

HEAVENLY SWORD VI

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EXT. GIANNA'S CASTLE - NIGHT

We open on an imposing GOTHIC CASTLE, with the massive blood red moon casting a demonic light over the scene. The clanking of swords and sounds of spells being cast leads us into-

INT. GIANNA'S CASTLE - NIGHT

We are thrust into the action and chaos immediately. A young man with fire red hair fights with all his might using sword and shield. This is the main character of "Heavenly Sword VI" RALPH. As lightning strikes once more we see the being who he is fighting, a hellish, muscular woman flying through the air with massive bat wings, the Demon Queen GIANNA. She strikes him to the ground and beats him. He falls to his knees.

1	GIANNA	1
	Do you hear it? The black wind howling? I will exchange this world for one covered in darkness. My world.	

2	RALPH	2
	N-No... I can't... Can't give... up...	

Ralph begins to lose consciousness.

3	JAINA (V.O.)	3
	Ralph... You can't give up... Please!	

4	RALPH	4
	J-Jaina...?	

A blast of healing magic lifts Ralph up. He turns around and sees his friends approaching from behind. Included in this lineup are a cast of characters who are important in the context of the game, but not in the show.

Included in the lineup are JAINA the white mage, SERAPH the knight, TELOS the thief, KERO the frog and ARYA (20, shy and clumsy with a green ponytail) a bard and the main character of the show. There are several other unnamed PARTY MEMBERS in the lineup.

5	RALPH (CONT'D)	5
	You... You came?	

6	TELOS	6
	We couldn't let you hog all the glory, right?	

7 JAINA 7
We fight together... as one!

8 KERO 8
Keroro! Let's show this demon we
mean business!!

9 ARYA 9
Y-Yeah, and-

10 SERAPH 10
(cutting off Arya)
...My blade is yours.

11 RALPH 11
My friends... Thank you.

Suddenly, Ralph's sword begins to glow. Four runes float out
from his being.

12 RALPH (CONT'D) 12
The... The Crystals of Harmony?

The runes explode into distinct lights and enter Ralph's
sword. His sword transforms into a HEAVENLY BLADE.

13 GIANNA 13
It can't be... Your sword... It was
the Heavenly Blade all along?

14 RALPH 14
Your time has come to an end,
Gianna. For all the lives you've
taken... all the suffering you've
caused... this is the end for you!!

The final battle begins. But first, Ralph needs to select his
party! Despite the circumstances, it's as though he's picking
teammates for a dodgeball game.

15 RALPH (CONT'D) 15
Hm... Seraph!

Seraph does a little fist pump and runs up to Ralph. He
contemplates his next choice. Arya looks antsy.

16 RALPH (CONT'D) 16
Let's see... I'll have to go
with... Jaina!

Arya starts sweating. She notices Ralph staring intently at
her.

17 RALPH (CONT'D) 17
Arya!

18 ARYA 18
I'M READY!

19 RALPH 19
You're standing in front of Kero.

Arya looks behind and sees Kero, impatiently tapping his floppy foot. She awkwardly steps aside.

20 RALPH (CONT'D) 20
Kero! You're in!

21 KERO 21
Kerokero!! Let's rip her freakin' head off!

With the party now formed, Ralph, Jaina, Seraph and Kero run into battle with Gianna, who transforms into a towering, grotesque DEMON with several arms and wings. Arya slumps against a wall, looking dejected. Telos leans by Arya, pouring WINE into a cup and handing it to her.

22 TELOS 22
Ah, cheer up, love. Our skills just aren't suited to a fight like this.

Arya takes the cup and slowly slide to the ground, resting the cup on her knees. Telos takes a swig.

23 TELOS (CONT'D) 23
I mean, I'm a thief. What am I gonna do here, pickpocket a god?

Arya pulls out her trusty LUTE and strums a sad chord.

24 TELOS (CONT'D) 24
And believe me, your songs have done wonders for us. But they're not too suited for battle.

25 ARYA 25
It just feels like I'm never suited to the fight. Gianna destroyed my hometown, killed my family.

Arya swishes the wine back and forth in the cup before taking a swig.

26 ARYA (CONT'D) 26
Does my revenge just not matter?

Telos takes a swig.

27 TELOS 27
I think it matters.

Telos hands Arya a BOTTLE OF WINE.

28 TELOS (CONT'D) 28
Have the whole bottle. You deserve
it.

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29                                     RALPH                                     29
                                     (interrupting)
                                     TELOS!!

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Their conversation is cut short by Ralph, who motions for Telos to jump into battle.

30 RALPH (CONT'D) 30
Switch with Jaina!!

Telos' face lights up as he looks towards Arya.

