're Master Alfred's..."

Marc

"Why do you know my father's name? Who are you?"

Alicia

"Oh... I heard it from Lady Sylphize. I'm from the Northern Temple of Trente, and I went to the Temple of Mars on an errand from the lord bishop. That's all."

Marc

"But..."

Alicia

"Marc, you're still fifteen, aren't you? You're certainly a smartmouth for your age. I'm a full three years older than you, so you should speak to me with some respect. Magi who don't know their manners will fall to the dark side, Marc."

Marc

"...You sound like my mother now."

Alicia

"Oh, I see... You're a smart-aleck because you grew up surrounded by women. That's why you're so spoiled. You didn't have your father around to keep you in check."

Marc

"Oh, for the love of Utona...!"

Alicia

"And there he goes, all in a huff. I guess I told him exactly what he didn't want to hear. Haha..."

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Encounter: Wellt Bridge, Loto Forest
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== MOVEMENT: GRAM FOREST ==

Shigen

"Hey, Holmes. Did you hear about Xeno? Looks like he's trying to find his parents."

Holmes

"Find his parents? Pfft, why should he even care? He's not a kid any more, after all. It's time he grew up."

Shigen

"Well, he's sixteen, right? I was wondering about my parents when I was his age."

Holmes

"Really? So you asked Yoda about your real parents?"

Shigen

"Yup. And you know what he said? He told me flat-out that my father was a

dark swordsman, and that my mother was a witch, both pure-blooded Zoans from Garzel. I mean, I'm glad he didn't try to hide the truth, but geez, that was a little heavy for a fifteen-year-old kid, you know?"

Holmes

"Hahaha! Come on, you should expect no less from Yoda. But, hey, I wouldn't care even if your parents were ogres or zombies. We're ourselves, after all. Who gives a damn about our parents!"

Shigen

"You really are twisted when it comes to your parents. You still can't get over the fact that your mother left you?"

Holmes

"Of course I've gotten over it! Sure, I was in shock when I was still a kid, but now I just feel sorry for her. I'm surprised she lasted a full five years together with my old man. He wasn't exactly the most responsible man around when it came to family matters."

Shigen

"Your mother left when you were three, right? You must remember at least a little of her."

Holmes

"Yeah, I do... I couldn't forget even if I tried."

Shigen

"You don't know where she went after that?"

Holmes

"No idea. My old man would never tell me. But she was still young when she left... She's probably remarried by now. Wherever she is, I just hope she's happy..."

== MOVEMENT: TEMPLE OF MARS ==

If Roger and Mel are in Holmes' team

Mel

"Mother..."

Sylphize

"Mel!? You're back! You look well... Thank goodness."

Mel

"Mother... I'm sorry I caused you so much worry."

Sylphize

"No, it's all right as long as you're safe. And Roger..."

Roger

"Forgive me, Lady Sylphize. I should have come for Mel much earlier, but I couldn't muster up the courage..."

Sylphize

"Don't worry, Roger. My father had no objection to the two of you. All we ever wished for was your happiness."

Mel

"Oh, Mother...!"

Sylphize

"Mel, this is a present for you in celebration of your happiness. This is a powerful staff that can boost the magical power of its target. Here, I'll put a seal so that only you can wield it. Use it to protect Roger from magical attacks."

Mel

"Thank you, Mother!"

Roger

"You have my deepest thanks, Lady Sylphize..."

If Marc is in Holmes' team

Sylphize

"Marc!? What happened? Aren't you with Enteh?"

Marc

"Enteh... She has no need for me. So..."

Sylphize

"Marc..."

Marc

"Anyway... Mother, could you let me use the Sylpheed spell book? You used to have one before."

Sylphize

"Yes, I have the one given to me by my father. But, Marc, are you capable of using it? The Sylpheed spell requires a high level of magical skill."

Marc

"I think I'll be okay..."

Sylphize

"Very well. This is Sylpheed, one of the most powerful spells in the school of wind. There are only two Sylpheed spell books left in the world. This is one of them, and your father had the other. It cannot be replaced, so use it wisely, Marc."

== MOVEMENT: WELLT BRIDGE ==

If Sasha is in Holmes' team

Sasha

"Holmes, do you have a moment?"

Holmes

"What is it, Sasha? Can't you see I'm busy? I don't have time to waste on kids like you."

Sasha

"Haha... I thought you'd say that. Before, I used to cry because I thought you were serious. But Shigen then told me that that's just the way you greet people, so I didn't have to feel hurt."

Holmes

"Yeah, yeah, whatever. So, what do you want?"

Sasha

"I've been wondering about the pendant you always wear around your neck. Could you show it to me?"

Holmes

"No way. I don't show this to anybody."

Sasha

"Oh, why not?"

Holmes

"That's none of your business. Why do you want to see it, anyway?"

Sasha

"I think I recognize that pendant. I can't remember where, but I recall seeing something similar to it in the past."

Holmes

"What!? Where did you see it!? Come on, think! Remember it, now!"

Sasha

"Hmm, I'm trying to remember... Maybe if I took a closer look..."

Holmes

"Here, I'll show it to you. So tell me where you saw it!"

Sasha

"Thank you. Hmm... Oh! ...This is..."

Holmes

"Do you remember now!?"

Sasha

"This is made of jade. It's very beautiful..."

Holmes

"Hey, are you trying to piss me off?"

Sasha

"I'm sorry, I can't seem to remember. It's on the tip of my tongue..."

Holmes

"Sigh... All right, forget it... Looks like all you managed to do was exhaust me."

Sasha

"Oh, it was fun for me. I've always wanted an older brother ever since I was little. A strong, kind, and fun brother, like you."

Holmes

"Is that so? Well, I sure wouldn't want a little sister like you. You'd drive me insane."

Sasha

"Of course, whatever you say. I'll see you later, Holmes. I promise I'll remember where I saw that pendant!"

== MOVEMENT: CASTLE WELLT ==

Rionel

"Halt! Are you the brigands from Taurus? Or are you the pirates from Isla? Either way, I can't allow the likes of you to set foot inside our palace. Leave at once!"

If Sasha is in Holmes' team

Sasha

"These people have come to fight to save our kingdom. Please allow them to pass."

Rionel

"L-Lady Sasha...? F-Forgive me, my lady! Welcome back to Castle Wellt!"

If Kate is in Holmes' team

Kate

"Wait, Rionel. These are volunteer troops from Granada. They offered their services to help rid Wellt of the bandits. Now, can we see Count Merlon?"

Rionel

"Kate! It's been a long time. How have you been?"

Kate

"I've been well... Thanks."

Rionel

"All right... Go ahead, you can pass."

If Raffin is in Holmes' team

Raffin

"Don't worry, Rionel. These people are not outlaws."

Rionel

"Raffin!? What are you doing back in Wellt? Well, all right... Go ahead, you can pass."

If Esther is in Holmes' team

Esther

"Fear not, these are brave warriors who have come to save our kingdom. I am Esther, daughter to Count Merlon. Let us pass at once!"

Rionel

"Ah, so you're the famous shrew from Vierge, eh? Fine, go right ahead."

If Roger is in Holmes' team

Roger

"Don't worry, Rionel. These people are not outlaws."

Rionel

"Roger!? What are you doing back in Wellt? Well, all right... Go ahead, you can pass."

If Norton is in Holmes' team

Norton

"Wait, Rionel. These are my troops. I gathered them from around the continent to fight to rid our kingdom of the bandits. Let them pass."

Rionel

"Norton!? Talking through your hat again, huh? Well, all right... Go ahead."

(Merlon's room)

Merlon

"I see... So you have come to aid our country as an ally of Lord Runan. You have my most sincere thanks, Sir Holmes."

Holmes

"Nah... No need to thank us..."

Merlon

"Our queen wishes to express her gratitude as well, but she is currently ill. She has asked to thank you on her behalf. Again, you have our deepest thanks."

Holmes

"Nah... Don't worry about it..."

Merlon

"Now, Sir Holmes, please follow me. We shall provide you with some troops of our own."

(Choosing an additional unit)

Merlon

"These men wish to fight alongside you. However, I ask that you only choose one. Any more, and our castle will be left without sufficient defense."

Holmes

"Hey, Katri, come with me. I want to hear what you have to say."

Katri

"Huh? ...Why me? I don't know anything about soldiers."

Holmes

"Just come. Say whatever comes to mind. Don't worry, I'm not actually expecting you to say anything useful..."

Katri

"Okay..."

(Lee)

Holmes

"A monk, huh..."

Lee

"My name is Lee. I am a bishop in the service of Count Merlon. I may not be handy with a blade, but I have magical skills to offer."

Holmes

"What do you think, Katri?"

Katri

"....."

Holmes

"Hey, are you listening? What's the matter?"

Katri

"Huh? Oh, I'm sorry... I was just remembering the lord bishop who raised me like his own daughter..."

(Ezekiel)

Holmes

"Are you good with the axe?"

Ezekiel

"I sure am. I'm Ezekiel, expert of front-line combat!"

Holmes

"What do you think, Katri?"

Katri

"He's strong, and he seems like a very nice man. But..."

(Ruca)

Holmes

"Are you a hunter? What's your name?"

Ruca

"I am Ruca, from a village north of Gram. I didn't volunteer so I would be stuck here guarding the castle! Please, take me with you!"

Katri

"He certainly seems motivated. I wonder what's driving him so much..."

