

Fire Emblem: Thracia 776 (Import) Game Script Translation

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Here's the script translation of Fire Emblem: Thracia 776. This is the same translation that was posted on the Fire Emblem: Sanctuary of Stragety (FESS) forums, and also on Eaichu's English Fire Emblem Documentary (EFED). I've just formatted it to fit GameFAQs' standards.

The original Japanese text was taken from here:
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Enjoy!

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Version 1.00: First complete version. (June 10, 2006)

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PLAYER CHARACTERS

Leaf

Class: Lord

Cuan and Ethlin's son, and the next heir to Lenster. After having his parents murdered in the Thracian massacre at Yied, he was driven out of Lenster by the Granbell Empire. He has since settled in a village called Fiana, and seeks to avenge his parents and reclaim his kingdom.

Finn

Class: Lance Knight

A loyal knight of Lenster. He saved Leaf's life by escaping with him from the Empire's attack on Lenster. He swears to Leaf that he will recapture their nation. He adopted Nanna, the princess of Nodion, and took her and Leaf to Fiana.

Eyvel

Class: Swordmaster

The marquess of Fiana, and also the leader of the militia group that defends the village from bandits and highwaymen. She suffered from amnesia, so she's not sure who she really is, but she might be Brigid of the Yungvi family. Mareeta is her adopted daughter.

Halvan

Class: Axe Fighter

A member of the Fiana Militia. A calm and collected person, he acts as Eyvel's right-hand man. He's like an older brother to the other younger members of the militia group.

Othin

Class: Axe Fighter

A member of the Fiana Militia. He's brash and quick to anger, but he has a kind heart. He's good friends with Tanya, although they never seem to stop yelling at each other.

Dagda

Class: Warrior

The ex-head-honcho of the Purple Dragon Mountain brigands, but he was changed by Eyvel. He now aids the Fiana Militia. Tanya's father.

Tanya

Class: Bow Fighter

A member of the Fiana Militia. She grew up among brigands like her father, and she talks as such. She and Othin are always fighting, but deep down...

Marty

Class: Brigand (Mountain Thief)

A not-so-brigand-like brigand from Dagda's group. He's very strong, but he's also a little sheepish, so he often ends up being used by his enemies.

Ronan

Class: Bow Fighter

A fisherman of Ith. He has a strong sense of justice, and he joins Leaf's army to protect his village from pirate attacks.

Lifis

Class: Thief

The boss of a band of pirates that make their base on an island off the coast of Ith. He's cunning and won't hesitate to do anything to get what he wants, but deep down he's a bit of a coward. He was captured by Leaf, but he managed to persuade Saphy into asking Leaf to let him join.

Saphy

Class: Priest

A young cleric from Tahra. She is on a mission from Linoan to seek out warriors to fight for the liberation of her city. She's strong-willed and doesn't give up easily.

Brighton

Class: Axe Knight

A former knight of Manster. He saw how his people were suffering under the current ruler, so he joined the Magi group to do something about it.

Machua

Class: Swordfighter

A native of Manster, Machua has been with the Magi group since its establishment. She is a skilled swordswoman who can stand her own against strong male fighters.

Lara

Class: Thief

A young thief who aids the Magi group with her lockpicking skills. She was originally a dancer, but she suffered abuse from her boss. Pahn rescued her by buying her from her former employer.

Fergus

Class: Free Knight

A traveling mercenary. He loves his freedom, and he has a habit of getting himself involved in conflicts. That habit got himself and Karin thrown in jail in Manster, and he joins Leaf after being rescued.

Karin

Class: Pegasus Rider

A cheerful Pegasus Rider from Ciledia, and a personal servant of the Ciledian princess, Fee. She was sent to find Sety, but she was imprisoned in Manster with Fergus. She joins Leaf after being rescued. Her Pegasus is named "Hermes."

Dalshin

Class: Axe Armor

A knight of Manster. He's serious and a strong sense of duty. His younger brother, Yuvel, had been imprisoned in the fort of Kelves due to the child hunting, but after learning that Leaf had rescued him, he switches sides and joins Leaf.

Asvel

Class: Mage

A young mage who travels with Sety. He can wield the Grafcalibur spell. He's an old friend of Leaf, and they promised to build the ideal nation together.

Nanna

Class: Troubadour

The princess of Nodion, and Lachesis' daughter. She was adopted by Finn, and she and Leaf grew up like brother and sister. She was kidnapped by Reidric, but Leaf rescued her.

Hicks

Class: Axe Knight

A knight of Manster. After having his son Maphy rescued by Leaf, he joins up.

Shiva

Class: Swordfighter

A mercenary hired by Lifis. He has his own set of ethics that he follows, and as such, he warns Lifis when he tries to take advantage of Saphy.

Carrion

Class: Social Knight

A knight of Lenster serving Hannibal. A kind-hearted man, he joins Leaf in hopes of seeing Lenster rise to glory once again.

Selphina

Class: Arch Knight

A knight of Lenster living in secrecy in a mansion in the mountains along with Dorias and her husband, Glade. She defended by mansion from the Thracians until Leaf arrived.

Kein

Class: Lance Knight

A knight of Lenster who lost his parents in the war. He joins Leaf along with Selphina.

Alba

Class: Lance Knight

A knight of Lenster, like his father before him. He joins Leaf along with Selphina.

Roberto

Class: Arch Knight

An orphan who joined Selphina out of admiration for her. He joins Leaf along with Selphina.

Olwen

Class: Mage Knight

A knight in the service of Freeji in charge of the surveillance squad. She respects her brother Rinehart so much that she is manipulated by Kempuf and imprisoned.

Fred

Class: Paladin

Olwen's most trusted lieutenant. He has a strong sense of justice, and he joins Leaf in an effort to rescue Olwen.

Mareeta

Class: Swordfighter

Eyvel's adopted daughter. She has a stout heart and never gives up, but she

ended up being captured by Reidric, where she attacked Leaf under the control of the Blade of Darkness. After being rescued by Galzus and Cyas, she joins Leaf.

Seiram

Class: Lopto Mage

A former Lopto bishop who had suspicions about the order and resigned. He was nearly killed when he tried to leave the order, but was rescued by Pahn.

Pahn

Class: Thief Fighter

The leader of a group of thieves known as the "Dandelion" which makes its base in the thick forests of Dakia. He never takes from the poor and never kills unnecessarily.

Tina

Class: Priest

Saphy's younger sister. She set out to look for Saphy after she left Tahra, but was captured by Pahn on the way. She's naive and actually believes that she was really enslaved by Pahn.

Trude

Class: Swordfighter

A mercenary offering his services to Pahn. He trusts Pahn like no other.

Glade

Class: Duke Knight

Selphina's husband, and a noble of Lenster who was driven out due to the invasion. He hopes to reclaim Lenster, and he goes to Tahra to help Linoan, who has the same goal. He's good friends with Finn.

Dean

Class: Dragon Knight

A knight of Thracia. He went to Tahra's aid and protected Linoan in place of Arione, who couldn't move freely due to the tension between Thracia and the Empire. He doesn't act like it, but he's a kind man.

Eda

Class: Dragon Rider

A knight of Thracia who went to Tahra's aid with her older brother, Dean. A brave woman, she won't hesitate to put her life in danger to protect those she holds dear, but at the same time, that courage makes her seem unpredictable and reckless.

Homeros

Class: Bard

An easygoing bard and quite the womanizer. He respects freedom more than anything; both his own and others'.

Linoan

Class: Sister

The ruler of Tahra. Her father was executed by the Empire for hiding Leaf right after he escaped from Lenster. Tahra was later captured by the Empire, but Linoan couldn't stand the abuse that they were putting her people through, so she started a rebellion. She and Arione are engaged.

Ralph

Class: Mercenary

A traveling mercenary. On his way to Lenster, bandits attacked the village he was staying at, so he stood up to protect the villagers.

Shanam

Class: Swordmaster

A mercenary from Isaac. He pretends to be Prince Shanam of Isaac, but he apparently isn't very good at it, for Homeros sees through his guise almost instantly. He "teaches" Mareeta the Starstrike skill.

Miranda

Class: Mage

The princess of Alster. However, Alster fell to the Empire, and her father was taken prisoner for sheltering Leaf, and Miranda herself was taken hostage and sent to a Lopto monastery. She claims Leaf to be responsible for her nation's collapse.

Sleuf

Class: Priest

A Bragi priest. While praying in the Tower of Bragi, he heard a prophecy from the dead Bishop Claud. He then seeks out Leaf to confirm Claud's words.

Eyrios

Class: Mage Knight

A knight of Freeji. Being of common birth, he dreams of being a noble some day. He has such a complex toward his peasant heritage that Karin teases him about it.

Misha

Class: Pegasus Knight

A Ciledian knight. She works as a mercenary for the Empire to feed the starving children in Ciledia.

Sara

Class: Sister

The granddaughter of Manfroy, the Archbishop of the Lopto Church. However, she doesn't like her grandfather because he killed her parents, and thus she willingly joins Leaf's army. She can use the Kia, the staff to cure petrification which can only be used by those directly descending from Manfroy.

Xavier

Class: General

A former general of Lenster. After Lenster fell to the Empire, the people had no place to go, so Xavier joined the Imperial army to ensure their safety.

Amalda

Class: Paladin

A loyal knight of Freeji. She joined the Freeji army out of admiration for Alvis. She diligently follows her superiors' commands, but she can't help but feel remorse for aiding the Lopto Church's child hunting.

Conomore

Class: Paladin

A general of Alster. After Alster fell to the Empire, he joined the Imperial army out of consideration for Miranda, who was taken hostage. He has hopes of rescuing her and recapturing their country.

Delmud

Class: Forrest Knight

The prince of Nodion, and Nanna's older brother. He was originally part of the Isaac Liberation Front led by Celice, but after Lenster's safety was established, he joined Leaf's army out of concern for Nanna.

Cyas

Class: High Priest

A Lopto bishop, and a genius tactician for the Empire. He is Aida's son. He is a descendent of the holy knights of Velthomer. His presence alone is enough to make his troops' morale skyrocket. He secretly rescued Mareeta and dropped her off at a village in the forest of Dakia. He later breaks the curse of the Blade of Darkness and turns it into a holy sword.

Sety

Class: Sage

The prince of Ciledia, and the leader of the Magi group who fights for the freedom of the people of Manster. He was originally traveling to look for his father, but upon seeing the mess Manster was in, he felt inclined to help.

Galzus

Class: Mercenary

A traveling mercenary of renowned strength. He attacks Leaf after being hired by Reidric. He's actually part of the royalty of the now disintegrated kingdom of Libo which was destroyed by Isaac. Mareeta's father.

TACTICIANS

August

A former Bragi bishop. He offers his services to Leaf after he saves the village of Ith. He then continues to aid Leaf with his wise advice and plays a major role in the liberation of Lenster. He's a very intelligent man who always takes a pragmatic approach towards problems, looking at the issue realistically and choosing the safest and most beneficial path for Leaf.

Dorias

A knight of Lenster. He lost his right arm while fending off Imperial forces to let Leaf escape from Alster. After that, he got aid from Hannibal and used his mansion hidden in the mountains to secretly gather the remaining knights of nobles of Lenster and retrain them. After reuniting with Leaf, he joins the army as a tactician. Unlike August, he's an optimist and follower of the knightly code, so their opinions often clash.

MAJOR ENEMIES

Reidric

Class: Baron

Although originally a general of Conort, he was seduced by the Empire and betrayed his nation. He is now the marquess of Manster. He'll do anything for wealth and power.

Berdo

Class: Dark Bishop

A Lopto bishop, and a high-ranking member of the Schwarze Rosen, the Lopto Church's infamous mage army. He is the mastermind behind all of the Lopto Church's activities in Thracia. He petrified Eyvel with the Stone spell.

Kempuf

Class: Mage Knight

A Freeji general in charge of Dandrum Fortress. He is jealous of his colleague Rinehart, and he tricks his sister, Olwen, into imprisonment. Kempuf has no honor whatsoever, and he doesn't hesitate to abandon his troops and flee to save his own skin.

Blume

Class: Baron

The king of the Freejis, and the current ruler of Alster. After Leaf recaptured Lenster, he tried to retake it. However, Celice then took down Alster, so Blume fled to Conort.

Rinehart

Class: Mage Knight

A general of Freeji, and Ishtar's personal guard. Olwen's older brother. He is said to be the second coming of the Holy Warrior Tordo. He leads the Gelpritter at the Great River of Thracia to face the Liberation Army.

Yurius

Class: Dark Prince

The Emperor of the Granbell Empire. Yuria's twin brother. He loves Ishtar, and he threatens her into casting out Rinehart out of jealousy. He then takes Ishtar to Miletos.

Ishtar

Class: Sage

The queen of the Freejis, and Blume's daughter. She is Yurius' lover. After Yurius ordered her to send Rinehart away, she travels to Miletos with him, where her mother, Hilda, resides.

Altena

Class: Dragon Knight

The queen of Thracia. She's actually Cuan and Ethlin's daughter, which makes her Leaf's older sister. She came to Manster with Colhuta, but she had hesitations about charging in. After unsuccessfully trying to convince Colhuta to wait, she ended up sitting in the mountains, doing nothing.

OTHER ENEMIES

Wiseman

Class: Sword Armor

The commander of the Manster soldiers that Reidric sent to Fiana to search for Leaf.

Bucks

Class: Warrior

One of Lifis' henchmen in charge of watching over Ith.

Lobos

Class: General

A commander put in charge of Fort Kelves by Reidric. He carries out the child hunting in the surrounding villages.

Eisenhow

Class: Paladin

A general sent by Reidric to pursue Leaf after he escaped from Manster. He retreats after seeing Hannibal.

Ruemay

Class: Dragon Knight

A mercenary hired by Gomes. Although he was a Thracian soldier, his wages weren't enough to feed his family, so he was working extra hours as a mercenary.

Gomes

Class: Warrior

A brigand who became the boss of the Purple Dragon Mountain bandits in Dagda's absence. He attacked Dagda out of frustration for not being able to make a living without resorting to banditry.

Merlock

Class: Dragon Knight

The leader of the squad sent by Trabant to defeat Leaf after he entered Thracian land.

Largo

Class: General

An old veteran defending a fort on the Empire's border. A wise and kind man, he was like a grandfather to Olwen.

Oltoph

Class: Bishop

A bishop of Freeji commanded by Kempuf to defend Dandrum Fortress, while Kempuf himself fled. Oltoph employed the "Murder Hollace" to fight Leaf's army to the death, but he also tried to flee halfway through.

Colho

Class: Warrior

A member of Pahn's Dandelion. However, he goes against Pahn's ways, and he murders travelers and innocent villagers for loot.

Rist

Class: General

The commander of the Empire's 20th Legion. He's very ambitious, and he doesn't want Baldack to take all the credit. He charges into Tahra against his superior's orders in an attempt to win all the credit for himself.

Baldack

Class: General

The commander of the Empire's 8th Legion. He leads the frontmost lines in the Empire's assault on Tahra.

Paulus

Class: Baron

The commander of the Empire's 5th Legion, and the leader of the attack on Tahra. He has hesitations about the Empire's ways.

Macroy

Class: Dragon Knight

A knight of Thracia. He was sent by Trabant to sneak into Tahra and secure the castle while the Empire was busy fighting Leaf's army.

Codha

Class: Dark Bishop

A member of the Schwarze Rosen. He was waiting to ambush Leaf's army as they escaped from Tahra.

Zile

Class: Warrior

The boss of the brigands roaming the area south of Lenster. He'll do anything for money, including killing children or selling them off into slavery.

Brook

Class: General

The commander of the Empire's 7th Legion. He defends Fort Norden along with Kempuf.

Nicaraf

Class: General

The commander of the Empire's 3rd Legion. He fights to the death to defend Lenster's gate against Leaf's army.

Moore

Class: Dark Bishop

A member of the Schwarze Rosen sent to defend Lenster with the Empire.

Mueler

Class: Mage Knight

One of Rinehart's lieutenants. He leads the Gelpritter and attacks Leaf's army as they attempt to breach Lenster's eastern gate.

Rinecock

Class: Dark Bishop

A member of the Schwarze Rosen residing in the thick forests of Melfiye. He attacks Leaf's army with the Berserk staff as they pass by.

Palman

Class: General

A general of Freeji in charge of defending Lenster's southern gate.

Gustav

Class: Baron

The marquess of Lenster after the Empire took control. He puts the people through much misery and suffering. He uses his vast wealth to hire troops and buy good equipment to defend himself.

Wolf

Class: Baron

A general of Freeji sent by Blume to recapture Lenster.

Barat

Class: Baron

A general of Freeji. He attacked Lenster's castle for half a year in an attempt to conquer it.

Seymetol

Class: Dragon Knight

The leader of the mercenaries guarding Fort Danzhi.

Flaus

Class: Bishop

The commander of the Empire's 30th Legion. He fought to defend Fort Danzhi along with Seymetol.

Zaom

Class: Baron

The commander of the Empire's 27th Legion. He was put in charge of the detention center inside Fort Danzhi.

Coen

Class: Baron

The commander of the Empire's 26th Legion. He raised Cyas a child. After letting Cyas escape, he fought to the death to defend the Great River of Thracia.

Farden

Class: Paladin
A knight defending Manster.

Alphan
Class: Dark Bishop
A Lopto bishop put in charge of defending the castle gate at Manster by Reidric. He has a bad habit of leaving his spell books lying around and not being able to find them later.

Colhuta
Class: Dragon Knight
A Thracian general who came to Manster with Altena. Under Trabant's orders, he seeks to charge into Manster when Reidric is busy dealing with Leaf and capture the city in the meantime.

OTHER CHARACTERS

Celice
The son of Sigurd, the lord of Chalphy. After fleeing to Isaac from Barhara, he grew up, and established the Isaac Liberation Front to lead a rebellion against the Empire. He and Leaf meet for the first time in Alster. After that, Leaf headed for Manster, while Celice made his way to Conort. I assume the rest is in Seisen no Keifu, which I haven't gotten very far through.

Yuria
A member of the Isaac Liberation Front. She's the twin sister of Yurius.

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Chapter 1: The Warrior of Fiana
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== On the World Map ==

ON THE WORLD MAP

After escaping with his life from the collapsing Lenster Castle, Leaf, together with his loyal knight Finn and his daughter Nanna, proceeded to defeat the Thracian forces and take control of Northern Thracia.

Shaking off pursuits from the eastern Granbell Empire, Leaf fled to various cities such as Alster and Tahra before finally arriving at Fiana, a small village on the eastern coast of Thracia.

Fiana was an independent village run by a swordswoman named Eyvel, and she led a band of fighters to protect the neighboring villages from bandit attacks. Eyvel gave Leaf and his comrades a warm welcome, and Leaf gradually grew up among other youths who resided in Fiana.

And now, in the Gran year 776...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Reidric:

"Have you found the prince?"

Wiseman:

"No, my lord. We've searched the village, but the prince is nowhere to be found."

Reidric:

"You fool! We don't have much time. I know that the prince is here. Round up the villagers and make them talk! We need to find him!"

Wiseman:

"Yes, we are already doing that, my lord. But the villagers say that he isn't here. He apparently left with the Fiana Militia to go save some village from

a pirate attack."

Reidric:

"Fiana Militia? What is that?"

Wiseman:

"This village was originally the headquarters of a large group of brigands. A little over a decade ago, a traveling mercenary named Eyvel cleared out the bandits and took over the village. She then established a militia to protect the nearby villages from bandit attacks. Apparently she's quite skilled with her sword..."

Reidric:

"Hmm... She could be a problem."

Wiseman:

"No worries, my lord. We have already taken Eyvel's daughter hostage. We've also captured the daughter of Finn, the knight defending the prince. They'll have no choice but to give in to us now."

Reidric:

"Well, not bad, for you. Good, I shall take the girls back to Manster with me. You stay here and wait for the rebels. Make sure the capture the prince when he returns!"

Wiseman:

"Yes, my lord. Someone! Bring the girls here."

Reidric:

"What is your name, girl?"

Mareeta:

"Hmph..."

Reidric:

"Ha, stoutness is cute as well. And the other one... Ah, so you're Finn's daughter. I understand your mother is a princess from Nodion. I see you haven't lost your dignity living in a place like this."

Nanna:

"....."

Reidric:

"Well, I've gotten some pleasant surprises to take home with me. Wiseman, I will now be returning to Manster. I trust you can handle the rest."

Wiseman:

"Yes, my lord."

Scene switches to Leaf

Eyvel:

"What's happening? Something's wrong..."

Halvan:

"I'll go take a look, Lady Eyvel. Pleast wait here."

Halvan:

"Lady Eyvel, the village is filled with Imperial troops. It looks like they attacked while we were gone..."

Othin:

"What? Damn, those bastards! Lady Eyvel, let's go!"

Halvan:

"Calm down, Othin. If we just run in without thinking, we'll just get beaten down."

Othin:

"Why're you so calm, Halvan!? Our village is being attacked!"

Eyvel:

"No, Halvan is right. Calm yourself, Othin. Lord Leaf, it looks like the Empire has sought us out. Please make your escape while we distract the Imperial troops. Finn, take care of him..."

Leaf:

"Eyvel! Nanna is still in the village. I can't just leave her and run."

Eyvel:

"I will ensure her safety. Don't worry."

Leaf:

"No, that's not it... I've chosen not to run any more."

Eyvel:

"Finn, what about you? Are you going allow Lord Leaf get himself in danger?"

Finn:

"Lord Leaf is already 15 years old. He is old enough to make his own decisions. As his servant, I will respect his judgment and follow his commands."

Eyvel:

"15... Well, we did bring him with us to defeat the pirates. Fine, If Finn says so, it's all right with me."

Othin:

"Well, are we done? Let's hurry up and go kick their asses!"

Eyvel:

"Yes. But be careful. Although they are Imperial troops, the lower-ranking ones are civilians forced into the army. If you can, don't kill them, take their weapons and let them escape. Understood?"

Othin:

"But we can hurt them until they submit to us, right? They'll kill us if we don't."

Eyvel:

"Yes, but don't overdo it, all right? Especially you, Othin."

Othin:

"Come on, don't you trust me, Lady Eyvel?"

Eyvel:

"All right, let's go. Show them the Fiana Militia's strength!"

3RD TURN

Tanya:

"Dad, the battle's already started."

Dagda:

"This isn't good... Eyvel's strong, but I don't know whether she can hold her own against Imperial troops. Let's go."

Marty:

"Here we go again..."

CONVERSATION (Eyvel, Dagda)

Eyvel:

"Dagda!? You came."

Dagda:

"Ah, Eyvel. I'm glad you're safe. Still... What business does the Empire have all the way out here? That kid...?"

Eyvel:

"Yes... That boy is actually the heir to now demised Kingdom of Lenster. I was hiding him from his pursuers. I'm sorry I kept it from you..."

Dagda:

"I thought it was something like that. But no matter, I don't mind as long as I can fight against the Empire."

CONVERSATION (Othin, Tanya)

Othin:

"Tanya? What the hell are you doing out here?"

Tanya:

"Othin!? Can't you see? I came to help you guys out."

Othin:

"Help us out, eh? Well, we're not so desperate as to ask for help from a kid. Now off you go."

Tanya:

"Who're you calling a kid!? You're the kid! Fine, I'm going. I never wanted to come here anyway. Hmph!"

HOUSE (Right)

If you use Halvan

Patricia:

"Oh, big brother! Here, I'll give you this. You could use it, right?"

Halvan:

"An axe?"

Patricia:

"It's a nice axe, isn't it? I got it from a strange old lady who came out of the lake in the mountain. But I can't really use it, so take it."

If you don't use Halvan

Patricia:

"Have you seen my big brother, Halvan? I hope he's okay..."

HOUSE (Lower)

If you use Othin

Othin's Father:

"Othin, you working hard? You better not be bein' a nuisance to Lady Eyvel."

Othin:

"Come on, spare me the lectures, old man."

Father:

"Ha, haven't fixed that foul mouth of yours, have you, kid? Well anyway, here. This is what you came for, right?"

Othin:

"Yeah, thanks! I don't feel right unless I fight with this axe."

Father:

"Stupid kid. I've never heard of someone forgetting his weapons to a battle."

Othin:

"Hey, I told you I don't need the lectures."

Father:

"Hmph. Well, what're you waiting for? Go and help Lady Eyvel!"

Othin:

"Yeah, I'm going!"

If you don't use Othin

Father:

"Where is that stupid Othin! Is he fooling around somewhere again?"

FIGHTING WISEMAN

Wiseman:

"If I die, so do the hostages! Don't you understand that!?"

DEFEATING WISEMAN

Wiseman:

"Damn... You'll...regret this..."

RELEASING WISEMAN

Wiseman:

"D-Damn! I'll be back!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

If Eyvel is not captured

Leaf:

"Nanna! Mareeta! Where are you? Answer me!"

Eyvel:

"They appear to have been taken away by Lord Reidric."

Leaf:

"What!? Then they're in Manster?"

Eyvel:

"They've been taken as hostages. It's exactly what that Reidric would think of doing..."

Leaf:

"Damn... Eyvel, let's go! We have to rescue them."

Eyvel:

"But Lord Leaf..."

Leaf:

"Eyvel, they were captured in my place. I'm not a child any more. I don't want to sacrifice anyone any more for my own safety!"

Eyvel:

"...Very well. We will leave tomorrow morning. It will be a tough journey... Please make sure you get your rest."

If Eyvel is captured

Leaf:

"Nanna! Mareeta! Where are you? Answer me!"

Man:

"Lord Leaf, you're all right! Forgive me, we couldn't protect Lady Nanna..."

Leaf:

"Nanna? What happened to her?"

Man:

"The Imperial troops took her away. Mareeta was trying to let her escape, but they were both captured in the end..."

Leaf:

"Where were they taken?"

Man:

"I honestly don't know... ..Oh, one of the soldiers was saying that they were returning to Manster, so perhaps..."

Leaf:

"Manster? All right. Please don't worry, I'll save both Nanna and Mareeta, and Eyvel as well!"

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ON THE WORLD MAP

Leaf headed for Manster to rescue Nanna and Mareeta from the clutches of Reidric.

On the way, he passed through a small village on the coast called Ith...

OPENING CUTSCENE

August:

"Bucks, watch your killing. I know you have to plunder the villages, but don't kill more than necessary."

Bucks:

"Ah, shut up. I don't know if you're some big-shot tactician or what, but I'm in charge here. So keep your mouth shut, all right? Besides, those fighters from Fiana won't be bothering us. It's our boss that leaked the information that they were hiding the prince of Lenster."

August:

"Prince Leaf!? Are you sure?"

Bucks:

"Yep, he took one of the villagers and made him talk. He died, of course."

August:

"Torture..."

Bucks:

"Right. Our boss said you're the one who taught him how to torture people. No wonder you were cast out of the order."

August:

"That Lifis, he's going overboard... Of course...I'll have no more use for him once I find the prince. Well...what to do now... I suppose I should first let my master know of this matter."

Scene switches to Leaf

(If Eyvel is with you)

Leaf:

"Eyvel! Someone is attacking the village!"

Eyvel:

"They must be Lifis' pirates. They can't stay put for long, can they..."

Leaf:

"We have to help the villagers!"

(If Eyvel is not with you)

Leaf:

"Finn! Someone is attacking the village!"

Finn:

"They must be Lifis' pirates. They've been inactive for some time now, but..."

Leaf:

"We have to help the villagers!"

(If both Eyvel and Finn are not with you)

Leaf:

"Hm...? Someone is attacking the village! It must be Lifis. We have to help the villagers!"

HOUSE (Upper)

Ronan's mother:

"Ronan! Wait."

Ronan:

"No, mother. I've made up my mind. Oh, you must be the Fiana Militia. Please, let me join you! I can use a bow. I promise I won't get in your way."

Mother:

"But you've never been in battle..."

Ronan:

"That doesn't matter! If we don't do something, we'll always have to live in fear of Lifis. I just can't take it any more!"

FIGHTING BUCKS

Bucks:

"You think you stand a chance against the mighty Bucks!?"

DEFEATING BUCKS

Bucks:

"Gah... You...bastards..."

RELEASING BUCKS

Bucks:

"Sorry, guys. I'll clean up my act and become a fisherman. See ya!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

If you saved all of the villages

August:

"Lord Leaf, I presume."

Leaf:

"...Who are you?"

August:

"My name is August. I am a traveling Bragi priest."

Leaf:

"Do you need something from me?"

August:

"I heard you were planning to go to the pirates' island to help the villagers..."

Leaf:

"Yes, if we don't get rid of them now, they'll be sure to attack the village again. Also, I heard that there was a cleric kept captive on the island."

August:

"Very well. I shall escort you to the island."

Leaf:

"You would?"

August:

"Do not worry... I won't let you down. Leave everything to me."

If one or more villages have been destroyed

August:

"Lord Leaf, I presume."

Leaf:

"Who are you?"

August:

"My name is August. I am a traveling Bragi priest."

Leaf:

"Do you need something from me?"

August:

"I wish to go to Manster, but the pirates have blocked the road. Would you mind if I accompanied you?"

Leaf:

"Fort Kelves is the closest we'll be going. If that's all right with you..."

August:

"Yes, thank you very much. I shall give you tips for your travels on the way. I wish to be of assistance to you, Lord Leaf."

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Chapter 2 Gaiden: The Pirate Isles
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OPENING CUTSCENE

Shiva:

"Lifis, you'd better not touch that cleric. Understood?"

Lifis:

"Y-Yeah... I know."

Shiva leaves

Lifis:

"C'mon, Saphy... I'll give you whatever you want. So would you please do as I say?"

Saphy:

"I'm sorry, but Lady Linoan has given me an important mission. Or will you fight with us for the people of Tahra, Lifis?"

Lifis:

"Against the Empire!? No way, I'm better off committing suicide."

Saphy:

"I know this is asking a lot... But handing out innocent children as sacrifices simply cannot be forgiven. We'll probably all be killed, but we have still chosen to resist. The citizens of Tahra are not just fighting for themselves... Our world will eventually be blanketed in darkness. If we don't stand up now, the world will fall to the dark god Lopto. Please, Lifis, we need your help! I want you to fight for Tahra, and for the future of our world!"

Lifis:

"...If I say okay, then will you do me a favor?"

Saphy:

"Yes, anything that I can do..."

Lifis:

"All right, I'll convince the boys and go to Tahra. But you better keep your promise."

Saphy: "Yes!"

Scene switches to Leaf

Leaf:

"It's getting dark... I can't see a thing."

August:

"If we had some torches, we would be able to see a little further..."

Leaf:

"It'll be a tough fight without them."

August:

"Yes, especially since we do not know these islands very well. But I'm sure there are torches somewhere. Do not worry."

Leaf:

"All right, let's go. We can't be wasting time here!"

2ND TURN

Pirate 1:

"Boss, are we really going to Tahra? I sure as hell don't want to... We might as well kill ourselves if we're fighting against the Empire."

Lifis:

"I know. I just said that to make that girl mine. There's no way I'm going to Tahra. Shiva, that bastard! He's just a mercenary, so where does that soft spot come from?"

Pirate 2:

"Boss, looks like someone's sneaked in from the west."

Lifis:

"What? Damn, this just ain't my day, is it? All right boys, go get 'em! Catch them and feed them to the sharks!"

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Eyvel)

Leaf:

"There are a lot of enemies... Can we win?"

Eyvel:

"Don't worry. As long as we don't do anything rash, there's nothing to fear."

Leaf:

"Do you know Lifis, Eyvel?"

Eyvel:

"Yes... He's just another rogue, not even worth killing. Lord Leaf, when you capture Lifis, don't let him escape. We shall bring him back to Ith and make him apologize to the villagers."

FIGHTING SHIVA

Shiva:

"Hmph... Fools."

DEFEATING SHIVA

Shiva:

"What...! How could I...lose to..."

RELEASING SHIVA

Shiva:

"Soft ones... But now I owe them."

FIGHTING LIFIS

Lifis:

"W-Wait! Sorry, I was wrong. So don't kill me!"

DEFEATING LIFIS

Lifis:

"Ugh... Saphy...it hurts..."

RELEASING LIFIS

Lifis:

"Guess I'll have to start over again. See ya, idiots!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"The pirates seem to have fled... Is the cleric safe?"

August:

"Here she is."

Saphy:

"Thank you for rescuing me, I... ...!? ...Wait..."

Leaf:

"...Is there something on my face?"

Saphy:

"Lord Leaf! Have you forgotten me? I'm Saphy, from Tahra!"

Leaf:

"Saphy...? The girl at the monastery in Tahra...her name was Saphy."

Saphy:

"I have only met you a few times, so I don't blame you for not remembering me. But I remember you, Lord Leaf. I was the one who comforted Lady Linoan when you left Tahra..."

Leaf:

"Oh, right... You were Linoan's friend. You were the bishop's daughter, weren't you?"

Saphy:

"I couldn't be her friend... Lady Linoan is the daughter of the duke of Tahra. I am but her servant."

Leaf:

"What are you doing here? Is Linoan doing well?"

Saphy:

"Don't you know what happened to Tahra, Lord Leaf? Tahra was under the Empire's control after the duke passed away, but it has been horribly corrupt. They even started the child hunting this year."

Leaf:

"Child hunting..."

Saphy:

"The citizens couldn't take it, so they started a rebellion with Lady Linoan as the new duchess. They hired mercenaries and bribed the higher-uppers of the Empire in an effort to win their freedom, but King Blume wouldn't allow it, and Tahra was surrounded by Imperial troops. The mercenaries feared Empire's power and fled, leaving only a small number of citizen warriors putting up a hopeless struggle. I have been sent by Lady Linoan to look around Thracia for people that would fight for Tahra."

Leaf:

"Tahra has been in such a bad situation...? The duke of Tahra hid me for

five years before he was executed by the Empire...I will never forget my gratitude for him. I'll go to Tahra, I'll save it! Let's go, Saphy."

Saphy:

"Yes, Lord Leaf! Thank you!"

If you captured Lifis

Lifis:

"Hey, what's going to happen to me?"

Leaf:

"We're turning you over to the villagers. They'll decide your fate."

Lifis:

"H-Hey, wait a minute. If the villagers get a hold of me, I'll be killed! C'mon, let me go... Please, Saphy. I promised I'll go to Tahra, right?"

Saphy:

"Lord Leaf, this man isn't as evil as he seems. I know piracy is an unforgiveable act, but he already realized his mistake. Please help him."

Leaf:

"Well, if Saphy says so... All right, we'll see how you do for a while."

