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CHAPTER 1

THE REALM OF GARIA

EVERYONE LOVES TO UNWIND IN THEIR OWN WAY BE IT EXERCISES, GAMING, PAINTING OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU FANCY. USUALLY, PEOPLE LOVE TO DO FUN THINGS LIKE ALY. IT WAS A LOVELY SATURDAY MORNING FOR HER TO PLAY HER FAVORITE FANTASY RPG.



AAAAND... THAT'S ONE
MORE QUEST DOWN. TIME TO SAVE AND GO
GET SOME BREAKFAST AND MAYBE CHECK UP
ON DIANA...



AS ALY WAS ABOUT TO SAVE THE GAME HER SCREEN TURNED BLUE, AND SHE GASPED... IT WAS THE DREAD BLUE SCREEN OF DEATH.



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OH NO NO NO NO!
YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING ME!



SHE STOOD UP AND GOT CLOSER TO THE SCREEN STILL FRUSTRATED OVER THE HOURS OF GAMEPLAY NOW FLUSHED INTO THE DRAIN.



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UGH... I GUESS
I'LL HAVE TO REDO ALL THE STUFF I DID.
THAT'S SUCH A BUMMER, BUT WHY IS IT
STUCK ON 20 PERCENT?



WAIT...
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING
ON?!

SUDDENLY THE SCREEN HAD TURNED OFF AND A PORTAL MANIFESTED SWIRLING AND CRACKLING WITH SOME KIND OF BLUE ENERGY...



AS SOON AS THE PORTAL APPEARED IT STARTED TO PULL IN WHATEVER WAS CLOSE TO IT AND AT THAT MOMENT, ALY TRIED TO FIGHT IT, BUT TO NO AVAIL...

DIANA!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
I NEED HELP!



ALY TRIED TO CALL HER ROOMMATE, BUT NO ONE ARRIVED TO HELP. SHE WAS TIRED OF FIGHTING IT AND SHE JUST LET GO VANISHING ALONG WITH THE PORTAL...



SOMEWHERE IN THE WOODS THE SAME PORTAL OPENED...



AS SOON AS IT OPENED IT SPAT OUT ALY, AS SHE WAS STILL SCREAMING AS IF SHE WAS ON A WATER SLIDE. ALTHOUGH IT SEEMED THAT SHE WAS WEARING SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

A woman with short black hair, wearing a black strapless dress and black gloves, is falling through a large, circular, blue and white energy portal. She is holding a long, thin, dark object, possibly a sword or a staff, which is also falling through the portal. The background is a lush green forest with many trees and a path covered in small white flowers. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting.

OOOOH
MYYYY GOOOOOD!

ALY FELL ONTO THE GROUND FACE FIRST GROANING FROM THE WHOLE ORDEAL. AS THE PORTAL STARTED TO SLOWLY DISSIPATE IT SPAT OUT A WITCH HAT...





IS THAT A HAT AND WHAT
AM I WEARING... I SWEAR THIS IS JUST
GETTING WEIRDER AND WEIRDER... IS
THIS A DREAM OR SOMETHING?

IT MIGHT'VE BEEN A DREAM, BUT IT FELT TOO REAL FOR HER. SHE STOOD UP AND CLEANED UP HER NEW OUTFIT FROM THE DIRT. AT THAT MOMENT SHE HEARD SOMETHING SLOWLY WALKING TOWARDS HER WHICH THEN STARTED TO GROWL.

NO NO NO!
THIS IS DEFINITELY A *NIGHTMARE*!



A GREY WOLF WAS SLOWLY GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO HER SNARLING AND GROWLING AT HER. FEAR WAS GRIPPING ALY TIGHTLY AND SHE TOOK A STEP BACK.

S-STAY AWAY!

GROWL



AS SOON AS THE WOLF SAW HER STEPPING BACK IT POUNCED. ALY SAW THE WOLF COMING AT HER, SHE CLOSED HER EYES AND OUTSTRETCHED HER RIGHT HAND. THE AIR SIZZLED AND A SUDDEN GUST OF WARM AIR PASSED THROUGH HER, AS A GREEN ENERGY BOLT MATERIALIZED AND LAUNCHED ITSELF TOWARDS THE WOLF.





D-DID I DO
THAT JUST NOW?

A German Shepherd dog is lying down in a lush green field filled with small white flowers. The dog's head is turned towards the left, and its body extends towards the right. A speech bubble is positioned above the dog's head, containing the text "NO WAY... I-IS IT DEAD, DID I?". In the foreground on the left, there are out-of-focus, warm-toned bokeh lights, possibly from a camera lens or a light source. The background is a dense field of green grass and foliage.

NO WAY...
I-IS IT DEAD, DID I?

SHE WAS CONFUSED AND SHOCKED TO ADD TO HER SHOCK THE WOLF'S BODY STARTED TO DISAPPEAR AND IN IT'S PLACE THERE WAS A SMALL SCROLL ON TOP OF THAT SHE HAD GAINED XP.

WAIT...
DID I JUST GET XP?

+15 XP

15/15 XP

WOW... I REALLY DID.
THAT'S AN ACTUAL XP BAR?!

THIS IS CRAZY!
I JUST LEVELED UP!

0/40 XP

LEVEL UP!



HUH...
I FEEL... *TINGLY*...





OOHH NOW
I FEEL LIKE IT'S A GETTING A
LITTLE HOT.



MHM...
ACTUALLY A LITTLE TOO
HOT...





O-OH THIS IS
JUST *AMAZING*?!











WOULD YOU LOOK
AT THAT... I GUESS I AM IN A GAME OR
SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I THAT LEVEL UP
FELT AMAZING I WOULDN'T MIND LEVEL-
LING A BIT MORE.



ALY PICKED UP THE SCROLL THAT WAS ON THE GROUND
AND SUDDENLY A QUEST APPEARED.

QUEST ADDED: LOST MAIL

THAT'S PERFECT
I GUESS I KNOW WHAT TO
DO NEXT.



BACK IN THE OTHER WORLD. DIANA HAD ENTERED THE ROOM TO CHECK UP ON HER FRIEND.



A close-up photograph of a woman with blonde hair styled in two braids. She is wearing a halter-neck top with a pattern of green, red, and black. The top has a large, irregular cutout in the center, revealing her chest. A speech bubble is positioned to the right of her head.

THAT WAS A ROUGH
WAY TO WAKE UP... WHAT'S THE
MATTER ALY?



HUH... THAT'S
STRANGE I HEARD HER YELLING FOR
HELP, AND SHE IS NOT HERE. ALTHOUGH
HER CONTROLLER IS TILL ON.

OKAY ALY YOU
CAN COME OUT NOW I AM NOT
FALLING FOR THOSE JOKES ANY-
MORE...





TO BE CONTINUED