Holmes

"Sorry, kid, I'm the only archer we need. Besides, can you really pull a bowstring with those skinny arms of yours?"

Ruca

"I'll do my best! You're my idol, Sir Holmes! Please, take me with you!"

Holmes

"Well, let's see..."

(Narron)

Holmes

"What's your name?"

Narron

"Y-Yes! I am Narron. I'm still an apprentice knighted just a few months ago, but I promise I'll do my best! Please take me with you!"

Holmes

"What do you think, Katri?"

Katri

"He seems like a very nice person. I think I could be good friends with him. But..."

Holmes

"But what?"

Katri

"I don't think he would last long under you... He looks like the type who would get picked on..."

(Rionel)

Holmes

"You're the guard we met at the gate."

Rionel

"I'm Rionel, a Spear Knight of Wellt. I'm good at swift attacks with my lance. I won't let you down."

Holmes

"What do you think, Katri?"

Katri

"He seems like a nice man..."

Holmes

"...Is that all?"

Katri

"Yes..."

Holmes

"Hmm..."

(Choosing _____)

Merlon

"Is he your choice?"

If Sasha is in Holmes' team

Sasha

"Mother! I heard you had fallen ill. Are you all right?"

Liza

"Sasha? Why are you... Aren't you with Lord Runan?"

Sasha

"I was, but we were separated... But Holmes is planning on going to Saria, so I should be able to see Lord Runan again."

Liza

"I see... I'm so relieved to see you safe..."

Sasha

"Mother!? Were you crying...? What happened? Please, Mother, tell me what's wrong!"

Liza

"A long time ago... Long before you were born, I lost something very dear to me. It was a treasure, almost as precious to me as you are. But now, I can see it again... It's so beautiful, so divine... But... Even though it's

within my reach, I can't grasp it... It's a very special promise I made with a very special person..."

Sasha

"Mother...?"

Liza

"When you become a little older, the time will come will come when I can tell you everything. But for now..."

Sasha

"Mother..."

[MAP12]

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Map 12: The Youth from Brahd
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== OPENING ==

Atrom

"Merhen! Give me back my sister! I know she's with you!"

Merhen

"Sister? Oh, you mean her? Hey, Rene, is this kid your brother?"

Rene

"Atrom!? What are you doing here?"

Atrom

"I've been looking for you, ever since you disappeared... But I've found you at last... Thank goodness..."

Merhen

"I don't know what the hell you're going on about, but I ain't givin' up my prize so easy. Now screw off, kid!"

Atrom

"No! I'm not leaving without her!"

Merhen

"Oh, come on, kid. You think you stand a chance against us?"

Rene

"Atrom, no! You'll be killed!"

Atrom

"I'll take my sister back, or die trying!"

Merhen

"Hmph, fine! Hey, boys, take care of this runt. I'm bringin' the lady back to the hideout."

Pirate

"Aye, boss..."

Atrom

"Stop! Let go of my sister!"

Rene

"Oh... Atrom...!"

(Focus on Holmes)

Holmes

"Something's going on at the hideout..."

Katri

"Look, there's someone surrounded by pirates! We need to go help him, Holmes."

Holmes

"Easier said than done, you know?"

Katri

"I'm sorry..."

Holmes

"Well, all right. It's time we kicked... Um, the guy with the ridiculous name..."

Katri

"Merhen of the Isla pirates."

Holmes

"Right. It's time we kicked his ass, anyway. Katri, you stay put. We're more than a match for him."

== TURN 3 ==

Dolk

"Hehehe... I've found her at last..."

Merhen

"Wh-Who the hell are you!?"

Dolk

"Hehehe... I have business with that priestess. What say you and I join forces?"

Merhen

"You want to catch the priestess, huh? Hmph... All right, I guess we can help each other out."

== BATTLING DOLK ==

Dolk

"Hehehe... Fools..."

== DEFEATING DOLK ==

Dolk

"Guh... May the dark god...free my spirit..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Merhen

"Dammit! I'll get you for this, Holmes!"

Pirate

"Boss, are we runnin' away again?"

Merhen

"Of course. They won't be able to chase us if we run away on our ship. Rene!
You're comin' with us!"

Rene

"Atrom..."

If Atrom is alive

Katri

"Is this okay? I'm sorry, I'm not very good with my healing spells..."

Atrom

"No, I feel a lot better now. Thank you. And your name is..."

Katri

"My name is Katri. I was once an acolyte in Marl, but now I'm traveling with
a group of adventurers. What's your name?"

Atrom

"I'm Atrom. I grew up in Brahd, but I don't know where I was born. I'm an
orphan, and I don't have any memory of my childhood..."

Katri

"I see... You're just like me."

Atrom

"Rene... She picked me up off of the street and raised me. I've been looking
up to her as a sister ever since. But one month ago, she left to search for
a girl who had left home. She didn't return, so I set out to look for her.
And just when I found her... Damn!"

Katri

"Don't worry, Atrom. I'm sure your sister is..."

Atrom

"What do you know! Ever since I left Brahd, I've been looking all over for
her. And I found her... I finally found her, but... I couldn't save her,
because I was too weak..."

Katri

"Atrom..."

Atrom

"My sister is more dear to me than my own life. She was kind and caring, and
always protected me. But... I'm too weak to protect her in return..."

Holmes

"Hey, quit your sniffing if you're a man. Anyway, I got the picture. You
should come with us. I'll get your sister back for you."

Katri

"Holmes! You're serious?"

Holmes

"Why are you the one who's happy? Anyway, like I said before, we can't let...
Um, the guy with the stupid-ass name..."

Katri

"...Merhen, Holmes."

Holmes

"Right, Merhen. We can't let him run loose any longer!"

(Focus on Port Mars)

Holmes

"Dammit. He's sure got a quick pair of legs to run away on."

Katri

"What are we going to do, Holmes?"

Holmes

"We can't do squat about it here 'cause we don't have a ship! Our ship is
docked back in Saura."

Katri

"Are we going back to Saura?"

Holmes

"Yup. We'll find him in the Senay Sea and hunt him down on the water! We're
the best at fighting out at sea!"

[MAP13]

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Map 13: The Serpent of Senay
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== OPENING ==

Holmes

"All right, let's go! It's time to teach a lesson to... Um, the guy with the
retarded name... .."

Katri

"....."

Holmes

"..... ...Don't let him get away this time!"

== BOARDING MERHEN'S SHIP ==

Merhen

"Shit... Time for Plan B! Hey, punks! Y'all drop your weapons right this
minute! One move, and the girl dies!"

Holmes

"What are you, a moron? We don't even know that girl. Do whatever you want
with her, we don't give a damn!"

Merhen

"Ulp..."

Katri

"Stop! You can take me as a hostage instead. So let her go!"

Holmes

"What!? Wait, you idiot!"

Rene

"No, don't! I can't put you in danger..."

Criscinne

"...This is getting ridiculous. All right, I'll take care of this. Go ahead and run. You can leave the rest to me."

Rene

"Oh..."

Criscinne

"Now go. Hurry!"

Rene

"Y-Yes!"

Merhen

"D-Don't just stand there, you morons! After her! Don't let her get away!"

Rene

"N-No! Stay back! Don't come near... Ah!? Ahhh, noooooo..."

Merhen

"Wh-What the hell are you doin', you morons! I didn't tell you to push her off the friggin' boat!"

If Atrom is alive

Atrom

"Rene!? Rene, no!"

Holmes

"Dammit... Hey, assholes... Now you've really pissed me off..."

Criscinne

"You're nothing but scum, all of you... I was an idiot for letting you hire me!"

== BATTLING MERHEN ==

Merhen

"Wh-Whoa, whoa! No need for violence!"

== DEFEATING MERHEN ==

Merhen

"Augh... It hurts, it hurts... Y-You bastards... I'll...get you for this...
Guh..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

Holmes

"Stop crying. It's over already. There's no point in whimpering about it now."

Katri

"Yes..."

Holmes

"We've looked all over for her. She's gone for good..."

Katri

"Yes..."

Holmes

"If only the current wasn't so strong, we could've found her... Dammit..."

Katri

"Yes..."

If Atrom is alive

Holmes

"Atrom, you need to snap out of it, too. We couldn't help it."

Atrom

"....."

Katri

"Atrom... Please... It's not your fault..."

Atrom

"I know... But..."

Holmes

"...Atrom. There's supposed to be a legendary orb in the ruins of Castle Ledah that bring the dead back to life. ...You want to go check it out?"

Atrom

"What!? Holmes... Is that true!?"

Holmes

"The Orb of Resurrection, Dakryon... It's said to be made from the tears of Utona herself. One of the ancient kings of Ledah, Graus, took it from an underground temple in Mt Sierro. He later hid it in his castle's treasure chamber."

Atrom

"Holmes, please! I'll do anything to bring back Rene! Please! I need that orb!"

Holmes

"All right. But there's just one problem. Cranion, the Holy Dragon of Ledah... It's been over ten years since the Six Heroes defeated it. It's about time it woke up."

Atrom

"Cranion..."

Holmes

"Yeah... If Cranion wakes up while we're there, there's no way we'll survive."

Katri

"Holmes, let's go! I'll do my best... So please!"

Holmes

"Sigh... I don't want to put you through any more hardship than I already have, you idiot..."

If Criscinne is alive

Criscinne

"The Orb of Resurrection..."