Leaf and Saphy leave

Lifis:

"Phew, looks like I'm safe for now. Now all I gotta do is slip away when I see the chance... ..Wait, if that kid's really the prince, then I can also turn him in to the Empire for a hefty reward... Well, I guess I'll think it over. It'll all be after I get Saphy in my hands..."

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Chapter 3: The Gate of Kelves
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After ridding Ith of the pirates, Leaf continued on towards Manster. He soon came across a small fort called the Gate of Kelves...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Reidric:

"Lobos, how is the child hunting coming along?"

Lobos:

"Ah, Lord Reidric. We have gathered all of the children in this area. I've locked them in the dungeon for now, but what do you wish to do with them?"

Reidric:

"Good. Keep them there until the Lopto Church comes to pick them up. Make sure to be on your guard, because the Magi group might come to claim them as well."

Lobos:

"Magi group? Oh, the rebels from Manster... They were still operating?"

Reidric:

"I thought I had killed them off, but they seem to have recovered somehow. Apparently they have a new leader. Irritating little pests."

Lobos:

"Indeed. Are you going back to Manster, my lord?"

Reidric:

"No, I think I will stay here for a little bit...I'm tired from the long journey. I should be able to rest without worry in this impregnable fort. I'll leave the rest up to you, Lobos."

Lobos:

"Yes, my lord."

Scene switches to Leaf

August:

"That is the Gate of Kelves, the entrance to Manster, Lord Leaf. It is small for a fort, but it is a place more frightening than hell for the people living around here."

Leaf:

"Why is that?"

August:

"It is now the headquarters for the child hunting..."

Leaf:

"Child hunting?"

August:

"All children between the ages of 7 to 13 are kidnapped and sent to the Imperial capital of Barbara. Once there, they are reborn as followers of the dark god Lopto."

Leaf:

"What? No..."

August:

"It's the truth. Many children are being captured and locked up Fort Kelves as we speak."

Leaf:

"Such...inhuman behavior...! August, I'm going to rescue the children. I'm sorry, but we'll have to separate here."

August:

"Yes... Then let me give one last bit of advice. You won't be able to enter the fort on horseback, so dismount your horses before going in. Also, the children can't move, so carry them back to their homes. The villagers will be very grateful to you if you do. Good luck, Prince Leaf."

Leaf:

"!? ...August, you knew that I was the prince?"

August:

"Of course. I wish to help you rise back to power, Prince Leaf. Farewell for

now...let us meet again in Manster."

FIGHTING LOBOS

Lobos:

"Wh-Who are you people? Do you think you can get away with this!?"

DEFEATING LOBOS

Lobos:

"Guh... Don't think...it's over...yet..."

RELEASING LOBOS

Lobos:

"Y-You'll regret this...! Lord Reidric will surely hear of this matter!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"Phew... We somehow managed to capture the fort."

Reidric:

"Well, boy... I would like to say good job, but it looks like your luck has run out. Put down your weapons if you want this girl to live!"

Leaf:

"Nanna!? Reidric, you...!"

Nanna:

"Leaf, don't worry about me! Just run!"

Leaf:

"Damn... ...All right... I'll drop my weapons. So don't hurt her!"

Reidric:

"Hahaha... It's nice to see obedience. All right, capture Prince Leaf! Don't forget his friends, either!"

The following members each say a line if they're alive

Eyvel:

"What... Lord Leaf has been captured? ...All right, then I will go with him. I want you people to escape for now and rescue the prince later. Understood?"

Finn:

"Eyvel said that? All right, we'll have to retreat for now. Lord Leaf, I promise I will go rescue you!"

Halvan:

"Damn, is this it...?"

Othin:

"Damn... Leaf! We'll go rescue you. You better not die until then!"

Saphy:

"Dear God, please protect the prince..."

Dagda:

"What, the prince was captured? Damn... Guys! Let's pull back to Purple Dragon Mountain. Guess we'll have to gather all the boys and attack Manster by force."

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Chapter 4: The Dungeon
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ON THE WORLD MAP

Falling into the hands of Reidric, Leaf was taken away by Imperial forces to Manster.

Manster was under the rule of the Freeji family, a house of nobles put in charge of Northern Thracia by the emperor of Granbell. Reidric, who was once a general of the Kingdom of Conort, was assigned watch of Manster by Lord Blume of the Freeji family.

Leaf had no idea of what he was about to witness...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Reidric:

"Hahaha... Now this is bound to get me a promotion. Dalshin! Don't let that boy escape until the people from Conort come to retrieve him!"

Dalshin:

"Yes..."

Reidric:

"I shall go to the arena. Woman, you will come with me as well."

Eyvel:

"Me? Why..."

Reidric:

"Don't you want to see the girls?"

Eyvel:

"Girls? ...Mareeta and Nanna?"

Reidric:

"That's right. They are doing quite well. Don't worry, I haven't laid a finger on them."

Eyvel:

"...Are you really going to let me see them?"

Reidric:

"You have my word."

Eyvel:

"...All right. Please show me to them..."

Reidric:

"Of course, my lady. Hehehe..."

Eyvel:

"....."

Scene switches to Sety

Sety:

"Brighton, I want you to rescue the people trapped in the dungeon level. I will go search for the children with Asvel."

Brighton:

"Yes. We will go to your aid once we release the people here."

Sety:

"Very well, then we shall meet again. Good luck!"

Scene switches to Brighton

Machua:

"Lara, you're our only hope. Will you be all right?"

Lara:

"Yeah, leave the lockpicking to me. But make sure you protect me, all right?"

Brighton:

"If someone attacks you, just take his weapons. You can do that much."

Lara:

"Well, that's easier said than done. I can't carry heavy weapons like you can."

Machua:

"Don't worry, Lara. Brighton and I will protect you. Let's go!"

1ST TURN

Lifis:

"Damn... This just ain't my day."

Bandit 1:

"Um, excuse me... Are you Lifis, the boss of the Lifis Pirates?"

Lifis:

"Huh? Yeah, that's me."

Bandit 1:

"I knew it! You look just like the guy in the wanted ad."

Lifis:

"Hehe...looks like I'm pretty famous... Wait a minute...maybe I can use these guys..."

Bandit 1:

"What's the matter, boss? Something on your mind?"

Lifis:

"...Well, I was actually thinking of a way to get out of these prison cell."

Bandit 1:

"What? We can get out of here?"

Lifis:

"Think, you idiot. Once the boys find out that I've been captured, they'll be sure to come rescue me, right? I'll be out of here sometime soon. So it'll only be a short while, but let's be friends, eh?"

Bandit 1:

"W-Wait! In that case, can you let me go with you?"

Lifis:

"Well... I'll consider if you work for it."

Bandit 1:

"Really!? Leave it to me! See these muscles? I'll knock out a guard or two any day!"

Bandit 2:

"L-Lifis! Let me go with you, too!"

Bandit 3:

"Hey, me too!"

Lifis:

"Haha... Idiots are so easy to manipulate. Now I just have to wait for a chance..."

2ND TURN

Fergus:

"Looks like everyone's getting excited now. So what did you do to get caught?"

Leaf:

"...Who are you?"

Fergus:

"I'm Fergus, a traveling mercenary. Back in the city, I saw some soldiers harrassing a girl, so I went in to stop them. And the next thing I know, I get thrown in here. Great, huh?"

Karin:

"You call that just 'stopping'? You nearly killed him. Poor thing..."

Fergus:

"Well, I hate to remind you, but you're the one who stepped up to them first."

Karin:

"Yeah, and then they threw me in here as well because they thought I was with you. It's all your fault! What am I going to do now..."

Fergus:

"Come on, there's no point in crying over spilled milk. Yawn... I'm kinda tired, so I think I'll take a nap. Wake me up at dinnertime."

Karin:

"I don't believe... ..Oh, I'm sorry. I'm Karin. Pleased to meet you."

Leaf:

"Karin? ...That's an unusual name for a Thracian."

Karin:

"Oh, I'm from Ciledia. I had just arrived in Manster...and then I end up here because of him."

Leaf:

"Ciledia... That's far up north, right? What did you come all the way here for."

Karin:

"Well, our prince suddenly left the country. The queen has already passed away, and the princess is still too young, so... We didn't know what to do, so we set out to look for the prince."

Leaf:

"I heard that Siledia was destroyed by the Empire. The royal family is still safe?"

Karin:

"Yes. The people opposing the Empire all moved to a city called Tovae in the far north, where they're defending the royal family. I'm going to become a full-fledged Pegasus Knight and help them out, too."

Leaf:

"Wow... That means you can fly, right?"

Karin:

"Well, I'm still not a knight yet, so flying is the best I can do. But my pegasus and I understand each other. His name is Hermes, and he's so cute and smart! He must be flying around here, looking for me."

Leaf:

"So why did the prince leave the country?"

Karin:

"He said he was going to go look for the king... But you see, the king's kinda weird. He left years ago, abandoning his country and family. Naturally, everyone's mad. So we need Prince Sety to return and take the throne. I was sent here to pick him up, but then because of this guy..."

Fergus:

"Because of who? You know, can't you keep it down? This is a prison. Some of us are trying to get some sleep."

Karin:

"You're the only one who can snore away in a place like this. You're so insensitive!"

Guard:

"Hey! Keep it quiet over there!"

Fergus:

"Told you. Hahaha..."

Karin:

"Erg..."

Leaf:

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Fergus:

"...Something on your mind? You can talk to me about it. I might be able to help."

Leaf:

"...Yes... Maybe you can help me."

WHEN LIFIS' CELL IS OPENED

Bandit 1:

"Hey, boss! The cell door's open. Wow, it really did happen like you said!"

Lifis:

"....."

Bandit 1:

"Huh? What's the matter? Aren't you happy your friends came to help you?"

Lifis:

"What? Y-Yeah... Of course I am. ...Well, someone really did come... I guess talking through my hat sometimes does work..."

WHEN LEAF'S CELL IS OPENED

(If Fergus and Karin are alive)

Fergus:

"Well, Prince Leaf, looks like someone came to rescue us. Let's get out of here while we can."

Leaf:

"Who are they...?"

Fergus:

"It could be anybody. For now, we have to run. The stairs to the north lead outside. I'll buy time for you, so you go first."

Leaf:

"But what about you?"

Fergus:

"Probably we'll get captured again. But I don't mind as long as you're able to escape."

Leaf:

"I can't do that! When I escape, so does everyone else!"

Fergus:

"Ha... All right, kid. I'll tag along with you for a while. I can't really just ditch you after hearing that story."

Karin:

"Well... I guess everyone does have their fine points."

Fergus:

"What, are you attracted to me now?"

Karin:

"Huh? N-No, of course not!"

Fergus:

"Just kidding. Well, what are you going to do? The leader of the Magi group is a guy named Sety. Isn't that the prince you're looking for?"

Karin:

"Yes, most likely. But right now we need to help Lord Leaf. I can't forgive that Reidric person for taking girls as hostages. I'll help Lord Leaf escape, too."

Fergus:

"You? Can you fight?"

Karin:

"I'll do my best!"

Fergus:

"Well, well... Looks like I got a quite a handful now..."

CONVERSATION (Leaf/Lifis, Dalshin)

Dalshin:

"What!? My brother was captured in the child hunting!? I see... That's it, I've had it with Reidric and the Empire. I'll join you!"

FIGHTING DALSHIN

Dalshin:

"All of you! Return to your cells!"

DEFEATING DALSHIN

Dalshin:

"Diana... I won't be able to make it home... Take care...of Yuvel..."

RELEASING DALSHIN

Dalshin:

"Soft ones... But now I owe them."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Manfroy:

"Berdo, how is the child hunting coming along?"

Berdo:

"Yes, Bishop Manfroy, the citizens protested in some areas, we managed to round up all of the children."

Manfroy:

"Good. Now we only have Tahra left. If they insist on protesting, don't hesitate to burn them down, city and all. It shall set an example for the other cities. Have no mercy."

Berdo:

"Of course. However, the Freeji generals seem to be hesitant. They have surrounded the city, but they seem reluctant to step in."

Manfroy:

"Queen Ishtar... Your father seems unwilling to fight. May I have an explanation?"

Ishtar:

"My father is hesitating because many important nobles are voicing their concern with the child hunting. My brother is also strongly against this act. Bishop Manfroy, please stop the child hunting. It is unbearable to separate young children from their parents. And sacrificing them to Lopto is not something that a humane person would do!"

Yurius:

"Ishtar, I think there's a misunderstanding. I am not telling them to kill the children. I just want to educate them to be fitting citizens for my empire. Those who withstand the training will earn high posts and rule over the other inferior citizens. In other words, they will become new nobles, Ishtar. I'm giving them a chance to grasp their happiness."

Ishtar:

"They only become nobles after surviving through harsh hatred between each other... That is not happiness."

Yurius:

"...You'll understand soon enough. Oh, Ishtar, did you know there was a beautiful flower garden in the yard? Let's go take a look."

Ishtar:

"...Yurius..."

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Chapter 4 Gaiden: The Hero of the Winds
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OPENING CUTSCENE

Asvel:

"Lord Sety, do you think the children are safe?"

Sety:

"I don't think the Empire will send them to the capital until they've gathered more. Don't worry, Asvel. We're still in time."

Asvel:

"Oh, good. Then let's rescue them and send them back to their homes."

Sety:

"Yes. But be careful, there are still a decent number of guards on watch."

Asvel:

"Yes."

Sety:

"After you rescue the children, I want you to go search for Prince Leaf with

Brighton."

Asvel:

"What? ...Prince Leaf!?"

Sety:

"Right. He's been captured by Reidric and locked in this castle. ...What's the matter, Asvel? You look surprised."

Asvel:

"Lord Leaf is a very important person to me. I've been looking for him ever since we separated in Tahra. It's been three years now..."

Sety:

"I see... Anyway, find the prince and escape Manster with him. I plan on getting the Magi members to hide outside the castle as well. We'll only be decimated if we don't do something."

Asvel:

"What are you going to do, Lord Sety?"

Sety:

"I'm going to stay here a little longer. The remaining civilians must be helped as well."

Asvel:

"I'm sorry... You've taught me so much, but I can't be of any help to you..."

Sety:

"Don't worry about it. The only thing I ever taught you was that Grafcalibur spell. You can use it to protect Prince Leaf from now on."

Asvel:

"...Lord Sety, we'll meet again, won't we?"

Sety:

"If Prince Leaf is truly our hero, then Thracia will eventually be liberated. ...We'll see each other again, right here in Manster."

Asvel:

"In Manster... Yes! In Manster, Lord Sety!"

Scene switches to the children

Girl:

"Sniff, sniff..."

Boy:

"Hey...you should stop crying..."

Girl:

"But...sniff..."

Boy:

"The soldiers'll get mad and yell at us again to shut up..."

Girl:

"I don't care! If I keep making them mad, maybe they'll send me back home... I want to go home..."

CONVERSATION (Asvel, Leaf)

Asvel:

"Lord Leaf! Finally! It's me, Asvel!"

Leaf:

"Asvel!? What are you doing here? I thought you were in Tahra."

Asvel:

"I went after you as soon as you left Tahra. But I lost track of you, and I've been here in Manster for half a year now..."

Leaf:

"As soon as I left!? ...Then you've been searching for me for three years...?"

Asvel:

"Yes. Don't you remember our promise? We vowed to reclaim Thracia together. But you left me and went off on your own, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"I'm sorry... I had no choice. Tahra was surrounded by Imperial troops, and I was sure I was going to die. I never thought I would make it out of there alive... I didn't want to put you in danger."

Asvel:

"We swore to each other that we would live and die together, Lord Leaf... Was that an empty vow? I still remember it. And I've chosen to aid you as much as I can."

Leaf:

"Asvel..."

Asvel:

"Lord Leaf, let's reclaim Thracia. I'm willing to go through anything for that cause!"

CONVERSATION (Karin, Sety)

Karin:

"Lord Sety! It is you!"

Sety:

"Hm? Karin...? What are you doing here? You left Ciledia?"

Karin:

"Yes! To look for you!"

Sety:

"To look for me? ...Did Fee send you? Or was it my mother..."

Karin:

"...Lord Sety... I have something very important to tell you."

Sety:

"What is it?"

Karin: "Well... ..Oh..."

Sety:

"Karin, what is it? Crying isn't helping!"

Karin:

"Yes... The queen, she..."

Sety:

"Mother!? Did she...?"

Karin:

"Yes... It's been two months already..."

Sety:

"I...see... So...mother died..."

Karin:

"Lord Sety..."

Sety:

"I was too late... I... I wanted her to see father just once more..."

Karin:

"Lord Sety, please return with me to Ciledia. Lady Fee is waiting for you."

Sety:

"Fee... How is she doing? Is she all right...?"

Karin:

"She tries hard to hold back her tears in front of the others, but she cries and cries when she's alone with me... You're so cruel, Lord Sety. You push everything on little Lady Fee and go running off to a place like this... It's natural to be called a hero when you take after Holsety. But you're letting that get to your head and abandoning your mother and sister. And you call yourself the prince of Ciledia!"

Sety:

"Karin... You're right. But my father was the only one who cure my mother's illness. Even if I stayed by her side, there was nothing I could do except watch her fade away... That's why I wanted to find my father no matter what."

Karin:

"Then what are you doing in Manster?"

Sety:

"I heard my father was here until a half a year ago, but when I arrived, he had already left. But after seeing the terrible state of the people here, I couldn't just leave them..."

Karin:

"I see... Forgive me, Lord Sety. I was harsh..."

Sety:

"Karin, can you give me a little more time? I'll return to Ciledia once I drive Reidric out of this city. It shouldn't take long. I just need another half a year..."

Karin:

"Then I shall stay here with you."

Sety:

"I appreciate your concern, but... I can't fight with you around. I want you to go back to Ciledia."

Karin:

"...Yes... I would just be in the way, wouldn't I... All right, I shall go back home. Please promise me that you'll come back as well, Lord Sety."

Sety:

"Yes, I swear to you that I'll return. Here, I'll give you this as a symbol of our promise."

Karin:

"What is this? A rag?"

Sety:

"That's a national treasure of Ciledia. It's an old scroll left by the holy warrior Sety, and it has magical powers. I'm really supposed to give it to my bride, but I'll give it to you for now."

Karin:

"I-I can't accept such a valuable item!"

Sety:

"Karin... I'm sorry about my mother. I'm also grateful that you took care of Fee for me. This is a symbol of my gratitude. Please take it."

Karin:

"...Very well. But I'm only taking it for the time being. I'll be sure to give it back once you return to Ciledia!"

Sety:

"Karin, we'll meet again in Ciledia. Take care of yourself until then."

Karin:

"Yes! You too, Lord Sety!"

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Chapter 5: Mother and Child
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OPENING

Eyvel:

"Lady Nanna!"

Nanna:

"Eyvel..."

Eyvel:

"Thanks goodness you are alive... Are you hurt?"

Nanna:

"No, I'm fine... But Mareeta, she..."

Eyvel:

"Mareeta!? What happened to her?"

Nanna:

"I-I don't know. We were separated as soon as we arrived here..."

Eyvel:

"...Reidric! What is the meaning of this? You said you would let me see my daughter. Did you lie to me?"

Reidric:

"No, of course not. I'll bring you to your daughter. If..."

Nanna:

"Eyvel! Swordsmen are approaching us!"

Eyvel:

"What!?"

Swordsmen appear

Reidric:

"...If you can defeat my swordsmen, I'll let you see your daughter."

Eyvel:

"....."

Reidric:

"What's the matter, Eyvel? The swordsmen are approaching."

Nanna:

"Eyvel..."

Eyvel:

"...Lady Nanna, please stay behind me."

1ST TURN

Reidric:

"Ah, sorry to keep you waiting, Bishop Berdo."

Berdo:

"Well, you seem to have a lot of time on your hands... ...And this is not what you said you would be doing."

Reidric:

"Haha... You will see, Bishop Berdo..."

Berdo:

"I see... Then I suppose I shall enjoy it while it lasts."

Reidric:

"It is all up to that swordswoman... I certainly hope she is as powerful as the rumors go."

IF EYVEL IS CAPTURED

Reidric:

"Down already? How disappointing."

Soldier:

"What should we do with her?"

Berdo:

"Reidric, she is too good to kill. Leave her to me."

Eyvel:

"W-What...?"

IF EYVEL WAS PETRIFIED BEFORE LEAF OPENS THE ARENA GATE

Soldier:

"...What shall we do with Finn's daughter?"

Reidric:

"Hm... Leave her. She won't be able to escape anyway. ...Now, what shall we do with this one?"

Soldier:

"....."

Nanna:

"...Eyvel..."

IF EYVEL KILLS A SWORDSMAN, OR IF LEAF'S TEAM APPROACHES THE ARENA GATE

Reidric:

"Hm, impressive, I see. Very good. Here's a reward."

Eyvel:

"What! ..."

Reidric:

"Haha... You! Bring her in here!"

Eyvel:

"Mareeta...?"

Mareeta:

"....."

Nanna:

"Mareeta! Oh, Mareeta, you were all right! I'm so glad..."

Eyvel:

"Lady Nanna, wait!"

Nanna:

"What?"

Mareeta:

"....."

Eyvel:

"Mareeta... Answer me..."

Mareeta:

".....Kill...! ...Kill...kill...kill... ...I'll...kill...you...all...with...
this...sword...! Aaaaaahhhhh!"

Eyvel:

"Mareeta...!"

Reidric:

"Well, what is it like to see your beloved daughter?"

Eyvel:

"...What have you done to her?"

Reidric:

"Nothing. In fact, she was trying to escape, so I lent her a hand by giving her that sword. ...The Blade of Darkness, was it?"

Eyvel:

"The Blade of Darkness...an evil sword... Are you trying to turn her into a crazed killer!?"

Reidric:

"There was a curse on that sword? Well...I never knew that."

Eyvel:

"Don't play dumb! ...Why, you...!"

Reidric:

"Shouldn't you be worrying about yourself? I hear that that sword is among the deadliest of its kind. Hahaha...!"

Eyvel:

"Reidric...! Mareeta! Wake up!"

Mareeta:

"....."

2ND TURN AFTER MAREETA APPEARS

Reidric:

"What is this? She has the sword, why is she having so much trouble?"

Berdo:

"Hm... It seems that the sword hasn't taken over her heart completely."

Reidric:

"What? Impossible! How can a little girl like her..."

Berdo:

"Her love for her mother is slowing her down. She's resisting the sword's power with all her might... Look, can't you see those tears?"

CAPTURING MAREETA

Mareeta:

"Gah... Let...go...let...go..."

Eyvel:

"Mareeta, I'm sorry..."

Mareeta:

"!!!"

Reidric:

"What...! You knocked her out... I-Impossible..."

Eyvel:

"...Reidric. You will pay for this."

Reidric:

"D-Damn...!"

KILLING MAREETA

Mareeta:

"....."

Eyvel:

"Mareeta... Forgive me..."

Reidric:

"What...! How could you win against the Blade of Darkness...?"

Eyvel:

"...Reidric. You will pay for this."

Reidric:

"D-Damn...!"

AFTER OPENING THE ARENA GATE

(If both Eyvel and Nanna are alive)

Leaf:

"Nanna! You're all right!"

Nanna:

"Leaf! Please, help Eyvel! She won't last much longer!"

Leaf:

"All right, leave it to me! Eyvel! Are you okay?"

Eyvel:

"Lord Leaf! You came!"

Leaf:

"Thank you for protecting Nanna."

Eyvel:

"But... Mareeta is still..."

Leaf:

"Mareeta? Is something wrong with her?"

(Eyvel is alive, Nanna is dead)

Leaf:

"Eyvel! Are you all right?"

Eyvel:

"Lord Leaf...I'm sorry... I...couldn't protect Lady Nanna..."

Leaf:

"What!? Nanna... N-No..."

(Eyvel is alive, Nanna is captured)

Leaf:

"Eyvel! Are you all right?"

Eyvel:

"Lord Leaf...I'm sorry... I...couldn't protect Lady Nanna. She was captured again..."

Leaf:

"Nanna... Well, if she's alive, there's still hope. We can still rescue her again!"

Eyvel:

"And...Mareeta..."

Leaf:

"Mareeta? Is something wrong with her?"

(Eyvel is petrified, Nanna is alive)

Nanna:

"Leaf!"

Leaf:

"Nanna! You're all right!"

Nanna:

"Yes. But..."

Leaf:

"Where's Eyvel?"

Nanna:

"She..."

Leaf:

"Eyvel? Eyvel! No...! How could this happen..."

(Eyvel is petrified, Nanna is either dead or captured)

Leaf:

"She's not here... Was the information I got wrong...? Wait... Eyvel!? Eyvel! No...! How could this happen..."

Reidric:

"Wh-What!? They escaped!? Capture them! N-No, wait, kill them! It will be my responsibility if they get away! Kill them! Kill them all!"

AFTER MAREETA IS CAPTURED/DEAD (AFTER THE GATES OF THE ARENA ARE OPENED)

Reidric:

"S-Someone! Do something about that woman! She will kill us all!"

Berdo:

"Reidric, there is no need to panic. Leave it to me."

Eyvel:

"What... ..!!"

Reidric:

"Well... The rumors about your magic are true, I see."

Berdo:

"Hahaha..."

Reidric:

"What a perfect statue we have here. Hahaha... All right, we have nothing to fear now! Kill them all! Don't let them get away alive!"

NANNA LEAVES THE MAP

Nanna:

"Eyvel... I'm sorry..."

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Chapter 6: The Escape
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OPENING

August:

"This way, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"Bishop August!? What are you doing here?"

August:

"I was making plans to rescue you, but apparently there is no need for that now. ...You look upset, but I am glad to see you are safe."

Leaf:

"August... I've never hated the Empire as much as I do now. They killed my parents, and they even took away the one person who I could call my mother. I hate the Empire...and I hate that Reidric, who follows its commands to do evil. Tell me, August. How can I fight against them? I would do anything to get her back. Please tell me, August!"

August:

"Eyvel has been turned to stone? If that is the case, I am afraid there is nothing we can do."

Leaf:

"! ...What do you mean? Is there no way to bring her back!?"

August:

"A certain staff called the Kia can revive petrification. However, Manfroy, the Iopto Archbishop, has sealed that staff, and it can only be used by those of his heritage."

Leaf:

"What? No..."

August:

"I have heard rumors of a secret Lopto temple in the underground of the Yied desert. They say that the statues of various warriors are kept there. I have even heard that the statues include the captives of the war in Barhara from a decade ago. I am sure that Eyvel's statue will be taken there as well."

Leaf:

"That... That's impossible!"

August:

"I understand your anger, but those 'impossible' things that you speak of are currently happening, Lord Leaf. Already, thousands...no, tens of thousands of children have been kidnapped from this land of Thracia and taken to the Imperial Capitol of Barhara. Areas like Manster and Lenster have been hit particularly hard because of the strong Lopto influence on them... Children are seldom seen there any more."

Leaf:

"Are the parents just sitting there watching? Why won't they stand up and fight!?"

August:

"Of course they are putting up some resistance, but they are still ordinary citizens. They are no match for the Imperial Army or the Lopto Church. If they are not killed on the spot, they are taken away to concentration areas where they are mass-executed. Lopto's mage army, the Schwarze Rosen, is especially cruel. If one villager tries to oppose them, the entire population is burned alive. It is almost a reiteration of the Dark Ages... People have lost their will to resist and have become slaves for those in power."

Leaf:

"How...cruel."

August:

"Yes. Northern Thracia used to be a land of blue skies and rich greenery, but now it is covered in an endless cloud of darkness. Lord Leaf, I understand your concern for Eyvel, but you have more important deeds to attend to. What the people of Northern Thracia truly need is a hero who can unite them into an army to stand up and fight. And you are the perfect example, Lord Leaf. Being the son of the tragic heroes Cuan and Ethlin, you automatically have the right to unite the people. Do you understand? If you stand up, the rebel forces of Northern Thracia will come together to form a single force that will have the power and ability to drive out the Empire and the Lopto Church."

Leaf:

"...I haven't given up saving Eyvel, but I understand what you're saying. If you want me to lead the liberation of Northern Thracia, then I'll do it. Rebuilding Lenster and leading its army to defeat the Empire... That was a dream Finn and I have been talking about for years! August, if you would support me as an advisor, I have nothing to fear! All right, what should we do now?"

August

"Yes... I wanted to hear that resolve from you. For now, we must escape."

Leaf:

"There are soldiers everywhere coming after us. Is there a safe way out?"

August:

"I suggest using the side gate in the east. The problem will be getting through the castle undertown. If a guard sees us, he will call for reinforcements, making our escape that much more difficult."

Leaf:

"So we have to go unnoticed by the guards... That will be tough."

(The following part happens only if Karin is alive)

Karin:

"You don't want to go through the city, right? Then I'll carry you one at a time on Hermes. We can fly over the castle walls, so no one will notice us."

Leaf:

"All right, then we won't have to fight. But will you be all right?"

Karin:

"Hermes is saying he'll do his best. Pegasi usually only allow women to ride them, but he says he'll bear with us for now. Good boy."

August:

"...I suppose we can rely on her for our escape. Now, the question is getting through the castle town..."

STOPPING AT THE SOUTHERN GATE OF THE TOWN

Man:

"Hey, you all right? I've heard the news. You'd better escape while you still can."

(If you didn't go to Ch 4 Gaiden)

Man:

"If we wait just a little longer, Master Sety should arrive to help us... That should make things easier."

3RD TURN

Galzus:

"Sorry, Bishop, I'm afraid I gave you an extra burden."

Cyas:

"Galzus, was it? Were you not hired by Lord Reidric? Why did you save this girl? Do you know her?"

Galzus:

"No... That's not the case."

Cyas:

"...I see. It is a rather large burden for one traveling alone, but I shall take care of her nonetheless. Farewell, Galzus!"

Cyas and Mareeta leave the map

Galzus:

"I never thought I'd see you again..."

5TH TURN

(Only if you didn't go to Ch 4 Gaiden)

Sety:

"Good, it looks like Lord Leaf is still safe."

Magi group person:

"Yes, we made it in time."

Sety:

"All right, we're going to buy time for him to escape. I'm sorry to put you in danger, but I can't let him die."

Magi group person:

"We understand, Master Sety."

9TH TURN

(Only if you didn't go to Ch 4 Gaiden)

Sety:

"...Everyone, retreat! We have to leave before the enemy's main forces arrive. Hurry!"

15TH TURN

Reidric:

"Ah, Galzus! You're late."

Galzus:

"Do you need something?"

Reidric:

"Can't you see? One of our prisoners escaped. It's a powerful one, and we need your help."

Galzus:

"Hmph... Pathetic."

HOUSE (TOP RIGHT)

(If you let Cliff escape in Ch 4 Gaiden)

Old Man:

"Ah, you're the ones who saved my grandson, Cliff. You're fighting alongside our savior, Sety, eh? Here, take this Rapier as a sign of my gratitude."

(If you didn't let Cliff escape)

Old Man:

"Cliff will never return... It's no use expecting anything from you, who aren't even Holy Warriors. We can only hope for light from the east..."

HOUSE (TOP LEFT)

(If you let Boy escape in Ch 4 Gaiden)

Woman:

"The Magi group let Boy, my little brother, escape to a safe village. Thank you so much. Please take this magical book as a sign of my gratitude. I hear it has special powers, so I hope it will be of some use to you..."

(If you didn't let Boy escape)

Woman:

"...I have given up hope for Boy. No...it's not your fault..."

HOUSE (BOTTOM LEFT)

(If you let Leena escape Ch 4 Gaiden)

Man:

"Hey, it's you guys! Thanks for rescuing my younger sister, Leena! Here, I'll give this. I found it in my backyard the other day. It looks like a page torn out of a book or something. I hope it'll be of some use to you!"

(If you didn't let Leena escape)

Man:

"Ha, you call yourself the Liberation Army, huh? Well, my little sister's still captured! Don't go around acting like a hero when you can't do shit!"

HOUSE (BOTTOM CENTER)

(If you let Emily escape in Ch 4 Gaiden)

Woman:

"Are you the ones who saved my daughter, Emily? How can I ever thank you? Oh, here, take this. It's a Knight's Crest, a family treasure."

(If you didn't let Emily escape)

Woman:

"Oh, Emily... Where have you gone...?"

HOUSE (TOP CENTER)

(If you let Maphy escape in Ch 4 Gaiden)

Hicks:

"Hey, I was waiting for you guys. I heard you saved Maphy, my son. Thanks to you, I was able to hide him in safe place, along with the other children. I'm Hicks, an Axe Knight of Manster. I was thinking it was about time to teach that Reidric a lesson. I'll fight alongside you."

(If you didn't let Maphy escape)

Hicks:

"Get out of my house! You call yourself the Liberation Army, when you can't even save one kid? You people sicken me!"

HOUSE (BOTTOM RIGHT)

(If you let Bella escape in Ch 4 Gaiden)

Woman:

"I heard you saved my little sister, Bella. We're poor, so we can't give you anything much, but please take this Holy Water as a symbol of my gratitude."

(If you didn't let Bella escape)

Woman:

"Bella...she's gone forever... And I know you people can't do anything..."

LEAF LEAVES THE MAP

Soldier:

"Lord Reidric, Prince Leaf has escaped the castle."

Reidric:

"You fool, what were you doing! You can't even capture one measly little rat!?"

Soldier:

"W-We're sorry, sir!"

Reidric:

"Command General Eisenhower to lead his troops and pursue him immediately! It will be a pain if Leaf escapes into Thracian land."

Soldier:

"Yes, sir."

Reidric:

"By the way, what happened to that Mareeta girl? I haven't seen her..."

Soldier:

"Well, I was going to tell you, but... The guards were ambushed, and she was taken..."

Reidric:

"You are all so useless! Do you not have any idea at all who did it!?"

Soldier:

"Whoever did was clearly a very skilled individual. Some people say that they saw that mercenary, Galzus, near the scene... Are you sure he can be trusted, my lord?"

Reidric:

"Hm... Galzus..."

Soldier:

"Some claim that they saw the markings of Ordo on his back. If that's true, it means he is of the royal family of Isaac..."

Reidric:

"Hmph, I am not so foolish as to hire a mercenary of unknown origins. Yes, he is part of the Isaac family. He is the prince of the now demolished Kingdom of Libo. He is in fact the cousin of Prince Shanan of Isaac."

Soldier:

"Isn't Prince Shanan one of the leaders of the rebel forces against the Empire?
Is it safe to hire one of his relatives into our service?"

Reidric:

"Do you not know anything? The Kingdom of Libo, Galzus' country, was invaded and destroyed by Isaac's forces, led by Shanan's grandfather. Galzus was put through many hardships since he was a youth because of that. Do you really think he would help Shanan?"

