

1 EXT. NAVYRIAN FOREST - EVENING

1

RHO (16, fiery and full of spirit) jumps off her horse and onto the foliage-covered terrain of the thick Navyrian forest. Blue bugs flicker alive and light up the night sky as evening sets on our adventurers.

RHO

Arbane, why did you rush in like that?
You could've gotten us all killed!

ARBANE (20 in human years, stoic and lacks some social skills) and BRONAGH (22, a short Ranger with a dark past) demount their horses and follow Rho further into the forest.

ARBANE

I was trying to save the girl.

RHO

Well, the "girl" turned out to be an
Oblex that almost killed us!

BRONAGH

Guys, we still made it out alive.
That's all that matters.

RHO

Well if Arbane keeps pulling stunts
like that, we might not be alive next
time.

Rho storms away, deeper into the forest.

BRONAGH

Rho! Come back, it's getting dark!

ARBANE

I will get her. You set up for camp.

Arbane follows Rho's tracks, as Bronagh begins to unpack their camping gear.

2 EXT. NAVYRIAN FOREST - NIGHT

2

START → Delving deeper into the forest, more crickets and wildlife sound off as night falls. Arbane eventually catches up with Rho, fighting through shrubbery and thick tree roots.

ARBANE

Rho, can we please talk? I am sorry.

RHO

Arbane, don't you get that we can literally die at any moment? That in an instant, everything can go to shit and we're just DEAD?

ARBANE

I know... And I would never want to put you through that.

RHO

I've already lost so many people in my life, Arbane.

(beat)

I can't lose you and Bronagh too.

ARBANE

I am sorry. It is just everything about the Oblex Curse scares me. That without you even knowing...

RHO

...it can take over your entire body.

ARBANE

And make you become something unimaginable.

RHO

A monster... And there's no cure? Or protection against it?

ARBANE

Nothing that we can do. We need to find my mentor, Roran. He is powerful and would definitely know how to stop it.

RHO

Do you think we'll ever get that strong?

ARBANE

In time.

As Arbane talks, the faint noise of a group of travelers creeps closer.

RHO

(whispering)

Wait, Arbane, quiet.

They both duck down within the tall foliage and listen as this group passes them by, talking quietly among themselves.

ARBANE

Who are they?

RHO

I don't know.

ARBANE

Why would they be traveling so late?
Maybe they are lost?

RHO

What are you doing! Get back down. We don't know who they, who they're with, or where they're going!

ARBANE

What if they need help? What if they can help us?

RHO

We don't know that, and we're not going to stick around to find out.

END →

They push through the brush of the forest, back towards their basecamp, where a fire crackles and crickets takeover the night.

3 EXT. NAVYRIAN FOREST - DAY

3

Arbane, Bronagh, and Rho ride their horses, trotting along a dirt path within the lively Navryian forest. Birds, insects, and wildlife of all kinds inhabit the area, hooting and hollering in the distance.

RHO

How long until we reach Valoria?

BRONAGH

We should get there by the end of the day. That's how long it usually took when my unit and I traveled.

ARBANE

I hope so. There is another druid there that might know how Roran disappeared.