If Criscinne is alive

Holmes

"Hey, thanks for helping us out. So, where are you planning on going now?"

Criscinne

"I don't really have any place to go. Actually, I was wondering if I could join you, but what do you think?"

Holmes

"Fine by me. You're pretty good with your sword, and we could always use more grown-up women around here. I'm sick of having to deal with little girls all the time."

If Shigen is alive

Holmes

"Yo, Shigen. It's okay with you, right?"

Shigen

"Can't say I agree. She's a swordfighter, but she's a thieving one. There's no way she's coming along without scheming something. She's definitely up to no good."

Criscinne

"My, my, what have I done to deserve that kind of talk? You can keep watch over me if you're that worried."

Shigen

"Hmph... Well, Holmes is the boss. It's his call."

Holmes

"Then she's coming along. Welcome aboard, Criscinne."

Katri

"I'm Katri. Pleased to meet you, Criscinne."

Criscinne

"O-Oh... Sure. Pleased to meet you, too, Katri."

Holmes

"Katri, I was looking for you. What are you doing here?"

Katri

"Oh..."

Holmes

"! Hey, Katri... That's Merhen, isn't it! You weren't trying to save him,

were you?"

Katri

"He was still alive, so... I... I couldn't let him die..."

Holmes

"Out of the way! I'll finish off the bastard!"

Katri

"Wait, Holmes! This must be a sign of forgiveness from Utona! We can't kill him!"

Holmes

"Sign of forgiveness, my ass! He just doesn't know when to die, that's all! He's like a cockroach!"

Katri

"But..."

Holmes

"Shut up! You let this piece of shit live, and he's just gonna keep up his sick ways! You haven't forgotten what happened to your stepfather and Atrom's sister, right? I don't want to see kids like you crying because of something that a bastard like Merhen does again!"

Katri

"I'm sorry... I'm sorry..."

Holmes

"Argh! For Utona's sake, stop crying already! All right, fine!"

Katri

"Huh...?"

Holmes

"You win. Do whatever you want with Merhen."

Katri

"...You don't mind...if I save him?"

Holmes

"I can kill him off whenever I want to, anyway. You can have him for now."

Katri

"Holmes... Thank you..."

(Focus on Senay Sea)

Katri

"Are you all right, Merhen? Do your wounds still hurt?"

Merhen

"Nope, looks like I'm all healed. See?"

Katri

"Oh, thank goodness. But don't do bad things any more, okay?"

Merhen

"Of course! You've been so good to me, so I'll quit my pirate's ways. You have my word for it, girlie."

Katri

"Okay... I'm trusting you..."

Merhen

"Oh, missy, I got one more favor to ask of you. You up for it?"

Katri

"Yes, what is it?"

Merhen

"I want you to come to Port Mars with me. Don't tell the others! There's somethin' I want to show you."

Katri

"Something to show me? What is it?"

Merhen

"Well, that's a secret, missy! Can't tell you till we get there. Hehehe..."

(Scene switch)

Holmes

"Go to Port Mars? Why do you have to go to Port Mars?"

Katri

"I'm sorry... I can't tell you..."

Holmes

"Aha... Gotta do some lady things, huh? Well, our ship doesn't have any bathtubs or anything... All right, I guess we can stop by."

(Focus on Port Mars)

Katri

"Wh-Where are we?"

Merhen

"This is the dungeon level of my hideout! I've got prison cells and even some torture chambers down here. You want to see, girlie?"

Katri

"T-Torture chambers?"

Merhen

"Hehehe... Missy... There ain't no one but you and me down here. Now shut your mouth and get inside that room!"

(Scene switch)

Katri

"! ...Th-This is..."

Law

"Katri... You've come for me..."

Katri

"Huh?"

Law

"It's me, Katri... Thank goodness you're all right. I've been worried about you."

Katri

"Huh? No... B-Bishop Law!?"

Law

"I see you're shocked. Well, so was I when the pirates dragged me in here. I thought they were going to kill me. But Merhen is a very religious man, so he treated me well. He did keep me trapped down here, but never once did he try to hurt me. Even after the pirates all fled from the hideout, the guard made sure to bring me plenty to eat and drink every day."

Katri

"Lord Bishop... Lord Bishop... Oh... Lord Bishop..."

Law

"You must have been through much while I was gone. I'm sorry that I couldn't be there to protect you, Katri. But you seem to be more radiant and happy than ever. I see you have met some wonderful people."

Katri

"Yes... I'm very happy... I'm so happy, it's almost frightening..."

Merhen

"Well, are you finished with your heartwarming reunion? This is to pay you back for saving my life, missy. Well, I was one who kidnapped the bishop first, but no matter, eh? All right, we're done with my hideout. Both of you, get out. Holmes is waiting outside."

Katri

"Merhen... Thank you..."

(Scene switch)

Holmes

"Hey, Katri! What took so long? How many hours do you need to just take a freaking bath? And it's not like I could go check on you, either. Why don't you think about the guys who were stuck here waiting!"

Katri

"I'm sorry, Holmes."

Holmes

"...And who's this monk you're with?"

Katri

"This is Bishop Law from Marl! He's my stepfather!"

(Focus on Senay Sea)

Law

"Katri trusts you, Sir Holmes. I ask you that protect her from harm. She cannot live on her own..."

Holmes

"I realize she's no ordinary girl. How much do you know about her, Bishop Law?"

Law

"That would be a very long story to tell. You would not be able to understand the whole of it yet. I shall tell you when the time is right."

Holmes

"All right... Tell me whenever you're ready."

Merhen

"Hey, Holmes! Would you mind tellin' your guys not to treat me like I don't exist? This is just ridiculous."

Holmes

"Trust me, I really don't want to treat you that way. But... You know, it's like you're ruining my day whenever you come near me. So just stay out of my way, all right? Thanks."

Merhen

"Whaddya mean, thanks!? It's like you're all tryin' to bully me! Man... Little Katri's the only one who understands me... Sigh..."

== MOVEMENT (PORT MARL) ==

If Criscinne and Vega are in Holmes' team

(Focus on Port Marl)

Criscinne

"The Reaper of Shram... You must be Vega."

Vega

"Who are you?"

Criscinne

"Do you remember a swordsman by the name of Aldo? He was a mercenary from Istorica who wielded dual swords."

Vega

"Yes... I'll never forget him. He was one of the best swordsmen in the land. So, do you know Aldo?"

Criscinne

"Yes, I loved him. That was seven years ago, though."

Vega

"I see... So you're the girl who grabbed me, screaming at me to give Aldo back. I remember you being an ordinary town girl, but I see that time can certainly change a person. I must say that I pity you."

Criscinne

"You... You monster! You didn't have to kill him! Your victory was clear, but you sliced off his head without so much as a blink! I'll never forget that day!"

Vega

"I needed to present his head to collect my reward. That's how it works in our world. Your lover would have done the same thing if he had won. So, what do you want, woman? If you want to avenge him, forget it. Unless you want your head to end up on the floor, you should hire a skilled swordsman to do it for you instead."

Criscinne

"I know I can't defeat you on my own. But hear me out! I swear that I will kill you, no matter what it takes!"

Vega

"Very well. I'll give you one chance. But if you fail, then I shall take your life in return. What's your name, woman?"

Criscinne

"Criscinne. Remember it well, Reaper of Shram..."

(Focus on Brahd)

Leonheart

"Bishop, have you found when Rene has gone yet?"

Bishop

"No, sir. Atrom has left in search of her, but we have received no word from either."

Leonheart

"Damn! I should be one out searching for her, but I cannot leave here now... Rene... Why did she leave without consulting me?"

Bishop

"She did not wish to burden you with matters within her own kin, my lord. She was well aware that you were exhausted from the battles with Archduke Ahab and the Imperial forces in Brahd."

Leonheart

"But a woman traveling all on her own..."

Bishop

"Lady Rene is the daughter of Andre, the High Priest of Fire. You know as well as anyone the strength of her mana."

Leonheart

"Perhaps she would be able to use her powers against monsters, but Rene is a cleric. She could never defend herself against human menaces."

Bishop

"We understand your concerns, Lord Leon. But the people of Selba are waiting anxiously for their lord's return. For now, the recapturing of your land must remain your first priority..."

Leonheart

"Yes..."

Flau

"Uncle Leon! Here you are!"

Leonheart

"Flau!? What are you doing here? Has something gone wrong at Saria?"

Flau

"No, not at all. The hidden village is as peaceful as ever. It's so peaceful that it's boring. So I decided to come help you, uncle..."

Leonheart

"I need no such assistance. You would merely be a hindrance, Flau. Now, go

back to the hidden village."

Flau

"But Uncle Leon, I'm fifteen already. I've trained hard as a Pegasus Knight of Saria. Even if it's just a little, all I wanted was to be able to help you... The least you could do is listen to what I have to say, instead of sending me straight back home!"

Leonheart

"Hm... Does Clarice know about this?"

Flau

"Yes, she's the one who sent me to help you."

Leonheart

"Hm... I see. Very well, then. After all, you are the daughter of my brother, the finest knight in Saria. I shall be witness to your abilities as a Pegasus Knight. Do not let me down, Flau."

Flau

"Yes, Uncle Leon!"

== MOVEMENT: CASTLE MARL ==

Soldier

"Halt! You are approaching Castle Marl. This is no place for ruffians of your kind. Leave at once!"