Soldier:

"Ah, I see..."

Reidric:

"I can see why he let that girl escape... I saw the same markings on her back as well... Hahaha..."

Soldier:

"What?"

Reidric:

"No, it is nothing. Anyway, don't worry about Galzus. That girl is of no use to us any more. However, we can't afford to lose Galzus, so don't do anything to him."

FIGHTING GALZUS

Galzus:

"Curse your fate for bringing you before me..."

DEFEATING GALZUS

Galzus:

"Ha... So now...I meet...a powerful foe..."

[CH7]

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Chapter 7: The Shield of Thracia
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ON THE WORLD MAP

With the overwhelming pain of failure lying heavy in his heart, Leaf fled Manster, accompanied by several members of the Magi group.

However, danger was still with them.

Bounty hunters were after the reward placed on Leaf, and the Manster Army was gaining on him from behind...

OPENING CUTSCENE

August:

"Lord Leaf, the Manster Army is gaining on us."

Leaf:

"What should we do?"

August:

"We have two choices. We can either head west into the mountains to shake them off, or we can continue on southward towards Castle Meeds. Either way, we will probably have to request aid from Thracia."

Leaf:

"Aid...from Thracia? But Thracia ruined my country and killed my parents. I have no intention of asking them for help!"

August:

"Do you intend to put your allies in danger just because of your own selfishness? You must understand that we are not fighting to avenge your country or family. We have stood up to liberate Northern Thracia from the Empire."

Leaf:

"Well, yes... But can we even trust Thracia? They're allied with the Empire."

August:

"I'm sure that they would stand up once they see their borders being invaded. Also, General Hannibal resides in Castle Meeds. He is a respectable warrior known as the Shield of Thracia. I'm certain he would help us if we tell him that we have escaped from Reidric of Manster."

Leaf:

"All right, then let's head for Castle Meeds. We can go to Tahra later."

August:

"Tahra...? I've heard that the Imperial Army has surrounded Tahra because it openly opposed them taking their children. It would be suicide to go there with our small forces."

Leaf:

"Tahra is like a second home to me. The duke of Tahra... He died protecting me from the Empire. I also have a lot of friends there. I have to save Tahra, August!"

August:

"...Very well. We shall discuss that later. For now, we must escape!"

(If you didn't kill Shiva in Ch 2 Gaiden)

Shiva:

"What's all this noise about?"

Mercenary:

"Looks like someone raised hell in Manster. And if the rumors are true, that someone is a kid named Leaf, one of the last surviving heirs of Lenster. There's a huge bounty on his neck as well. We've got a nice one to go after for a change..."

Shiva:

"Hm..."

2ND TURN

Soldier:

"Welcome back, General Hannibal."

Hannibal:

"I see some people have been thrown into the dungeon. Did something happen while I was gone?"

Soldier:

"Yes, there were some suspicious figures lurking around the area, so we captured them. They're probably bandits from the outskirts to the east..."

Hannibal:

"I see... What are they saying?"

Soldier:

"They keep claiming that they are simple villagers, but from the way that they talk, I can only suspect that they're brigands of some sort."

Hannibal:

"All right, I'll talk to them myself later. More importantly, something is boiling up in Manster... That Reidric might be scheming something. Be on your guard."

Soldier:

"Yes, sir!"

(If Finn is alive)

Soldier:

"They keep claiming that they are simple villagers, but from the way that they talk, I can only suspect that they're brigands of some sort. Also... There was a knight among them, but he managed to escape. We are currently searching the area for him."

Hannibal:

"All right, I'll talk to them myself later. More importantly, something is boiling up in Manster... That Reidric might be scheming something. Be on your guard."

Soldier:

"Yes, sir!"

Finn:

"Is Lord Leaf safe...? I must go find him..."

(If Saphy is alive)

Finn:

"I must be off. You may return to the city now."

Saphy:

"Sir Finn... Am I just a hindrance after all?"

Finn:

"No, that's not it. I appreciate your offer to help, but I'm not sure if I can protect you or not."

Saphy:

"When I left Tahra, I swore to the war god, Heim, that I would not fear death as long as I could help the savior of my town. You need not worry about me. If I could be of any assistance to you, then please take me along."

Finn:

"Very well, if you insist... In any case, we must get going. We need to find the prince before sunset."

(If Finn is dead/captured and Saphy is alive)

Saphy:

"Is Lord Leaf safe...?"

2ND TURN (ENEMY)

Reidric:

"The rebels are on foot, they won't be able to go far. Eisenhower, I want you to take your troops and chase after them on horseback. You must get rid of them before they reach Castle Meeds."

Eisenhow:

"Yes, my lord. ...But Thracia is allied with us. Would they really head for Castle Meeds at all?"

Reidric:

"The Empire and Thracia are allied, but we are not on good terms with each other. In fact, we're on bad terms. If there's anyone with half a brain among the rebels, he would take advantage of this situation."

Eisenhow:

"Ah, I see."

Reidric:

"Anyway, if we can catch them before they reach the castle, we won't have to deal with Thracia at all. And one more thing... Hannibal most likely has his armored infantry stationed around the castle. Whatever you do, don't get into a fight with them. Understood?"

Eisenhow:

"Yes, my lord."

IF YOUR UNITS ESCAPE BEFORE DEFEATING EISENHOW

Hannibal:

"Manster's army is headed here!? Reidric...do you take me for a fool? Troops! Dispatch! Show those fools from Manster the wrath of the Armor Knights of Thracia!"

(At the end of the same turn)

Reidric:

"Hannibal's troops came out? Damn...just what we need right now... Everyone, retreat! Retreat back to Manster!"

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Finn)

Finn:

"Lord Leaf! You're all right!"

Leaf:

"I'm sorry for worrying you, Finn."

Finn:

"No, I trusted you would be safe, Lord Leaf. I just didn't expect to find you so quickly..."

Leaf:

"It's all thanks to the Magi group."

Finn:

"Magi...? They're called the Magi group? They seem to have both knights and mercenaries, but who are they?"

Leaf:

"They're rebels from Manster. They agreed to help me until their city is liberated."

Finn:

"I see. ...Where is Eyvel? She doesn't seem to be here..."

Leaf:

"Eyvel's in Manster... She was turned to stone by a Lopt Priest. There's nothing we can do right now..."

Finn:

"! ...I see... I'm sorry, Lord Leaf..."

Leaf:

"You don't have to apologize. And...I will go rescue Eyvel. Some day, we'll go back to save her. So you'd better not die! You can't die until we return to Manster!"

Finn:

"Of course. I will swear to my spear that I will never leave your side again!"

Leaf:

"Yeah... By the way, where are the others?"

Finn:

"They're being held captive in the castle. I thought about rescuing them, but I figured I should find you first."

Leaf:

"I see... So we have to go to Castle Meeds anyway. All right, we'll pick up the others, and then go to Tahra. You must have memories of that place as well."

Finn:

"Yes, Lord Leaf."

CONVERSATION (Nanna, Finn)

Nanna:

"Father!?"

Finn:

"Nanna... Thank goodness you've alive. Are you all right? Are you hurt?"

Nanna:

"No, I'm fine. Eyvel protected me..."

Finn:

"I see... I wouldn't know what to say to that person if something had happened to you..."

Nanna:

"Father..."

Finn:

"Hm? Is something wrong?"

Nanna:

"No... Sorry. Never mind..."

Finn:

"Well, if you say so. Anyway, return to the back lines. Your staves are useful, but you shouldn't be up front like this."

Nanna:

"Yes, father..."

CONVERSATION (Saphy, Shiva)

Saphy:

"Oh, you're..."

Shiva:

"Ah... So we meet again."

Saphy:

"Why are you doing this? You're not a bad man..."

Shiva:

"I'm just doing my job. It's of no concern to you. Now move."

Saphy:

"...No."

Shiva:

"...You're going to sacrifice your life for that kid?"

Saphy:

"If that's the case...then so be it!"

Shiva:

"....."

Saphy:

"Thracia needs Lord Leaf! I would gladly give my life to ensure that he arrives there safely!"

Shiva:

"Hmph... You say some pretty stupid things sometimes, don't you? Fine... Have it your way."

Saphy:

"What!? Then you're going to help Lord Leaf?"

Shiva:

"Yeah. Might as well, you know? But let me say this. Don't ever talk about death lightly in front of me. If there's one thing I hate, it's people rushing to get killed."

Saphy:

"I'm sorry... I'll be more careful."

Shiva:

"Can I ask you something? What is it that you want? What would make you smile with your heart?"

Saphy:

"I simply want to see the people living happily in peace. If they are smiling, then I will be as well."

Shiva:

"I see... Guess I shouldn't have asked. Anyway, my name Shiva, from Savan. What's yours?"

Saphy:

"Saphy...from Tahra."

HOUSE (Upper)

Man:

"You're going to Tahra? Then take this antidote. If you ever get hit by poison, just rub this on the wound and it'll go away just like that. I've heard the rogues in the west use poisoned weapons. You'll be glad you took this antidote along."

HOUSE (Lower)

Man:

"P-Please, I just couldn't resist...don't take me away... Huh? You're not the castle guards? Oh... Just forget what I said, then. Here, I'll give you this to keep your mouth shut."

HOUSE (Above the shop)

Old Woman:

"If you have the time, why don't you visit the arena to the south? If you fight and win, you'll get rewarded with cash, and it's a good way to test your skills. Oh, but you'll die if you lose, so don't get carried away. You must never overdo anything. If you do decide to go, then take this. I'm sure it'll be of some use."

FIGHTING SHIVA

Shiva:

"Hmph... Fools."

DEFEATING SHIVA

Shiva:

"What...! How could I...lose to..."

FIGHTING EISENHOW

Eisenhow:

"You pathetic fools! You think you stand a chance against me?"

DEFEATING EISENHOW

Eisenhow:

"What... No..."

AFTER LEAF ESCAPES

Hannibal:

"I hear you fled from Manster. What is the problem?"

Leaf:

"Well, we were living on the east coast, but we were arrested for the opposing the kidnapping. However, we were rescued by the rebels there, and we escaped."

Hanniba:

"Hm... You look quite resolved for one so young. What is your name?"

Leaf:

"My name is Lugh Faris, General Hannibal."

Hannibal:

"...You look like him..."

Leaf:

"What? ...I look like who?"

Hanniba:

"No, forget it. What do you intend to do from now?"

Leaf:

"I'm planning on going to Tahra. I have friends there..."

Hannibal:

"Are you going over the mountains?"

Leaf:

"Yes. We are fugitives. We cannot go through Imperial territory."

Hannibal:

"I see... Those mountains are home to bandits. Be careful."

(If Halvan, Othin and/or Ronan is alive)

Leaf:

"Thank you. Then will you release my allies?"

Hannibal:

"Ah, yes, of course. You there. Bring them here."

Soldier:

"Yes, sir."

(Halvan, Othin, and Ronan say a line if they're alive)

Halvan:

"Lord Leaf! Thanks for coming. Sorry I couldn't be of any use..."

Othin:

"Those bastards from Thracia! I'll kick their asses the next time I see them!"

Ronan:

"Forgive me, Lord Leaf. I wasn't strong enough to help..."

Hannibal:

"Oh, and one more thing..."

Carrion appears

Hannibal:

"Carrion, escort them to the mountain. There's a massive brigand roundup going on right now. If they get mistaken for one of them, they might be killed."

Carrion:

"Yes, sir."

Leaf:

"You don't need to do that much for us..."

Carrion:

"Please take me. I want to go along with you!"

Leaf:

"Well, if you insist... Please show us to Purple Dragon Mountain."

Carrion:

"Yes!"

Hannibal:

"The sun is setting. You should be on your way, Lugh."

Leaf:

"Yes, thank you for everything, General Hannibal. I won't forget this!"

(If you rescued Corple in Ch 3)

Corple:

"Hello!"

Leaf:

"Oh, you're the boy we met in Kelves... What are you doing here?"

Corple:

"Hannibal is my father. And here...please take this. It's a Warp Staff, a very powerful magic item."

Leaf:

"Oh, all right... Thank you."

Hannibal:

"The sun is setting. You should be on your way, Lugh."

Leaf:

"Yes, thank you for everything, General Hannibal. I won't forget this!"

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Chapter 9: Purple Dragon Mountain
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After reuniting with the Fiana Militia, Leaf made his way west, led by the knight Carrion. He soon found himself at the foot of Purple Dragon Mountain, the headquarters of Dagda's brigands...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Carrion:

"This is Purple Dragon Mountain."

Leaf:

"Thank you, we can handle the rest. You can return to General Hannibal now."

Carrion:

"No, I'm not returning to Thracia. I've already informed General Hannibal."

Leaf:

"What?"

Carrion:

"General Hannibal knows everything, Lord Leaf. No, it's not just the general... Rumors about your survival have spread out all over the peninsula. People are counting on you to stand up and unite those fighting against the Empire. And of course, I also feel proud that I can participate in the battle to liberate my country."

Leaf:

"Your country? You're not from Thracia?"

Carrion:

"No, I was born into a Lenster knight's family. My father died in battle, but my mother and I were rescued by General Hannibal. Please, Lord Leaf, allow me into your service. I want to be part of the battle retake Lenster!"

Leaf:

"...I don't have such strength. I don't know whether I'm really capable of recapturing Lenster..."

Carrion:

"There's no need to worry about that. Let us head for General Hannibal's mansion."

Leaf:

"He has a mansion?"

Carrion:

"Yes, it's located on the mountain. There are many people like me staying there. Count Dorias has been training young knights under the protection of

General Hannibal."

Leaf:

"What!? Dorias... Did you say Count Dorias!? The Count... He's alive...?"

Carrion:

"Will you come?"

Leaf:

"Of course! Being able to see Count Dorias again is like a dream come true!"

August:

"Lord Leaf, forgive my interruption, but bandits have appeared. They seem to attacking a nearby village. What do you want to do?"

Leaf:

"Help them, of course. You'll fight with us, right Carrion?"

Carrion:

"Of course, Lord Leaf. It's strange, though... A bandit named Dagda is in charge of this area. His village is being attacked...?"

Scene switches to Ruemay and Gomes

Ruemay:

"Hey, give me the money that you promised. I have to get back to my own army."

Gomes:

"Sorry, but can you help us out just a bit more? Looks like some more enemies showed up, so I need someone to guard this mansion. I still got some more work to do."

Ruemay:

"Damn, this is more than I bargained for. All right then, let's get this over with..."

16TH TURN

Ruemay:

"God, what's taking Gomes so long? Hmm... Looks like I have no choice but to go myself. I didn't want to draw any unwanted attention..."

CONVERSATION (Othin, Marty)

Marty:

"....."

Othin:

"Hm? Hey, it's Marty!"

Marty:

"Ulp... N-No, you got the wrong guy..."

Othin:

"Turning your back isn't gonna hide you, you know. What are you doing out here?"

Marty:

"Um...well... Gomes, he..."

Othin:

"That's not what I'm asking! If you're going against Dagda and Lady Eyvel, then you're going against me, too! Prepare to die!"

Marty:

"W-Wait! ...Sorry. I was wrong..."

Othin:

"...So you'll join our side?"

Marty:

"...Well, but Gomes..."

Othin:

"Argh! Make up your mind! Are you with us? Or against us!?"

Marty:

"O-Okay, okay! I'm on your side! You don't have to shout..."

CONVERSATION (Halvan, Marty)

Marty:

"....."

Halvan:

"Hm? Marty..."

Marty:

"Ulp... N-No, you got the wrong guy..."

Halvan:

"...Turning your back isn't enough to hide yourself, you know... Anyway, what's the meaning of this?"

Marty:

"Um...well...Gomes, he..."

Halvan:

"What do you mean, 'Um, well'! Marty..."

Marty:

"I-I had no choice..."

Halvan:

"...Let's get this straight. Are you going to betray Dagda and Lady Eyvel and turn to the other side?"

Marty:

"A-All right... You don't have to get so angry..."

Halvan:

"So that means you're on our side, right?"

Marty:

"....."

Halvan:

"Marty!"

Marty:

"O-Of course! Yeah..."

FIGHTING RUEMAY

Ruemay:

"Sorry, but I need the cash. Don't feel too bad about it."

DEFEATING RUEMAY

Ruemay:

"Eline, Mahal, Min... Sorry... Papa can't make it home..."

RELEASING RUEMAY

Ruemay:

"Sorry, you have my gratitude. I've had enough of this. I'll support my kids with a real job from now on..."

FIGHTING MARTY

Marty:

"Oh, man... What have I gotten myself into?"

DEFEATING MARTY

Marty:

"Why... Why me..."

RELEASING MARTY

Marty:

"I-I'm sorry! I had no choice... I really wanted to side with you guys from the start. Sorry...okay?"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"So that's done..."

August:

"It looks like the other bandits have calmed down as well."

Leaf:

"They got out of control after their leader left..."

August:

"There's an old saying, 'A thousand pegasi led by one dragon is stronger than a thousand dragons led by one pegasus.' It emphasizes how important a leader is to any army."

Leaf:

"...I have to learn from that saying as well."

If you captured Ruemay and finished the map

August:

"Lord Leaf, I have brought the leader of the bandits."

Leaf:

"All right. Let him pass."

Ruemay appears

Leaf:

"So you're the bandit leader... Your uniform looks just like that of the Thracian army..."

Ruemay:

"Hmph, that's none of your business. Why don't you hurry up and kill me off?"

Leaf:

"No, I have no such intention. I'll release you if you just answer one question."

Ruemay:

"Release...? Never! I'll be staining my name as a Dragon Knight if I take pity from an enemy!"

Leaf:

"But you have a wife and children, right? If you die, they will suffer without income. That's really all right with you?"

Ruemay:

"....."

Leaf:

"You have your issues as well. I won't dig into your personal information, nor will I pursue you after this."

Ruemay:

"...What is it...that you want to know?"

Leaf:

"I want to know where the owner of this mansion, Dagda, and his daughter Tanya have gone."

Ruemay:

"..... They're inside. Gomes is in there as well. ...He's out to kill them."

Leaf:

"All right, thanks. August, release this man, dragon and all."

August:

"...Yes..."

Ruemay:

"...I'm sorry."

If Tanya is dead/captured and Dagda is alive

Leaf:

"Dagda, you're all right."

Dagda:

"Ah, Lord Leaf. Sorry to put you through this... Is Eyvel with you?"

Leaf:

"....."

Dagda:

"What's the matter?"

Leaf:

"Eyvel... She's in Manster. We...couldn't save her..."

Dagda:

"What! What were you doing in there!?"

Leaf:

"I couldn't do anything! I...just couldn't..."

Dagda:

"....."

Leaf:

"If only I were stronger... If only I had more power...!"

Dagda:

"...It's all right. Stop blaming yourself."

Leaf:

"But..."

Dagda:

"I'm sorry I shouted, I wasn't expecting such news. But you're a tough one... Forgive me, I was a little harsh."

Leaf:

"Dagda..."

Dagda:

"Don't worry, I'll help you out from now on. I may not be as strong as Eyvel, but I'm still tougher than those youngsters. We'll go back and save Eyvel together!"

If Dagda is dead/captured and Tanya is alive

Tanya:

"Lord Leaf..."

Leaf:

"Tanya... Good, you're all right."

Tanya:

"Yes... Gomes let me go after I told him my father was dead. He asked me to apologize to the villagers..."

Leaf:

"I see... Tanya, I'm sorry about Dagda..."

Tanya:

"No, it's all right. He did the right thing..."

Leaf:

"What are your plans now? Do you want to come with us?"

Tanya:

"Is it all right if I go along with you?"

Leaf:

"Of course. I would ask you to come."

Tanya:

"Y-Yes! Of course I'll go. Thank you!"

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Chapter 8 Gaiden: Dagda's Mansion
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OPENING CUTSCENE

Dagda:

"Tanya, I want you to escape. I'll take them on myself."

Tanya:

"No! If I'm going, so are you!"

Dagda:

"You'll just be a hindrance. Shut your pretty little mouth and do as I say!"

Tanya:

"Y-Yes, dad..."

Gomes:

"Hey hey, not so fast. You're both gonna die here!"

Dagda:

"Gomes! I don't want to fight you. Let's talk..."

Gomes:

"I'm sick of this shit! What the hell are we accomplishing by working this worthless piece of land? I work my ass off day and night, and I'm still starving. You're just being tricked by that bitch, Eyvel. What's the matter with you? Get a hold of yourself, you old geezer!"

Dagda:

"Watch your mouth, boy! You're just a lowly servant, of mine! All right then, show me what you've got! I'll take you all on!"

CONVERSATION (Othin, Tanya)

Othin:

"Tanya! You're okay! You idiot, you had me worried."

Tanya:

"What do you mean, idiot! I never asked you to worry yourself over me, anyway!"

Othin:

"You know, why can't you just say thanks? If we had come a little later..."

Tanya:

"What do you mean! You're the one picking the fight! ...You could also be a little...kinder..."

Othin:

"W-Whoa! D-Don't cry! Um, so... I'm glad you're okay. Yeah..."

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Dagda)

Leaf:

"Dagda, are you all right?"

Dagda:

"Of course. But...I never thought you would come out all the way here. Is Eyvel with you?"

Leaf:

"....."

Dagda:

"What's the matter?"

Leaf:

"Eyvel... She's in Manster. We...couldn't save her..."

Dagda:

"What! What were you doing in there!?"

Leaf:

"I couldn't do anything! I...just couldn't..."

Dagda

"....."

Leaf:

"If only I were stronger... If only I had more power...!"

Dagda:

"...It's all right. Stop blaming yourself."

Leaf:

"But..."

Dagda:

"I'm sorry I shouted, I wasn't expecting such news. But you're a tough one... Forgive me, I was a little harsh."

Leaf:

"Dagda..."

Dagda:

"Don't worry, I'll help you out from now on. I may not be as strong as Eyvel, but I'm still tougher than those youngsters. We'll go back and save Eyvel together!"

FIGHTING GOMES

Gomes:

"Damn! You think you stand a chance against Gomes the Invincible!?"

DEFEATING GOMES

Gomes:

"Dagda...I'm sorry... I had to... We'd all starve otherwise..."

RELEASING GOMES

Gomes:

"You're...letting me go? Thanks...and... I'm sorry!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"I feel sorry for Dagda. Why can't the people get proper jobs?"

August:

"This barren land can't be worked. Probably most of those people are the descendents of Thracian peasants. They were abandoned as children and had no choice but to grow up to be bandits. They wouldn't have been able to survive otherwise."

Leaf:

"What? Nonsense! What parents would abandon their own children?"

August:

"Oh? You were traveling, yet you don't know the pain of starvation? Where did your food come from when you running from the Empire?"

Leaf:

"Food? I...don't know. But my hunger was always satisfied..."

August:

"Hm, I see you were blessed with fine servants. But you don't understand the suffering of the people. Southern Thracia is covered with steep mountains. The soil is dry, and the climate is harsh. The farmers work day and night, but still they aren't able to feed themselves. Either they all starve, or they sacrifice a few to let the others survive. This is the truth, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"Can't they import food from other countries? Northern Thracia didn't have a shortage in food at all."

August:

"Northern Thracia has placed tarrifs on the south. They are especially strict about agricultural trade."

Leaf:

"What did they do that for?"

August:

"The immediate reason lies in the war that happened one hundred years ago, but the situation continues to this day because the north and south don't try to understand each other. Also, Northern Thracian nobles are known to be especially greedy."

Leaf:

"I've always been told that Thracia was a cruel, militant empire. But...they have their own troubles. Why? Why do they keep on hating each other? They used to be one unified kingdom..."

August:

"That is the tragedy that lies behind the two sacred spears, the Gae Bolg and the Gungnir. People can become both wise and foolish depending on their leader. Lord Leaf, you have much to learn to be able to lead your country to a bright future. You must not make the same mistake as your father..."

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Chapter 9: The Emblem of Nova
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After dealing with the bandits of Purple Dragon Mountain, Leaf led his Liberation Army to Hannibal's mansion, where the nobles of Lenster were said to be hiding...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Trabant:

"Around here, Merlock?"

Merlock:

"Yes, your Majesty."

Trabant:

"Those bandits, attacking the people of Thracia... This will not be taken lightly."

Altena:

"You didn't have to come all the way out here, father."

Trabant:

"Well, as king, I must be aware of any and all happenings in my country. And besides, it's been a while since I have traveled with you, Altena."

Altena:

"Yes, I'm happy you decided to come with us."

Trabant:

"I tried to get Arione to come along as well, but he said he couldn't leave the castle unattended. Oh well..."

Altena:

"He's trying hard to be of help to you, father."

Trabant:

"Well, when I was his age, I was already taking charge as king. I suppose I

should commend his efforts."

Altena:

"I'm working hard so I can be of assistance to you two as well."

Trabant:

"Yes. I want you two to lead Thracia in the future. The fertile lands in the north, and the rich minerals in the south... Thracia needs both of these to rise up to independence and peace again. A unified Thracia... My wish is to rebuild Thracia into that prosperous nation that Dine and Nova created. ...And if that process dooms me to Hell, then so be it."

Altena:

"...Father?"

Trabant:

"Altena..."

Altena:

"Yes?"

Trabant:

"...The wind is picking up. I suppose we should leave the rest to Merlock and start heading back."

Altena:

"Yes, father."

Trabant:

"Merlock!"

Merlock:

"Yes?"

Trabant:

"I'm leaving the rest to you. With all these troops, I trust you won't fail. Hunt down the bandits and kill them all. Give them what they deserve for making our people suffer!"

Merlock:

"Yes, your Majesty!"

Scene switches to Selphina and Dorias

Selphina:

"Father! The Thracian Army is headed toward us from the south!"

Dorias:

"So, Trabant found out about us... Damn! Glade is in Tahra, and the people we have here still don't have any battle experience..."

Selphina:

"I'll buy time for you, so you can take them and escape in the meantime."

Dorias:

"No, Selphina. According to General Hannibal, Lord Leaf is headed here with a band of fighters from Fiana and Manster. We must wait here for him."

Selphina:

"Yes. In that case, I shall lead the defense of the mansion. Kein! Alba!

Roberto! We're going out. Follow me!"

Scene switches to Leaf

August:

"That must be the mansion."

Leaf:

"I hope everyone's all right... ..There's an army around us. Is it Dorias?"

August:

"Army? ...Damn! That's the Thracian Army!"

Leaf:

"What!?! I thought that was General Hannibal's mansion."

August:

"Perhaps they found out. Or maybe General Hannibal informed them..."

Leaf:

"August! General Hannibal isn't that kind of man!"

August:

"...Either way, we must help them. If that mansion is captured, there would be no hope left for Thracia's liberation or the reconstruction of Lenster..."

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Selphina)

Selphina:

"Lord Leaf! It's so good to see you again. It's me. Selphina!"

Leaf:

"Selphina! Is it really you?"

Selphina:

"Lord Leaf... This is real...it's not a dream. You've grown so much... You used to be so little, sleeping in my lap. Oh..."

Leaf:

"Selphina, I'm the one who wants to start crying. I thought you and Dorias had been killed for my sake... I never thought I would see you again. I have no memory of my mother or sister... So I thought of Lachesis as my mother, and you as my sister. I remember always being so troublesome to you."

Selphina:

"No, you weren't like that at all... ..Has Lady Lachesis...?"

Leaf:

"No... She's hasn't returned from Isaac yet..."

Selphina:

"...I see... Don't worry, Lord Leaf. I'm sure she's doing fine somewhere. We were able to meet again, so we'll see Lady Lachesis again, too."

CONVERSATION (Finn, Selphina)

Selphina:

"Sir Finn! It's good to see you again."

Finn:

"You are...?"

Selphina: "Have you forgotten me? I'm Selphina."

Finn:

"Selphina? Count Dorias' daughter?"

Selphina:

"Yes."

Finn:

"...Well... So this is that little girl with the braids..."

Selphina:

"Ten years can make a big difference. I'm now married to Glade."

Finn:

"Glade? He's alive!? Where is he? I have to see him!"

Selphina:

"He's not here. He went to aid the people in Tahra..."

Finn:

"Oh, I see... Too bad. I suppose it can't be helped if it's an order..."

The following part ensues only if Leaf already spoke to Selphina

Selphina:

"You seem to be more interested in Glade than me, Sir Finn. You haven't changed at all... You were always cold towards women."

Finn:

"Cold? I never intended to be..."

Selphina:

"Then why did you leave Lady Lachesis? You knew how sad she was..."

Finn:

"...I don't know what you're talking about..."

Selphina:

"Yes, you do! But you act like you don't know at all. You're cruel, Sir Finn!"

Finn:

"Selphina, we've met after many years. We don't have to..."

Selphina:

"Oh... Yes, I'm sorry. We finally meet again, and I can't do anything but shout at you..."

Finn:

"No, it's all right. We'll talk about it later. Right now, we must fight."

Selphina:

"Yes, Sir Finn..."

CONVERSATION (Carrion, Selphina)

Carrion:

"I've returned, Lady Selphina."

Selphina:

"Ah, Carrion. Good work."

Carrion:

"Well, I can only help out with things like this. I'm trying hard to become a fine knight like Sir Glade and be of some use to Lord Leaf... Curse my powerlessness."

Selphina:

"Carrion, don't rush. You'll only end up losing your life that way. Oh, and I suppose it's time to give you this."

Carrion:

"A beautiful sword... Where did this come from?"

Selphina:

"This is known as the Elite's Sword. Your mother asked me to give it to you once you became a knight."

Carrion:

"My mother?"

Selphina: "Yes, you were still young when she died of sickness. She said this is the sword your father used during his prime."

Carrion:

"The sword of my father...a knight of Lenster."

Selphina:

"That's right. Use it wisely."

Carrion:

"Yes! Thank you, Lady Selphina!"

20TH TURN

Merlock:

"Hm, can't get rid of them yet? We'll need the Lance Armor squad. Give them the signal to charge."

23RD TURN

Merlock:

"What's taking so long!? All troops, charge! We must get rid of the bandits no matter what!"

FIGHTING MERLOCK

Merlock:

"You... You're not bandits! Who are you?"

DEFEATING MERLOCK

Merlock:

"Forgive me...your Majesty..."

WHEN THE MANSION IS CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY

August:

"Lord Leaf! The mansion has fallen!"

Leaf:

"What!?! Then what about Dorias..."

August:

"The old nobles of Lenster were all staying here. Now, with their demise...
There is no hope left to rebuild Lenster."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"Dorias!"

Dorias:

"Lord Leaf... You're safe. You've grown so much..."

Leaf:

"It's all thanks to you and Finn. I was able to live because of your
sacrifices..."

Dorias:

"It is an honor, Lord Leaf... Well... It looks like I've become easier sent
to tears with my age."

Leaf:

"No, you're still young... !! Dorias! Your right arm... What happened..."

Dorias:

"This? It's not as bad as it looks. I was taken by surprise in the battle at
Alster. Embarrassing, really."

Leaf:

"At Alster... So you were injured letting me escape... I-I'm sorry! All
because of me, you..."

Dorias:

"No, please don't worry about it. An old man like me would never have been
much use anyway. More importantly, Lord Leaf, we must hurry if we are to go
to Tahra. According to Glade's letters, the Empire is about to lead a
full-scale attack. Now that we have gathered the heroes under the flag of
Nova, let us be off. Let us fly the flag of the New Kingdom of Lenster and
liberate Northern Thracia! First of all, we have to deal with the soldiers
stationed outside."

August:

"About that... Something is strange. They seem to have stopped attacking
altogether."

Leaf:

"That is strange..."

Dorias:

"Well, we can't sit here. I shall go take a look. Please wait here."

Dorias:

"Well, that man was right. They seem to have stopped advancing. What happened? Hm? What's that... A Dragon Knight? She's saying something to the Thracian Army..."

Altena:

"Reporting to all Thracian troops! This is the princess, Altena speaking. An emergency notice just arrived from General Hannibal. The people occupying this mansion are not bandits. They are mercenaries that General Hannibal himself hired to protect the people in this area from bandit attacks. Halt your attacks and retreat at once!"

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Chapter 10: Noel Canyon
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ON THE WORLD MAP

With an army made up of the Fiana Militia, the Magi Group, and the former nobles of Lenster, Leaf set out to aid the people of Tahra. He soon approached Noel Canyon, the natural boundary between Thracia and the Empire...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Olwen:

"General Largo, is everything under control?"

Largo:

"Ah, Lady Olwen. Are you on surveillance again today? It must be hard coming all the way up to a dull place like this every day."

Fred:

"They are General Kempuf's orders. He only gives such commands to Lady Olwen... He must have some kind of grudge."

Olwen:

"Well, Fred, I actually prefer going outside than being trapped in Dandrum Fortress because I won't have to see Kempuf's vile face that way."

Largo:

"Hahaha, harsh words. Still, General Kempuf is a bad apple, so to speak. He was born into nobility and has his future set out for him, but he's not a man to look up to. He's jealous of General Rinehart's fame and takes it out on you, his sister. Disgraceful, if you ask me."

Olwen:

"General Kempuf thinks my brother is his rival."

Largo:

"...Well, they are about the same age, and were both made generals rather young. I understand how he feels, but..."

Olwen:

"But my brother doesn't think of him as a rival at all..."

Largo:

"That's probably also part of the reason General Kempuf doesn't like him."

Olwen:

"? Why?"

Largo:

"Oh? You don't understand? ...Perhaps you're still too young."

Olwen:

"??"

Largo:

"Well, anyway, why don't you stay a while if you're not too busy?"

Olwen:

"Yes, thank you. I shall."

Scene switches to Leaf

Dorias:

"Lord Leaf, that is Noel Canyon. The building over there is the fort defending the Empire's border."

Leaf:

"We're finally setting foot on the Empire's soil... How many troops are there?"

Dorias:

"There shouldn't be that many guards alone, but they have weapons called ballistas which shoot arrows over great distances. They are extremely powerful, so we'll have to get rid of them first before we can advance towards the fort."

Leaf:

"So what can we do?"

Dorias:

"We have three choices. One, we use our main forces to draw the enemy's attention while a separate squad attacks the fort. Two, we take our entire army and charge head-on, overwhelming the enemy by force."

Leaf:

"And the third?"

Dorias:

"Surely you could figure it out if I've told you the first two. I shouldn't need to tell you, should I?"

4TH TURN

Largo:

"Lady Olwen, it looks like someone is attacking. I will stay here and defend, so I want you to return to Dandrum and make a report."

Olwen:

"I would like to stay here and fight with you..."

Largo:

"No, your mission is to observe the situation and report back. I appreciate your offer, but you must return to Dandrum."

Olwen:

"Then if only for a few moments..."

