

YOU CAN RUN, BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE

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INT. GAME - OUTSIDE VALENHEIM TEMPLE

Sh0w0ff007 lays in lush green grass and opens her eyes. She reaches up and rubs the back of her head.

SHOWOFF007

Ouch.

Sh0w0ff007 sits up and winces from her injuries. Her eyes search the game playing field for her companion.

SHOWOFF007 (CONT'D)

Daniel?

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY

GLORIA closes laptop as DANIEL gets up off the floor and sits on the couch beside CHARLIE.

DANIEL

What happened, Gloria?

GLORIA

I tried to tell you guys. I found a glitch in the game. I wasn't able to fix it in time.

Daniel puts two fingers on Charlies neck and feels for a pulse.

DANIEL

Oh thank God. She's still alive.

GLORIA

What? That can't be possible.

Gloria reboots the laptop and begins furiously typing.

GLORIA (CONT'D)

I saw her die. I saw him attack her and he killed her.

DANIEL

Somehow she survived. Can you pull her out?

GLORIA

No.

Daniel grabs the Dive connections and places them back on him. He lays on the ground next to the couch beside Charlie.

DANIEL
Send me back.

GLORIA
Daniel, you can't save her.

DANIEL
Gloria, she is still alive. Send me
back and I'll protect her while you
figure out how to get us back out.

Gloria glares at Charlie's body and then selects a few
settings on the laptop. Daniel's eyes close.

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Sh0w0ff007 holds a hand to her head and blood trickles down
her arm. WHITEKNIGHT12 shimmers in front of her.

WHITEKNIGHT12
Charlie.

SHOWOFF007
Daniel, you're alright.

WhiteKnight12 embraces Sh0w0ff007 in a hug and then assess
her injuries.

WHITEKNIGHT12
What happened to you?

Sh0w0ff007 blushes.

SHOWOFF007
I got taken out by a tree.

WHITEKNIGHT12
And you wanted me to call you the
gaming Queen? I'll stick with
calling you Queen of the Losers.

SHOWOFF007
Says the man who got taken out by a
pile of rocks.

Sh0w0ff007 and WhiteKnight12 laugh. WhiteKnight12 blinks
three times to pull up game menu. Selects healing feature and
attends to Sh0w0ff007's wounds.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM

Gloria, adorned with a headset, sits on the floor and leans against the couch next to Daniel. She selects the name BAPHOM3T on the menu and speaks.

GLORIA

Do you want to explain to me how
Sh0w0ff007 is still alive?

BAPHOM3T (V.O.)

She was as good as dead.

GLORIA

No, she wasn't and now
WhiteKnight12 is back in the game
with her.

BAPHOM3T (V.O.)

Do the same rules apply?

Gloria turns around to face Charlie's body laying on the couch. She mutes her mic and whispers to Charlie.

GLORIA

Let's see how much of a show off
you really are.

Gloria unmutes her mic.

GLORIA (CONT'D)

Same rules apply, you can't kill
WhiteKnight12. As for Sh0w0ff007
she is yours to do as you please.
I'm updating your stats. You know
have unlimited lives.

Baphom3t maliciously laughs. Gloria disconnects from Baphom3t and connects mic to Charlie and Daniel.

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Sh0w0ff007 and WhiteKnight12 sit underneath a cherry blossom tree. Sh0w0ff007 plays with her dagger while WhiteKnight007 cleans her wounds.

GLORIA (V.O.)

Charlie, are you okay?

SHOWOFF007

Hey, Gloria. I've been better.
Daniel told me the glitch is more
complicated than you thought.

GLORIA (V.O.)

It is much worse. I'm afraid you are trapped there with only one life. You can't die in the game. If you die so will your body here.

Sh0w0ff007 and WhiteKnight12 lock eyes.

WHITEKNIGHT12

Gloria, you need to pull us and everyone else out of this game, NOW.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM

Gloria leans over Daniels body. She runs a finger across his lips.

GLORIA

I'm afraid I can't. I mean, I can get you out, but not Charlie.

WHITEKNIGHT12 (V.O.)

That doesn't make sense. She should have the same coding as everyone else.

GLORIA

I can pull you back out of the game. Maybe we can put our heads together and come up with a solution.

Gloria gently caresses Daniel's cheek.

WHITEKNIGHT12 (V.O.)

No. I'm staying here to protect Charlie.

Gloria disconnects the chat with Charlie and Daniel. She throws her headset at Charlie and screams.

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Sh0w0ff007 taps her finger on her mic.

SHOWOFF007

Gloria? Gloria, are you still there?

WHITEKNIGHT12

I can't believe she thinks I'm going to leave you here alone.

SHOWOFF007

I mean, you could go back and help her. I can take care of myself.

WhiteKnight12 raises his eyebrow and a mocking smile crosses his face.

WHITEKNIGHT12

That's not what the tree limb says.

Sh0w0ff007 punches him on the shoulder.

SHOWOFF007

I'm not going to live this one down, am I?

WhiteKnight12 opens his mouth to reply when a shimmer appears before them. He grabs Sh0w0ff007 arm and runs. They hide behind a red dragon Japanese maple.

Baphom3t shimmers into the game.

BAPHOM3T

I know you are here. There is no use in hiding.

WhiteKnight12 glances at Sh0w0ff007 and places a finger to his lips. He then grabs a hold of her arm.

BAPHOM3T (CONT'D)

You claim to be a Queen and yet you run like a coward.

Sh0w0ff007 face flushes. She yanks her arm out of WhiteKnight12 grasp and blinks three times to pull up the game menu. She emerges from behind the maple.

SHOWOFF007

I am many things, but I am not a coward.

She selects Energy Pulse from the menu and Baphom3t is blasted twenty feet away. Sh0w0ff007 unsheathes her daggers and advances towards Baphom3t.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM

Gloria sits cross legged on the floor beside Daniel. She takes a sip of coffee, leans down to Daniel's ear and whispers.

GLORIA

Don't worry, I'll be here to
comfort you when she is gone.

She watches the game on her laptop screen. A sly smile crosses her face as she decreases Charlie's stamina level.

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Sh0w0ff007 collapses in front of Baphom3t. He lets out a menacing chuckle.

WhiteKnight12 throws his battle-ax into Baphom3t's chest. Baphom3t shimmers and disappears. WhiteKnight12 rushes over to help Sh0w0ff007 up.

WhiteKNIGHT12

Are you okay? What happened?

SHOWOFF007

I don't know. One minute I was at
full power and then the next --

Baphom3t shimmers in front of them.

BAPHOM3T

Here's a little fact you should
know, I can't die.

Sh0w0ff007 and WhiteKnight12 lock eyes. WhiteKnight12 scoops up a weak Sh0w0ff007 and runs. Baphom3t's roars with laughter.