Holmes

"Hey, Richard's back, isn't he? Tell him that Holmes of Granada is here to see him!"

Soldier

"What!? Are you an acquaintance of Prince Richard? Forgive my insolence, sir! I shall inform the prince of your arrival immediately!"

(Richard's room)

Richard

"Well, if it isn't the boy from Granada. I did hear of the admiral's death, but I see that you managed to survive by fleeing and leaving your father to die."

Holmes

"Hmph, that's just the greeting I was expecting, Richard. You were always an ass, but you're worse than ever now. And don't get started on my father. We both know you did the same to yours."

Richard

"But, Holmes, I have returned. I have reclaimed my nation, and am aiding the reconstruction of Ledah. I am not a gutless coward like you."

Holmes

"Yeah, you're a contortionist, all right. All you have to do is pick up some random girl off the street, call her the lost princess of Ledah, and the territory that once belonged to Ledah falls right in your hands. The pieces are fitting into place right where you want them."

Richard

"Hmph, say what you will, coward. Perhaps we had an alliance with Granada in the past, but I have no further business with a loser like you. Now, if you'll excuse me, I am very busy with preparations to attack Istorica. I must ask you to leave."

(Scene switch)

Holmes

"Hmph, what an asshole..."

Tia

"Excuse me... I am sorry about what Richard's behavior earlier. I shall apologize on his behalf."

Holmes

"Who're you?"

Tia

"Tia, daughter to Duke Trente..."

Holmes

"Ah... So you're the famous princess of Ledah, eh?"

Tia

"....."

Holmes

"Ever heard a song like this before? It's supposed to be a prophecy by the Great Sage Morse.

Their kingdom felled by an ancient pact,
The people of Ledah shall face a dark age.
Four score and ten years later,
The daughter of Ledah shall walk the earth.
Clad in golden armor,
She shall be the savior,
To lead the people of Ledah to salvation.

Seems oddly appropriate, doesn't it? I don't know who made it up, but it's always been a favorite of bards everywhere. And here you are, the princess of Ledah, decked out in a suit of shining gold armor. The survivors of Ledah have been suffering oppression for decades. It's no wonder they're thrilled about you."

Tia

"I'm not sure I understand..."

Holmes

"I know what kind of man Richard is. Both Marl and Granada are trading superpowers reigning over the Senay Sea. I've known him ever since we were kids. We've had drinks together, but we've even been at fists a few times. Back when we were kids, he used to talk about uniting the subkingdoms of Ledah and becoming king. Then he would unite the entire continent and become a great emperor like Carlyon himself. I used to scoff at him whenever he said that, but now, I'm not so sure..."

Tia

"Are you implying that I am being used by Richard?"

Holmes

"I guess you could say that. Look, I don't care who you are, or where you come from. But never trust Richard. He'll use and abuse you like a rag, only to throw you out when he doesn't need you any more."

Tia

"It is true that Richard can be misunderstood. But he is not a bad man!"

Holmes

"If you say so... Anyway, you two are getting married, right? Sorry, I guess I should've kept my mouth shut. Well, I hope you end up happy together. See you..."

Tia

"Oh... Wait... I..."

If Xeno is in Holmes' team

Xeno

"She's really pretty..."

Holmes

"Yeah... She's so determined, and she's trying so hard... I just feel sorry for her since Richard's just using her for his own benefit. Hm...? Wait a minute, Xeno..."

Xeno

"...What is it?"

Holmes

"Hmm... You really look like..."

Xeno

"Huh? ...I look like who?"

Holmes

"Oh... Nah, it's nothing. Well, anyway, let's get going. No need to waste any more time here."

Law

"Ah, Sir Holmes. I must return to my church. And... May I ask you to take care of Katri in my absence?"

Holmes

"Yeah... You can leave her to me. I don't know what's in store for her, but I promise I'll protect from any kind of harm. Don't worry."

Law

"Katri, I shall stay in this city to rest for a while. You should continue on your journey with Sir Holmes."

Katri

"What? But... We just met..."

Law

"Don't worry. We can travel together again once my wounds have healed. Until then, I shall be waiting for you in this city."

Katri

"Yes... I promise I'll come for you, Bishop Law. So until then, please take care..."

== MOVEMENT: COAST OF SENAY ==

If Criscinne, Vega, Shigen are in Holmes' team

Criscinne

"Shigen, do you have a minute?"

Shigen

"Criscinne? What do you want?"

Criscinne

"I want to ask a favor from you. If you'll help me, I can give you anything you want..."

Choice: "Well, all right. Let's hear it."

"Sounds fishy. Go ask someone else."

If you answer yes

Shigen

"So, what is it you want? Is it something I can do?"

Criscinne

"Yes... I want you to kill Vega."

Shigen

"...That's some favor you're asking for. So, what's your motive? Why do you want him dead?"

Criscinne

"He killed my lover seven years ago. I've been looking for him ever since, and I finally found him... But... I couldn't possibly win against the Reaper of Shram..."

Shigen

"And so you're hoping that I'll do it for you, huh? How convenient."

Criscinne

"I won't make excuses... But you're the only one who can match Vega... Please, Shigen. If you kill him for me, I'll do anything you want..."

Shigen

"Look, lady, if you think you can seduce me into doing what you want, you're... ..Hm? ...Criscinne? Hey... Are you crying?"

Criscinne

"These past seven years... It was a living hell. How else is a woman supposed to live in times like this...? But... He... Vega looked at me like I was something filthy on the street... He said he pitied me... Shigen, I..."

Shigen

"All right, all right! I don't want to hear your life story, okay!? Fine, I'll kill him. I'll kill Vega if it'll make you feel better."

Criscinne

"Really!? Thank you, Shigen!"

Shigen

"But not now. If Vega's in our attack team in the next battle, that's when we'll settle it. But you'd better be there to watch. I'm gonna be fighting for you, after all."

Criscinne

"Of course! I'll be looking forward to it."

If you answer no

Criscinne

"All right... Sorry for bothering you..."

(Focus on Coast of Senay)

Bandit

"Hehehe... Not so fast, girl. We can't let ya go cryin' to the Liberation Army for help. Although it ain't like they're gonna listen to a girl like you, anyway."

Girl

"Y-You... You beasts! You're nothing but shameless beasts!"

Bandit

"Watch who you're talkin' to, girl! Guess I'm gonna have to teach you a lesson! Get over here!"

Girl

"No... Get away from me!"

Holmes

"Geez, man, you need to find some new hobbies."

Bandit

"Wh-Who the hell are you!?"

Holmes

"Me? I'm just passing through. Got a problem?"

Samson and Garo say a line if they're in Holmes' team

Samson

"Hey, Holmes. It's about time I got a good workout. Count me in if you're gonna have some fun!"

Garo

"Boss, let me kill this sucker. I want to see a good 'ol fountain of blood for a change!"

Bandit

"D-Dammit! I'll get you guys for this!"

Holmes

"Pfft, what the hell? He just ran off when we didn't even do anything."

Girl

"Um... Thank you."

Holmes

"Don't worry about it. It's not like we actually did anything."

Girl

"Um..."

Holmes

"What, is there something else? If you have something to say, then just cut the crap and say it. I hate it when people mumble and look at their shoes like that."

Girl

"Oh, I'm sorry! Please save our city... Please save the city of Oaks!"

Holmes

"Oaks? What do you mean? You're gonna have to tell us more than that."

Girl

"Oh, yes... I live in a city called Oaks, just to the north. Oaks used to be a peaceful city, but the war has attracted brigands and deserters, and now it has become a city in chaos, run by outlaws. I was sent by our mayor to ask for help from Lord Runan in Senay..."

Holmes

"But the brigands found you."

Girl

"Yes... Um... Are you warriors? Please, help our city! We promise we will pay you as much as you ask!"

Holmes

"What do you think, guys?"

Katri

"Holmes, let's help them!"

Samson and Garo say a line if they're in Holmes' team

Samson

"Yeah, why not? We got nothing else to do."

Garo

"It's your call, boss."

Holmes

"...Well, all right. Hey, you, take us to the city!"

Girl

"Y-Yes! Thank you... Thank you very much!"

[MAP14]

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Map 14: Holmes the Hero
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== OPENING ==

(Focus on Holmes)

Holmes

"Well, I guess you weren't lying about the city being overrun by brigands. But they're no match for the mighty Holmes. You've got nothing to worry about. We'll take care of them, so you should go on home and wait for the good news."

Girl

"Yes, thank you! Please save our city! You're our hero, Sir Holmes!"

If Shigen agreed to kill Vega, and Shigen, Vega, and Criscinne are in your attack team

(Focus on Shigen)

Shigen

"Well, Vega... How about a little warming up before the battle?"

Vega

"I thought it would be you... Very well. I don't have to hold back against a swordsman of your strength."

Shigen

"We can't call it a fair fight if one of us has a better blade. How about we both use scimitars?"

Vega

"Very well..."

Shigen

"Criscinne, you're our witness. Watch and learn how men fight..."

Criscinne

"Yes... Don't lose, Shigen..."

(They fight)

Shigen

"Pant... The Reaper of Shram, huh... You're really something..."

Vega

"Ergh... So you... You were the Dark Swordsman of Zoa..."

Criscinne

"I-Isn't that enough...? Stop! Both of you!"

Shigen

"No way..."

Vega

"Not until you lie dead by my feet..."

(They fight)

Criscinne

"Stop! I can't bear to watch any more... Stop it, please!"