Largo:

"...Very well, if you insist so. But only until it's time to go back. Understood?"

Olwen:

"Yes, thank you. Let's go, Fred!"

Fred:

"Yes, my lady."

6TH TURN

Olwen:

"I should be heading back to Dandrum now... General Largo, I promise I will return with reinforcements. Please be safe until then..."

FIGHTING LARGO

Largo:

"You intruders that trespass on our land, what is your wish? What do you want from us!"

DEFEATING LARGO

Largo:

"Guh... So this is where I shall fall..."

RELEASING LARGO

Largo:

"I have no need for sympathy! I would rather die!"

FIGHTING OLWEN

Olwen:

"You are trespassing on Imperial territory! Leave at once!"

FIGHTING FRED

Fred:

"Who are you? Why do you intrude upon the Freejis' land!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

If you captured Largo

Dorias:

"General Largo... Quite a fine warrior."

Leaf:

"This is the first time I've ever fought the Freejian army, but they were stronger than I expected... If that's what a small group of border guards is like, then I can only imagine how powerful the main army is."

Dorias:

"Yes, the Freeji family is a strict and respectable line of nobles, so they enforce honor even into their lowest ranking soldiers. I'm sure they are among the strictest and most organized armies on the continent. But you led your forces equally well, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"Do you mean how I left General Largo alive?"

Dorias:

"Yes. Fighting with a just heart like that is exactly what Lord Cuan would have done. I hope you will keep that pride as a knight and fight fair battles from here on as well, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"My pride as a knight... Yes... I would never want to kill more than necessary..."

If you killed or released Largo

Leaf:

"August, did you see the Mage Knight that retreated midway through the battle?"

August:

"Yes, I did. She was quite a powerful foe."

Leaf:

"Who is she?"

August:

"Since she was headed towards Dandrum Fortress, she probably returned to inform her superiors of our attack."

Leaf:

"That means the enemy will be ready for us."

August:

"That's right, Lord Leaf. Dandrum Fortress is said to be impregnable as it is. And now that we've given the enemy time to set up its defenses, taking down the fort will prove to be quite an ordeal."

Leaf:

"But we have no other route."

August:

"Right, in order to go to Tahra, we must pass through Dandrum."

Leaf:

"Then we have to get going. If we sit here and wait, we'll only be giving the enemy more time to prepare!"

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Chapter 11: Dandrum Fortress
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ON THE WORLD MAP

Leaf led his Liberation Army across the border and into Imperial land at last.

However, the impregnable Dandrum Fortress towered before them. They must capture this stronghold to clear the way to Tahra...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Olwen:

"I'm telling you, the fort at Noel Canyon was attacked! General Largo is in danger! He needs reinforcements. Please, General Kempuf! Send out our army to his aid!"

Kempuf:

"You say the fort was attacked, but who exactly are the invaders? What was your mission, Olwen? Surveillance, wasn't it? You fail to even identify the enemy, and then you come running back demanding for reinforcements? I think not."

Olwen:

"We were caught off-guard, so we need more men! I decided to come back and report first..."

Kempuf:

"But what if this enemy that you speak of is merely a trap to lure us away from our post? Our 12 Legions are what make Dandrum the impregnable fortress that it is. There is no way I will send out troops without even knowing who the enemy is."

Olwen:

"But...what about General Largo! He is out there fighting as we speak...!"

Kempuf:

"An aged general or two is no big loss to our army. He would have died some time soon anyway. Now I don't have to worry about it."

Olwen:

"Wh-Why, you... General Kempuf! You call yourself..."

Kempuf:

"Eh? What's this? Are you talking back to me? Surely you know what happens to those who disobey their commanders. And yet you choose to go against me? Hm?"

Olwen:

"Erg..."

Kempuf:

"What's the matter? Can't back up what you say?"

Olwen:

"....."

Kempuf:

"Well, you're just a girl fresh out of the academy. I suppose all you can do is go crying to big brother Rinehart."

Olwen:

"!! What did you say!"

Kempuf:

"Didn't you hear? I said, I suppose all you can do is go crying to big brother Rinehart."

Olwen:

"...You..."

Kempuf:

"Don't worry, he'll take good care of you. Why, that man's greatest skill is seducing the ladies. Hahaha!"

Olwen:

"Are you insulting my brother! You...!"

Kempuf:

"Drawing your sword, are you? What are you going to do, kill me? Stupid bitch. Guards! Throw General Olwen into the dungeon. Her charges are disobedience and turning her blade to her superiors!"

Guard:

"Yes, sir! General Olwen, please come with me."

Olwen:

"G-General Kempuf...! You vile piece of..."

Olwen gets taken away

Kempuf:

"Hmph, finally I've gotten that annoying little wench taken care of. Now, if she is executed for revolt, then that Rinehart will lose his position as well. I can't wait to see his face... Hahaha..."

Fred appears

Fred:

"General Kempuf! What is the meaning of this?"

Kempuf:

"Hm? What's the matter, Fred? Is something wrong?"

Fred:

"You know what's wrong! What did Lady Olwen do? Punishing troops for personal reasons goes against military laws. Please release her immediately, or else I will take this matter to Queen Ishtar!"

Kempuf:

"Personal reasons? Why, I never. General Olwen drew her blade right here, to kill me."

Fred:

"What? No... That can't be..."

Kempuf:

"What did our military code say about turning your blade to your superiors? I

recall it meant death, or some other severe punishment..."

Fred:

"...So is that your plan. ...Dirty schemer..."

Kempuf:

"Anyway, you will have to take responsibility for your commander's misbehavior. I order you to go out and meet the enemy. But this is a punishment. Fight to your death. If you dare retreat, Olwen will die. Understood?"

Fred:

"Kempuf! ...You shameless bastard!"

Kempuf:

"Hm? What's that? Can't hear you. Hahahahaha!"

1ST TURN

Kempuf:

"What! The enemy is flying the flag of Lenster? And their leader is a boy of around 14 or 15? Hm... That must be Prince Leaf. ...This could be a chance to get myself a promotion. All right, I have a plan. Lure the enemy into the eastern corridor. Everyone, Portcullis! Make sure the enemy doesn't find out!"

(Note: Portcullis is a plan where you lure the enemy into a corridor trap them inside. Ballistas are then used to rain waves of arrows onto the enemy to kill them off. It's not the dictionary definition of the word, but IS decided to use it anyway.)

WHEN LEAF ENTERS THE CENTRAL ROOM

Kempuf:

"Hahaha! The idiots have fallen right into my trap! All right, now! Get them!"

PLAN PORTCULLIS IS ACTIVATED

Leaf:

"Knight of Freeji, is this your way of battle? When I fought at Noel Canyon, I was impressed by honor of the Freeji Army. Was I wrong?"

Fred:

"Dirty tactics like this are certainly not what the Holy Warrior Tode would approve of. This is all because of that man's...General Kempuf's foolishness. I wish to die as an honorable knight. Not in a dirty plan like this."

Leaf:

"...If you have no more will to fight, then we won't attack you, either. Neither of us have much more strength to spare."

Fred:

"Yes... I still have things to do. Very well, let us work together to escape."

Leaf:

"All right. We're going to charge the castle, and you can escape to the south."

We'll do something about the door."

Fred:

"I owe you now... I am Fred, a knight of the Schutaeze family. What is your name?"

Leaf:

"...Leaf, of Lenster."

Fred:

"Lenster? ...Hm...I see... Very well, Lord Leaf. Let us meet again!"

FIGHTING FRED

Fred:

"What!? You would fight under these circumstances!?"

DEFEATING FRED

Olwen:

"Olwen... Forgive me... I couldn't...rescue you..."

FIGHTING KEMPUF

Kempuf:

"Damn! Dandrum is invincible...!"

(The next turn)

Kempuf:

"Damn...this can't be... ...Retreat! I'll be back...!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

(If Fred is alive and you beat the map in under 30 turns)

August:

"Very impressive. I'm sure the enemy won't be able to escape if we captured the place this quickly. However, we must not rest. There are children being held captive here as well. We must kill off the rest of the enemy and rescue the children!"

(If Fred is dead or if you beat the map in over 30 turns)

Dorias:

"Hm, it took longer than I expected, but I suppose it's better than losing precious troops. This fortress holds no tactical value any more. Let the remaining enemy forces escape, and let's press on towards Tahra!"

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Chapter 11 Gaiden: Murder Hollace
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OPENING CUTSCENE

Kempuf:

"Bishop Oltoph, the enemy is apparently the survivors of Lenster. And their leader is Prince Leaf, who escaped from Manster. I must report this matter to the Imperial General Headquarters, so I want you stay here and buy time."

Oltoph:

"But General Kempuf, the enemy has already broken in. I don't see how we can last much longer..."

Kempuf:

"Hmm... We have no choice but to use our last resort, then. ...Murder Hollace."

Oltoph:

"...Murder Hollace... ...So you are ordering us to our deaths?"

Kempuf:

"All you have to do is kill the enemy before they kill you. Of course, you'll have to be prepared for the worst..."

Oltoph:

"As you wish... I have no choice if it is an order..."

Kempuf:

"Don't forget to kill off the prisoners as well. They'll be a nuisance if they escape."

Oltoph:

"Yes..."

Kempuf:

"Good. I promise that your deaths will not be in vain."

Oltoph:

"....."

(Note: Murder Hollace is a plan where you trap yourselves and the enemy in a single room and fight them to the death. Since there's no escape, you have no choice but to keep fighting until either your side or the enemy side has been completely decimated. Hence the name, "Murder" Hollace.)

(Scene switches to Olwen)

Boy:

"You, you're an Imperial soldier! You monster! Have you come to kill us!?"

Olwen:

"...No. I was captured... What are you doing in a place like this?"

Girl:

"Our village was attacked...and the soldiers brought us here... What's going to happen to us...?"

Boy:

"What's going to happen to us? We're going to sacrificed to the dark god, that's what! We'll all be sent to Barhara and executed... My sister was taken there and never returned..."

Girl:

"No! I want to go home! I want to see Mommy and Daddy..."

Olwen:

"This... This is the child hunting? I heard rumors, but I never thought they were actually doing it... This is terrible... Is this... Is this what my country has been doing!?"

Girl:

"Please! Please help us! Bring us home!"

Olwen:

"Yes, don't worry. I won't let them touch you. ...I'll protect you with my life."

2ND TURN

Fred:

"Lady Olwen! Where are you? Please answer me!"

Olwen:

"Fred? He came... Fred! I'm in here! There are children with me! But be careful of Kempuf's troops!"

30TH TURN

Oltoph:

"Hmph, I'm not following an order that I know will lead to my death. I have something to report to the commander. I must go see him."

Soldier:

"Then I shall..."

Oltoph:

"No, it has to be me! I'll leave the rest to you."

Soldier:

"....."

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Olwen)

Leaf:

"Thank you for rescuing the children. But who are you?"

Olwen:

"And you are?"

Leaf:

"I am this army's leader. ...Leaf."

Olwen:

"Leaf? The prince of Lenster? I... I am Olwen, a Mage Knight of Freeji."

Leaf:

"Freeji? Then why did you..."

Olwen:

"Where should I start... Actually...I'm a little confused since so much has

happened so quickly... Prince Leaf, would it be all right if I stayed with your army for a while? Until I get things straight..."

Leaf:

"I don't mind... But I'll have to talk to Dorias and August about it first. Could you wait until the end of the battle?"

Olwen:

"Yes. I'm sorry for being a burden."

CONVERSATION (Fred, Olwen)

(If Leaf has already spoken to Olwen)

Olwen:

"Fred, I have decided to join these people. You are now free to go..."

Fred:

"Nonsense, Lady Olwen! I am your lieutenant. I will always respect and follow your judgment."

Olwen:

"Fred... Thank you."

(If Leaf hasn't spoken to Olwen)

Fred:

"Lady Olwen!"

Olwen:

"Thank you, Fred..."

Fred:

"Thank goodness you're all right. Let's escape... ...Is something wrong? You look pale..."

Olwen:

"Fred... What have we been fighting for all this time?"

Fred:

"Lady Olwen...?"

Olwen:

"What have I been doing? Helping the Empire snatch innocent children away from their families? Or helping them send the children to Barhara to be sacrificed?"

Fred:

"Lady Olwen..."

Olwen:

"I... I never had any hesitations about my job until now. I thought that I would always be doing the right thing just as long as I was following my brother. But now... Now, I don't know any more! I can't believe in anything! What should I do...?"

Fred:

"...What I can say is that your place is no longer in the Empire. Lady Olwen, let's join Prince Leaf's army."

Olwen:

"Prince Leaf's? But they have always been our enemy..."

Fred:

"I know Prince Leaf personally. Our ideals are much closer to his than the Empire's. Let's go, Lady Olwen. We can find what you have lost sight of in his army!"

Olwen:

"...All right... Let's go."

FIGHTING OLTOPH

Oltoph:

"You won't pass any further!"

DEFEATING OLTOPH

Oltoph:

"Glory be to Freeji..."

RELEASING OLTOPH

Oltoph:

"This is how Lenster fights...? Perhaps I was wrong..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"There were children held captive here, too... I understand why the people of Tahra are resisting."

Dorias:

"Exactly. But the Empire is desperate as well. If they let Tahra go, other areas will begin to rebel as well. They have gathered legions from all over just to crush one city, to show the people what happens to rebels. There are even rumors that the Gelpritter has been summoned from the Imperial capital."

Leaf:

"Gelpritter... The Freeji family's personal guards."

Dorias:

"Yes, they are a group of Mage Knights centering around elites of the Freeji family. They are one of the strongest armies on the continent. Their leader is Queen Ishtar, feared by many as the Thunder Goddess. And her first in command, Lord Rinehart, is an honorable warrior said to be the second coming of the Holy Warrior Tode."

August:

"You call a man who helps kidnap children honorable? Hmph...this is the problem with you knights. You know nothing of reality."

Dorias:

"What did you say? What don't I know, August?"

August:

"Rinehart is Queen Ishtar's first guard. Ishtar is Prince Yurius' lover. And Yurius is said to be an incarnation of the dark god, Lopto. They are all servants of Lopto... They are leading this world to destruction."

(The following part ensues if Olwen has joined)

Olwen:

"No! My brother... Rinehart is not a servant of Lopto!"

August:

"...Who are you?"

Olwen:

"Olwen... I am Rinehart's sister..."

Leaf:

"I allowed her into our army."

August:

"I see. Very well... Then open your eyes and look carefully. See for yourself what the Empire really is..."

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Chapter 12: The Thieves of Dakia
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After breaking through Dandrum Fortress, Leaf hurried towards Tahra, hearing that the Empire was soon to launch a full-scale attack on the city.

Dakia is a wide forest located to the east of Tahra. When Leaf arrived at Dakia Forest, the area was darkening.

OPENING CUTSCENE

Seiram:

"Pahn, it's my shift now. I'll keep watch."

Pahn:

"Oh, it's already night. But Seiram, what about your injuries?"

Seiram:

"I'm fine now... Thanks to you."

Pahn:

"Those Lopto people aren't exactly nice, are they? You would've been a goner if we hadn't passed by."

Seiram:

"..... The Lopto order does not tolerate traitors. That's the rule..."

Pahn:

"Traitor? You just wanted to leave the order, right? I don't think they had to kill you... But why did you decide to leave in the first place? Lopto priests are even more important than the Emperor himself nowadays."

Seiram:

"I began to question the order... That is all."

Pahn:

"I see... Well, that's not what matters. I like you, and I want you to join us, if that's okay with you."

Seiram:

"You're a thief, but you don't kill or steal from the poor. I will fight with you as long as you stay that way."

Pahn:

"I don't like to kill people. But we've got more guys now, and some of them just don't want to listen. Especially Colho and his boys. They're a problem."

Seiram:

"Colho is evil. They are attacking defenseless travelers."

Pahn:

"I know. I'm going to cut ties with them once and for all. All I need is you and Trude."

Seiram:

"And Tina... Don't go too far with her. She's still a child."

Pahn:

"Hahaha... All right, then I'll leave the watch to you. The Imperial Army might stop by..."

Seiram:

"I know. I'll put anyone who comes too close to sleep with this staff..."

(Scene switches to Cyas and Mareeta)

Cyas:

"I must be off. ...Please take care of her for me."

Woman:

"Of course, Bishop Cyas. Leave her to me."

Mareeta:

"Bishop Cyas... You're going?"

Cyas:

"Yes, I must return to my own country. It hurts to leave you behind, but you seem to have recovered now... You should do fine on your own."

Mareeta:

"...Thank you for everything, Bishop Cyas. If you hadn't rescued me, I..."

Cyas:

"I see you are lamenting over turning your blade to your mother, but you must get over it. You couldn't help it, the Blade of Darkness was controlling you. But now that I've removed the curse, you should take it."

Mareeta:

"You want me to take this sword? But..."

Cyas:

"Did you not say you wanted to be a swordmaster like your mother? Then you must not hate the sword. A fine sword can be both an evil blade or a holy blade depending on who wields it. Even this sword was not originally made to be evil. If you want to be a true swordfighter, then you must learn to love any blade that you come across. If you can't do that, you cannot call yourself a swordmaster."

Mareeta

"Yes... I will keep this sword as a memory of my mother."

Cyas: "Good. I have a feeling that you will eventually see your mother as long as you keep that blade with you. Well, I really must be off. I doubt we will ever meet again, but I will be praying for your happiness."

Mareeta:

"Thank you very much. Farewell, Bishop Cyas..."

1ST TURN

Colho:

"Hey, boys, looks like we got some company. Sneak up on them and kill them off. We'll share the loot. Pahn? Bah, who gives a damn. I'll kill that bastard myself. And get the villages while you're at it!"

2ND TURN

Mareeta:

"What's going on? What's all this noise?"

Woman:

"Bandits are attacking the villages. People are afraid they might come here as well."

Mareeta:

"Bandits? Are they the thieves that the villagers were talking about?"

Woman:

"No, the Dandelion would never attack a village. They're probably brigands from another area."

Mareeta:

"I see... Don't worry. I'll protect this village."

Woman:

"Don't be silly. A girl like you wouldn't stand a chance against brigands."

Mareeta:

"No, I'm a swordfighter. I am the daughter of Eyvel! I won't lose to a bunch of brigands!"

5TH TURN

Tina:

"Bishop Seiram."

Seiram:

"Yes, Tina?"

Tina:

"Here, I made some dinner for you. It's cold out, so I made something warm."

Seiram:

"Thank you. It's dangerous outside at night. You should go to sleep."

Tina:

"Yes..."

Seiram:

"...Are you worried about your sister? You said her name was Saphy... Don't worry, you will see her again. I will help you look for her once my wounds are healed."

Tina:

"Really? Thank you, Bishop Seiram. Good night."

20TH TURN

Dorias:

"Dawn is breaking, Lord Leaf. We can see further now."

FIGHTING SEIRAM

Seiram:

"Intruders of our forest... Leave at once!"

DEFEATING SEIRAM

Seiram:

"Pahn... This is how it was meant to be..."

RELEASING SEIRAM

Seiram: "I see... So you are..."

FIGHTING COLHO

Colho:

"Dammit! You guys were soldiers!?"

DEFEATING COLHO

Colho:

"Gaaaaaaahhhhh! You bastards! Guh..."

RELEASING COLHO

Colho:

"Dammit! I'll be back!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

(If you finished in under 20 turns)

Dorias:

"Lord Leaf, this seems to be the hideout of a band of thieves. Perhaps we should clear them out while it's still dark..."

Leaf:

"Yes. But aren't the troops exhausted?"

Dorias:

"We should only take those who are still able to fight. ...Around five people, maybe."

Leaf:

"All right, let's go. The villagers would appreciate it."

(If you finished in over 20 turns)

August:

"The thieves hiding out in this forest apparently steal from greedy nobles siding with the Empire and give the loot to poor villagers. Their leader is a young man named Pahn. The villagers call him a good thief."

Leaf:

"I see... Then I suppose we should leave them alone. Dawn is breaking anyway."

August:

"Yes. In that case, let's hurry on to Tahra. We are almost there now."

(If Mareeta survived)

Mareeta:

"Lord Leaf...?"

Leaf:

"...Mareeta!? Is it really you? What are you doing here..."

Mareeta:

"I'm surprised as well. I never thought I would find you or the people of Fiana so quickly."

Leaf:

"Mareeta... Forgive me. Because of me, Eyvel..."

Mareeta:

"No, it's not your fault... It was my weakness. If I hadn't lost to the sword's power..."

Leaf:

"Mareeta, I promise I'll rescue Eyvel. I'll save her with my own hands!"

Mareeta:

"Then I'll go with you! I'll become stronger. So please take me with you!"

Leaf:

"Of course. We can't return to Manster now, but we will go back some day."

We'll save Eyvel together, Mareeta."

Mareeta:

"Yes, Lord Leaf!"

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Chapter 12 Gaiden: Dandelion
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OPENING CUTSCENE

Pahn:

"What's all that noise... Did something happen outside?"

Trude:

"Someone has broken into the mansion. It could be an army."

Pahn:

"They must be the Empire's public security forces... Is Seiram all right?"

Trude:

"He might have been killed... I'll go check. You stay here."

Tina:

"What's the matter? ...Is something wrong?"

Pahn:

"An army's coming for us. Damn bastards."

Tina:

"Army..."

Pahn:

"Hey, what was that smile for? Oh, I get it. You think you can escape from me now, eh? Well, fat chance of that. There's no way I'm letting go of a useful slave like you."

Tina:

"Why... Why are you doing this...? Please let me go... Please..."

Pahn:

"I said no. You better not try to run, or I'll do those horrible things to you again. You got that!?"

Tina:

"No! Please, anything but that! I'm sorry, I'm sorry! Please, forgive me!"

Pahn:

"Good. Then go help Trude with that Thief Staff. Now go on, you incompetent slug!"

(Scene switches to Leaf)

(If you captured Seiram in Ch 12)

Seiram:

"I will talk with Pahn. He will understand."

Leaf:

"You'll help us, Seiram?"

Seiram:

"I'm still not sure... But do I have much choice now?"

(If you included Lifis in your attack team)

Leaf:

"What's the matter, Lifis? You don't look well."

Lifis:

"Hey, prince... Could you switch me with someone else? I really don't want to..."

August:

"You said you were living around here when you were a child. Do you know some of the thieves?"

Lifis:

"Well... There's this one guy I really don't want to meet, and..."

August:

"Don't be ridiculous. Now go to your post!"

Lifis:

"Come on, please! Just this once!"

August:

"No. It's the prince's orders!"

(If you included Lara in your attack team)

Lara:

"Excuse me..."

Leaf:

"Lara? What's wrong?"

Lara:

"Pahn isn't a bad man."

Leaf:

"Do you know him?"

Lara:

"Yes... Until a year ago, I was a dancer in a band of traveling entertainers. I hated it there, but since I was sold there for money when I was little, I couldn't escape... But then Pahn saved me from them."

Leaf:

"I see... So that's why you became a thief."

Lara:

"Lord Leaf, please let me speak with him. I need to talk to him!"

CONVERSATION (Seiram, Pahn)

Seiram:

"Pahn! Withdraw your sword."

Pahn:

"Seiram!? What are you doing on the enemy side? ...Are you going to betray us?"

Seiram:

"No. These people aren't enemies. They are Prince Leaf's Liberation Army."

Pahn:

"Liberation Army? What's that?"

Seiram:

"They have the same ideals as we do. I will explain it later. For now, just withdraw your blade!"

Pahn:

"So you want us to stop fighting? ...I suppose you've thought it through well enough to make a decision like this. All right, I'll trust you. Let's go."

(If Trude hasn't been killed/captured)

Seiram:

"Trude is still fighting. He'll only listen to you... Go talk to him."

Pahn:

"All right. He's a valuable friend... I can't let him die."

CONVERSATION (Lifis, Pahn)

Lifis:

"Shit..."

Pahn:

"Hm? ...Are you Lifis? Hey, long time no see!"

Lifis:

"Y-Yeah... Hi...Pahn..."

Pahn:

"You haven't changed at all since you were a kid, have you? Have you at least learned not to wet your bed?"

Lifis:

"C-Come on, Pahn... That was a long time ago."

Pahn:

"Really? You were biggest crybaby in the village, and you were always being bullied by the other guys... It seems like it was yesterday."

Lifis:

"...You were the one who always picked on me first..."

Pahn:

"Hm? Did you say something?"

Lifis:

"No, nothing..."

Pahn:

"Oh, okay. Hey, you're working for the Liberation Army now, right? Sounds like fun. Yeah, I think I'll join. Where's your leader?"

Lifis:

"Wh-What!?"

Pahn:

"What! You got a problem?"

Lifis:

"...No..."

Pahn:

"Let's have fun again, like the old days! What do you say?"

Lifis:

"...I'm gonna be stuck with this asshole again...?"

Pahn:

"Hey, you all right? You look a little pale."

Lifis:

"Huh? D-D-Do I? M-Maybe I caught a cold or something! Ah, ahahaha..."

Pahn:

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(If Trude hasn't been killed/captured)

Lifis:

"Oh, Pahn. Can you do something about that mercenary? We're having trouble with him..."

Pahn:

"Mercenary? You mean Trude? Sure, he's a good friend of mine. I'll talk to him."

CONVERSATION (Lara, Pahn)

Lara:

"Pahn!"

Pahn:

"Hm? Oh, Lara... What are you doing here? Ah, I get it... You missed me so much, you just had to come back, right?"

Lara:

"...What if I said yes?"

Pahn:

"Whoa, whoa, what's with the serious look? I was joking. I don't need a kid like you hovering around me. Go back to Manster."

Lara:

"So you're driving me away again. I thought you liked me when I was dancing. You were watching me so intently..."

Pahn:

"Yeah, I didn't know you were still a kid back then. Yup, you're right, I liked your dancing. It's, you know...energizing. It cheers you up. But you hated dancing, right? That's why you quit."

Lara:

"...No... I actually like to dance. So... If you liked it, I can dance for you again."

Pahn:

"What are you saying..."

Lara:

"No, not just for you... If I can cheer everyone up with my dancing, then that would be nice..."

Pahn:

"Everyone? Who's everyone?"

Lara:

"Prince Leaf's Liberation Army. I'm helping them. I'm not much use, though..."

Pahn:

"Hmm... Ah, I get it... All right Lara, go back to being a dancer. Then I'll join the Liberation Army as well."

Lara:

"Really, Pahn? Do you really mean it?"

Pahn:

"Yeah, I can't be a thief forever. The liberation of Northern Thracia, huh... Sounds interesting."

CONVERSATION (Pahn, Trude)

Pahn:

"Trude, it's all right. We don't have to fight any more."

Trude:

"What do you mean?"

Pahn:

"I'm joining the Liberation Army. So come with me."

Trude:

"I see... So that's the Liberation Army... I knew their morale was too high to be the Imperial Army. All right. I'll go with you."

Pahn:

"Good. We've been friends for a long time, so I didn't want to have to fight you. Thanks, Trude."

Trude:

"Of course. Let's go."

CONVERSATION (Saphy, Tina)

Saphy:

"Tina!? What are doing in a place like this?"

Tina:

"Big sister Saphy! Waaahh..."

Saphy:

"Why are you crying? What happened? Why did you leave Tahra!?"

Tina:

"I wanted to help you, so I left the city... But then I was captured by a thief named Pahn, and he made me his slave..."

Saphy:

"Slave!? Tina! What did he do to you!?"

Tina:

"He told me to help him steal with the Thief and Unlock staves..."

Saphy:

"Why didn't you refuse?"

Tina:

"I did... But then he did terrible things to me..."

Saphy:

"Terrible things!?"

Tina:

"Yes..."

Saphy:

"What did he do to you, Tina!? Tell me! I'm prepared for the worst!"

Tina:

"He... He takes huge bugs and puts them on my face... I-I was so scared... I thought I would die."

Saphy:

"...Is that all?"

Tina:

"Yes... But I was really scared. Just remembering it gives me shivers..."

Saphy:

"Tina..."

Tina:

"Yes?"

Saphy:

"I told you to stay in Tahra until I returned. Now, you see what happens when you don't listen to your big sister? I hope you've learned your lesson."

Tina:

"Yes, I'm sorry... Oh, Saphy, don't you think Lord Leaf is so handsome? My ideal man would be a prince like him... What do you think, Saphy?"

Saphy:

"Tina... ...I'm a little tired. Let's talk later."

Tina:

"Okay, big sister!"

FIGHTING PAHN

Pahn:

"Ha, idiots. I'm no ordinary thief!"

DEFEATING PAHN

Pahn:

"Ugh... Dammit..."

RELEASING PAHN

Pahn:

"Hmph, so now you think I'm in your debt? I don't think so!"

FIGHTING TRUDE

Trude:

"This is it. Die!"

DEFEATING TRUDE

Trude:

"Gah...! How could I..."

RELEASING TRUDE

Trude:

"You won't get any thanks. I'll kill you the next time we meet!"

FIGHTING TINA

Tina:

"Saphy... Help me..."

DEFEATING TINA

Tina:

"I'm sorry...Saphy..."

RELEASING TINA

Tina:

"Thank you for letting me go. I'll go look for my big sister Saphy now."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Dorias:

"Dawn is breaking. Our troops should have regained their strength by now.
Let's head on to Tahra!"

(If you captured Trude)

Pahn:

"Hey, release Trude. He's one of my closest friends. I'll talk him into
joining the Liberation Army. Then there should be no problems."

(If you included Lifis in your attack team)

Leaf:

"All right. Pahn's a caring person, isn't he?"

Lifis:

"Prince, you don't know what this guy is really like... Oh, man..."

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Chapter 13: The Stronghold
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After Leaf led the Liberation Army out of the forest, the stronghold city of
Tahra stood before him at last...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Paulus:

"General Rist, how is the situation?"

Rist:

"Yes, we have Tahra completely surrounded, Commander Paulus. We are prepared
for the full-scale assault."

Paulus:

"I see... Baldack should be arriving soon with his 8th Legion. Don't push too
hard. We mustn't waste our manpower."

Rist:

"Of course, sir."

Paulus leaves

Rist:

"Hmph, I'm not letting that Baldack take my credit. All troops! Prepare to
attack! Retreat is not an option! Pound Tahra into decimation!"

(Scene switches to Glade, Dean, and Eda)

Dean:

"The full-scale attack has begun... Well, what do we do, Glade?"

Glade:

"We're far outnumbered. Our defeat will only be a matter of time."

Eda:

"Shall I go derange the enemy lines? It should buy some time for us."

Dean:

"No, that won't do. The enemies have ballistas. You'll just be a perfect target if you go out alone. The basics of fighting from dragon-back are to run in for a surprise hit, and then immediately retreat. You must never rush, Eda."

Eda:

"Yes, my brother."

Glade:

"I will send out my knights."

Dean:

"Will that be enough? The mercenaries all fled."

Glade:

"Hm... What about Prince Shanan? If he is a direct descendant of the Sword Saint Ordo, he must have power far greater than ours. Why does he refuse to help?"

Dean:

"Oh...him. He apparently has no interest in battles in lower places."

Glade:

"Hmph, and he spends his time playing with the women, eh? ...We have no choice. We will have to fight on our own."

Dean:

"Be careful. This is only the beginning. ...The worst still has yet to come."

Glade:

"I know."

(Scene switches to Leaf)

Dorias:

"Lord Leaf, that is Tahra, beyond the mountain. ...This isn't good. The Empire's attack seems to have begun."

Leaf:

"We can't leave the people of Tahra to die. We have to get into Tahra at once."

Dorias:

"Only a small portion of our forces have arrived, Lord Leaf. Also, I see ballistas among the enemy lines. It's too dangerous."

Leaf:

"I know it's dangerous, but we have no choice. Tahra's demise will mean our demise as well. Right, August?"

August:

"Yes. If we let Tahra fall, we will lose any support the people had for us. If we lose their support as well as our troops, all that is left is our destruction."

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Glade)

Leaf:

"Glade...? Are you Glade!?"

Glade:

"? ...Prince Leaf!? It can't be..."

Dorias:

"You seem surprised, Glade. Indeed, this is Prince Leaf. He is the leader of both the Lenster Army and the Northern Thracia Liberation Front."

Glade:

"The Lenster Army... Count Dorias, then our wish is finally coming true!"

Dorias:

"That's right, Glade. We will return to Lenster. We will save our people from Imperial oppression, and fly the flag of the Gae Bolg from Castle Nova once again!"

Glade:

"This day...has finally come... Lord Leaf! Now that King Calf and King Cuan are deceased, you are our only hope. Please fulfill your father's wishes!"

Leaf:

"Of course! Let's reclaim Lenster together, Glade!"

Glade:

"Yes! We will serve you to the end!"

CONVERSATION (Finn, Glade)

Finn:

"Glade! You're all right!"

Glade:

"Finn! It's been a long time."

Finn:

"Ever since the battle at Alster... It's been 10 years now."

Glade:

"Yes, a long time indeed... You have protected Lord Leaf well all this years. I must thank you."

Finn:

"You also deserve thanks. You rescued Count Dorias and built up the Lansritter. If it weren't for them, Lord Leaf would never had made it this far."

Glade:

"We made a promise that day, that I would protect the flag of Lenster, and that you would protect Lord Leaf. ...With our lives."

Finn:

"Yes... And now, that promise has been fulfilled. But, Glade, this is just the beginning. We still have a long way ahead of us."

Glade:

"Yes, we must return to Lenster and restore the flag of the Gae Bolg... That's when we can finally have a drink together again. Anyway, take Lord Leaf into the castle. An enemy legion is approaching. It's dangerous out in the open!"

CONVERSATION (Selphina, Glade)

(If Leaf hasn't spoken to Glade)

Selphina:

"Glade, you're all right. Thank goodness..."

Glade:

"Selphina... You came as well?"

Selphina:

"Yes, I heard about Tahra and came with Lord Leaf. I'm so glad I found you..."

Glade:

"I'm sorry I worried you. But Selphina... I have led many young men to their deaths once again. I can't help but regret and wish that I had more power..."

Selphina:

"No! You are the finest knight in Lenster. I am proud to be your wife. So don't blame yourself so much..."

Glade:

"Thank you, Selphina... I feel better after seeing you. Oh... Here, take a look at this."

Selphina:

"What is this? ...Is it... Is this the legendary Hero's Bow!?"

Glade:

"It looks like it. I came across it by chance. I bought it for you, would you use it?"

Selphina:

"Of course! Thank you, Glade."

(If Leaf has spoken to Glade)

Selphina:

"Glade, you're all right. Thank goodness..."

Glade:

"Selphina... You came as well?"

Selphina:

"Yes, I heard about Tahra and came with Lord Leaf. I'm so glad I found you..."