Shigen

"...Stay out of this, Criscinne... This is between me and him now...!"

Vega

"Stand back, woman... You have no place here..."

Criscinne

"Holmes, please! You're the boss, right!? They'll listen to you! Make them stop, or they'll kill each other!"

Holmes

"Criscinne... You're the one who started this. When true warriors match blades, there's no stopping them. Shut up and watch!"

Criscinne

"I understand now... I swore to avenge Aldo when he was killed, but that's not what he wanted at all... He and Vega... They fought honorably, like true swordsmen. And all I could do was spoil their duel with my selfishness. Aldo would be ashamed if he saw me now... Please, Holmes... Please make them stop. I don't want them to die like this!"

Holmes

"..... All right, you two, that's enough! Call it off! Do it for me, okay? I can't afford to lose you two over something like this."

Vega

"Holmes... Do you dare mock us...?"

Shigen

"..... Fine... I guess we have no choice. This is one favor that'll cost you, Holmes..."

If Plum was kidnapped in Map 10

(Focus on house in top-middle)

Man

"Hey, hey, the audience'll be falling asleep with a dance like that! Shake your hips, girl! What are you, ashamed, you little brat!?"

Plum

"Please... Just let me go home..."

Man

"Don't you dare give me that look. Talking back to your master, eh? Looks like you haven't had enough whipping yet!"

Plum

"Help me... Big brother Barts..."

== HOUSE (top-middle) ==

If Plum was kidnapped in Map 10

Visit with Holmes

Holmes

"Hey, are you the owner of this joint? I heard you could see some dancing here. What have you got to offer?"

Man

"Well, you're in luck, pal. I've got a killer to show off today. She just came in last week."

(Scene switch)

Man

"All right, we've got a customer. This is your first time on stage. And

you'll be in for a whipping if you screw it up!"

Plum

"Sniffle..."

(Scene switch)

(Plum dances)

Holmes

"Geez, man, that was still a little kid! Don't think you can fool me. Bring her over here!"

Man

"Hey, hey, I'm running a clean, fair business here, pal. If you have a problem with it, we can take it outside!"

Holmes

"Is that so? Now it's obvious that you're up to no good back there. That means I don't have to hold back one bit!"

Man

"H-Hey, what do you think you're doing!? C-Cut it out! Whoa..."

Holmes

"Hmph, what a pussy. He just passed out on his own."

(Scene switch)

Holmes

"Hey, you all right?"

Plum

"Wh-... Who are you..."

Holmes

"You were the girl on stage just now, right? You were probably sold or tricked into coming here, but you're free now. Go on home."

Plum

"..... You're letting me go?"

Holmes

"Yup, the owner's out cold in the back. Don't worry, I'll give him a solid ass-kicking to make sure he won't come after you again."

Plum

"My name is Plum. I'm from Taurus, but I was helping Lord Runan until I was kidnapped."

Holmes

"Helping Runan? Are you serious!? Mind telling me what happened in more detail? ...Hm... ...Hm... I see... Sounds like you've been through a lot, huh? Hahaha..."

Plum

"Don't laugh... I was really scared..."

Holmes

"Yeah, I know. Sorry. But you like to dance, right? If anything, you're a

better dancer now."

Plum

"But not dances like that..."

Holmes

"Really? I liked your dancing. It was almost empowering in a way... It felt like your dancing was giving me strength and courage. I think you did a great job."

Plum

"Really?"

Holmes

"Yeah, I'm sure the rest of team would like it, too. Maybe you could dance for us from time to time if you don't mind it."

Plum

"....."

Holmes

"...Well, anyway, welcome aboard. We're sure to run into Runan eventually, so you'll have nothing to worry about if you come with us."

Plum

"Yes... Thank you..."

Holmes

"It's not right to make little girls dance, is it... Katri won't be happy, that's for sure..."

Visit with Barts

Barts

"Hey, are you the owner of this joint? I heard you could see some dancing here. What have you got to offer?"

Man

"Well, you're in luck, buddy. We've got a fresh girl for you today, just came in last night. Here, follow me into the back."

(Scene switch)

Man

"All right, we've got a customer. It's your first time on stage. I'll make you pay if you mess up, you hear?"

Plum

"Sniffle..."

(Scene switch)

Barts

"That girl looked a lot like Plum... Now I'm kinda worried about her... I'm sure that dancer has family somewhere, so maybe I should give her a little lecture on family values... Hey, bring that dancer over here. I want to talk with her for a little bit."

Man

"Sorry, the dancers are only for watching. Maybe I could let her do some

overtime if you had a bit more gold, but you don't have that kind of money, do you? Thought so. Now get out, our next customer's waiting."

Barts

"Don't give me that crap. Just shut up and bring her here!"

Man

"H-Hey, what do you think you're doing!? Wh-Whoa, stop! Augh..."

Barts

"Hmph, passed out... Is that the dancer's room in the back?"

(Scene switch)

Barts

"Hey, you all right?"

Plum

"B-... Big brother Barts!?"

Barts

"Plum...? What the... You... What are you doing in a place like this!?"

Plum

"Barts... I... I..."

Barts

"..... So that's what happened... Dammit! If only I was with you! I'm sorry, Plum... I'm sorry you had to go through all this."

Plum

"It's okay... You came to save me, right?"

Barts

"Hang on, Plum! Where's the owner? I'll kill that bastard with my bare hands!"

Plum

"No, it's okay. You don't have to do such a thing for me. Besides... I like to dance. I'm actually happy that I got a little better at it."

Barts

"What!? What are you saying, Plum!?"

Plum

"If people enjoy my dancing, then I want to dance for them. That's all right, isn't it, Barts?"

Barts

"N-No way! I don't want you to dance in front of a complete stranger!"

Plum

"Well, you came all the way here just to see some dancing, didn't you? You were watching without knowing it was me, weren't you, big brother?"

Barts

"W-Well... I was just...you know... I was just seeing what this city had to offer, that's all..."

Plum

"I'm going to become a dancing priest. I've made up my mind already!"

Barts

"H-Hey, wait, Plum..."

Visit with a character other than Holmes/Barts

Man

"Sorry, this place is members-only. I can't let you in."

== HOUSE (top right) ==

Brigand

"Hand over the money, girl!"

Girl

"No... Please! I need this money to buy medicine for my sick mother!"

Brigand

"I don't give a crap about that! Just shut up and fork it over! I can do this the hard way if you want!"

Girl

"....."

Brigand

"There, that wasn't so hard, was it? Hmm... But this ain't nearly enough."

Girl

"B-But..."

Brigand

"...Eh? Wh-Who the hell are you? You got a problem? ...Dammit, I'll let you go this time. But I'll be back!"

Girl

"Thank you very much... But... I can't buy my mother's medicine now..."

Choice: "I suppose I could spare 600G."

"No need for that."

If you answer yes

Girl

"...Is this for me? Thank you! May Utona bless your kind souls..."

If you answer no

Girl

"Mother... I'm sorry..."

== HOUSE (center) ==

Man

"This sure is a nice place, isn't it? Well, back when I was a kid, this city used to be a prosperous center of trade and commerce. There were shops lined up all over main street, and bards and performers would entertain the hundreds of people who would walk by every day. But those are all fond memories now..."

Memories of a time before the city deteriorated into the horrible state it's in now. ...What? You guys are going to drive the brigands away? ...Haha, thanks. It feels nice to hear someone say that once in a while, even if it'll never happen. Here, I'll give you this. Thanks for trying to cheer me up."

== HOUSE (center, bottom) ==

Woman

"Most of the brigands in this city are soldiers who were sent to this area during the Balt War. After surviving that horrible battle, they came here seeking refuge. Our mayor felt sorry for them, so he let everyone in without question. Most of the soldiers left for their homelands after their wounds healed, but some of them stayed behind to form clans, almost like bandit groups. And now, they have so much power that they can pillage and kill to their hearts' content. Here, I'll give you this, so maybe you could do something to help us."

== HOUSE (left) ==

Old Man

"This city of Oaks has been the center of commerce for the western nations for many years. However, fourteen years ago, Archduke Ahab of Saria started a rebellion, and the state of this area has been deteriorating ever since. Even the great city of Oaks has degenerated into a dwelling for brigands and highwaymen. Will there ever be any brave souls who would drive them away for us... ...What? You will defeat them? Ah, you have my sincerest thanks! Please accept this as a token of my gratitude."

== MAP CLEARED ==

If Shigen is in Holmes' team

Shigen

"Hey, Holmes. Some old man wants to see you. Says he's the mayor of this city."

If Shigen is not in Holmes' team

Katri

"Holmes, the city's mayor wants to see you."

Holmes

"The mayor? What does he want? Well, all right, I'll go see him."

(Scene switch)

Mayor

"Ah, you must be Sir Holmes. I am the mayor of Oaks. Thanks to your bravery, the brigands who were leeching off of our city have all fled. You are our savior, kind sir. After talking with the residents, we have decided to erect a statue of you to honor your valiance..."

Holmes

"A statue? Gimme a break... Besides, we didn't drive off the brigands just because we wanted your gratitude."

Mayor

"Such humbleness... You are indeed deserving of being called a hero. ...Very well, instead of a statue, we shall give you some of the treasures we have here in Oaks. We would be honored if you could make use of them."