Glade:

"I see. I met the prince earlier, but I was surprised at how much he's changed. It's been 10 years since I saw him at Alster... He's already fifteen now."

Selphina:

"I was also surprised when I first saw him. He's grown so much."

Glade:

"Indeed, he's become a fine young man. He's starting to look like Lord Cuan in his youth."

Selphina:

"I thought he looked more like Lady Ethlin. He has her eyes."

Glade:

"Do you think so? I think his eyes come more from Lord Cuan."

Selphina:

"No, they come from Lady Ethlin! She used to look after me like a little sister, so I remember very well!"

Glade:

"Whoa, there's no need to get so excited. He's their child, he looks like both of them."

Selphina:

"Oh...you're right. I'm sorry. I was just remembering Lady Ethlin, and..."

Glade:

"..... She must have regretted leaving her son behind..."

Selphina:

"Yes... Back then...Lady Altena used to be jealous of little Lord Leaf and Lady Ethlin. They seemed so happy together... I hoped to become a good mother like Lady Ethlin when I grew up. But then...that nightmarish incident at Yied..."

Glade:

"Selphina...?"

Selphina:

"I'm sorry... I told myself I would never cry again..."

Glade:

"It's all right... Oh... Here, take a look at this."

Selphina:

"What is this? ...Is it... Is this the legendary Hero's Bow!?"

Glade:

"It looks like it. I came across it by chance. I bought it for you, would you use it?"

Selphina:

"Of course! Thank you, Glade."

IF TAHRA IS CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY

August:

"Tahra has fallen! Now that we have let Tahra into the Empire's hands, we have lost the people's support. There is no hope for us now..."

FIGHTING RIST

Rist:

"Argh! This can't be happening!"

DEFEATING RIST

Rist:

"My promo...tion... Ugh..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Linoan:

"...Leaf?"

Leaf:

"Linoan! I've found you!"

Linoan:

"Leaf! You really came... Oh, dear God... I thank You for Your kindness!"

Leaf:

"...I'm sorry, Linoan. I should have come earlier. I never thought that the city I grew up in would be in such turmoil. And all because of me...your father..."

Linoan:

"No, it's not your fault! My father had made his resolve when he welcomed you into Tahra. He was not afraid to give up his life to make way for a new world. I am proud of him. His death saddened me...and Imperial oppression was harsh...but I lived through it hoping I would see you again. But now...I have put thousands of Tahra's people in danger. I...just don't know what to do any more..."

Leaf:

"It's all right, Linoan. Don't worry. I swear that I will protect you and this city!"

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Chapter 14: Open Fire
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ON THE WORLD MAP

The free city of Tahra, with Linoan as its mayor, had always been doing its best to protest against the Empire's evil deeds.

However, now surrounded by Imperial troops led by Commander Paulus, Tahra's situation was looking increasingly grim.

Tahra had maintained its freedom by promising never to oppose the Empire, but that freedom seemed short-lived now...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Paulus:

"I don't see Rist..."

Baldack:

"Yes, I believe he has either fallen or been captured."

Paulus:

"...I feel sorry for him."

Baldack:

"If I may, sir... Rist directly went against his commander's orders. He only got what he deserved."

Paulus:

"...Perhaps not. I was never in favor of the attack on Tahra. My hesitation has led to many soldiers to their deaths. ...It's my responsibility. Laugh at me, Baldack. Laugh at this old coward."

Baldack:

"Commander..."

Paulus:

"But I won't hesitate any more. I am a warrior of Freeji, I must fulfill my duties. Will you help me, Baldack?"

Baldack:

"Yes, of course, Commander Paulus! The main forces of my 8th Legion have arrived. Let us commence the attack!"

Paulus:

"Yes, I will send my forces to aid you once they are ready. Knowing you, I doubt I need to say this, but... Be careful."

Baldack:

"Yes, I will swear to my honor that I will bring Tahra down!"

(Scene switches to Linoan)

Eda:

"Lady Linoan, the attack has begun."

Linoan:

"The Empire's full-scale attack... What is Lord Leaf doing?"

Eda:

"The prince is having a meeting with the other commanders."

Linoan:

"I see... Is Dean with them?"

Eda:

"Dean is watching the south gate because he doesn't feel comfortable at meetings... My brother can be difficult at times."

Linoan:

"No, I would never have survived without him. After my father was killed, our mansion was taken away, and for two years I was unable to even go outdoors freely. The cruel surrogate would constantly threaten me to tell him where the prince was. The thought of that abuse still sends shivers down my spine... But then...Dean rescued me from that nightmare. He protected me from assassins from the Empire, and always cheered me up when I was about to break down. He always laughed it off, but I was sure he was a well-known mercenary. I never knew he working under Lord Arione..."

Eda:

"Prince Arione knew about the danger Tahra was in, so he secretly ordered my brother to rescue you. Dean was so pleased at the trust the prince was putting in him that he abandoned the army to fulfill the prince's commands."

Linoan:

"Lord Arione...went through that much...?"

Eda:

"He couldn't leave the country, but then again, he couldn't let you, his fiancée, die... I can only imagine how troubled he was. Anyway, please don't worry, Lady Linoan. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed by Dine and Nova. You must believe in our victory. Now, I must go out and fight as well!"

2ND TURN

Hmeros:

"Hey, what're you packing up for? You leaving or something?"

Shanam:

"Ha... Staying here would be for nought..."

Hmeros:

"Whoa, you can't leave yet. The people living here served you that much because they wanted your help. You're not gonna be very popular if you leave now. Especially among the women."

Shanam:

"N-No, my servants have come to pick me up... I'm a prince, so I can't leave my country for very long..."

Hmeros:

"Oh, so you're the prince of Isaac? Come on, gimme a break. You can't fool me."

Shanam:

"Ulp... You knew?"

Hmeros:

"I'm a bard, you know. I know Prince Shanam's face. Well anyway, do what you want. Anyone would want to save his own life first. There's no reason to fall along with this city."

Shanam:

"So you too..."

Hmeros:

"Yeah, I'm leaving tomorrow, after I have my fun tonight."

Shanam:

"All right, then I'll be going. We might meet again."

Hmeros:

"Hey, wait a sec. At least tell me your real name."

Shanam:

"...It's Shanam."

Hmeros:

"Huh, at least your names sound alike... See ya, Prince Shanam."

8TH TURN

Trabant:

"It has begun at last... Macroy, I trust you understand. We are here as allies of the Empire. Whatever you do, don't fight them."

Macroy:

"...And then we capture Tahra while the Empire is exhausted..."

Trabant:

"That's right. This will be an important card when dealing with Blume. Don't waste it."

Macroy:

"Of course, your Majesty."

10TH TURN

Arione:

"Father, wouldn't attacking Tahra only be for the benefit of the Empire? The citizens hate the Empire. If we side with the people now, we may be able to establish good relations in the future..."

Trabant:

"No. Tahra isn't strong enough to help us defeat the Empire. Do you remember the battle at Melghen Valley? We lost to the Empire even with the help of both Northern and Southern Thracia."

Arione:

"That was because of Reidric's betrayal..."

Trabant:

"Perhaps. But either way, we were forced to sign a humiliating treaty. Northern Thracia fell into the hands of Empire. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the Empire's power is now ten times that of ours. And you still wish to challenge them? Do you think you can win? The people here will die, is that what you want?"

Arione:

"No... You're right, Father. I was too imprudent. ...Father, I want to ask you something..."

Trabant:

"What is it?"

Arione:

"Let me help with the attack on Tahra."

Trabant:

"...Do you have a plan? Very well. If we are able to take this prosperous city, I don't mind how. Do as you will!"

Arione:

"Yes, thank you, Father!"

Trabant:

"But don't take too long. I don't want to have to end up sending in my main forces."

Arione:

"Yes. Many citizens will die if this goes on... I must speak with Linoan."

(Arione goes to the castle)

Arione:

"Linoan! Where are you? It's me, Arione!"

Linoan:

"Lord Arione!? What are you doing here?"

Arione:

"That's not important. Tell your people to disarm and surrender. It'll be a disaster if you fight now."

Linoan:

"Why...? This is not like you at all. What happened?"

Arione:

"My father is preparing a legion to attack Tahra."

Linoan:

"!"

Arione:

"That's not all. Lopto's armed priests are approaching as well. If the 'Black Rose' Schwarze Rosen comes, the citizens will be massacred, every single one of them."

Linoan:

"The Schwarze Rosen...! I was fearing this the most..."

Arione:

"Linoan, leave it to me. Thracia will capture Tahra. We will put the people under our protection. We will put an end to the child hunting, and I'll promise to protect you as well."

Linoan:

"What will happen to Lord Leaf and the other knights?"

Arione:

"They'll have to escape. The Empire is after the prince, and my father fears him as well."

Linoan:

"...Very well. I will entrust the matter to you."

Arione:

"Thank you."

Linoan:

"However, I will go with Lord Leaf. I will regret leaving my people behind, but this is the best way now. Once we defeat the Empire, I will return to Tahra... Will you promise to return Tahra to me once I come back?"

Arione:

"Defeat the Empire... Very well, I promise. ...But is this Prince Leaf really

that trustworthy? Will he be an enemy to Thracia, or a friend...? Either way, I would like to meet him...with Altena..."

HOMEROS' HOUSE

(If you use Nanna)

Homeross:

"Oh...? Mm, nice, very nice. I'll cancel my other offers for you, babe."

Nanna:

"Huh? ...What are you talking about?"

Homeross:

"You see, this is my last night here. I want to make love to you all, but I've only got one body, so... Ow! Whoa, babe, what was that for!?"

Nanna:

"What are you thinking!? Even the children and the elderly are working hard to protect this city! And you're just sitting here drinking in broad daylight... You should be ashamed!"

Homeross:

"H-Hey, you don't have to cry. Okay, okay, I'll help you out, all right? But I'm not strong, so don't give me any heavy work..."

(If you use a child character)

Homeross:

"What do you want, kid? I'm taking a nap. Go home."

(If you use a male character)

Homeross:

"I have no need for men. Go away."

(If you use a female character other than Nanna)

Homeross:

"Uhm... Sorry, but I've kinda got my hands full tonight."

HOUSE (bottom left)

(If you use Dean)

Woman:

"Oh, Dean... Lady Altena is waiting for you."

Altena:

"Hello, Dean. I'm glad you seem well."

Dean:

"Lady Altena!? What are you doing here?"

Altena:

"You haven't changed, have you, Dean? I came all this way to give you this spear."

Dean:

"Spear...? But...this is Lord Arione's Dragon Lance..."

Altena:

"He wants you to use it. He was saying that it is his apology to you for making you a traitor."

Dean:

"It was me who chose to leave the army. I appreciate the offer, but I can't take this."

Altena:

"Dean, don't step on my brother's kindness. If you won't take it, I will order you as the queen of Thracia."

Dean:

"Haha... I'm no longer a knight of Thracia... But very well. I can't go against Lady Altena's orders. I will take this Dragon Lance for now."

Altena:

"Good... Dean, protect Linoan with that spear. Linoan and my brother are to be wed... I'm sure Arione would have liked to protect her himself, but he can't leave the country for very long. I think that's why he gave the spear to you."

Dean:

"...I think you've misunderstood, Lady Altena... Please don't worry about Lady Linoan. I will protect her in place of Lord Arione!"

FIGHTING PAULUS

Paulus:

"So... This is it..."

DEFEATING PAULUS

Paulus:

"Lord Blume... Please reconsider... It is still...not too..late... Ugh!"

RELEASING PAULUS

Paulus:

"I'm sorry... But I must take responsibility for my defeat..."

FIGHTING BALDACK

Baldack:

"Let's see if you can defeat me!"

DEFEATING BALDACK

Baldack:

"No... This can't...be..."

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Chapter 14 Gaiden: Freedom
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OPENING CUTSCENE

Dorias:

"Hm, we can escape from Tahra, but with these civilians following us..."

Leaf:

"Civilians?"

Linoan:

"I'm sorry, Lord Leaf... I tried to tell them it was too dangerous, but they seem determined to come with us."

Leaf:

"I see... How many of them are there?"

Dorias:

"Around 600. They are following behind us in groups."

Leaf:

"But we can't take them all the way to Lenster..."

Dorias:

"Yes, we don't have enough manpower to protect these people on the way. Even escaping this valley could prove to be difficult."

Leaf

"We'll have to protect them until they make it out of the valley. Tell everyone to concentrate on defending the civilians."

Dorias:

"Yes, Lord Leaf."

(Scene switches to Codha and Misha)

Codha:

"General Misha, I trust you have the pegasus squad ready."

Misha:

"Yes, I have brought along more than half of the entire fleet. They will be dispatched shortly."

Codha:

"Good. Then you may return to Lenster. We don't need you here."

Misha:

"I must stay and command my squad."

Codha:

"This mission is to mop up the remnants of the enemy. You don't want to stay for that, do you?"

Misha:

"But my troops..."

Codha:

"General Misha, this is an order. Return to Lenster!"

Misha:

"...Very well."

THE CIVILIANS ESCAPE

Civilian:

"Thanks for protecting us. Here, take this S Drink."

FIGHTING CODHA

Codha:

"Ha, haha... Fools..."

DEFEATING CODHA

Codha:

"Dear Lopto... Please save my soul..."

RELEASING CODHA

Codha:

"...We do not fear death... Ugh!"

WHEN LEAF ESCAPES

Dorias:

"We somehow made it."

Leaf:

"Where are we going now?"

Dorias:

"We plan to pass over the mountains of Dofa and go onto the northern highroad."

Leaf:

"Northern highroad? We're heading east along the coast?"

Dorias:

"That's what I'm thinking, but we must hear August's opinion as well. Anyway, we first have to cross the mountains. We must hurry, Lord Leaf."

(Scene switches to August)

Levin:

"Wait, August."

August:

"Lord Levin!? What are you doing here?"

Levin:

"I heard about the fall of Tahra, so I thought you would be here. You seem to be having a hard time."

August:

"It is my lack of power... Forgive me."

Levin:

"No, you have been doing well. We were expecting Tahra to fall. Don't worry about it."

August:

"Yes..."

Levin:

"I will check on Orgahill, and then return to Isaac. We should be able meet again in a year or so. Good luck, August..."

August:

"One more year... My role is not over yet..."

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Chapter 15: The Two Paths
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ON THE WORLD MAP

Respecting the promise made between Arione and Linoan, the Liberation Army retreated from Tahra.

As for their next destination, the army's opinions split. The Fiana Militia and the Magi group wanted to free Manster first, while the nobles from Lenster and Tahra sought to liberate Lenster.

In the end, both sides agreed that heading for Lenster first would be more efficient.

However, Leaf was to be faced with another decision here...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Dorias:

"Lord Leaf, we must head west on this mountain path to exit onto the northern highroad."

August:

"Count Dorias, are you sure we want to take the coastline? I believe we should head east down the mountain and attack Lenster from the south."

Dorias:

"The thick forests of Melfiye lie to the south of Lenster. Those forests are well-known for people losing their way in them."

August:

"I'm aware of that. But that also means that the Empire's defenses would be lax. With our small numbers, we must take full advantage of the terrain."

Dorias:

"I disagree. Thracia... No, this entire continent is watching over our fight. We must not only win, our victory must be one that gives courage to the people suffering from Imperial oppression. We should march in proudly from the

front, flying the flag of Lenster."

August:

"The northern highroad is practically Lenster's front door. Legions of enemy soldiers will be defending it. We will lose many of our troops."

Dorias:

"I understand. But their deaths will be in glory and honor."

August:

"Glory? ...Count Dorias, you knights are not the only ones fighting this battle. Some of us don't appreciate having your values one-sidedly forced upon us."

Dorias:

"Don't you think you're being a little rude, August? ...Either way, it is up to the prince. We must not be arguing over it."

August:

"Yes... We must follow the prince's judgment."

(Scene switches to Zile)

Bandit:

"Boss, we found our next target. See that village over there?"

Zile:

"Ha, that's just a run-down junkyard. We can burn it all we want, but we won't get nothing."

Bandit:

"But there are a lot of girls there, boss. How 'bout if we catch them and sell them off to the slave market?"

Zile:

"Hm... That ain't a bad idea. All right, let's get the girls and kill off the others."

1ST TURN

Amalda:

"Thank you for taking care of the children."

Bishop:

"Of course. The Empire wouldn't bother sending troops to a small village like this tucked away in the mountains. I will protect the children with my life. But what about you, Lady Amalda? If the Empire finds out about this, you will be in danger..."

Amalda:

"I am ashamed... I am ashamed that I cannot properly help the children, despite being a knight of Freeji. Hundreds of children are being captured and sent to the Imperial capital daily, but all I can do is rescue a handful of them. I keep trying to convince his Majesty to reconsider, but to no avail... And here I am, leading my troops on a mission that I disagree with. I simply don't know what I should do..."

Sleuf:

"Lady Amalda, I understand your hardship. However, you mustn't be rash."

Amalda:

"But, Father Sleuf... I..."

Sleuf:

"If we lose you, that would mean losing the children who could be saved otherwise."

Amalda:

"Yes...I know. Thank you... I must be off now."

Amalda leaves

Sleuf:

"She is in a difficult position...much like ours."

Bishop:

"Yes... The world will lead to destruction if we do not do something about it. But even if we know, all we can do is sit and pray..."

Sleuf:

"But I heard the voice in the tower of Bragi. It said, 'When the three pillars of light become one, the darkness in this world will vanish.'"

Bishop:

"The now deceased Bishop Claud's voice..."

Sleuf:

"Yes. He also said this... 'Man of virtue, servant of Bragi... Be my eyes and witness the fate of this world...'"

Bishop:

"I know. You may go. The children will be fine."

Sleuf:

"I'm sorry... Forgive my impudence."

Ralph appears

Ralph:

"Hey, Bishop. There's a group of bandits headed from the north."

Bishop:

"What? Are you sure?"

Ralph:

"I'm positive. That knight's saying she'll help, but I don't know how long we can last with just the two of us. So take the women and children and leave while you can."

Bishop:

"I see... I'm sorry, Ralph. And thank you for protecting such a tiny village like this. You have all of our gratitude."

Ralph:

"Well, this must be fate as well, then!"

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Ralph)

Leaf:

"Are you a mercenary of the village?"

Ralph:

"Nope, I wasn't hired. Of course, I wouldn't think of taking money from a penniless village like this."

Leaf:

"Then why are you fighting?"

Ralph:

"They gave me a place to sleep, so I'm helping them out in return. You're a nosy kid, aren't you? Who are you anyway?"

Leaf:

"Oh, I'm sorry. I'm Leaf, of Lenster."

Ralph:

"Leaf...? So... You're Prince Leaf, eh? This is perfect. My name's Ralph, I'm a mercenary. Would it be all right if I joined your army?"

Leaf:

"Of course, we would appreciate having someone like you. But why do you want to join us?"

Ralph:

"I can't stand the Empire's tyranny. Is that good enough?"

Leaf:

"Certainly. Ralph, my wish is to free the people suffering from Imperial oppression. Will you swear to fight for that cause?"

Ralph:

"You got it."

(The next turn)

Amalda:

"It looks like that army is going to take care of the village... Good. ...I should be returning to my own army soon..."

CONVERSATION (Mareeta, Shanam)

Mareeta:

"Who are you! Are you from the Empire!?"

Shanam:

"Certainly not. Turn your blade away from me if you wish to live. My Starstrike is not for slaying little girls like you."

Mareeta:

"Starstrike? ...That's the legendary technique known to the royalty of Isaac... Then...are you...?"

Shanam:

"Exactly... I am Prince Shanam of Isaac. However, I am currently hiding my identity. Forget that you saw me..."

Mareeta:

"Lord Shanan!"

Shanam:

"Whoa! Wh-What is it? You startled me."

Mareeta:

"Please teach me the way of the sword! I'm not asking for much... If I can just learn the beginnings of the Starstrike..."

Shanam:

"....."

Mareeta:

"Please! I want to become stronger. I have to become stronger!"

Shanam:

"...Well, just the beginnings, I suppose..."

Mareeta:

"R-Really? Thank you!"

Shanam:

"Hmm, I wasn't expecting this. Well, I'll just give her some random tips and get it over with... The Starstrike is not only about your skill. It is your heart that is important. Once your skill and your heart become one...only then will you be able to perform the Starstrike."

Mareeta:

"My skill and my heart?"

Shanam:

"Right. First, try swinging your sword."

Mareeta:

"How should I swing... Can you show me?"

Shanam:

"Erg... N-No, the Starstrike is only learned after hard practice. If you see how it is done, you tend to copy it instead of developing it on your own... Yeah..."

Mareeta:

"Oh, I see... All right, I'll try. Ha!"

Shanam:

"No. Try again."

Mareeta:

"Ya!"

Shanam:

"No, no. Your heart is being left behind. Your sword and heart must be in unison. ...I have no idea what I'm saying..."

Mareeta:

"My blade and my heart...in unison... Haaaa!"

Wham! Starstrike!

Mareeta:

"Huh? Did I just..."

Shanam:

"..... ..What?"

Mareeta:

"...No, that wasn't it. It can't be this easy. Right, Lord Shanam?"

Shanam:

"Huh? O-Oh! Y-Y-Yeah... O-Of course not. Y-You can't call that a Starstrike..."

Mareeta:

"Good, I thought so..."

Shanam:

"A-Anyway, I taught you the beginnings of it, like I promised. I have to get going."

Mareeta:

"Yes, thank you very much, Lord Shanam! My blade and my heart in unison..."

Shanam:

"Who the hell is that girl!?"

CHURCH

(If you don't use Leaf)

Bishop:

"Ah, thank you for saving the village. I wish to thank your leader as well, where is he?"

(If you use Leaf)

Bishop:

"Ah, thank you for saving the village. Please take this as a sign of our gratitude."

Leaf:

"Thank you. We must be off..."

Bishop:

"Where are you headed for?"

Leaf:

"East... Towards Lenster."

Bishop:

"Then I have something to ask of you. A pupil of mine named Sleuf recently left on a journey. If you happen to see him, could you offer him a helping hand? Now, I can take you part of the way to Lenster with this Warp Staff. There are two paths. One is through the forests of Melfiye that lead to the south of Lenster. The other is to head east along the coast, passing through Fort Norden. Which path do you wish to take?"

Choice: Fort Norden/Melfiye Forest

FIGHTING ZILE

Zile:

"Hehehe... You pickin' a fight with me?"

DEFEATING ZILE

Zile:

"Gah... Damn...it..."

LEAF ARRIVES AT THE ESCAPE POINTS

(If you head for the left path)

Dorias:

"If we head north from here, we will exit onto the highroad. The Empire's defenses will be strong here. Are you sure you want to take this path?"

(If you head for the right path)

August:

"If we head north from here, we will be in the thick forests of Melfiye. Enemies will be scarce, but there may be other dangers that we are not prepared for. Are you sure you want to take this path?"

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Chapter 16A: Norden Line
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ON THE WORLD MAP

Leaf followed Dorias' advice and led his troops along the coastline towards Lenster.

However, an Imperial base by the name of "Fort Norden" stood in their path.

The Freejis' elite forces were stationed there, prepared to defend against the Liberation Army...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Nicaraf:

"I hope you're ready for the attack, Kempuf."

Kempuf:

"Of course, General Nicaraf. They call themselves a Liberation Army, but their strength is but that of simple brigands. I shall take them down with my legion with ease."

Nicaraf:

"With ease, you say? Don't give me that nonsense, boy! Who was it who shamefully abandoned his troops and fled from Dandrum Fortress? That was you, Kempuf! Now listen to me. We are up against Lenster's Lansritter forces. With Prince Leaf leading them and their homeland in front of them, their morale is as high as the midday sun. You will die if you take them lightly!"

Kempuf:

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

Nicaraf:

"You will stay here and defend the bridge. The ballistas will cover you from the rear lines. Do not fight outside their range. This is an order!"

Kempuf:

"Yes..."

Nicaraf:

"We will start our offense when the reinforcements from Alster arrive. We will charge the enemy from front and rear and crush them in one quick stroke."

Kempuf:

"Reinforcements from Alster?"

Nicaraf:

"Yes. Count Conomore will bring about 100 of his knights. The enemy will suffer a surprise attack from behind by the strongest army in Northern Thracia."

Kempuf:

"I see... ..But then the credit won't be mine... I need to defeat them on my own..."

Scene switches to Leaf

August:

"Lord Leaf, our scout has returned. This is what the enemy's formation looks like."

Leaf:

"Ballistas are clustered all around the fort... We'll have to do something about them to make an effective attack."

August:

"This bridge is the only way across the river. However, an army of heavy infantry is guarding it, and we will also be in the attack range of the ballistas."

Leaf:

"Then we'll have to lure the heavy infantry outside the ballistas' attack range."

August:

"It will be difficult to get them to move away from their defense point."

Leaf:

"But it's worth a try. There must be some way..."

(If Olwen is in your attack team)

Olwen:

"Lord Leaf, I can do that. I know that commander. I can lure him away from the bridge."

Leaf:

"Olwen? No, it's too dangerous!"

Olwen:

"Please, Lord Leaf. I want to be of some use to you!"

2ND TURN

Woman:

"Father Sleuf, a battle is starting outside. It's too dangerous to leave now. You should stay here..."

Sleuf:

"Yes, thank you..."

2ND TURN (enemy)

Eyrios:

"Damn... Why do I have to be in the front lines defending that idiot? I guess a commoner like me is just doomed to be a cannonfodder for the nobility..."

20TH TURN

Conomore:

"All troops, charge! Show the power of the warriors of Alster!"

Soldier:

"General Conomore, are you sure...? Whether we win or lose, we will still lose our country forever. If we miss this chance, we will never have another..."

Conomore:

"I know. But if we betray the Empire now, Princess Miranda will die. She's still fifteen... Don't you think she's too young to die in that dark monastery..."

CONVERSATION (Karin, Eyrios)

Karin:

"Excuse me?"

Eyrios:

"What? Who are you? Stop bothering me!"

Karin:

"Hey, can you switch to our side? Please?"

Eyrios:

"Huh? What are you talking about? Weird girl..."

Karin:

"No? Oh well, I thought so. Fine, then. Good bye..."

Eyrios:

"Hey! Wait a sec!"

Karin:

"Yes?"

Eyrios:

"All right. I'll switch sides if you'll do me a favor in return."

Karin:

"Really! So what do you want?"

Eyrios:

"Let's see... How about letting me become a noble once Lenster is recaptured."

Karin:

"That shouldn't be too hard. You want to be a noble? So you're a commoner? Wow, then you must have worked really hard. A commoner becoming a higher knight in the Freeji army is a rarity."

Eyrios:

"Stop calling me a commoner! Yeah, I'm no noble, but I'm not ashamed of it! I'm proud to be a commoner!"

Karin:

"Then why do you want to become a noble?"

Eyrios:

"Erg... Well... That's none of your business!"

Karin:

"I'm Karin. What's your name?"

Eyrios:

"It's Eyrios..."

Karin:

"Your name sounds really noble. Is it your real name?"

Eyrios:

"Of course it is! My old man gave it to me hoping we'd make it to nobility some day!"

Karin:

"Then your complex with nobility must come from your name. Maybe you should change it. How about Olson? It suits you better, don't you think?"

Eyrios:

"O-Olson...? Hey, stop playing around with people's names..."

Karin:

"Okay, Olson, so you're now on our side. See you around!"

Eyrios:

"H-Hey..."

CONVERSATION (Olwen, Kempuf)

Olwen:

"It's so nice to see you again, General Kempuf."

Kempuf:

"You... You're Olwen! You dirty traitor!"

Olwen:

"If I am a traitor, then you are a loser. A loser and a coward."

Kempuf:

"What! Why am I a coward?"

Olwen:

"You're too scared to fight. All you did was flee at Dandrum, and even now you're cowering behind the protection of your troops. You can never surpass my brother that way!"

Kempuf:

"Errrgh... You...bitch...! Someone! Capture her! I'll kill you all... I'll kill you, I say!"

Olwen:

"Lord Leaf, my part is done... I wish you luck..."

(The next turn)

Kempuf:

"You! Order the troops to charge! Tell them there will be a reward for every enemy slain! Demolish them! Leave none alive!"

Soldier:

"B-But General Kempuf! That would be going against General Nicaraf's orders!"

Kempuf:

"Shut up! Everything will be fine as long as we win! Have you forgotten that I come from a part of the royal family? All troops, charge! Kill them! Kill them all!"

WHEN AN ALSTER SOLDIER IS DEFEATED

Conomore:

"...So this is the power of Lenster's Lansritter... Perhaps we should pull back. All troops, retreat!"

SLEUF'S RESIDENCE

(If you use Leaf)

Sleuf:

"Oh, you must be Lord Leaf!"

Leaf:

"Yes, a bishop of Solwood asked me to meet you. But how did you know it was me?"

Sleuf:

"This is just like the image I saw at the Tower of Bragi... A youth with the light of Zwei...strong power... Bishop Claud... It is just as you said..."

Leaf:

"Tower of Bragi? Light of Zwei? What are you talking about?"

Sleuf:

"You will understand when the time comes. For now, I will join you, Prince

Leaf."

(If you use any other character)

Woman:

"Father Sleuf is busy. He does not wish to see anybody right now."

FIGHTING KEMPUF

Kempuf:

"Damn! Damn! If it weren't for you... If it only weren't for you...!"

DEFEATING KEMPUF

Kempuf:

"No...! How could I lose...to you... Gwaaah!"

RELEASING KEMPUF

Kempuf:

"I won't forget this! I'll be back!"

FIGHTING BROOK

Brook:

"Filthy rebels! Fear my blade!"

DEFEATING BROOK

Brook:

"Guh... It isn't...over...yet..."

RELEASING BROOK

Brook:

"What an embarrassment..."

FIGHTING EYRIOS

Eyrios:

"You're gonna fight me? Ha, you can't beat the mighty Eyrios!"

DEFEATING EYRIOS

Eyrios:

"...I don't want to die...as a commoner..."

RELEASING EYRIOS

Eyrios:

"Damn... You feel sorry for me because I'm a commoner, right? I can't take

this any more..."

FIGHTING CONOMORE

Conomore:

"It isn't personal. It is fate. Forgive me!"

DEFEATING CONOMORE

Conomore:

"Glory be to Alster..."

RELEASING CONOMORE

Conomore:

"So... I am to live in shame..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Dorias:

"Good work, Prince! You fought well under such dire circumstances. Lenster is right in front of us now. Our people will have been waiting anxiously for your return."

Leaf:

"Lenster... My homeland."

Dorias:

"Yes. Perhaps you were too young to remember much..."

Leaf:

"No, I remember. Especially that night. I'll never forget that."

Dorias:

"That night?"

Leaf:

"The night that Lenster fell... The sky was a hellish red from the flames engulfing the castle. I was just staring up at the sky in Finn's arms. I didn't understand at first... But when I looked up at Finn, I was suddenly consumed with sadness. I had never been so sad in my life..."

Dorias:

"We forced a difficult task on Finn. But he was the only one we could trust you with. As long as the prince is safe, Lenster will rise again once more... I told him that and ordered him to escape."

Leaf:

"That was the last time I saw Finn's tears. Ever since then, he seems to have forgotten how to cry...or even laugh..."

Dorias:

"His heart is still in Lenster. No, not just him... All of have have left our hearts behind in our homeland..."

(If you didn't kill Conomore)

Leaf:

"I was certain we were doomed when Alster's army attacked us from behind."

Dorias:

"The enemy's confusion saved us there. But Count Conomore is certainly an admirable man. His speed in rounding up his troops was something to behold."

Leaf:

"Count Conomore?"

Dorias:

"Yes, he is the greatest commander of Alster. He is a fine knight with a love for justice and his country."

Leaf:

"Why would such a man side with the Empire? Wouldn't he want to do something about its oppressive ways?"

Dorias:

"He must have his reasons... Either way, he isn't someone I would want to face again."

[CH17A]

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Chapter 17A: Lenster's Gate
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ON THE WORLD MAP

Breaking past Fort Norden, the Liberation Army stood before the eastern gate of Lenster at last.

However, a legion even larger than the forces at Fort Norden awaited them.

OPENING CUTSCENE

Gustav:

"Nicaraf, haven't you dealt with the rebels yet!"

Nicaraf:

"No... We lost our chance to victory due to Kempuf's selfish actions. Forgive me!"

Gustav:

"Damn that Kempuf... So is this how he repays me? We should have done as you suggested and sent him back to the Empire."

Nicaraf:

"No, sir, it is all my responsibility. However, we have nothing to worry about now. We have my armored infantry and Bishop Moore's magicians defending the castle gate. Rinehart's Gelpritter will be attacking the enemy from the rear. We have also called for Ciledia's Pegasus Knights for extra backup. With all these forces, we will be able to defend against anything."

Gustav:

"I see... Well, I know I can trust your judgment. Oh, and Bishop Cyas will be stopping by. He is on a journey, but he said he would aid us for a short

while."

Nicaraf:

"The genius tactician Cyas!?"

Gustav:

"He should be arriving in a few hours."

Nicaraf:

"Yes. We will concentrate on defense, and commence our attack once Bishop Cyas arrives. Lord Gustav, please stay in the castle and wait for our victory."

Gustav:

"I trust I am leaving this in good hands, Nicaraf!"

(Scene switches to Leaf)

August:

"This could be difficult, prince. The enemy's formation is near flawless."

Leaf:

"What do you mean?"

August:

"The problem is the Ciledian mercenaries waiting in the northwest. If we approach the castle, we will be assaulted from behind."

Leaf:

"Can we send a division of our troops to deal with them?"

August:

"We have already left half of our forces in the rear to defend against Rinehart's forces. We can't divide our troops any further."

Leaf:

"What should we do, then?"

August:

"It depends on how willing the Ciledian mercenaries are to fight..."

(Scene switches to Misha)

Nicaraf:

"So do you understand our plan, General Misha?"

Misha:

"Yes..."

Nicaraf:

"Good. And if you do not mind me asking..."

Misha:

"Yes?"

Nicaraf:

"I heard your mother was killed by the rebel Sigurd in the civil war. Is it true?"

Misha:

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Nicaraf:

"Is that why you became a mercenary for the Empire?"

Misha:

"My mother has nothing to do with it. We are working to feed our starving children back home. We need money for milk and bread...that's all."

Nicaraf:

"I see... Forgive my intrusiveness. You can forget what I said."

Misha:

"....."

10TH TURN

(If Nicaraf is alive)

Cyas:

"Good day, General Nicaraf."

Nicaraf:

"Ah, Bishop Cyas! We have been waiting for you."

Cyas:

"How is the situation looking?"

Nicaraf:

"The enemy is fighting better than we expected, and I regret to say we are having trouble. But now with the genius Bishop Cyas at our side, we have nothing to fear!"

Cyas:

"Has Lord Rinehart's Gelpritter arrived yet?"

Nicaraf:

"He should break through the enemy's rear lines and join us shortly."

Cyas:

"Good. Then let us commence our offense. Tell the Ciledian mercenaries to prepare to attack."

Nicaraf:

"Of course, Bishop Cyas!"

(If Nicaraf is dead)

Cyas:

"...How is the situation looking?"

Soldier:

"B-Bishop Cyas? ...The enemy is fighting better than we expected, and we are having trouble... General Nicaraf has fallen as well..."

Cyas:

"I see..."

Soldier:

"But we have been blessed with the genius Bishop Cyas' presence. We have

nothing to fear now!"

Cyas:

"Has Lord Rinehart's Gelpritter arrived yet?"

Soldier:

"He should break through the enemy's rear lines and join us shortly."

Cyas:

"Good. Then let us commence our offense. Tell the Ciledian mercenaries to prepare to attack."

Soldier:

"Of course, Bishop Cyas!"

(Scene switches to Leaf)

Leaf:

"What...what's going on!? The enemy's morale seems to have suddenly risen..."

Dorias:

"Our worst fears have come true, Lord Leaf. We have no time to waste. We must retreat!"

Leaf:

"What? What do you mean!?"

Dorias:

"The young archbishop and genius tactician of Velthomer... Bishop Cyas is aiding the enemy. As long as he is against us, we have no hope of victory."

Leaf:

"There was such an individual in the Empire...?"

August:

"He is the son of General Aida, the Emperor's most trusted advisor. After her mysterious death, he had entered a Bragi monastery..."

Leaf:

"...But if we retreat now, we'll lose so many of our troops... What should I do...?"

(Scene switches to a soldier)

Soldier:

"This is our chance! Wipe out the rebels! Lower the bridge!"

12TH TURN

Mueller:

"Damn, this took longer than I had expected. Tell the troops to charge!"

Soldier:

"General Mueller, what happened to Lord Rinehart?"

Mueller:

"He went to Conort with Queen Ishtar. She was acting strange...he was probably worried about her."

Soldier:

"Running to the queen in the face of war? Sigh..."

Mueler:

"Watch your tongue, soldier!"

Soldier:

"Y-Yes! I'm sorry!"

Mueler:

"But... Not having him here is indeed a problem..."

15TH TURN

Ishtar:

"Bishop Cyas!"

Cyas:

"Queen Ishtar? And Lord Rinehart... What is the matter? You look worried."

Ishtar:

"Yurius is not well! He is suffering from a very high fever..."

Cyas:

"He was never strong, but he seems to be getting worse lately... Have you told the Lopto bishops?"

Ishtar:

"I won't let them go near him!"

Cyas:

"Not even Lord Manfroy!? Why not?"

Ishtar:

"You know that reason more than anyone else, Lord Cyas... Please understand."

Cyas:

"...Very well. I will try to be of some help. Where is Lord Yurius?"

Ishtar:

"In my room in Conort..."

Cyas:

"I see... Well then, let's go, Queen Ishtar."

(Scene switches to a soldier)

Soldier:

"What? Bishop Cyas went to Conort!? Damn...we have to secure our defenses!
Destroy the bridge!"

CONVERSATION (Karin, Misha)

Karin:

"General Misha, the Empire is a hated enemy for us Ciledians as well? Why are you helping them!"

Misha:

"I have something which I must protect... That's all..."

Karin:

"...Something you have to protect...?"

Misha:

"It doesn't concern you. Now go... Our attack is starting."

CHURCH

Sara:

"....."

Bishop:

"Sara, where are you going?"

Sara:

"....."

Bishop:

"Oh, are you from the Liberation Army? Did she say something to you? Please forget it. She mumbles strange things from time to time. She can be an odd girl at times."

Sara:

"...I'll go..."

Bishop:

"Go? Go where?"

Sara: "...I'll go... I'll go with this person..."

Bishop:

"Go with... But this person is from the military. Sara? Wait, Sara!"

Sara:

"I'll go... Please take me with you..."

FIGHTING NICARAF

Nicaraf:

"You're not strong enough to defeat me! Come on!"

DEFEATING NICARAF

Nicaraf:

"Guh... You're...better...than I...thought..."

FIGHTING MOORE

Moore:

"....."

DEFEATING MOORE

Moore:

"...Dear Lopto... I shall give my life...to your new age..."

RELEASING MOORE

Moore:

"....."

FIGHTING MISHA

Misha:

"Do you dare stand in my path!"

DEFEATING MISHA

Misha:

"Ha...haha... So I'm going...to my mother's...Dietova's place...too..."

RELEASING MISHA

Misha:

"I thank you for letting me live. But I must fight..."

FIGHTING MUELER

Mueler:

"Fear the wrath of the Gelpritter!"

DEFEATING MUELER

Mueler:

"Gah... How...could we lose..."

RELEASING MUELER

Mueler:

"...Hmph..."

FIGHTING CYAS

Cyas:

"Withdraw your blade... You are no match for me..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Dorias:

"We have managed to breach the castle gate, but there are still many enemies waiting inside. Be on your guard, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"We'll have to clear them out in a single stroke, even if we're pushing our troops. Count Gustav has been oppressing Lenster's people as the right hand

man of King Blume. I can't imagine how many people have been ordered to their deaths..."

August:

"Exactly. We must kill Gustav and hang his head from the castle gate! There is no need for mercy, Lord Leaf. You must carry out your duties as the lord of Lenster!"

(If Karin talked to Misha, and you captured Misha)

Dorias:

"Lord Leaf, we have captured a commander of Ciledia. What should we do?"

Leaf:

"I want to see her. Are you the commander of the Ciledian mercenaries?"

Misha:

"I have no need for sympathy! If you're going to kill me, just do it!"

Dorias:

"It is fruitless, Lord Leaf. Ciledian Pegasus Knights put honor above all. She wouldn't be able to bear living in captivity after leading her troops to their deaths. We should respect her wishes and put her out of her misery..."

Karin:

"No, Count Dorias! Misha, you have something to protect, don't you? What are you going to do if you die here! What's going to happen to the children waiting for you in Ciledia!"

Misha:

"! ...Where did you hear..."

Karin:

"A member of your squad told me. I saw her wounded and tried to help her... Then she told me... ...I never knew. I never knew that so many people were suffering in places under Imperial control... So many children are just... starving to death. She told me that she became a mercenary to earn money to buy food with."

Misha:

"....."

August:

"You are wrong, Lady Misha. It is in no way forgivable to put other children in suffering to save your own. Child hunting has been going on in the Empire and Thracia. Ciledia will not be an exception, either. Who will protect your children then?"

Misha:

"Child hunting...? What are you talking about?"

Leaf:

"You don't know... In that case, you need to live and look at reality. I want you to understand our sorrow and suffering!"

Misha:

"...I'm sorry. I...need to think this over..."

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Chapter 16B: The Dark Forest
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ON THE WORLD MAP

Following August's advice, Leaf led his troops south of the main road.

However, to get to Lenster through this route, the Liberation Army would have to make its way through the thick forests of Melfiye.

Why this was called the "Dark Forest"... Why travelers avoided this region... Leaf was about to find out soon enough...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Dorias:

"These are the forests of Melfiye, called the Dark Forest."

Leaf:

"The Dark Forest... So which way do we go?"

Dorias:

"If we can head through to the northeast, we should be right in front of Lenster. However, we must be careful so we don't lose anyone along the way."

Leaf:

"All right. Tell the others to be careful as well. Let's go!"

(Scene switches to Rinecock)

Soldier:

"What is the matter, Bishop Rinecock?"

Rinecock:

"Hehehe... Look into the orb. It looks like prey has wandered into our forest."

Soldier:

"An army...? It must be Count Conomore trying to rescue Princess Miranda..."

Rinecock:

"No, he isn't that stupid. They must be the remnants of Lenster trying to reclaim their castle."

Soldier:

"So they chose to go through the forest to avoid the enemy's main defenses... Fools..."

Rinecock:

"Well, now we have something to play with. Take those who are free and set up a defense."

Soldier:

"Yes. What will you do?"

Rinecock:

"Me? Haha... I think I will try this out."

Soldier:

"The Berserk staff? That sounds interesting, Bishop Rinecock."

Rinecock:

"Hehehe..."

Sara:

"You seem to be having fun, Rinecock."

Rinecock:

"Lady Sara!? You musn't come out here. Please return to your room."

Sara:

"But I'm bored. Where's Grandpa?"

Rinecock:

"Bishop Manfroy is in Conort with Lord Yurius. He should be returning soon..."

Sara:

"I shouldn't have come here... It's so boring."

2ND TURN

Sara:

"Huh...? Who...who are you...?"

Rinecock:

"Lady Sara? Is something wrong?"

Sara:

"No...it's nothing. Rinecock, can I go out for a walk?"

Rinecock:

"N-No, Lady Sara. Please... You must stay put."

CONVERSATION (Seiram, Sara)

Seiram:

"Lady Sara!? What are you doing here?"

Sara:

"Who are you? I don't know you."

Seiram:

"Ah... I was once a Lopto priest, but there is no way you would know me."

Sara:

"Oh... But I have no need for you. I'm looking for the voice."

Seiram:

"Voice?"

Sara:

"A beautiful voice... It's crying out for me. It's saying, 'Help, help...'"

Seiram:

"...I see... Lady Sara, the granddaughter of Bishop Manfroy, can use the Staff of Kia..."

Sara:

"Oh... See you, Seiram..."

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Sara)

Leaf:

"Huh? What's a girl doing here...?"

Sara:

"....."

Leaf:

"Who are you? Are you alone?"

Sara:

"Hmm... So this is you..."

Leaf:

"Huh? What do you mean?"

Sara:

"Ahaha... I knew it. All right, I'll help you."

Leaf:

"What do I do... Where are Dorias and August when I need them..."

Sara:

"I'm Sara. I know all about you. Your name is Leaf. You're the prince of Lenster. Your father is named Cuan. Your mother was a pretty woman named Ethlin, but she died."

Leaf:

"!"

Sara:

"You don't have to look like that. My parents are dead, too. Mama died when I still little. Papa...was killed by Grandpa because he loved Mama. It was before I was born."

Leaf:

"....."

Sara:

"You were calling for me. So I'm offering to help. But if you're just going to call me a nuisance, then fine!"

Leaf:

"Wait! I...I can't let you go. I need to know more about you. Will you come with us?"

Sara:

"Well...okay. I like your voice, Leaf."

Leaf:

"Thank you...Sara..."

CONVERSATION (Homeros, Shanam)

Hmeros:

"Hey, Shanam. What's up?"

Shanam:

"Ulp..."

Hmeros:

"So now you're working for Lopto, eh? You don't really care who you work for, do you?"

Shanam:

"W-Wait... I didn't want to... I ran out of cash, so I kinda had no choice..."

Hmeros:

"Well, do what you want. It's none of my business."

Shanam:

"H-Hey, wait. You're just going to leave me here? Come on, help me out. We're friends, right?"

Hmeros:

"I told you to do what you want. You want to come along? Fine with me."

Shanam:

"Yes... I'm sorry...you have my thanks."

Hmeros:

"...You still don't sound like him at all..."

MONASTERY

Dorias:

"This seems to be a Lopto monastery. The priests seem to have all fled..."

August:

"Prince! We've found a captive inside. She wants to see you."

Leaf:

"All right. Bring her here."

Miranda:

"Hello...Prince Leaf..."

Leaf:

"Who are you?"

Miranda:

"Who am I...? Have you forgotten!? I am Miranda, of Alster!"

Leaf:

"Miranda? The princess of Alster? What are you doing here...?"

Miranda:

"You didn't recognize me? Well, I'm not surprised. I look like a complete wreck. But this is all your fault, Prince Leaf!"

Leaf:

"My fault? Why?"

Miranda:

"It all started when you fled from Lenster. My father was a kind man who loved peace. He had no reason to go against the Empire... But...but...! Just because he hid you, we were caught by the Empire and attacked! My father was forced to turn me over as a hostage and lost his right to his throne...he died a miserable death. I will never forgive you, Prince! If only you hadn't come to Alster...this never would have happened..."

Leaf:

"....."

Dorias:

"...Princess Miranda, I believe you are wrong. The Empire was always plotting to take Alster. The prince was only an excuse to launch an attack. This may be rude, but your father was much too weak to be a king. He had a fine band of knights, but he refused to fight when Thracia was invaded, and neither did he come to Lenster's aid when we were in danger. And this is the result. Alster's collapse was your father's responsibility, and nobody else's!"

Leaf:

"Dorias! We won't get anywhere by blaming each other!"

Dorias:

"Yes... I went overboard... Forgive me."

Leaf:

"I'm sorry, Princess Miranda... Forgive me. I never knew you were held prisoner in a place like this... I should have come more quickly."

Miranda:

"...I was in Alster until last year. We were under constant monitoring, but I wasn't suffering thanks to Count Conomore. But then rebellion broke out in Tahra and Lenster...and in Alster as well. The Empire probably thought it safest to move me here."

Leaf:

"I see..."

Miranda:

"Prince Leaf, if you speak the truth, then please help me! I want to reclaim Alster...and I want to avenge my father. Please take me with you!"

FIGHTING RINECOCK

Rinecock:

"Fools... No one dares trespass on Lopto's land..."

DEFEATING RINECOCK

Rinecock:

"...Dear Lopto... Save...me... Guh!"

RELEASING RINECOCK

Rinecock:

"I have nothing to say..."

FIGHTING SHANAM

Shanam:

"H-Hey, wait... Let's talk..."

DEFEATING SHANAM

Shanam:

"N-No..."

RELEASING SHANAM

Shanam:

"You have my thanks..."

FIGHTING SARA

Sara:

"You...don't like me...?"

DEFEATING SARA

Sara:

"I'm so...lonely..."

RELEASING SARA

Sara:

"It's so...boring..."

WHEN LEAF ESCAPES

August:

"Well, we managed to escape. But I never knew there was a Lopto monastery here... It is my misjudgment."

Leaf:

"No, don't worry about it. But this is indeed a Dark Forest... We're lucky we made it out alive."

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Chapter 17B: The First Rain of May
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After making their way through the Dark Forest, Lenster stood before the Liberation Army at last.

However, even the lightly guarded southern gate was defended by high cliffs and numerous ballistas. Breaching the gate was not going to be an easy task.

OPENING CUTSCENE

August:

"Prince, there is the castle up ahead. This is the back gate, so the enemy won't be expecting us."

Leaf:

"But August, the cliffs on the east side are too high to climb, and we'll be sniped by the ballistas if we attack from the west. What should we do?"

August:

"Yes... I wasn't expecting there to be so many ballistas. But if we wait too long, reinforcements will arrive. Hmm..."

Leaf:

"What do you think, Dorias?"

Dorias:

"We'll have to do something about the ballistas to proceed. We can attack them with magic, or ambush them from the sky... Either way, we will suffer some casualties."

Leaf:

"All right... I'll try to come up with something."

(Scene switches to Palman)

Palman:

"General Amalda, what is an individual like you doing defending the rear gate? Did something happen?"

Amalda:

"My opinions seem to have angered Count Gustav..."

Palman:

"Ah, the child hunting. Have you argued with him again?"

Amalda:

"Count Gustav is kidnapping children from this area to sacrifice to Lopto, even without the king's orders. Do you think that is forgivable?"

Palman:

"Now, now, Lady Amalda... I understand how you feel, but Emperor Alvis himself has approved of the child hunting. Sooner or later, all the children in this area will be sent to the Imperial capital. Just you protesting on your own won't make a difference."

Amalda:

"Why is this happening! I had faith in Lord Alvis... I became a general to be able to serve him. What has happened to him...?"

HOUSE (bottom left)

(If you have over 20000G)

Man:

"Hey, you guys are trying to take down the castle, right? Well, I've got good news for you. You see, we've done a little something to the eastern gate, and we can open it by ourselves. How 'bout it, do you want our help? It won't be cheap, of course... Let's say about...20000G? What? Too much? Hey, now, we're risking our lives here, too. I think we deserve it. Well, what do you say?"

Choice: Pay 20000G/Attack from the front

(If you have less than 20000G)

Man:

"Eh? You got no money, do you? Then go away."

EASTERN GATE

(If you paid the man 20000G)

Guard:

"Hey, I was waiting for you. I know the story. Good luck in there."

WHEN YOU GET INSIDE THE GATE

Amalda:

"The castle is in danger... ...All troops, retreat to the castle! Don't lag behind the rebels!"

FIGHTING PALMAN

Palman:

"You won't take this castle!"

DEFEATING PALMAN

Palman:

"...Freeji is...so far away..."

RELEASING PALMAN

Palman:

"I can no longer live as a soldier... I suppose I'll go back home..."

FIGHTING AMALDA

Amalda:

"What... What am I doing here..."

DEFEATING AMALDA

Amalda:

"It's all right... This is how...a blood-covered murderer like me...should die..."

RELEASING AMALDA

Amalda:

"So I have to keep living this nightmare..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"We've finally breached the castle gate, but what about the inside? Let me hear your report, August."

August:

"Yes... An advisor to King Blume by the name of Gustav is in charge. He has been a problematic man, in more ways than one."

Leaf:

"Count Gustav... He has been in charge of Lenster this past decade and made the people suffer like no other..."

August:

"Yes. He isn't much as a commander, but he uses his wealth to outfit his troops with the best gear. He may be tougher than we think."

Leaf:

"Anything else?"

August:

"Yes, another issue is General Xavier. He is a fine warrior, and his army of heavy infantry will prove to be a problem as well."

Dorias:

"Xavier! Damn... That traitor!"

Leaf:

"Dorias? Do you know him?"

Dorias:

"Yes... Xavier was once a general of Lenster. He was a loyal man respected by many, but once Lenster fell, he betrayed us and switched sides like the back of his hand! I can't forgive him! I will kill that shameless man myself!"

Elder:

"Count Dorias! That's not true!"

Dorias:

"Elder? What are you talking about? Are you defending a traitor!"

Elder:

"No. General Xavier joined the Empire against his will to protect us. After Lenster fell, we commoners were left abandoned in the hands of the enemy. General Xavier felt sorry and sacrificed his honor to rescue us. If it weren't for him, we wouldn't be alive now."

Dorias:

"Really? Is that true? Then why is still staying in their ranks even after the prince has returned? If he led a rebellion with his army, he should be able to take the castle with ease..."

Elder:

"Well... General Xavier had eight of his lieutenants with which he shared his suffering, but the lieutenants' wives and children have been taken hostage in the castle. General Xavier can't do anything without their aid... He is a kind man who cares about his men..."

Leaf:

"Then if we rescue the hostages, we can release Xavier!"

Elder:

"But it won't be so easy..."

Leaf:

"I have to apologize to him. I have to apologize to him as the only remaining heir of Lenster!"

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Chapter 18: The Liberation of Lenster
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After breaching the gate, the Liberation Army charged inside the castle.

They headed straight for their prize...the throne.

Leaf's long-awaited dream of his nation's reconstruction was about to become a reality at last...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Gustav:

"Xavier! I trust you understand!"

Xavier:

"...Understand what?"

Gustav:

"I kept a loser like you alive and used you as my right-hand man this past decade. I trust you haven't forgotten my kindness!"

Xavier:

"Well... I have been doing my best to serve you as well."

Gustav:

"Yes, you have been quite useful. So I have also been trying my best to give you what you want as well."

Xavier:

"Ha..."

Gustav:

"What? Is there a problem? What is it?"

Xavier:

"It is too late... Those who have fallen will never come back."

Gustav:

"Er... But, Xavier, you are just as guilty as I am. You are hated by your people as a dirty traitor. They won't welcome you even if you tried to rejoin them."

Xavier:

"I know that! How could I possibly show my face to them now... Have no fear, Count Gustav. I am a warrior, and I shall die like one!"

Scene switches to Leaf

Leaf:

"August, are you sure splitting up our forces is such a good idea?"

August:

"We are better off dividing into two groups to protect the castle's treasure. We also need to rescue the hostages."

Leaf:

"What about persuading General Xavier?"

August:

"That will be a difficult task. We are going to release the hostages and have them talk to General Xavier's lieutenants, but it will be all over if they are seen by Imperial troops. Be careful..."

Leaf:

"All right. Everyone, let's go! Let's fly the flag of the Gae Bolg from our castle once again!"

THE 8 LIEUTENANTS (The civilians talking to Xavier's troops)

(Lieutenant 1)

Girl:

"Daddy! Don't do this any more!"

Lieutenant:

"You're all right! Thank goodness... Your safety is all that matters now... Let's go!"

(Lieutenant 2)

Woman:

"Oh...! Is it really you?"

Lieutenant:

"You're all right! I don't need to stay here any longer. Let's go home..."

(Lieutenant 3)

Boy:

"Dad! It's me!"

Lieutenant:

"What... How did you get here!? ...Well, that doesn't matter. All right, let's get out of here!"

(Lieutenant 4)

Woman:

"Stop! You don't have to fight any more!"

Lieutenant:

"...All I ever wished for was your safety. Okay, let's go!"

(Lieutenant 5)

Woman:

"Hey! What are you doing here? Come on, we have to go!"

Lieutenant:

"Well, I had no choice because you were captured... H-Hey, wait!"

(Lieutenant 6)

Old Man:

"I'm sorry you had to go through this for me..."

Lieutenant:

"It's okay, Dad, just as long as you're safe. Let's go..."

(Lieutenant 7)

Woman:

"....."

Lieutenant:

"It's okay, Mother... You don't have to say anything. Let's go home..."

(Lieutenant 8)

Girl:

"Sniff...Daddy..."

Lieutenant:

"Don't worry... Everything's going to be okay. Let's go home together..."

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Xavier)

Leaf:

"General Xavier!?"

Xavier:

"Prince Leaf... You have grown so much. I've always wanted to see you one last time. I have no regrets now."

Leaf:

"What are you saying, Xavier... I..."

Xavier:

"No. No matter what my reasons were, there is no denying that we betrayed our lord. But I am the only one to blame. My lieutenants are innocent...they simply followed my commands. Please forgive them."

Leaf:

"Xavier... Please rise, Xavier. I am the one who must apologize. I abandoned

my people and fled when they needed me most... I was unable to fulfill even one responsibility as a ruler. But you... You stayed here and fulfilled my duties in my place all on your own. ...Thank you, Xavier."

Xavier:

"Lord Leaf... I... I am grateful that I have lived to this day... I would never have thought that such a day would come again..."

Dorias:

"Xavier, I must apologize as well. Forgive me..."

Xavier:

"Count Dorias... How can you ask me to forgive you... I was..."

Dorias:

"Xavier, Lord Leaf needs a man like you at his side. Help him with all of your strength."

Xavier:

"Yes... If an old man like me would suffice... My only wish was to fight against the Empire. There is nothing more that I could ask!"

FIGHTING XAVIER

Xavier:

"...Very well..."

DEFEATING XAVIER

Xavier:

"Forgive me...Lord...Leaf... Glory be to Lenster!"

RELEASING XAVIER

Xavier:

"I cannot live in shame any longer... This is the end..."

FIGHTING GUSTAV

Gustav:

"Never! Never will I lose to you infidels!"

DEFEATING GUSTAV

Gustav:

"Guh... This...can't...be..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Dorias:

"Lord Leaf, we have completely secured the castle. It has been 14 long years...and Lenster has finally returned to our hands again!"

Leaf:

"Dorias...thank you. It's all thanks to you that I was able to come this far. Thank you."

Dorias:

"Lord Leaf..."

(If Finn is alive)

Leaf:

"Finn...we're home. It's always been my dream to come back to Lenster with you... Thank you...truly."

Finn:

"Lord Leaf..."

(If Miranda is alive)

Miranda:

"Prince Leaf! I'm sorry to interrupt, but what about our promise?"

Leaf:

"Don't worry, I haven't forgotten. I will liberate Alster."

Miranda:

"Then we must go, now! Before it's too late!"

Leaf:

"What do you mean? Did something happen at Alster?"

Miranda:

"The civilians are planning a rebellion. But they can't win...they'll only be massacred. Please, Prince Leaf, we need your help. Please save Alster!"

(If Miranda is dead/captured, or if you didn't recruit her)

August:

"Prince, I'm sorry to interrupt, but there is someone here to see you. She says she came from Alster... Wait! The prince hasn't yet given permission..."

Woman:

"Prince Leaf!? Please... We need you! Please save Alster!"

Leaf:

"Alster? What do you mean? What happened?"

Woman:

"I'm sure you're aware, but Alster has gone under Imperial rule, and is permitted to exist in return for absolute submission. But the Empire's oppression has been getting worse every day. And yesterday, the civilians who couldn't take it any more started a rebellion."

Leaf:

"A rebellion... There's no way they'll win with just civilians. Has the Alster army joined?"

Woman:

"No... We begged for Count Conomore's aid, but he only told us to wait. We stood up without any support... But the rebellion was a failure. The Empire used force to suppress us, and many of us were killed. Prince Leaf, I beg

you. Please help the people of Alster!"

Leaf:

"All right. We'll get going immediately."

Dorias:

"No, Lord Leaf! I understand how you feel, but we don't have the manpower to save Alster. Right now, we should stay here build up our forces to defend Lenster!"

August:

"I agree with Count Dorias. We cannot fight the Empire head-on and win. You must not underestimate the Empire, Lord Leaf! Our victories thus far have merely been because of their mistakes. Don't forget that!"

Leaf:

"Then you're both telling me to sit here and watch the people of Alster die!? Alster sheltered me after I escaped from Lenster and had nowhere else to go. My father would never forgive me if I abandoned my benefactors in the face of danger! If you still refuse to go, then I'll go alone. You two can stay here and wait!"

August:

"Well... I thought he had grown a little these past months, but it seems Lord Leaf is still a child..."

Dorias:

"...Very well. We shall go to Alster's aid. I will go first taking half of our troops. Lord Leaf, you must depart with the rest of them tomorrow morning. Is that all right, August?"

August:

"..... I see... ...Then allow me to lead the first wave."

Dorias:

"The prince needs you. I ask you to stay at his side. August, we didn't always see things eye to eye, but we never would have come this far without you. ...Please support the prince from now on as well."

August:

"..... ...Very well... If you insist."

Leaf:

"Dorias, why can't we take our whole army? If you're going first, I'll go with you."

Dorias:

"Prince! Stop acting like a child! Our troops are exhausted. Many of them have pushed themselves to impossible limits, with only the hope of liberating Lenster keeping them going. Look, Lord Leaf, they are all fast asleep from fatigue. But if you depart now, they will force themselves to accompany you. Do you want to put them through such harsh measures?"

Leaf:

"...I'm sorry, Dorias. You're right. But will half the army be enough?"

Dorias:

"...With the Empire gone, many soldiers who were hiding and others who were forced to fight for the Empire have joined our ranks. They will make up for

the difference somewhat."

Leaf:

"All right. We'll depart tomorrow as soon as we're ready. I'm counting on you, Dorias. Help the people of Alster!"

Dorias:

"Yes. ...Lord Leaf, I must tell you something very important before I leave."

Leaf:

"Something important? Does it have to be now?"

Dorias:

"Yes. Lenster has been liberated, and our kingdom has been reestablished. You are now officially the next heir to Lenster...you have now truly become a 'Prince.' Please be an honorable and just ruler, like your father before you."

Leaf:

"Oh, is that all. Of course I will. I need to become stronger... My fight isn't over until I rescue Eyvel. You'll come with me to Manster, right, Dorias?"

Dorias:

"Yes... Well...I must be off. May God bless you, Lord Leaf!"

(If you kept the NPC soldiers with Javelins alive)

August:

"There are some people here to see you... They say we saved them from forced labor."

Leaf:

"All right. Let them pass."

Soldier:

"Prince Leaf, congratulations on recapturing Lenster. You have saved us soldiers from the Empire as well. Please take this as a token of our gratitude."

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Chapter 19: Remorse and Retaliation
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ON THE WORLD MAP

The next day after Dorias departed for Alster, Leaf gathered the remaining troops and prepared to leave as well.

However, just as he was about to start on his way, one of Dorias' messengers came rushing to him back from Alster.

His words were the beginning of a long and difficult task for Leaf...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Leaf:

"August, are we ready to head for Alster?"

August:

"Prince, someone has arrived at the castle. Probably one of Count Dorias' messengers..."

Messenger:

"Prince Leaf! ...Forgive us..."

Leaf:

"What? What happened?"

Messenger:

"The Imperial Army struck back at us... We were...decimated..."

Leaf:

"What!? What about Dorias? Where is he!"

Messenger:

"Count Dorias... He charged at the enemy to make time for our escape, and he...fell..."

Leaf:

"!!"

Messenger:

"If only we were stronger... Forgive us, Lord Leaf!"

Leaf:

"That... That can't be..."

August:

"Lord Leaf, our troops are retreating. We must hurry, or we will be annihilated for good. We need to lead our troops to safety..."

Leaf:

"How...could this happen..."

August:

"Prince! Get a hold of yourself! If we let our troops die out, Count Dorias' death will be for nothing! We must rescue as many troops as we can!"

(Scene switches to Blume)

Blume:

"You filthy maggots, no one stands before the Empire and survives! I shall leave the rest to you, Wolf. Swear to the Freejis that you will recapture Lenster!"

Wolf:

"Yes, my lord!"

(Scene switches to Conomore)

Conomore:

"Many of our people have died... But as long as I stay alive, so will Alster..."

(Scene switches to Amalda)

Amalda:

"Protecting my troops is my duty... But...is this right...? Please tell me, Father Sleuf... What must I do...?"

CONVERSATION (Miranda, Conomore)

Miranda:

"Conomore! Stop!"

Conomore:

"Princess Miranda!? What are you doing here?"

Miranda:

"I was rescued by Prince Leaf. He tried to save Alster for me...and he lost many of his troops and a close advisor. But what are you doing! You have Alster's elite troops, and yet you tag along behind the Empire?"

Conomore:

"Yes... Forgive me, my lady..."

Miranda:

"Our enemy is not Lenster. The Empire is our hated foe. Command your troops to aid the Lenster Army's escape! Alster will now join the Northern Thracian Liberation Army under the command of Prince Leaf!"

Conomore:

"Yes, my lady. Reporting to all troops! We are now joining the Liberation Army. Aid their escape with all your strength! We will go under the protection of Lenster until we recapture Alster. This is a direct order from Princess Miranda herself!"

CONVERSATION (Sleuf, Amalda)

Sleuf:

"Lady Amalda, please withdraw your blade. It is me, Sleuf."

Amalda:

"Father Sleuf... What are you doing here?"

Sleuf:

"I have come for you, my lady. The Liberation Army is waiting for you."

Amalda:

"Are you telling me to betray my country? I can't do that, Father Sleuf... I wouldn't be suffering like this if I could."

Sleuf:

"Lady Amalda, a nation isn't the personal property of the king and nobility. If they have been misled, it is the knight's duty to see to it that their paths be corrected. Are you going to let your country do wrong for fear of being labeled a traitor?"

Amalda:

"No... But when I think about what will happen to my troops..."

Sleuf:

"...You are a kind lady. However, what they do is up to them. You should follow your own heart more freely."

Amalda:

"...Very well, Father Sleuf. I will join the Liberation Army. I will rescue the kidnapped children! That is my only wish!"

FIGHTING WOLF

Wolf:

"Do you wish to fall before my blade as well?"

DEFEATING WOLF

Wolf:

"Gwah...! How...could I..."

FIGHTING AMALDA

Amalda:

"Withdraw your blade! There is no need to die for nothing!"

DEFEATING AMALDA

Amalda:

"It's all right... This is how...a blood-covered murderer like me...should die..."

RELEASING AMALDA

Amalda:

"What... What am I doing..."

FIGHTING CONOMORE

Conomore:

"For Alster!"

DEFEATING CONOMORE

Conomore:

"May Alster...rise to glory...once again..."

RELEASING CONOMORE

Conomore:

"So I am to live in shame... But I must live all the same..."

AFTER LEAF ESCAPES

August:

"The Empire is starting a full-scale assault. We can't defend out here...we should retreat to the castle for now."

Leaf:

"August, this is my mistake. I was so foolish... Dorias...it's like I killed him."

August:

"This isn't the time for that, Lord Leaf. You can apologize to Count Dorias all you want, after we defend Lenster from the Empire."

Leaf:

"Yes..."

August:

"Don't look like that, we have good news as well. I hear that a large rebellion has erupted in the east in Isaac, and that they are fighting well against the Empire. Do you know who the leader of the rebels is?"

Leaf:

"Prince Shanan of Isaac, right? Finn told me about him. He's an honorable man, skilled with his sword and loved by his people. What a difference from me..."

August:

"Yes, Prince Shanan is with them. But their leader is someone else."

Leaf:

"What?"

August:

"Lord Celice of Chalphy... The Isaacians call him the 'Child of Light.'"

Leaf:

"Lord Celice!? ...Really?"

August:

"Yes. Ah, Lord Celice's father was your uncle. Lord Sigurd... He was called a villain just a decade ago, but now he's quite popular. He recognized the schemes of the Emperor before anyone else, and died fighting to protect the world. Bards spread his story far and wide, and now he's become a legendary hero. And his son, Lord Celice, is fighting to fulfill his father's wishes... The people are overjoyed. They wouldn't hesitate to give their lives to his cause. It's the perfect scenario."

Leaf:

"...What are you trying to say?"

August:

"What I'm saying is that Lord Celice didn't earn his fame on his own. The times require a hero, and someone is setting him up to be one. Heroes aren't born, Lord Leaf. They are made."

Leaf:

"Does that mean I was made by you?"

August:

"Think what you will. ...But I will say this. Count Dorias lost his arm to protect you in the past. And now he has lost his life to save yours. Why did this happen? Why are you being kept alive to that extent? Why are you being

called a hero at all? Think about that, Lord Leaf..."

(If you let all the civilians escape)

August:

"The prince does not wish to see anyone at the moment. I will relay any messages you have for him."

Man:

"We are fugitives from Alster. Your army saved us from being captured by the Empire. We were thinking that we would give you this Knight's Proof as a symbol of our gratitude..."

August:

"Very well. I will give it to the prince."

Man:

"Thank you."

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Chapter 20: The Child of Light
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ON THE WORLD MAP

Six long months passed...

Suffering from the ferocious attacks of the Freeji army led by Barat, the Liberation Army was gradually driven into a corner of the castle.