(Scene switch)

Mayor

"This is Oaks' treasure chamber. We keep our most prized items here. We shall give you five of the treasures you see here. Please choose whichever chests you wish. However, once you open a chest, you may not return the item within."

(Open five chests)

Holmes

"All right, that's five... Thanks, mayor. We'll use these items well."

Mayor

"You are our city's benefactor, Sir Holmes. Please come back any time you wish. We shall always welcome you with open arms."

(Focus on Brahd)

Sylva

"Thank you for taking care of Sun, Lord Leon."

Leonheart

"Yes, but... Of course, I don't mind taking care of her, but Brahd may soon become a battlefield. Are you certain you wish to leave her with me?"

Sylva

"Yes, I have taught Sun well what it means to be a knight. She will not be a hindrance."

Leonheart

"Very well. You said you were joining the army in Aerial, but is that to fight against Istorica?"

Sylva

"In actuality, I have a much more important mission, but I cannot give you any details. My apologies, Lord Leon. I know you've been so good to me, but..."

Leonheart

"There is no need to apologize. I know well that you left your homeland due to Garzel's evil ways. Perhaps you are following a different path than I, but I have no doubt that your path leads to the greater good."

Sylva

"Yes... My only wish is save my country from the evil grip of Garzel..."

Leonheart

"Then let us drink a toast to victory. To the Black Knight Sylva's valor in battle!"

Sylva

"To the Duke of Selba, Leonheart's valor in battle!"

(Scene switch)

Flau

"So... You escaped from Canan? You look young, but are you still a novice knight?"

Sun

"I am, but my mother is one of the Arless Black Knights, the strongest warriors on the continent. She liberated the northeastern islands of Canan from Garzel, clad in jet black armor. You've heard of the Arless Black Knights, haven't you?"

Flau

"Yes, but I don't think they're the strongest on the continent. There are the Dragon Knights of Sophia, and the Mercenaries of Aerial... I think the Sarian Pegasus Knights are the strongest. And among them, my older sister Venne is the best. She's in Aerial right now, but she's definitely the best knight I've ever seen."

Sun

"Your sister's in Aerial? So is my mother. She said she was joining the mercenaries to fight against Garzel. I wanted to go with her, but she told me to stay behind and wait. She thinks I'm still a little girl."

Flau

"Really? I know what you mean. I always ask if I can fight alongside my sisters, but they just tell me to stay behind because I'm still a kid. They don't know that I'm grown up now."

Sun

"I know! That's exactly what happens to me."

Flau

"We should be friends, Sun. Let's fight hard, and show your mother and my sisters what we can do. Let's work together and be of help to Lord Leon!"

Sun

"Okay, but do you think he'll let us?"

Flau

"Don't worry, Lord Leon's nice to girls. If we choose the right words, he'll never say no."

Sun

"Really? Okay, I'll try to ask him. I'm glad I could meet you, Flau. Let's do our best!"

Flau

"Yes! We'll be great partners, Sun!"

[MAP15]

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Map 15: The Oasis of Brahd
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== OPENING ==

(Focus on Holmes)

Holmes

"So this is Brahd, city in the plains..."

Katri

"The breeze is so nice..."

Holmes

"I suppose we should go talk to the marquess first. We don't want them to think we're thieves."

Katri

"Look at the sky, it's so clear and blue... The birds must love it."

If Atrom is in your attack team

Holmes

"Hey, Atrom, you said you used to live here, right?"

Atrom

"Yeah..."

Holmes

"What's with that face? Aren't you happy to be back?"

Atrom

"Happy? How can I be happy without Rene!?"

Holmes

"Geez... I was just asking. That's why we're gonna go the Ledah to find the Orb of Resurrection, right? I know you miss your sister, but why don't you lighten up for once!"

Katri

"Oh... Look at the pretty flowers... Don't pick them, Holmes. You'll hurt them..."

Holmes

"Yeah, yeah. Sigh..."

(Focus on marquess' mansion)

Soldier

"Lord Leonheart, an unidentified force has entered the city. They don't seem to be thieves, but shall we dispatch a squad to meet them?"

Leonheart

"They must be the warriors who saved the city of Oaks. They shouldn't be hostile to us. Order the troops to stay put. We will wait here at our mansion for their arrival."

Soldier

"Yes, my lord."

(Focus on house)

Sun

"Miss, could I have some milk, please?"

Flau

"One for me, too!"

Bartender

"Here you go, girls. Drink up. You should drink a lot if you want to grow."

Sun

"But miss, mine are bigger than Flau's, aren't they?"

Flau

"Huh? ...Your what is?"

Man

"Hey, barkeep. You might want to close your shop for today. A band of thieves just wandered into the city."

Bartender

"Really? Oh, my. Well, girls, you heard him. You should go on home. I'll be closing for the day."

Flau

"Sun... This is a big chance! We're more than a match for a bunch of thieves."

Sun

"Are you sure? Shouldn't we let Lord Leon know first?"

Flau

"We'll report to him later. Come on, let's do it! We'll surprise everyone if we can drive away the thieves from the city. The other knights won't treat us like kids any more, either."

Sun

"Yeah! Okay, I'll do my best!"

(Focus on house)

Lyria

"La-la-la..."

Bishop

"Lyria! Are you neglecting your duties again?"

Lyria

"La-la-... Oh, lord bishop. Good morning."

Bishop

"Oh, no, you don't. Have you finished your morning chores?"

Lyria

"Chores? Uhm... We have chores?"

Bishop

"You've heard from the other sisters, haven't you? Morning prayers, sweeping the temple floor, preparing breakfast, and tending to the wounded. You have no time to be wandering off singing!"

Lyria

"But I love to sing. I really want to be a singer. But papa said that he wouldn't let me choose a dangerous job like a singer. He told me to become a priest and help people. But a singer is wonderful job. I can help people by cheerin them up with my songs. Don't you think so, lord bishop?"

Bishop

"Well... One cannot judge another by his occupation. I don't think that singing is the horrible profession it is sometimes made out to be."

Lyria

"Really? Then you can persuade papa! I'll become a singing priest. I want to travel around the world and let people everywhere hear my songs."

Bishop

"Hm... Very well. If that is your dream, then I shall not be stopping you. But now that you've chosen your goal, you must push through until you reach it. Understood?"

Lyria

"Yay! I'll do my best!"

Bishop

"But I cannot let you go alone. Wait a little longer. When someone I can trust comes by, I will ask him to take care of you."

== CONVERSATION (Martelle, Flau) ==

Martelle

"Flau! What are you doing here!?"

Flau

"Huh? ...M-... Martelle!? Sister, what are you doing here?"

Martelle

"I'll explain later. Now, withdraw your blade at once! Fighting isn't a game, Flau. What if you were hurt!?"

Flau

"Yes... Martelle..."

Martelle

"And tell your friend to stop fighting as well. You're being an inconvenience to everyone. Understood?"

== CONVERSATION (Flau, Sun) ==

Flau

"Sun, it looks like they weren't thieves after all. We need to stop fighting."

Sun

"Oh... I thought something was strange. We should apologize to them later..."

Flau

"Yes, we should. Lord Leon will be mad at us, too... Sigh... Maybe we should have stay put..."

== HOUSE (next to armory) ==

Visit with Plum

Bartender

"Hello, there. This is a bar, but maybe you'd like some milk?"

Plum

"No! I don't want any milk!"

Bartender

"All right, I was just asking. No need to bite my head off. Do you have a grudge against milk? Anyway, you look a lot like Lan, you know?"

Plum

"Huh? Do you know my mother?"

Bartender

"Oh, so you're Lan's daughter, are you? She used a very popular dancer around these parts, beautiful and elegant. She had a tragic past, but a young noble fell in love with her. After that, she looked so happy that everyone was envious."

Plum

"A young noble...?"

Bartender

"That's right. But after when the civil war broke out in Saria, he was sent out to fight. Lan was waiting here in Brahd for his return, but their mansion was attacked by bandits, and she was taken away. We haven't heard of her since, so we were worried. But since you're here, she must be safe, right?"

Plum

"My mother... She passed away from illness five years ago..."

Bartender

"Oh... Poor thing. I'm sorry... I really am..."

Visit with a character other than Plum

Bartender

"Sorry, we're closed for the day..."

== CHURCH ==

Visit with Atrom

Bishop

"Ah, Atrom, you've returned. Were you able to find Lady Rene?"

Atrom

"Rene...she..."

Bishop

"Hm... I see... So that is what happened... This is a terrible loss to us all. Lady Rene was like a goddess to this city..."

Atrom

"...This never would have happened if Meriah hadn't run off. All because of her selfishness..."

Bishop

"I'm sure Meriah had her reasons as well. You must not let anger cloud your love for others, Atrom. Lady Rene would be disappointed."

Atrom

"Yes..."

Bishop

"Atrom, I want to ask you a favor if you are going out to look for Lady Rene. This girl is one of our acolytes, but she insists that she wants to travel the world. Could you take her along on your travels? Come, Lyria, you should ask him yourself as well."

Lyria

"La-la-la..."

Atrom

"She's a little strange... All right, I'll ask Holmes and see what he has to say."

Visit with a character other than Atrom

Bishop

"Welcome, travelers. Would you be so kind as to make a donation to help the poor? 3000G is all we ask."

Choice: "Of course, I'd be glad to."

"I'm sorry..."

If you answer yes

Bishop

"May Utona bless your kind souls..."