It seemed like it was only a matter of time before Lenster fell again...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Rinehart:

"Lord Barat, how are we holding out?"

Barat:

"Ah, I was waiting for you, Rinhart. Have you brought the reinforcements that I asked for?"

Rinehart:

"The reserver forces from Alster are coming to our aid. They should be arriving soon."

Barat:

"Good, now we will have enough manpower. We have already taken over most of the castle. This small section is all that remains. It won't be long now."

Rinehart:

"I hope so..."

Barat:

"What do you mean? Is there a problem?"

Rinehart:

"...It has already been half a year since we started attacking Lenster. King

Blume is not pleased to see that we haven't taken down the castle yet. I know it isn't in my place to speak like this, but I would suggest you made haste."

Barat:

"...I know."

Rinehart:

"The king's mood is getting worse by the day. Losing Prince Ishto at Castle Melgen must have been painful..."

Barat:

"How far has the Isaac Army come?"

Rinehart:

"They have already reached the Thracian peninsula. Coen's Twelfth Legion is defending against them along with the Vampa sisters and Lady Tinny's mage army. However, even Lady Liza fell before the Isaac Army... It will be a tough battle."

Barat:

"What is the king doing?"

Rinehart:

"He is leading the remaining troops in Alster. If the Isaac Army reaches Alster, he will probably send for you. And if Lenster hasn't fallen by then..."

Barat:

"Erg... I know that!"

Rinehart:

"I must return to Conort. I wish you luck, Lord Barat."

Rinehart leaves

Barat:

"Someone!"

Soldier:

"Yes, sir."

Barat:

"Tell the troops to charge! Offense is everything now! Retreat is not an option. Annihilate the enemy with all of your strength!"

Soldier:

"Yes, sir!"

(Scene switches to Leaf)

August:

"The enemy's full-scale assault has begun, Lord Leaf..."

Leaf:

"Can we hold out, August?"

August:

"All those that can move are stationed on defense. We will have no place to run if this area falls."

Leaf:

"I'm surprised we lasted this long against the Empire's legions. It's been half a year already...this may be it."

August:

"You mustn't talk like that, Lord Leaf. You would be betraying those who fought with their lives to defend the castle if you give up. Lord Celice's army is progressing with ease because we are keeping the Empire's main forces occupied. We mustn't give up until we group with Lord Celice."

Leaf:

"I'm sorry, August. I know. I want to meet Lord Celice, too. But I just can't bear watching our soldiers die one after another..."

August:

"If you truly think so, then we must fight to the last man standing, to ensure that their deaths have not been in vain!"

FIGHTING BARAT

Barat:

"You won't stand in my way!"

DEFEATING BARAT

Barat:

"Guh... Is this...the end...?"

IF THE THRONE IS CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY

August:

"Prince Leaf, the throne has fallen into the hands of the Freejis! Our troops are fleeing! We are done for now..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP (Defeat Barat after the 15th turn)

August:

"Lord Leaf, the enemy is retreating!"

Leaf:

"What!? What happened?"

August:

"Lord Celice's army has arrived! They have surrounded Alster and are attacking as we speak. We have been saved!"

Leaf:

"I see... Lord Celice... But how do you know that, August?"

August:

"Ah, forgive me. A messenger has come from Lord Celice. He is waiting in the guest room."

Leaf:

"From Lord Celice? I need to see him. Let him pass!"

Delmud:

"Greetings, Prince Leaf. I am Delmud, one of Lord Celice's troops."

Leaf:

"Delmud!? Then are you Nanna's brother?"

Delmud:

"Yes."

If Nanna is dead/captured

Delmud:

"I was hoping to see Nanna, but..."

Leaf:

"I'm sorry. If only I were stronger..."

Delmud:

"No, it isn't your fault. I think... I think Nanna was happy to be at your side."

Leaf:

"Delmud..."

Delmud:

"Lord Leaf, here is a letter from Lord Celice. Please read through it..."

Leaf:

"Hmm... He says it shouldn't take too long to take down Alster..."

Delmud:

"Yes. No more than a few days..."

Leaf:

"Then let's head for Alster. I want to see Lord Celice!"

Delmud:

"Of course, Lord Leaf. I shall escort you."

If Nanna is alive

Leaf:

"Delmud, your message is done now, right?"

Delmud:

"Yes."

Leaf:

"Then go see Nanna..."

Nanna:

"Delmud... My brother..."

Delmud:

"Nanna!? Nanna!"

Nanna:

"Yes..."

Delmud:

"Nanna... I'm sorry. If only I had known earlier, I would have come for you no matter what. But I didn't know until I heard about you from Lord Levin..."

Nanna:

"Lord Levin...?"

Delmud:

"That's right. He's Lord Celice's tactician, and he knows everything. He told me about our mother, Lachesis...how she came for me in Isaac but went missing in the deserts of Yied..."

Nanna:

"! Then... Mother, she..."

Delmud:

"I'm sorry, Nanna... She was protecting me..."

Nanna:

"No... I was mad at you when I was younger, but I understand now. As a woman, I understand how mother felt..."

Delmud:

"I haven't given up, Nanna. Lord Levin said that our mother is still alive. We can go look for her together once this war is over. So don't cry... Prince Leaf, I have something to ask of you. Will you include me in your ranks? I have Lord Celice's approval."

Leaf:

"Yes, I would ask you to join for Nanna. I'll talk to Lord Celice as well."

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Chapter 21: The Liberation Wars
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ON THE WORLD MAP

By the time Leaf had departed for Alster, it had already been captured by the Isaac Liberation Front led by Celice.

Blume fled to Conort, and Alster was liberated.

A cousin, and a lifelong friend... Here in Alster, Leaf met Celice for the first time.

OPENING CUTSCENE

Yuria:

"Celice, we should be going soon..."

Celice:

"Oh, has it been so long already? I'm sorry, Prince Leaf, but we must be off. Don't worry, you can leave Conort to us. You should head for Manster."

Leaf:

"Lord Celice, forgive me for being selfish..."

Celice:

"No, don't worry about it. I understand how you feel. Well then, let us meet again in Manster."

Leaf:

"Yes, in Manster!"

Yuria:

"Please be safe, Lord Leaf..."

Leaf:

"Yes, you too, Lady Yuria..."

Scene switches to August and Leaf

August:

"Lord Leaf, how was your meeting with Lord Celice?"

Leaf:

"He's an admirable individual. I can't believe he's only a year older than me."

August:

"Yes. He has gathered an army ten times our size, and has crossed the Yied desert at that young age. He is quite a figure."

Leaf:

"You were saying before that he was 'made to be a hero.'"

August:

"Of course, I won't deny that. However, it is also true that Lord Celice does have talent and ability that makes him worthy of being made a hero. He will become much greater than his father, Sigurd."

Leaf:

"I still have a long way to go. I'm ashamed of myself..."

August:

"Nonsense, you have grown much this past year. You will become like Lord Celice in another year or so. Anyway, have you two agreed on what to do from here on?"

Leaf:

"Lord Celice is going to lead his forces east along the coast, towards Conort."

August:

"Then we will be heading for Danzhi?"

Leaf:

"Lord Celice happily agreed to my selfish requests. I want to get to Manster as quickly as possible. If we leave Conort to Lord Celice, we can concentrate on liberating Manster."

August:

"Either way, we will have to capture Fort Danzhi. That is an important base for inland battles."

Scene switches to Delmud

Delmud:

"Lord Leaf, our troops are ready."

Leaf:

"Good. Then let's capture the fort!"

Scene switches to Seymetol

Seymetol:

"Don't forget, we are mercenaries. We don't need to fight impossible battles. Wait until the enemy divides up, and then we can crush them. Don't move from your posts until then!"

CHURCH

If you visit with Linoan

Bishop:

"Ah... You must be Lady Linoan of Tahra."

Linoan:

"Who are you?"

Bishop:

"I am an old friend of your father's. I also knew your mother very well. You look exactly like her."

Linoan:

"I see..."

Bishop:

"I hear you've been fighting alongside Prince Leaf."

Linoan:

"Yes."

Bishop:

"Hm... So the Holy Warrior's blood is in you after all..."

Linoan:

"Holy Warrior? ...Me?"

Bishop:

"Your father didn't tell you anything? The rulers of Tahra are direct descendents of the Holy Warrior Heim."

Linoan:

"Of Heim...?"

Bishop:

"Ah, so you haven't yet noticed the power that lies in you. Come with me. I shall awaken the blood of Naga that rests within you."

Linoan:

"Yes..."

If you use a different character

Bishop:

"Ah, the Liberation Army. The Empire's defenses will become stronger as you approach their main base. Take this vial of holy water with you. It should

be of some use."

FIGHTING FLAUS

Flaus:

"You shall not pass any further!"

DEFEATING FLAUS

Flaus:

"Guh... You...won't..."

RELEASING FLAUS

Flaus:

"So they spared me... But what should I do now..."

FIGHTING SEYMETOL

Seymetol:

"Soldiers of Lenster! Die!"

DEFEATING SEYMETOL

Seymetol:

"Your...Majesty...forgive... Gah!"

RELEASING SEYMETOL

Seymetol:

"What am I going to say to the king..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

If any of your units were captured in the past

Leaf:

"August! This isn't just a fort. Its defenses are too strong."

August:

"Apparently, this fort is a detention center for prisoners of war. The enemy has begun executing the captives because we have surrounded the building."

Leaf:

"What!?! We have no time to waste! Let's go rescue the prisoners."

August:

"Lord Leaf, our troops are exhausted. I have also gotten word that the Schwarze Rosen is approaching us. Going in would be too dangerous."

Leaf:

"No, August. I can't just abandon my captured comrades. I'll save them on my own if I have to!"

August:

"Hm... Very well. Then you may only take a small number of troops with you. The others must rest."

If none of your units have been captured

Leaf:

"August, what does the inside of the fort look like?"

August:

"It is empty. It appears this fort used to be a detention center for captives, but apparently it isn't being used now."

Leaf:

"I see... Then let's push forward. We'll be in Manster once we cross the River of Thracia."

August:

"Yes. But that river is a major defense point for the Empire. Crossing it will be no easy task."

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Chapter 21 Gaiden: The Detention Center
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OPENING CUTSCENE

Zaom:

"So Fort Danzhi has fallen..."

Soldier:

"...We have gotten word that the rebels have already taken control of it."

Zaom:

"Hm, in that case, it will only be a matter of time before they come here. If they do attack us, we will proceed as planned. Understood?"

Soldier:

"Yes, sir."

Scene switches to Leaf

Leaf:

"This is the Empire's detention center..."

August:

"It is said that captives from all over Thracia are sent here. Those captured from our army are probably being held here as well. We must hurry, or everything will be lost..."

Leaf:

"What do you mean?"

August:

"I received a report earlier that a large Lopto army is approaching us..."

Leaf:

"The Schwarze Rosen...! You're right, we should rescue the captives as quickly as we can."

Scene switches back to Zaom

Zaom:

"What!? You let the enemy in!? All right, we have no choice. Execute the prisoners! Kill them all off!"

30TH TURN

Schwarze Rosen soldier:

"The rebels are still here... Make them bow down before Lopto's wrath!"

FIGHTING ZAOM

Zaom:

"You won't leave alive!"

DEFEATING ZAOM

Zaom:

"Guh! No..."

AFTER LEAF ESCAPES

Yurius:

"So this fort has fallen, too... And Blume seems to be struggling in Conort as well. Hmph... I suppose this is all one can expect from the Freejis."

Ishtar:

"...I'm sorry."

Yurius:

"It isn't your fault... But I won't let you go to Conort. I need you, Ishtar."

Ishtar:

"Yes... But where are we to go?"

Yurius:

"Miletos. Hilda has been getting on my case..."

Ishtar:

"My mother...? Why?"

Yurius:

"She wants me to look at her work so far with the child hunting. She seems to be quite happy that I left Miletos in her hands."

Ishtar:

"...Mother..."

Yurius:

"Miletos would be a perfect place to stay. Let's see... Ah, I'll buy you a beautiful silken dress. And...a ruby tiara to go with it. I'm sure Hilda

will throw a splendid party for us. And I'm going to show you beautifully dressed up and surprise everyone there. Doesn't that sound wonderful, Ishtar? Ishtar, my love..."

Ishtar:
"Yurius..."

Yurius:
"Oh, Ishtar. Don't let that Rinehart come near us any more."

Ishtar:
"Rinehart!? But he has been my personal guard since I was a child. I need him."

Yurius:
"I don't care about that. I don't like him... I don't like the way he looks at you. If he appears in front of me again, I'll kill him!"

Ishtar:
"! ...Very well... I will send Rinehart back to the castle. So please don't..."

Yurius:
"Hmph, that's right. Now come, Ishtar. Let us be off!"

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Chapter 22: Across the River
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ON THE WORLD MAP

Leaf led his troops and pushed on past Fort Danzhi towards Manster.

Now, the only obstacle that lay between them and Manster was the Great River of Thracia, the widest and longest river on the Thracian Peninsula.

With its mineral-rich water, this river was the source of prosperity for the cities in Northern Thracia.

Once this river was crossed, Manster would only be a few days away.

OPENING CUTSCENE

Leaf:
"The Great River of Thracia... The sheer vastness of this river never ceases to amaze me. Just look at purity of the water... It must surely be blessed by the Ethnya, the Earth Goddess."

August:
"Do you think so? To me, it looks like a crimson river of blood. This river has led us to prosperity, but it has also been the target of greed and selfishness. Many fierce battles have been fought here. Your grandfather, the former king of Lenster, fought and died at this river, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:
"That's right... My grandfather died here..."

August:

"To be specific, he fought further downstream at the Thracian Bridge. The Lenster army collapsed after Conort's sudden betrayal, and the king fell... Lord Leaf, this river has traditionally been easy to defend and difficult to conquer. The Empire will be sending in its strongest forces to maintain this defense point. This battle will be the toughest yet... Be very careful."

Scene switches to Coen

Coen:

"Cyas! You've done enough. Now go back!"

Cyas:

"No, I will stay by your side until the end."

Coen:

"If you really want to help, then listen to me. Do you remember how my daughter Aida died protecting you from Manfroy? After that, I hid you in an isolated church and withstood Manfroy's relentless threats. And years later... Your ability was recognized, and you became the court bishop of Velthomer. I was happy that Manfroy wouldn't be able to touch you in your status. However, with Lord Yurius' awakening, the Lopto Church's power is beginning to surpass that of the Empire's. Cyas...I know you're aware of the markings of Fala that have appeared on your body. Neither Lord Yurius nor Lady Yuria had them...and that's what Manfroy is afraid of. Cyas, you must live. You are a holy warrior of Fala...you must pass on the blood of Velthomer. And for now, you must hide that fact and nurture your power..."

Scene switches to Rinehart

Rinehart:

"Hello, Bishop Cyas."

Cyas:

"General Rinehart! What brings you here? I thought Queen Ishtar had already returned home."

Rinehart:

"Yes, she has, but I chose to stay because I'm worried about my sister. Besides...Lady Ishstar has no need for me any more."

Cyas:

"She told you that herself?"

Rinehart:

"Yes. She said that since she is with Lord Yurius, there is no need for me to worry about her..."

Cyas:

"..... Lord Rinehart... This is difficult to ask, but I heard that Lady Olwen has turned against us and joined the enemy."

Rinehart:

"Yes... But she's still a child. I'm sure she's just being manipulated. She should understand if I talk to her."

Cyas:

"I know how you feel, but Lady Olwen has grown up. She won't be following in your steps forever. She has her own way of life...try to understand that."

Rinehart:

"Her way of life... Are you saying that she has found a life that is different from mine?"

Cyas:

"Yes... Either way, it would be a good idea to talk with her. If you can find her, that is..."

CONVERSATION (Olwen, Rinehart)

Olwen:

"Rinehart! I knew you'd be here when I saw the Gelpritter..."

Rinehart:

"Olwen... It's good to see you again."

Olwen:

"Rinehart, I..."

Rinehart:

"Don't worry, we can talk later. For now, I'm just glad that you're safe. We've been worried about you. Come, Olwen... Let's go home."

Olwen:

"No...I can't go back yet. I won't return to Freeji until I rescue the kidnapped children from the clutches of the Lopto Church."

Rinehart:

"Please, Olwen... Listen to me. You're my only sister. I don't want to lose you!"

Olwen:

"I made my resolve after thinking on my own, as another human being. This is my decision, Rinehart...even you won't be able to change it."

Rinehart:

"In that case...we'll be enemies. Are you willing to fight against me?"

Olwen:

"If you insist on standing in our path, then..."

Rinehart:

"Hm... I see you've made your resolve. Bishop Cyas was right, you really have grown up. Very well, then... Suit yourself. And this is my last gift to you. Take it!"

Olwen:

"This... This is your most prized sword!"

Rinehart:

"Yes... It was give to me by Lady Ishtar, but I have no need for it now. You should take it."

Olwen:

"But why? It seemed so...precious to you."

Rinehart:

"That's enough talk. Now return to your own army, Olwen! If we meet on the battlefield again, I will show no mercy! Understood?"

WHEN YOUR UNITS APPROACH CYAS

(If Coen is alive)

Coen:

"The enemy has come this far already... That's enough, Cyas! Retreat!"

Cyas:

"No, I wish to stay with you..."

Coen:

"Silence! Are you telling me you can't follow my orders? Now go!"

Cyas:

"Wait, please! I just..."

(If Coen is dead/captured)

Cyas:

"Lord Coen... Must I really...not die here...?"

WHEN YOUR UNITS APPROACH THE CASTLE

(If Cyas hasn't escaped yet)

Cyas:

"...All right, now! Drop the bridge! Give the Gelpritter the command to charge!"

(If Cyas has escaped)

Soldier:

"Now! Drop the bridge!"

Rinehart:

"They're coming! All right, charge! Show the enemy the wrath of the Gelpritter! Keep them away from the castle at all costs!"

FIGHTING COEN

Coen:

"You won't advance any further!"

DEFEATING COEN

Coen:

"The Empire...will not...lose... Gah!"

RELEASING COEN

Coen:

"...I have nothing to say."

FIGHTING RINEHART

Rinehart:

"This was meant to be... Forgive me..."

DEFEATING RINEHART

Rinehart:

"So this...is...the end..."

RELEASING RINEHART

Rinehart:

"...Farewell..."

FIGHTING CYAS

Cyas:

"Withdraw your blade... You are not strong enough to defeat me..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

August:

"Finally...we made it across."

Leaf:

"A crimson river of blood... I think I know what you mean now."

August:

"...Blood that has been spilled once will never return. What is important is that we do not put that blood to waste. Now, Manster is just up ahead, Lord Leaf. We must hurry."

[CH23]

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Chapter 23: The Palace of Evil
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After crossing the Great River of Thracia, Leaf continued on towards Manster.

Meanwhile at Manster, the civilians who had heard of Leaf's approach were attempting to flee once and for all, and the Magi group led by Sety was aiding their escape.

Fierce clashes were ensuing between the Manster army and Magi group day and night...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Woman:

"Lord Sety, our last hideout has been found by Reidric. We can't protect the children now..."

Sety:

"I would take them to safety myself, but then there wouldn't be anyone left to lead the rebellion. If only I had someone I could entrust them to..."

Cyas:

"Shall I take up that task?"

Sety:

"Who's there! ...Who are you?"

Cyas:

"I'm just a passer-by, but I heard about your problem. If you like, I can take the children outside to safety. Or can you not trust me?"

Sety:

"...You have a gentle atmosphere about you. You don't seem to be hostile... But who are you? You look like a bishop of the Empire..."

Cyas:

"I'm sorry, but I cannot answer your questions. However, if you can trust me, I will promise to lead the children to safety."

Sety:

"Very well... I will entrust the children to you. And one more thing... Please take this sword."

Cyas:

"Sword? ...This is the Blade of Bragi. I heard it was being kept in the castle..."

Sety:

"Yes. Reidric is protected by the Blade of Lopto. The Blade of Bragi is the only sword that can kill him."

Cyas:

"I see... And what do you want me to do?"

Sety:

"This sword can only be used by those of the Holy Warriors' blood. I would like you to give it to Prince Leaf of the Liberation Army."

Cyas:

"Very well, I will give it to him if we meet."

Sety:

"Thank you. Oh... Lord bishop! Would you at least tell me your name?"

Cyas:

"I am Cyas... Cyas of Velthomer."

Scene switches to Reidric

Reidric:

"What did you say! The civilians are escaping!?"

Soldier:

"Yes. Also, the Magi group seems to be secretly helping the children escape."

Reidric:

"Damn, we need the children to give to the Empire... All right. Farden, kill the children who have escaped. Show the people who are still left what will happen if they try to run."

Farden:

"Yes, my lord."

Alphan:

"Lord Reidric, I heard you called for me..."

Reidric:

"Ah, Alphan. I want you to defend the castle gate. I have reports that that boy from Lenster is approaching, and the Magi group is being a nuisance as well. You must not let the gate fall into their hands. Understood?"

Alphan:

"Yes, my lord."

Scene switches to Leaf

Leaf:

"There's Manster..."

August:

"...Apparently, the Magi group and the Manster army seem to have been clashing for the past few days. Although the Manster army has been weakened, it is still a powerful force. We won't be able to defeat them without the Magi group's help. ...I see some movement... It seems the children are escaping toward us."

Leaf:

"All right! We have to help them!"

2ND TURN

Altena:

"Colhuta, how is Manster looking?"

Colhuta:

"There doesn't seem to be anything major going on now, Lady Altena. However, if our predictions are correct, there should be a big movement some time soon. Then we can charge in..."

Altena:

"But we would be killing many civilians in the process... Even if we can only free Manster from the Empire, it would still greatly benefit us. Isn't that enough?"

Colhuta:

"Well... This is an order from the king himself."

Altena:

"...I will try to persuade my father."

Altena leaves

Colhuta:

"Lady Altena is too soft... This is the perfect chance to claim Manster. The king has a soft spot for Lady Altena, but even he won't listen to her for this

incident. I should follow the king's orders here..."

3RD TURN

Soldier:

"Did you need something, Bishop Alphan?"

Alphan:

"Ah, yes. My spell book seems to be missing. I need you to go find it."

Soldier:

"What? ...Again?"

Alphan:

"Hm? Did you say something?"

Soldier:

"No... Which spell book are you looking for this time?"

Alphan:

"The Poison spell. I can't attack the distant enemies without it."

Soldier:

"Understood, sir. ...I hope it'll be easier to find than the last time..."

5TH TURN

Soldier:

"We found your spell book, Bishop Alphan!"

Alphan:

"Really? Good! Hahaha, I'll show the rebels now. Fear my magic!"

Soldier:

"Why don't you learn to put your books away first..."

WHEN YOUR UNITS APPROACH THE CASTLE

Colhuta:

"! Something's happening down there! This is our chance. We will now charge into Manster!"

Altena:

"Wait! If we attack Manster now, we would be killing innocent civilians. I'll try to persuade them to surrender..."

Colhuta:

"This is an order from the king himself! It is not in your place to object, Lady Altena!"

Altena:

"I am your commander!"

Colhuta:

"But this is my squad! And the king said to attack and capture Manster, no matter what your orders are!"

Altena:

"What..."

Colhuta:

"...If you don't like it, you can stay here and watch. All troops, follow me!
Charge!"

Altena:

"Colhuta! Wait, Colhuta! I have to talk to my father...!"

(If Alphan is still alive)

Alphan:

"Who are you!"

Sety:

"I am Sety of the Magi group. We have taken control of Manster, leaving only a small section of the castle. Now, if you would surrender peacefully, I can guarantee your life..."

Alphan:

"Silence! You can't fool me with such nonsense!"

Sety kills Alphan

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Sety)

Leaf:

"!? ...Lord Sety!?"

Sety:

"Prince Leaf!? ...You finally arrived!"

Leaf:

"Yes, I'm sorry I was late. I still haven't thanked you for letting us escape from Manster..."

Sety:

"Don't worry about that... ...How did you know I was the prince? Oh, did Karin tell you?"

Leaf:

"Yes. She told me that you stayed here to protect the people of Manster, when you actually have to return to your country as soon as you can... It's all because I wasn't strong enough to liberate Manster. Forgive me, Lord Sety..."

Sety:

"No, don't worry about it. I was planning on getting this done more quickly... but even my Holsety didn't stand a chance against Reidric's Blade of Lopto. We lost many lives as a result... My lack of strength is to blame. It isn't your fault."

Leaf:

"...I am envious of you. Your heroic powers are exactly like that of the Holy Warrior Sety. But...I don't have such ability. I'm not like you or Lord Celice... I...am not a Holy Warrior..."

Sety:

"...What are you saying? What do you think a Holy Warrior is? Is it simply

one who inherits a Holy Weapon? No, of course not! For hundreds of years, Jugdral was under the control of an evil Empire worshipping the dark god, Loptous. The Holy Warriors were the heroes who freed the people from the Empire's grasp. And you, Lord Leaf, have been fighting that same battle for over a year now. You have pushed through perilous battles to save your people from tyranny. I don't think Lord Celice or I am any nobler than you. Not only did you, the youngest among us, grow up in the most painful circumstances, but you've also been fighting the longest. If that isn't what you would call a Holy Warrior, then what is? Believe in yourself! You most certainly are a Holy Warrior of Nova!"

Leaf:

"Lord Sety...thank you. I must have been overwhelmed after I saw how much you and Lord Celice have done. ...Perhaps I still am a child."

Sety:

"Well then, that would mean I've been rescued by a child."

Leaf:

"Oh... That's not what I meant..."

Sety:

"Haha... Oh, this really isn't the time to be joking around... We managed to trap Reidric in a corner of the castle, but he has set up strong defenses and has taken the remaining children as hostages. My troops from the Magi group are all busy securing the city sector, so we don't have enough manpower to fight Reidric. I trust you will aid us, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"Of course! Reidric is a hated enemy to me as well. And if I could fight alongside you, it would be a dream come true."

Sety:

"Good. That's how the prince of Lenster should be. I wish you luck, Lord Leaf!"

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Cyas)

Leaf:

"A bishop? You led the children to safety?"

Cyas:

"Yes, I was asked by Lord Sety of the Magi group. Thank you for helping us..."

Leaf:

"No, I am the one who must thank you for helping the children. Now, please leave the rest to us and hide somewhere safe..."

Cyas:

"Yes... Hm...are you Prince Leaf?"

Leaf:

"Yes, I am. How did you..."

Cyas:

"Ah, I thought so. In that case, please take this sword. This is the Blade of Bragi, the only weapon that can defeat Reidric."

Leaf:

"You're giving this to me...?"

Cyas:

"Yes, Lord Sety asked me to give it to you. This is a holy sword only usable by those of the Holy Warriors' blood. But Lord Sety cannot use swords, so he must have decided to entrust it to you instead."

Leaf:

"The Blade of Bragi...a holy sword... A weapon to use against Reidric is just what we need right now. Thank you very much."

Cyas:

"Yes, do not forget to bring it to your next battle. Farewell, Lord Leaf..."

IF SETY IS KILLED (OR CAPTURED AND TAKEN AWAY)

Leaf:

"What? The Magi group has been defeated?"

August:

"Leaderless, the Magi group was thrown into confusion, and the Thracian army moved in to capture Manster. without the Magi group's aid, our hopes to liberate Manster are lost..."

FIGHTING COLHUTA

Colhuta:

"Hahaha... Die!"

DEFEATING COLHUTA

Colhuta:

"...Glory be...to...Thracia! Guh..."

RELEASING COLHUTA

Colhuta:

"...It won't be like this next time. You'll regret this decision!"

FIGHTING ALPHAN

Alphan:

"H-How did you get all the way here..."

DEFEATING ALPHAN

Alphan:

"Gah... I don't...want to die...yet..."

RELEASING ALPHAN

Alphan:

"You're releasing me! Thank you..."

FIGHTING FARDEN

Farden:

"Rebel scum! I'll show you the power of the Manster Army!"

DEFEATING FARDEN

Farden:

"Ugh... It wasn't...supposed to be...like this..."

RELEASING FARDEN

Farden:

"You have my gratitude..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

August:

"We managed to reach the castle gate... What do you plan to do now, Lord Leaf?"

Leaf:

"We can leave the city sector to the Magi group. But Reidric is apparently hiding in the castle, taking the remaining children hostage..."

August:

"I hear that Reidric is protected by a blade cursed by Lopto. If that is true, we must think of a way to deal with it..."

(If you have the Blade of Bragi)

Leaf:

"I have that taken care of. A bishop who fled from the castle gave me a sword called the Blade of Bragi. He said that with it, we can fight effectively against the Blade of Lopto."

August:

"Ah, I see. Then you must not forget to equip the Blade of Bragi in our next battle, Lord Leaf!"

(If you don't have the Blade of Bragi)

August:

"Lord Leaf, attacking Reidric now would be too dangerous."

Leaf:

"Then what do you suggest, August?"

August:

"Think carefully. Have we forgotten something here? Have we lost something important? We still have time to prepare..."

(If Cyas is alive and you don't have the Blade of Bragi)

Cyas:

"Do not worry. Lord Sety asked me to give you this sword. You should be able to use it, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"What is this?"

Cyas:

"This is the Blade of Bragi. With this sword, you should be able to effectively fight against Reidric."

Leaf:

"A holy sword of Bragi...it's beautiful. Thank you very much, Bishop Cyas."

Cyas:

"Thank Lord Sety, not me. I was simply asked to give it to you."

Leaf:

"Yes..."

(If Cyas is alive)

Leaf:

"What are you going to do now, Bishop Cyas?"

Cyas:

"I no longer have a home to return to. However...I have one thing that I must do. I must go to the Tower of Bragi..."

Leaf:

"...You won't tell us what that task is?"

Cyas:

"No... I cannot say anything."

Leaf:

"If you are not in a hurry...would you be kind enough to stay and help us a little longer? You would be a valuable asset..."

(If Sety has joined)

Cyas:

"Forgive me, but I cannot. I will be praying for your victory from the Tower of Bragi. Farewell, Lord Leaf..."

(If Sety has not joined)

Cyas:

"To defeat Reidric? ...Very well. If this is the will of God...then so be it. I will accompany you a while longer."

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Chapter 24: The Baron in Black
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ON THE WORLD MAP

After securing the city, Leaf faced his final obstacle. Towering before him stood Castle Manster, the "Palace of Evil."

Though in the past having to escape from this ominous castle, Leaf now stood ready to breach its walls. To reclaim a long-lost treasure...and to cut open the path for a new age...

OPENING CUTSCENE

Berdo:

"Reidric...I hear you have allowed the rebels inside the castle."

Reidric:

"Yes... But if you would give me some time, I will be sure have them eliminated..."

Berdo:

"Don't make promises you can't keep. It is obvious that the rebels have the upper hand..."

Reidric:

"....."

Berdo:

"Pity...I would have expected you to do better than this. This is it, Reidric. I am finished with you."

Reidric:

"B-Bishop Berdo, please... Without you, we would all be..."

Berdo:

"Then do your best... Here, I shall give you a squad of the Schwarze Rosen to aid you. I wish you luck..."

Scene switches to Leaf

If you haven't killed/captured Galzus in Ch 5 or 6

(If Sety joined in Ch 23)

Sety:

"Be wary, Prince. Reidric's soldiers are all but decimated, but there are still a large number of mercenaries waiting inside the castle. There is one particularly dangerous swordsman that you should be careful of... His name is Galzus."

Leaf:

"Galzus... What should we do about him?"

Sety:

"We're going to have to lure him out and attack him with my Holsety. But I frankly don't know if that will be enough..."

Leaf:

"We don't have enough men... August, why did you divide our troops into three squads?"

August:

"One squad is to rescue the children. The second is to capture the Lopto bishops. These two tasks need immediate attention, so I sent the first two groups in earlier."

Leaf:

"I understand rescuing the children, but what's so important about the Lopto bishops?"

August:

"There is a group of bishops stationed at the Lopto altar in the eastern corner of the castle. They will use the Berserk and Sleep staves, so they must be taken out first."

Leaf:

"I see... So fighting Reidric is up to us, the third squad?"

August:

"Yes. We won't have time to reunite with the other groups."

Sety:

"Lord Leaf, this will be a tough battle. I'll take care of the enemies in the front. You need to focus on killing Reidric!"

Leaf:

"Yes! I swear I will defeat him!"

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Leaf:

"Galzus... What should we do about him?"

Cyas:

"I cannot be sure, but if we have a girl named Mareeta among us, she may be able to do something. I understand Galzus has some sort of connection with her..."

Leaf:

"Mareeta... August! Why did you divide our troops into three squads?"

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Cyas:

"Lord Leaf, this will be a tough battle. I will do what I can, so you must concentrate on killing Reidric!"

Leaf:

"Yes! I swear I will defeat him!"

(If neither Cyas nor Sety joined)

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"Yes. We won't have time to reunite with the other groups. Prince Leaf, this will be a tough battle, but we must hold out. We must defeat Reidric once and for all!"

Leaf:

"I know. I swear I will defeat him!"

If you killed/captured Galzus in Ch 5 or 6

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CONVERSATION (Mareeta, Galzus)

Mareeta:

"You... You're the swordsman that saved my life... I've always wanted to meet you."

Galzus:

"Why have you returned... You're still a child, and a girl at that. A sword is not a toy..."

Mareeta:

"When I was under the control of that evil blade...I met my father in a dream. I was still little when I was separated from my father, but I still remember him. He was strong, kind, and gentle... Galzus... You're my father!"

Galzus:

"! ..."

Mareeta:

"Say something! Please! Say that you are...!"

Galzus:

"You don't...hate me?"

Mareeta:

"Of course not... I was captured by the slave traders because I disobeyed you. Besides, Lady Eyvel rescued me soon after. I've never hated you!"

Galzus:

"I'm sorry. I looked everywhere for you, but I could never find you... And my hands are far too stained with blood... I thought it best that you forgot about me."

Mareeta:

"No! No matter what happens, you'll always be my father..."

Galzus:

"..... The woman who raised you... Is she the swordswoman who was turned to stone?"

Mareeta:

"Yes..."

Galzus:

"..... Then I can't leave her here. As an Isaacian, I will repay her!"

WHEN ONE OF THE CHILDREN STOPS IN FRONT OF THE ROOM WITH THE KIA STAFF

Child:

"Where am I? What's this door...?"

Door opens

Child:

"Looks scary in there... H-Hey, guys! Wait for me..."

FIGHTING REIDRIC

Reidric:

"Hmph! So you've come to kill me? Ha! You're the ones who are going to die!"

DEFEATING REIDRIC

Reidric:

"Augh... This can't be... How could this happen... Bishop Berdo... Where are you... I don't want to die... Some...one... I don't...want...to... Gah...!"

FIGHTING GALZUS

Galzus:

"Curse your fate for bringing you before me..."

DEFEATING GALZUS

Galzus:

"Guh... Mareeta... I'm..."

RELEASING GALZUS

Galzus:

"Hmph... So I'm being pitied by an enemy. I've fallen as far as I can..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

August:

"...It looks like we have managed to secure most of the castle. You fought well, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"But did we really kill Reidric? When I finished him off, his body simply disappeared into thin air."

August:

"This palace seems to be surrounded with some kind of dark, ominous force. It's probably coming from the secret Lopto temple in the castle's underground. We cannot say we truly liberated Manster until we destroy that temple."

Leaf:

"A secret temple... It must be the Lopto headquarters of Thracia."

August:

"Yes. Berdo, one of Manfroy's most trusted bishops, is in charge of it."

Leaf:

"Bishop Berdo... What kind of man is he?"

August:

"He is the mastermind behind all of the Lopto Church's activities in Thracia. He is the one who started the child hunting and sent the Schwarze Rosen to burn down uncooperative villages. Reidric was simply one of Berdo's henchmen. Also, apparently Berdo was the one who turned Lady Eyvel to stone."

Leaf:

"What! Berdo... I'll make him pay!"

(If you found the Kia Staff, and if Sara is alive)

Leaf:

"But we have to rescue Eyvel first. What do we need to do, August!"

August:

"We have the Kia, but as I mentioned before, only those of Manfroy's blood can use it. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do right now..."

Leaf:

"Damn! Something... There has to be something we can do! I didn't come this far for nothing...!"

Sara:

"Don't worry, Leaf. I can use that staff."

Leaf:

"Sara!? You can...? Are you serious!?"

Sara:

"Yes. That staff... It's Grandpa's."

Leaf:

"Grandpa...? Wait... Manfroy is your grandfather!?"

Sara:

"I don't want to talk about Grandpa. I don't like him. Who cares about him, anyway! Come on, Leaf, let's go. And don't forget to bring the Kia!"

(If you didn't find the Kia Staff, or if Sara is dead/captured/wasn't recruited)

Leaf:

"August! Do we know where the secret temple is?"

August:

"Yes, we do. However, Berdo is hiding there with a squad of powerful magicians, so securing it will be no easy task. We could wait until Lord Celice's army arrives, but then we may risk letting Berdo escape."

Leaf:

"What Reidric did to Thracia is nothing compared to Berdo. We can't let him escape alive! Right, August?"

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Chapter 24 Gaiden: The Altar of Lopto
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OPENING CUTSCENE

Leaf:

"August... Where are we...?"

August:

"We are already inside the temple. Be on your guard, Prince!"

Leaf:

"I see... It's so dark...I can't see a thing. Where's Eyvel?"

August:

"We have to simply keep moving forward. The transportation device in the center of the room will probably take us to the altar where Berdo is. We must not rush, Lord Leaf. We must proceed patiently and with the utmost caution."

CONVERSATION (Leaf, Eyvel)

Eyvel:

"....."

Leaf:

"Eyvel! Can you hear me? Eyvel!"

Eyvel:

"....."

Leaf:

"Eyvel! It's me, Leaf. Don't you recognize me?"

Eyvel:

"...Lord...Leaf... ..Leaf... !! Lord Leaf! What are you doing here? You must escape..."

Leaf:

"No, Eyvel... It's all right."

Eyvel:

"All right? But the arena... ..Wait... Where am I?"

Leaf:

"Eyvel...you've recovered. Thank goodness..."

Eyvel:

"Lord Leaf...what have I been..."

Leaf:

"Sorry, but we don't have time to be talking now. We're fighting to liberate Manster, no, to liberate Thracia from the Empire. We need your help, Eyvel!"

Eyvel:

"Of course... But will you tell me what happened after the battle is over?"

Leaf:

"Of course, Eyvel. I have a lot of things to tell you..."

CONVERSATION (Mareeta, Eyvel)

Eyvel:

"....."

Mareeta:

"Mother! Can you hear me? Mother!"

Eyvel:

"....."

Mareeta:

"Mother! Don't you recognize me?"

Eyvel:

"....."

Mareeta:

"Mother... I'm sorry... I...I..."

Eyvel:

"...Mareeta... Why are you crying...?"

Mareeta:

"Huh? ...Mother?"

Eyvel:

"Good...you're the Mareeta I know. Come, we have to escape... ...Wait...
Where am I?"

Mareeta:

"Mother! Thank goodness..."

Eyvel:

"Mareeta, where are we? What am I doing here?"

Mareeta:

"Mother... You were turned to stone by Reidric."

Eyvel:

"To stone? And... Where is Reidric?"

Mareeta:

"Reidric is gone...we just defeated him. But the Lopto Church still has its grip on Manster... Please, Mother! We need your help."

Eyvel:

"Of course... You must have been worried about me. I'm sorry, Mareeta..."

Mareeta:

"Mother..."

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"Eyvel...thank goodness. I fought the Empire and came this far in hopes of being able to see you again. And now, that hope has come true. I couldn't be more grateful..."

Eyvel:

"Lord Leaf... I can't believe it's only been a year since that incident. You've grown so much... You've become a fine lord and leader."

Leaf:

"It's all thanks to you, Eyvel. The three years I spent in Fiana were the best of my life. I had so much fun playing, and sometimes fighting with the other young villagers... And you scolded me a lot, but I appreciated it. Finn was my father, you were my mother, Nanna and Mareeta were my sisters... And I had friends like Othin and Halvan... I always wished that those days would last forever. You were my mother, Eyvel... You gave me the warmth that I had long forgotten."

Eyvel:

"That day... You and Lady Nanna came to Fiana, with Finn lying injured on his horse. Lady Nanna begged me to save her father with her eyes full of tears. But you, Lord Leaf, all you did was glare at me and say, 'I'll give you this if you help him,' showing me the sword at your side. You said it was a keepsake of your mother...I remember wondering about the hardships that such a young boy had been through. Lord Leaf, I have no memory of my youth. A little over ten years ago, I was rescued by the villagers after washing up on the coast of Ith. Who am I? Was I married? Did I have any children? I have no way of knowing. But when I saw you two, I sensed that something similar had happened to me in my past. And from that day on, I vowed to raise you as my children. However...I never guessed that you were the prince of Lenster..."

(If Nanna is alive)

Nanna:

"Eyvel... I was always envious of Mareeta. Looking at her, I would cry and wish, 'If only I had a mother like her...' But you raised and loved us all equally... I cannot thank you enough, Eyvel."

Eyvel:

"Lady Nanna... You are the princess of Nodion. The proud blood of the Holy Knight Hezul is running in your veins. Be strong, and live your life with Lord Leaf. And I'm sure your mother is alive... If we were able to see each other again, I'm sure you can do the same with your mother..."

(If Dagda is alive)

Dagda:

"Eyvel, you're really somebody. A man like me is nowhere near where you are."

Eyvel:

"Dagda, I truly am grateful to you. Being able to protect Fiana, and even living up to this day... I could never have done it without you. Thank you, Dagda..."

Dagda:

"Wh...What are you talking about... I-I was just..."

(If Tanya is alive)

Tanya:

"Dad, stop blushing! Come on, get a hold of yourself!"

(If Halvan is alive)

Halvan:

"Lady Eyvel, you were like a mother to us youths of the village as well. My little sister and I... It's like we were raised by you. I came this far to rescue you...and to thank you for all that you've done."

Eyvel:

"Halvan... I see I've worried you, too. Let's return to Fiana after this war. I'm sure Patricia will be anxious to see you..."

(If Othin is alive)

Othin:

"A mother, eh... Well, my mom died long ago, but my dad is still going strong. I guess even a geezer like him is better than not having one at all..."

Eyvel:

"That's right, Othin. You're still better off compared to Halvan. Take care of your father when you return to Fiana."

(If Mareeta is alive)

Eyvel:

"Mareeta? What are you doing there all by yourself? Is something wrong?"

Mareeta:

"Mother..."

Eyvel:

"Come now... Your tears are ruining your pretty face. Here, wipe them off..."

Mareeta:

"Mother! I, I..."

Eyvel:

"It's all right... Everything is going to be all right, Mareeta..."

(If Galzus is alive)

Eyvel:

"Who are you...?"

Galzus:

"I was going to just leave...but I felt I had to say something. Thank you... Thank you for taking care of my daughter."

Eyvel:

"Then... You're Mareeta's..."

Galzus:

"That's right... Her mother died soon after her birth, but after that I took her along on my travels. And then one day... Just when I let her out of my sight a few seconds, a slave trader snatched her away from me..."

Eyvel:

"At one of the slave markets in Conort, I saw a little girl chained up and being sold. In my anger, I murdered all of the guards and slave traders... When I freed the girl and asked her name, she told me it was Mareeta. She said she was with her father, so I looked around with her, but I wasn't able to find him."

Galzus:

"No...it was my responsibility. Trying to travel with a small child was a foolish decision to begin with. Mareeta was happy living with you. I might sound a little demanding, but... Would you take care of her from now on as well...?"

Eyvel:

"Yes, of course. Mareeta is my daughter now... I wouldn't give her back to you even if you asked."

Galzus:

"I see... Once this battle ends, I'll be going off on my travels once more. I doubt we'll ever meet again."

Eyvel:

"Galzus... I have just one thing to ask of you."

Galzus:

"What is it? I'll be happy to do anything that I can..."

Eyvel:

"Would you stop by Fiana Village just once a year? That's all I ask..."

Galzus:

"..... Yes... I will."

(If Finn is alive)

Finn:

"Eyvel... You've done so much for us. You have my thanks."

Eyvel:

"You also have mine, Finn. One would be hard-pressed to find such a fine knight like you on this continent. You are truly honorable."

Finn:

"Eyvel... ...I wasn't going to tell you this, but after hearing your conversation with Lord Leaf, I can't keep it inside any longer. I know someone who looks very much like you..."

Eyvel:

"Like me...? Are you sure, Finn?"

Finn:

"Yes... Back when I was fighting alongside Lord Cuan, there was a beautiful warrior in Lord Sigurd's army. As she stood there with her long blonde hair flowing in the wind, her sheer beauty reminded me a goddess. She was the heir to the Yungvi family, who had inherited the holy bow, the Ichival. Her name was...Briggid..."

Eyvel:

"Briggid... Are you trying to say that I am that person?"

Finn:

"Yes..."

Eyvel:

"I never knew you were such a romantic, Finn... If I was indeed a descendant of the Holy Warriors, I would have markings somewhere on my body. But alas, I don't. You have the wrong person, Finn. My name is Eyvel...a traveling mercenary..."

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Final Chapter: An Undying Oath

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OPENING CUTSCENE

Berdo:

"Hm...so Reidric was useless... Now, how shall I kill those eyesores..."

Manfroy:

"...Berdo..."

Berdo:

"B-Bishop Manfroy? When did you..."

Manfroy:

"That is not important. What is taking you so long to kill that boy from Lenster?"

Berdo:

"Yes, I'm sorry. I promise that I will have Prince Leaf's head soon..."

Manfroy:

"Make sure that you kill him. If you don't, our efforts of assassinating Cuan would be for nought."

Berdo:

"...They still think Trabant is the man responsible for Cuan's death..."

Manfroy:

"Hahaha...pathetic fools. Thracia doesn't have the means of getting accurate information on Lenster... Taking advantage of Trabant's ambitions to make Northern and Southern Thracia kill each other... Your plan has been a marvelous success."

Berdo:

"Thank you, Bishop Manfroy..."

Manfroy:

"But the problem lies after that... We have underestimated the heir to Lenster. Perhaps we should have killed him when Lenster first fell..."

Berdo:

"Yes, but Prince Leaf has successfully united the rebel forces in Northern Thracia. If we can strike them when their hopes for the prince are the highest, their morale will plummet. Also, the prince has been getting rid of the Freejis for us. He has proven to be of some use. Anyway, while he is a descendant of the Holy Warriors, he is still a child unable to even use the Gae Bolg. He is no match for me."

Manfroy:

"I hope so... Just in case, I will give you five of my Dark Warriors."

Berdo:

"Ah, thank you. Now I have six counting the one that I made. The force field should be flawless now..."

Manfroy:

"Hm... Well, Berdo, I will leave the rest to you. I shall be waiting for the good news..."

Berdo:

"Yes, Bishop Manfroy..."

Scene switches to Leaf

Leaf:

"August, is everyone all right?"

August:

"Yes, everyone is at their posts. Now they have to fulfill their given tasks..."

Leaf:

"We have to destroy the six seals to open up the altar."

August:

"Yes... We must capture all six centers simultaneously. If we take too long, reinforcements may arrive. We must do this quickly, even if it means losing some of our troops."

Leaf:

"I see... All right, let's go."

WHEN ALL OF THE MAGIC CENTERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED

Berdo:

"Wh-What! The seal has been broken!? Ergh... Leaf...always getting in the way of my plans... If I am to die, I shall take all of you down with me! I will crush you all with the Stone spell!"

FIGHTING BERDO

Berdo:

"Hahaha... You ignorant fools dare challenge me? Curse your fate... Now witness my power!"

DEFEATING BERDO

Berdo:

"Guh... I-Impossible... How could I... But...it isn't over yet... Even if I fall...Lopto will live on... No one can stop...the rebirth of the Lopto Empire... May you...writhe in pain until then...fools... Heh...heh... Hahahahaha...ha..."

RELEASING BERDO

Berdo:

"Bishop Manfroy...forgive me. Ugh!"

AFTER BEATING THE MAP

Leaf:

"...We...won..."

August:

"Yes... All of Lopto's forces in Northern Thracia have now been eliminated. The Thracian people have finally been freed from the grip of the Lopto Church... Congratulations, Lord Leaf. You fought very well thus far."

Leaf:

"No... It's all thanks to you, August. You were the one who led me, and taught me to be a strong leader. Without you, I would have been completely lost. Thank you, August... I'm glad I was able to meet you. You have my eternal gratitude."

August:

"Well, well... Perhaps now is the time to tell you. I offered to become your advisor because I was ordered to do so by...one of my superiors. Frankly, at first I didn't think we would be able to liberate Northern Thracia. However, after seeing you keep trying and never giving up...I began to feel hope, and I found myself believing in you. My words in the past may have been insulting... Forgive me, Lord Leaf."

Leaf:

"August... Your words indeed came down heavily on me, but more important to me were the lessons that were in them. You taught me to truly understand the suffering and sorrow of the people. August, I want to ask you to stay by my side. I need you, August..."

August:

"Yes... As you wish, Lord Leaf..."

If Finn is alive

Finn:

"Lord Leaf, word has come from Lord Celice's army that they have successfully captured Conort!"

Leaf:

"What? Already? What about Lord Celice?"

Finn:

"He is headed our way to help liberate Manster. He probably does not yet know of our victory."

Leaf:

"I see... Lord Celice...he was able to breach the tough walls of Conort in only a day. ...Still, I would have liked to be able to defeat King Blume with my own hands."

Finn:

"Yes... But, Lord Leaf, Northern Thracia is now free. The people are overjoyed at our victory. They are calling out your name, saying that Thracia was saved by the son of Lord Cuan."

Leaf:

"Finn, we've really been through a lot. It's thanks to you that I was able to endure the hardships and come this far. But you were always suffering more than me...you gave up everything to raise me. I really don't know how to thank you, Finn..."

Finn:

"Lord Leaf, the only nation in Northern Thracia has a male heir is Lenster. The people want you to take the throne and unite Lenster, Alster, Conort, and Manster under one flag. Make their wishes come true, Lord Leaf. To unite Thracia into a prosperous and peaceful nation like the days of Dine and Nova...that is what your father always wanted, and is also what I ask of you."

Leaf:

"I know. There's no turning back now. It's my responsibility to take care of Northern Thracia. Whether the north and south will unite or not depends on King Trabant, but I'll do what I can. Right, Finn...?"

Finn:

"Yes, Lord Leaf..."

If Eyvel is alive

Eyvel:

"Lord Leaf, I regret to say that we must return to Fiana now."

Leaf:

"What? Why? You're not coming with us?"

Eyvel:

"Pirates are attacking the villages on the coast again, so we need to return to protect the villagers. And besides, we won't be of any help in your future battles..."

Leaf:

"But...Eyvel..."

Eyvel:

"Lord Leaf, I shall be looking forward to the day that you defeat the Empire and return to Lenster. When you do, we will be sure to visit and celebrate."

Leaf:

"...I suppose so... All right, Eyvel. I promise I'll return when it's all over. So until then..."

Eyvel:

"Yes... We will be waiting for you, Lord Leaf."

If Miranda is alive

Miranda:

"Excuse me, Prince Leaf."

Leaf:

"Princess Miranda? What's the matter?"

Miranda:

"I...have to apologize to you."

Leaf:

"If it's about Dorias, don't worry about it. That was my responsibility, not yours. And Alster was successfully liberated by Lord Celice, so the people should be happy that their princess was safe."

Miranda:

"Well, yes, but... The people want more than that. My advisors are urging me to marry you so that we can unite with Lenster. They think they can just tell me what to do because I'm a girl..."

Leaf:

"Well, you and I are the only heirs that survived this turmoil. What your advisors are saying only makes sense. But I'm not sure..."

Miranda:

"Do you not like me? That's okay, but..."

Leaf:

"No, that's not it. I still have things to do. We still have the Granbell Empire and other divisions of the Lopto Church to deal with, and we also have to defend Northern Thracia from invaders. There's just too much on my mind to be thinking about whether I love someone or not..."

Miranda:

"..... Very well, I shall be waiting for your return at Alster. But, don't expect to win my hand until you do everything you intend to accomplish! Understood, Prince Leaf?"

If Linoan is alive

Linoan:

"Lord Leaf..."

Leaf:

"Linoan... Northern Thracia is back in our hands, but Tahra is still captured. I promise I'll reclaim it some day. You'll come with me then, right, Linoan?"

Linoan:

"Yes, of course, Lord Leaf!"

(If Dean is alive)

Dean:

"I cannot go with you, Lady Linoan."

Linoan:

"What? Why, Dean? Why can't you come with us!?"

Dean:

"Thracia is my home country... I can't fight any more. You should go with the prince. He'll protect you..."

Linoan:

"Dean... What are you saying...? I... I can't do you without you, Dean..."

Dean:

"Lady Linoan...?"

Linoan:

"I would give up Tahra before losing you... So please, stay with me, Dean..."

Dean:

"Stop being a child, Lady Linoan! ...But... Perhaps I'll reconsider... I would be hurting both Prince Leaf and my lord if I left now..."

If Nanna is alive

(If Mareeta is alive)

Nanna:

"....."

Mareeta:

"Go on, Lady Nanna! Just say it!"

Nanna:

"B-But..."

Mareeta:

"You'll regret it forever if you don't say it now. Or do you just want to stay as his 'cute little sister'?"

Nanna:

"But Mareeta..."

Mareeta:

"Come on, Lady Nanna! I know, I'll help you out! Lord Leaf!"

Leaf:

"Mareeta? What's the matter?"

Mareeta:

"There you go, Lady Nanna..."

Nanna:

"Leaf..."

Leaf:

"Thank you, Nanna... I was able to come this far thanks to you."

Nanna:

"No... I haven't done anything..."

Leaf:

"Yes, you did. We grew up like brother and sister, but you were always the one helping me. I was able to come this far because you were always there for me, to support me and cheer me up. Nanna, once this war ends, I'll go look for

Lachesis as well. And when I find her, I'm going to ask her directly...for your hand, Nanna..."

Nanna:

"! ...Leaf..."

Leaf:

"Our fight is still far from over... But you'll come with me, right, Nanna?"

Nanna:

"Yes, Leaf..."

August:

"Lord Leaf, Lord Celice is here to see you."

Celice:

"Lord Leaf, I hurried to come to your aid, but well... It looks like you didn't need my help after all. I'm glad to see you safe."

Leaf:

"Lord Celice! This is all thanks to you. Thank you very much."

Celice:

"No, you liberated Northern Thracia on your own, prince. I did nothing. Northern Thracia will now unite into a single nation under you. It would be our dream come true if such a large and rich nation were to help fight against the Empire. Lord Leaf, I wish to ask you to continue to help us in our struggle. We still have many things to do, and many hardships to overcome. But I believe that together, we would be able to triumph over anything. I want to pledge an oath with you to be lifelong friends, like our fathers before us."

Leaf:

"Yes! I always thought of you as an older brother. It would be an honor to be able to support you, Lord Celice."

Celice:

"Good! Then let us swear by this blade. When we were born was different, but when we die will be the same. Together, as comrades, brothers, and friends forever...let us swear to join hands and stand up to save this world from evil!"

Leaf:

"Yes, Lord Celice!"

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Epilogue

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And thus, Leaf's war started from the tiny village of Fiana, and ended in the liberation of Northern Thracia.

However, his fight wasn't over yet.

The powerful King Trabant ruled over Southern Thracia, and the Dark Emperor

Yurius resided in the Granbell Empire
with the Lopto Church.

In the Gran year 777...
A new age was about begin...

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Character Endings
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== Leaf ==

The Prince of Lenster

(If Nanna is alive)

Leaf led the Jugdral Liberation Wars along with Celice. After securing Barhara, he continued to travel around the continent, liberating those under oppression. In the Gran Year 780, Leaf united Northern and Southern Thracia into the New Kingdom of Thracia, where he declared himself king. Along with his queen, Nanna, and his sister, Altena, he carried on the legacy of Dine and Nova, devoting his life to maintaining peace and prosperity in his nation. As long as history exists in Thracia, the legendary King Leaf's name will never be forgotten...

(If Nanna is dead)

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== Finn ==

The Legendary Lance Knight

After seeing Leaf take the throne, Finn disappeared. Three years passed before he showed himself again. There are no records on what he was doing in the time he was gone. Some claim to have caught a glimpse of him in the Yied Desert, but these are only rumors.

== Nanna ==

The Queen of Nodion

After the victory at Barhara, Nanna joined leaf in the battle to liberate Agustria. Later, she married Leaf and devoted her life to helping orphans who lost their family in the war. Due to her sweetness and generosity, the citizens affectionately referred to her as "Princess Nanna" even after she became queen. Her life with Leaf is said to have ended happily.

== Eyvel ==

The Goddess of Fiana

Eyvel returned to Fiana and lived quietly for a while. With the end of the

pact with the Dragons known as the Gesh, her memory recovered seven years after the Holy War. The story of her reunion with her children has been a favorite of many bards ever since...

== Mareeta ==

Swordmaster of the Stars

Ashamed of her weakness of being taken over by the dark blade, Mareeta set out on a journey to train herself. She eventually grew to become a great and famous swordmaster, but she always kept saying, "My mother was much more skilled than I'll ever be."

== Dagda ==

Ex-brigand of Purple Dragon Mountain

After returning to his base on Purple Dragon Mountain, he rounded up the brigands and put his efforts into working the wastelands once again. His hard work paid off, and several years later, the barren land became rich with nutrition.

== Tanya ==

Dagda's Loving Daughter

Tanya moved to Fiana, where she married and was blessed with many children. Her cheery personality and good spirits earned her respect and admiration from the villagers throughout her life.

== Halvan ==

The Quiet Hero

Halvan took over Fiana after Eyvel's departure. He proved to be a wise leader, and Fiana developed into a prosperous village that won the envy of those living in the surrounding area.

== Othin ==

The Wild Axefighter

Othin returned to Fiana, where he married and was blessed with many children. His short temper and fiery personality never did change, and he was known throughout his lifetime as "Old Othin of Fiana."

== Marty ==

The Man Whom Dagda Loved (No joke, this is what it really says.)

Marty returned to Purple Dragon Mountain and put his efforts into working the barren land. Many, especially children, loved his sheepish but kind nature.

== Ronan ==

A Youth of Ith

Ronan went home to his mother in Ith and returned to being a fisherman. It is said that he later married and lived a happy life.

== Saphy ==

Servant of God

After returning to Tahra, Saphy worked to help the poor and the underprivileged. It is said that she appeared as a goddess in the eyes of those she offered her hand to.

== Tina ==

The Charming Cleric

Even after returning to Tahra, Tina never was able to sit still. Ever oblivious, she would often go wandering about unattended, worrying those around her, especially her sister. Did the day ever come where she would finally settle down? We'll never know, since no such records exist.

== Lifis ==

The Shy Thief

After the war, Lifis earned a government post and remained in office for several years. During that time period, the surrounding pirate outposts were decimated by the Kelves Garrison Forces. He disappeared after that, and no one has seen him ever since.

== Fergus ==

The Free Knight

Fergus disappeared like the wind after the war. Some said that he was prince of Conort. Others claimed that he was the legendary knight Beowulf's bastard child. The rumors and speculations about him never ceased, and now, the truth has been shrouded in mystery.

== Karin ==

The Cheery Pegasus Knight

After returning to Ciledia, she fulfilled her long-awaited dream and became a full-fledged Pegasus Knight. There are no records of her doing anything extraordinary, but she is remembered as being a distinguished member of the Ciledian Pegasus Knights.

== Misha ==

Rider of the Winds

After returning home, Misha joined the Ciledian Pegasus Knights. She later participated in the Ciledian Liberation Wars, and after the New Kingdom of Ciledia was established, she became the first commander of the new Ciledian Pegasus Knights. A talented and just leader, she earned deep trust from both her superiors and her subordinates.

== Sety ==

Holy Warrior of the Winds

Upon returning to Ciledia, Sety gave in to his people's yearning for his leadership and took the throne. Thanks to his hard work and unbending will,

the trampled land of Ciledia slowly, but surely, began to regain its former beauty.

== Asvel ==

Follower of the Winds

Asvel stayed at Leaf's side and shared his pain throughout the Liberation Wars. After that, he returned to his hometown of Frest and took his father's place as bishop. Several years later, his name reached the four corners of the continent as the Great Sage Asvel.

== Brighton ==

A Knight of Manster

Brighton returned to Manster to help restore its former prosperity, and also taught its people swordsmanship in his spare time. He later married and opened a small shop with his wife.

== Machua ==

The Swordswoman of Raging Wind

After the war, Machua helped rebuild Manster. She later married a former comrade and had children, but she never lost her passion for rebuilding her hometown.

== Lara ==

The Cheerful Thief

Lara returned to being a dancer and performed in various cities of Thracia. Her elegant yet powerful performances gave people courage, and became a symbol of Thracia's reconstruction.

== Dalshin ==

A Knight of Passion

After the war, Dalshin was stationed at Fort Kelves, requesting the new post himself. He fought day and night to protect the nearby villages from thieves and bandits, and it didn't take long for him to completely eliminate the thieves roaming the area around the fort. Eventually, "the place more frightening than Hell" came to be known as "the place safer than Heaven itself."

== Hicks ==

The Axe Knight with Family

Instead of staying in the military, Hicks returned to his hometown and led a peaceful life with his family. However, he always kept his axe at his side, never unprepared for danger.

== Shiva ==

The Mercenary of Savan

After the war, Shiva disappeared. Various speculations and theories have been

made about this man of many mysteries, but none have been, and ever will be, confirmed.

== Glade ==

The Dutiful Lance Knight

After earning the highest military title of Great General, Glade was given the task of reorganizing the overgrown army. By transferring surplus members and introducing new weapons, he succeeded in creating one the most formidable elite forces on the continent. His hard work greatly helped the kingdom during the hard times of reconstruction.

== Selphina ==

The Beautiful Bow Knight

After the new Kingdom of Thracia was established, she retired from her position of leading the royal guard. Instead, she used her mansion as an orphanage to take care of deprived children. Many of the children that Selphina saved lived on to become great heroes. Selphina was later called the Mother of Thracia, and her stories were told for many generations.

== Kein ==

Lance Knight of Lenster

Kein put down his sword and became a civil servant. He implemented many revolutionary political movements to strengthen the army and regain Lenster's lost land. It is said that Leaf and his advisors put much trust in Kein as "The Quiet Revolutionary."

== Alba ==

Lance Knight of Lenster

Alba requested a post in Southern Thracia, and under Altena's leadership, worked to restore the area's public order. At first he was looked down upon by the people as a "northerner," but his good-willed nature soon earned him trust and respect.

== Roberto ==

Bow Knight of Lenster

After his strong requests, Roberto was put in the new Kingdom of Thracia's royal guard. Roberto himself was probably trying his best to be a legendary warrior, but he never could fix his timidity. Apparently, more than a few of the female servants in the castle found his sheepish nature cute.

== Carrion ==

Noble of Lenster

Out of Leaf's request, Carrion took up a post at Castle Meeds along with Hannibal. He then served as a diplomat between Northern and Southern Thracia, and contributed greatly in their unification.

== Xavier ==

The Loyal Veteran

Xavier worked alongside Leaf to build the New Kingdom of Thracia. His rich experience and vast knowledge served to be extremely valuable in making important decisions, and the youths in the New Thracia's government often looked to him for advice.

== Fred ==

The Holy Knight of Freeji

After the war, Fred returned to the Freejis' land and contributed to its reconstruction. He later married a young woman who was his commander, but their ages were so far apart that he was constantly teased about it.

== Olwen ==

The Azure Mage Knight

After the war, Olwen returned to the Freejis' land and contributed to its reconstruction. Whenever she remembered her brother Rinehart, she burned with anger at his pitifulness. Perhaps because of that, the man whom she married was surprisingly ordinary.

== Pahn ==

The Thief of Dakia

Saying he would be returning to his hometown, Pahn left Leaf and disappeared. Various rumors abound regarding his life after that, with some saying that he became a thief again, and others claiming that he helped Tahra's reconstruction.

== Trude ==

The Man Known as Death

After the war, Trude disappeared. No one has seen him since, but rumors say that he returned to being a mercenary.

== Seiram ==

The Dark Magician

After the war, Salem retired to a small rural village and began writing memoirs of his life. His documents proved to be valuable resources for future historians to understand what the Lopto Church was really like.

== Linoan ==

The Lone Flower of Tahra

Linoan returned to Tahra and dedicated her life to rebuilding her trampled hometown. Tahra eventually found prosperity greater than ever before, and also served to aid Leaf in his development of the New Kingdom of Thracia. Linoan never married despite her beauty.

== Dean ==

The Hero of the Skies

After the war, Dean accompanied the injured Arione to Southern Thracia. It was another several years before Dean emerged again as the commander of the New Kingdom of Thracia's Dragon Knights.

== Eda ==

Dragon Knight of Thracia

After the New Kingdom of Thracia was established, Eda stayed by Altena's side and comforted her emotionally devastated master. Due to her loyalty and earnestness, she never sought out her own happiness, and devoted her life to rebuilding Thracia and supporting Altena.

== Ralph ==

A Traveling Mercenary

Putting down his sword, Ralph took up farming to help rebuild Thracia's trampled lands. Nothing else about him remains in the records.

== Eyrios ==

The Ambitious Knight

Much to his joy, Eyrios was granted nobility in the New Kingdom of Thracia. However, politics apparently weren't his strong point, and management of his land ended in utter failure. He wasn't punished very severely since he contributed in New Thracia's establishment, but he was dropped down to an unimportant slack post. In his boredom, he would often catch unsuspecting personnel and ramble about his past days of glory.

== Sleuf ==

A Bragi Priest

After the war, instead of returning to the Tower of Bragi, Sleuf traveled around the continent spreading the teachings of Edda. Sleuf inspired other priests to do the same, and the Edda Church eventually became one of the leading religions of the continent.

== Amalda ==

The Despairing Knight

Amalda returned to the Freejis and helped rebuild their land. With most of the Freejis defeated in Northern Thracia, they had lost much of their power as a nation. However, with Amalda and other people's hard work, the Freejis slowly began to regain their former glory.

== Shanam ==

The Phony Prince

Instead of working for the New Kingdom of Thracia, Shanam returned to his hometown in Isaac. He then quit being a mercenary and lived a normal life.

== Miranda ==

The Stouthearted Princess

While waiting for Leaf in Alster, Miranda fell in love with a certain knight and disappeared. Despite her short temper, it is said that she lived happily as a wife and as a mother.

== Conomore ==

A Knight of Alster

Conomore quit being a knight and retired to a small village on the outskirts of Alster, where he quietly lived the rest of his days.

== Delmud ==

The Charismatic Knight

After the war, Delmud accompanied his cousin Ares to Agustria. With their hard work, Agustria was united and led to prosperity.

== Galzus ==

The Dark Swordsman of Ordo

After liberating Manster, Galzus disappeared. There are no records, legends, or even rumors about his life thereafter.

== Cyas ==

The Bishop of Crimson Flame

Cyas returned to Velthomer and helped restore the trampled land. His talent was later recognized by Celice, and he went into the service of the New Kingdom of Granbell, where he contributed greatly to its reconstruction.

== Sara ==

Shaman of Tragic Fate

Sara quietly disappeared after the war. Legends say that she lived a peaceful life under Leaf's protection.

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CJayC: Obviously...

Nintendo/Intelligent Systems: For this game!

Miracle of Fire: <http://noblenep.hp.infoseek.co.jp/index.html>
Japanese script taken from here.

Dark Twilkitri: He introduced me to the site mentioned above.

Neonclover: For starting the FE5 translation patch with my work.

VincentASM: For picking up on the patch where Neonclover left off.

Fire Emblem: Sanctuary of Strategy forums: The translation was originally posted here.

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I had to create a whole new section on this because my email inbox is getting flooded with email I don't want. I do have a life, and I don't want to waste time dealing with pointless email.

Feel free to contact me with questions/comments at
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But please don't do the following. I will not respond to emails like these.

- Don't email me with questions about beating the game. There are message boards with lots of friendly people you can ask. It takes less time to get a response that way, and my inbox doesn't get cluttered, which makes both you and me happier.
- Don't ask me questions that are answered in my FAQs or in any other FAQs on the same game. It just makes sense.
- I am fluent only in English and Japanese. Don't send me emails in French, Korean, Chinese, Martian, or in any language other than English/Japanese. I will not answer emails that I can't read in the first place.
- Flaming. Pretty self explanatory. Don't do it.
- Don't send me false information. It won't be tolerated, whether it is intentional or not.
- Chain letters. Don't even think about sending me them.
- Please don't send me anything over 400KB, either.

You are welcome to email me about the following.

- Corrections are always welcome. I make mistakes too. But don't email me with spelling or grammatical mistakes, unless they're so bad it's illegible.
- CONSTRUCTIVE criticism and suggestions on how I can improve my FAQ are welcome. I'm still new to this and know that I have lots of things I can reform that I am unaware of.
- Clarification on something that is unclear in my FAQs is welcome. That will help me make something that is not clear more so for future viewers.

Okay?

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