If you answer no

Bishop

"Be wary of disaster, my friend..."

If you don't have 3000G

Bishop

"...Oh, pardon me. It appears that I've asked the wrong person. Hahaha..."

== BATTLING FLAU ==

Flau

"I'm no less of a fighter than my sisters! I'll show you what I can do!"

== DEFEATING FLAU ==

Flau

"Mother... I'm sorry... I can't make it...back home..."

== BATTLING SUN ==

Sun

"I won't lose to a bunch of thieves!"

== DEFEATING SUN ==

Sun

"Mother... Where are you..."

== MAP CLEARED ==

If Flau and Sun are alive, and you haven't recruited Sun

Flau

"Sun, it looks like they weren't thieves after all. We need to stop fighting."

Sun

"Oh... I thought something was strange. We should apologize to them later..."

Flau

"Yes, we should. Lord Leon will be mad at us, too... Sigh...maybe we should have stay put..."

(Scene switch)

Soldier

"Lord Leonheart, our guests have arrived."

Leonheart

"Are you the leader of the warriors? I understand that a few of my subordinates attacked you on the way. My apologies."

Holmes

"Nah, it was no big deal. Don't worry about it. So you're the lord of this city?"

Leonheart

"Brahd has no lord. This city used to belong to Archduke Ahab, a cruel man who ruled over his people with oppression. The people overthrew him in a rebellion, and now, Brahd is self-governed by its citizens."

Holmes

"A free city, huh? Then who are you?"

Leonheart

"I am the lord of the neighboring land of Selba. I aided the people of Brahd in their rebellion against Ahab, but the Empire invaded my land in my absence. The Principality of Selba now lies under Imperial rule."

Holmes

"Hm, sounds like you've got quite a mess on your hands. Well, it's got nothing to do with me, though..."

Leonheart

"Doesn't it? I happen to be very grateful to you."

Holmes

"Huh? What did we ever do to get thanks from you?"

Leonheart

"Defending Brahd is no easy task, with enemies from all directions surrounding us. But you have defeated one of them for us. How could I not thank you?"

Holmes

"Are you talking about the brigands in Oaks?"

Leonheart

"Of course. Whenever my knights would leave the city, the brigands would flock to Brahd like hungry hyenas. They know that I cannot travel out far enough to attack Oaks."

Holmes

"All right, I see. But you still don't have to thank us. We weren't fighting for you, after all."

Leonheart

"Ha... You're an interesting man. What is your name?"

Holmes

"Holmes. We're what's left of the Granadan pirates, but we're up on land right now to take care of some business. So, Lord Leon, who're the other three enemies surrounding you? Clue us in."

Leonheart

"Archduke Ahab's army resides in an old Sarian castle to the east. Ahab still hasn't given up reclaiming Brahd. To the southeast waits an Imperial legion led by Count Carnel. He won't miss a chance to invade, and is consistently watching us for openings. Finally, monsters are attacking us from Mt Mermel in the north. We normally would hold them back at Fort Ligria, but only a small number of Aerial's troops reside there. They are exhausted from the endless packs of Orps that come down from the mountain."

Holmes

"Mt Mermel, huh? All right, Lord Leon. We'll take care of the monsters. We were gonna go look for some treasure there, anyway."

Leonheart

"You have my gratitude. I know I should provide some of my troops, but..."

If Flau is alive

Flau

"I'll go, Uncle Leon. I probably won't get to be in any battles even if I stay here."

Leonheart

"Hm... Very well. Fighting Orps wouldn't be too dangerous. Besides, I doubt I could stop you at this point..."

Flau

"Really!? Thank you, Uncle Leon!"

If Sun is also alive

Flau

"Sun, Uncle Leon is letting us go! You're coming, too, right?"

Sun

"Of course, Flau!"

Holmes

"..... Damn... More kids? I'm not a babysitter, you know..."

If Flau is dead, Sun is alive

Sun

"Lord Leon, I'll accompany them! I want to be of some use!"

Leonheart

"Hm... Very well. Fighting Orps wouldn't be too dangerous. And you might be able to see your mother at Ligria..."

Sun

"Really!? Thank you, Lord Leon!"

Holmes

"..... Damn... More kids? I'm not a babysitter, you know..."

If Flau and Sun are dead

Holmes

"No, don't worry. We can handle them on our own."

[ENC03]

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Encounter: Fort Ligria
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== OPENING ==

Holmes

"Monsters, huh... All right, let's take 'em out! Help defend the fort!"

== CONVERSATION (Samson, Aerial Soldier) ==

Soldier

"Captain! You've returned!"

Samson

"Yeah, just for a while, though. I see you're holding your own pretty well. You'd better not lose to a bunch of monsters."

Soldier

"Of course, captain!"

== CONVERSATION (Character other than Samson, top-left Aerial Soldier) ==

Soldier

"This sure ain't fun. No matter how many we kill, those damn monsters just keep spawning. When are we gonna get to go back to Aerial?"

== CONVERSATION (Character other than Samson, bottom-left Aerial Soldier) ==

Soldier

"Hey, thanks for helping us out. You should pay a visit to the arena while you're here."

== CONVERSATION (Character other than Samson, top-right Aerial Soldier) ==

Soldier

"We never had a problem with Orps from Mt Mermel until just recently. Rumor has it that a big Arch Orps is living up there. If that's true, it's probably best to leave it alone."

== CONVERSATION (Character other than Samson, top-left Aerial Soldier) ==

Soldier

"We're soldiers from Aerial, but we're defending Fort Ligria under orders from King Temjin."

== HOUSE (bottom-left of Arena) ==

Man

"You'll be at an advantage in the arena if you have the Duelist skill. They'll teach it to you at the training center down south, so you might want to drop by if you haven't already."

== HOUSE (bottom-right of Arena) ==

Old man

"The arena is very strict about who can participate. You can neither be too weak nor too strong, or otherwise it wouldn't be a fair fight. If you're ever turned down at the arena, revisiting with a different weapon equipped might do the trick."

== HOUSE (directly above Armory, left) ==

Man

"I own the armory just down the road, but I hurt my back the other day and can't run the shop."

Visit with a female character

Man

"I was looking for someone to look after my shop in my place, but... Anyway, it's not a job for a woman. Running an armory is really tough labor."

Visit with a male character

Man

"Hey, you think you might want to run my shop in my place? It'll mean stepping down from the battlefield, but you can sell weapons at a cheaper price to your friends. What do you say?"

Holmes

Holmes

"Nah, that's not my thing. Go ask someone else."

Man

"Well, all right. If you know someone who might be interested, just send him here."

Shigen

Shigen

"Hm, that might be fun. If push comes to shove, I can just sell the whole place to some rich noble."

Man

"S-Sorry, I think I'll ask someone else..."

Other male characters

Choice: "Sounds interesting."

"No way, I'm a busy man."

If you answer yes

Man

"Great! You're the owner of this town's armory now. Give it your best!"

If you answer no

Man

"Well, all right. If you know someone who might be interested, just send him here."

== HOUSE (directly above Armory, right) ==

Woman

"I run the item shop to the east, but I've been busy lately with my new boyfriend."

Visit with a male character

Woman

"I was looking for someone who could look after the shop for me, but... Anyway, it's not a job for a man. A pretty face is crucial for attracting customers."

Visit with a female character

Woman

"Would you like to run the shop in my place? You'll be stepping down from the battlefield, but you can sell cheaply to your friends. It's not a bad deal, don't you think?"

Katri

Katri

"I'm sorry..."

Woman

"Oh, all right... But if you have a friend who might be interested, just send her here."

Other female characters

Choice: "I'll give it a try."

"I'm sorry, I can't."

If you answer yes

Woman

"Perfect! You're now the owner of this town's item shop. Do your best!"

If you answer no

Woman

"Oh, all right... But if you have a friend who might be interested, just send her here."

== TRAINING CENTER (top-left) ==

Man

"This is the training center for fighters on the frontier. We take pampered soldiers and train them to fight effectively on rough terrain like sand and wastelands."

If the character has the Frontier Fighter skill

Man

"Well, it looks like you already know how to hold your own on unstable ground. There's nothing more you can learn here."

If the character has 6 or more skills

Man

"I like your drive, but you've already got more than enough skills. Any more and you'd only be weighing yourself down."

If the character does not have the Frontier Fighter skill

Man

"You can't always choose to fight on stable ground like grasslands or pavements. If you know how to stay on your feet on rough terrain, you won't have to worry. I can train you to have an edge over your opponent on unstable ground."

Choice: "All right! I'm listening."

"Maybe some other time."

If you answer yes

Man

"All right, so to prevent yourself from losing your balance on unstable ground... ..All right, now you're a full-fledged Frontier Fighter! You have nothing to fear about fighting on bad terrain! Use your new skills to teach a lesson to the goons who roam the frontier!"

If you answer no

Man

"I see... But come back any time if you change your mind!"

== TRAINING CENTER (center-left) ==

Man

"This is the Duelist Academy. We train fighters who want to make it big in the arena."

If the character has the Duelist skill

Man

"But it looks there's nothing more I can teach you. If any of your friends are

having trouble at the arena, just send them here!"

If the character has 6 or more skills

Man

"But you already more than enough skills. Any more would just be a burden."

If the character does not have the Duelist skill

Man

"No matter how good you think you are on the battlefield, fighting in the arena's not quite the same thing. I can teach you a thing or two to rake up a profit without getting killed in the process."

Choice: "All right! I'm listening."

"Maybe some other time."

If you answer yes

Man

"Good! You look like you might have some promise. All right, the most important thing about fighting in the arena is to know exactly how strong your opponent is... ..All right, you're now a full-fledged Duelist! You could be the next undefeated arena champion! I'll be looking forward to the day that your name strikes fear into the hearts of arena challengers!"

If you answer no

Man

"I see... But come back any time if you change your mind!"

== TRAINING CENTER (right) ==

Man

"This is the training center for fighters on the mountains. We train warriors to fight effectively on steep mountainsides."

If the character has the Mountain Fighter skill

Man

"Well, it looks like you already know everything about mountainside battles. There's nothing more I can teach you. If any of your friends are having trouble fighting on mountains, just send them here!"

If the character has 6 or more skills

Man

"I like your drive, but you've already got more than enough skills. Any more and you'd only be weighing yourself down."

If the character does not have the Mountain Fighter skill

Man

"Don't worry, it's not that hard once you get the basics down. How about it? Do you want to learn how to best your enemies on the mountain?"

Choice: "All right! I'm listening."

"Maybe some other time."

If you answer yes

Man

"Good, then let's get started. The most important thing about fighting on mountainous terrain is to build strong legs to support yourself on the steeply angled ground. Then, you need to learn how to use boulders and other obstacles to your advantage... ..All right, you're now a full-fledged Mountain Fighter! Brigands and monsters roaming the mountains are no longer a match for you! Remember your training, and you'll never fear fighting on the mountainside again!"

If you answer no

Man

"I see... But come back any time if you change your mind!"

== MAP CLEARED ==

Holmes

"Phew... That should do it for now... You all right, Katri?"

Katri

"Yes. But I wonder how much longer we have to fight like this..."

If Martelle and Flau are in Holmes' team

(Focus on Fort Ligria)

Katri

"I wish I could fly freely in the sky like you and Flau... It must be wonderful."

Martelle

"I think my pegasus could support the both of us, Lady Katri. Would like to try?"

Katri

"Um... Why are you so polite to me, Martelle? You don't call the other girls 'Lady'..."

Flau

"I was thinking the same thing, Martelle. Why do you act so differently around Katri?"

Martelle

"...I suppose you're right... I'm sorry... I'll be more careful."

Flau

"Oh, Katri! Holmes is calling you."

Katri

"Oh, he is! I'm sorry, I have to go."

Martelle

"...Flau, don't take your eyes off of Lady Katri. Think of it as your mission to keep her safe!"

Flau

"Huh? But why, Martelle?"

Martelle

"I'll tell you why when the time is right. For now, you have to do as I say."

Flau

"But that doesn't make any..."

Martelle

"Flau!"

Flau

"Y-Yes! I'll do exactly as you say! Sigh... It never matters what I think, does it..."

If Juni and Lyria are in Holmes' team

(Focus on Fort Ligria)

Lyria

"La-la-la-..."

Juni

"You don't have a worry in the world, do you?"

Lyria

"La-la-... Huh? Why do you say that?"

Juni

"Well... It's just that you always look like you're having fun."

Lyria

"Hmm... Juni's not having fun?"

Juni

"Maybe not... I might not look like it, but I'm a girl with a lot of worries..."

Lyria

"Then let's sing together! La-la-la-... Singing is always fun."

Juni

"No, that's okay... I can't sing well like you. Here, I wanted to give you this. You can use it, right?"

Lyria

"Did you steal it?"

Juni

"No! I found it on the ground outside the fort! Fine, I won't give it to you if you're gonna be like that!"

Lyria

"Don't be mad, Juni. I'm sorry. You didn't steal it. So pretty please?"

Juni

"Here you go."

Lyria

"A staff? I wonder if I can use it? Ah! Did you see that? The staff just glowed all bright!"

Juni

"Hmm... What a weird staff..."

[MAP16]

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Map 16: Monsters from the Darkness
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== OPENING ==

Holmes

"Yeesh, get a load of that stench. I can't even breathe!"

Katri

"It really does smell bad... Is the mother of the Orps up ahead?"

Holmes

"Yup, it's called the Arch Orps. It's a monster that lives in the swamps and eats human flesh."

Katri

"Holmes..."

Holmes

"Hey, don't worry. The Arch Orps like the queen of the hive. It lets its minions do the work, so it can't put up much of a fight on its own."

If Shigen is in your attack team

Shigen

"Can't put up much of a fight on its own, huh? Last I heard, the Arch Orps was a hundred times stronger than the regular ones."

Holmes

"Compared to the regular Orps, right? I'd say it's only about ten times stronger compared to you."

Shigen

"Oh, sure, like that makes it any better! Geez!"

== MAP CLEARED ==

Katri

"Holmes, do you know what this staff does?"

Holmes

"That's a Repair Staff. It's a neat little thing that can fix just about anything. But you need a pretty high level of expertise with staves to be able to use it properly. I don't think you could handle it."

Katri

"Hmm, I wonder... But I'll try my best. I want to be able to help you like the others."

Holmes

"Hey, don't worry about that. You're doing great."

Katri

"Holmes... ..Really?"

Holmes

"Of course not, I was kidding. Now get to work!"

Katri

"What!? That's mean, Holmes!"

(Focus on Mermel Caves)

Holmes

"You okay, Katri? You look a little tired."

Katri

"It's all right... I'm fine."

Holmes

"You don't look fine to me. Well, we've been pushing everyone really hard lately. Maybe we should go back to Brahd for some rest..."

== MOVEMENT: BRAHD ==

(Focus on Brahd)

Holmes

"Hey, old man, you got a room?"

Innkeep

"Welcome. Hm, you're in luck. I've got a perfect room open for you two."

Holmes

"What? N-No, you idiot! We're not like that! Give us separate rooms!"

Innkeep

"Oh? I'm sorry, I thought you were siblings."

Holmes

"..... O-Old man..."

Katri

"....."

(Focus on Senay)

Runan

"Eugen, have the troops rested well?"

Eugen

"Yes, my lord. Last night's banquet has given our troops the energy and morale that they need."

Runan

"Then we need to be off as soon as we can. Waiting will only give the enemy more time to strengthen Balt's defenses."

Eugen

"Indeed. However, there is just one thing that is bothering me..."

Runan

"I know... We have no adequate defense in the north. If we leave Senay unguarded, the Imperial forces stationed at Fort Selba might attack us from behind. But that might be a risk we have to take..."

Eugen

"Lord Runan, if I may suggest a solution..."

Runan

"Another one of your schemes, Eugen? Very well, let's hear it."

Eugen

"Are you familiar with Lord Leonheart, the former Duke of Selba?"

Runan

"I've heard of him. A fierce warrior known as the Wolf of the Grasslands, he led an army of but a hundred men to face down an entire Imperial legion. Although he eventually lost Castle Selba to the Empire, he's still putting up a strong resistance to this day."

Eugen

"Exactly. My plan is to send a messenger to Lord Leonheart to offer to attack Castle Selba together. While the Imperial forces in Selba are busy fending him off, we may slip away and attack Fort Balt."

Runan

"So you're suggesting that we use Lord Leonheart?"

Eugen

"Well, if you insist on putting it that way... We shall give our apologies after we successfully capture Fort Balt."

Runan

"...All right. Send a messenger to Lord Leonheart requesting a joint attack on Selba."

Eugen

"Yes, my lord. Then my plan it is!"

Runan

"No. We're going up north with half of our troops. We will recapture Selba with Lord Leonheart, then move on to Balt!"

(Focus on Selba Plains)

Carnel

"What!? Senay has fallen!? No... That would leave me isolated, surrounded by enemies... Erg... What shall I do..."

== MOVEMENT: SOUTHERN SELBA ==

(Focus on Brahd)

Leonheart

"Hm... A message from Lord Runan requesting a joint attack?"

Shirou

"Yes, my lord. Lord Runan has already captured Senay. He is marching north with half of his troops, so he wishes to join forces with us and recapture Selba."

Leonheart

"Can this Runan be trusted? I hear he is still a boy of seventeen."

Shirou

"Well, rumor has it that he held his own when meeting with Prince Richard. He seems to be quite an individual."

Leonheart

"Held his own against Richard, you say? Interesting... I would like to meet this brave young man."

Shirou

"Then shall we attack Selba?"

Leonheart

"Well, we have joined the Utona Alliance, so we shouldn't be fighting alone forever. Lennie still hasn't returned, and I have a score to settle with that vile Carnel... But the problem is Archduke Ahab. He might attack Brahd in my absence. We don't have nearly enough troops to afford to leave some behind to defend the city..."

Shirou

"What about Sir Holmes, my lord? I shall go ask him myself if you would allow it..."

Leonheart

"You're right, Holmes is the only one we can ask. Could you go to the inn he's staying at and try to negotiate?"

Shirou

"Yes, immediately, my lord!"

(Scene switch)

Holmes

"All right, no problem. If Runan's involved, there's no way I'll say no. You can leave the city to us."

Shirou

"Thank you very much, Sir Holmes!"

Katri

"Be careful. We'll be praying for your safety."

Shirou

"Yes, thank you. We shall be praying for yours as well!"

(Scene switch)

Leonheart

"Holmes agreed? Very well, now that we can leave Brahd in his good hands, let us march towards Selba! Shirou, tell the troops to make preparations for departure immediately."

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