31 TELOS 31
I'm in? I'M IN!!
 (ahem)
Sorry, love.

Telos runs into battle with glee.

32 TELOS (CONT'D) 32
CONSIDER YOUR POCKETS PICKED, DEMON
QUEEN!

Jaina walks out of the battle, head hung low in shame. She reaches the wall, muttering to herself.

33 JAINA 33

Of all the times to run out of
magic, great lot of help you are,
Jaina.

34 ARYA 34
Jaina? You okay?

35 JAINA 35

Oh, I'm fine. I just can't do
healing magic, the one thing I'm
good at, during the most crucial
fight of our lives.

36 ARYA 36
Hey, it's okay. Do you want an
ether to refill your magic? We've
got like, 30.

37 JAINA 37
I'm aware. But nooo, Ralph doesn't
want to use our ethers. He's *saving*
them. For *what*, Ralph?! This is the
time to use them!!

38 ARYA 38
Y-You look like you've got a lot on
your mind, I'll just be over here.

Arya turns away from Jaina, who is still mumbling to herself.
The sound of a faint <ZAP> coming from behind Arya causes her
ears to perk up. She looks back into a dark corridor, where
one of the walls appears to be glitching in and out of
existence.

39 ARYA (CONT'D) 39
Huh? Jaina, do you-

Jaina seems invested in the fight, as do all the other party
members. Arya stands up and walks towards the wall,
entranced.

As the sounds of battle and the boss battle music become
muffled in the background, the wall gives a deeper glance
into a dark void, filled with nothing but lines of code. She
instinctively reaches towards it, and is shocked back to
reality when it gives her the lightest static shock.

40 ARYA (CONT'D) 40
Ow! Stupid demon wall!

She sucks on her shocked finger. When she looks back up, the
wall has stopped glitching.

41 ARYA (CONT'D) 41
Huh?

42 JAINA (O.S.) 42
Arya!!

Jaina runs over to her.

43 JAINA (CONT'D) 43
What are you doing over here? They
did it, we won!!

Arya and Jaina run over to the others to see the final scene
play out. Gianna's monstrous body begins to crumble into ash.

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GIANNA

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This world... All worlds... shall
know my name...

As Gianna fades, the screen becomes a bit blurry, and we start to shift between scenes of the games ending.

INT. SACRED FOREST - DAY

Ralph and company are in a beautiful sacred forest, where they lay the Heavenly Blade to rest. During this scene Arya is seen sweating, looking almost sick.

EXT. CAPITAL CITY - DAY

Ralph and company are seen at a ceremony held by the KING, who is honoring the heroes for defeating the demon queen. Again, Arya looks like she's about to faint.

INT. CHURCH - EVENING

The royal wedding is being held between Ralph and Jaina. While everyone else looks to be having a wonderful time celebrating the couple as well as their victory, the ringing in Arya's ears becomes too much. She passes out and the screen cuts to black. The games credits roll. Then cut to black. The retro title screen pops up, stating the title of the game as "HEAVENLY SWORD VI", overlaying the sacred forest from prior.

INT. ARYA'S HOUSE - ARYA'S ROOM - MORNING

Arya wakes up in a comfortable bed as the sunlight shines intrusively in her eyes. She sits up, blinking a few times.

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ARYA

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Ugh, my head... Note to self, stop
drinking with Telos.

She rubs her eyes and looks around her room. She smiles.

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ARYA (CONT'D)

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The nightmare is over... Gianna is
defeated. Finally I can just relax
in my room.

She lays back down and shuts her eyes. A few moments pass before her eyes shoot open.

47 ARYA (CONT'D) 47
My... room?

She looks around.

48 ARYA (CONT'D) 48
This inn must have a similar
looking room, that's all!

49 ARYA'S MOM (O.S.) 49
(from outside the door)
Arya? You better not be trying to
get out of your chores for today!
Up and at 'em!

Arya goes white.

50 ARYA 50
And an innkeeper who sounds just
like my mom.

INT. ARYA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - MORNING

Arya ever so slightly peaks around the corner to the
downstairs kitchen. Arya's MOM is in the kitchen, filling up
a pot with water. Arya apprehensively approaches her.

51 ARYA 51
M-Mom...?

52 ARYA'S MOM 52
It's about time you woke up! You
can't waste your days-

Arya hugs her mother with intensity.

53 ARYA'S MOM (CONT'D) 53
-Like this...
(beat)
What's gotten into you? Not that
I'm complaining, a hug from you is
always welcome.

54 ARYA 54
I thought I'd never see you again.

55 ARYA'S MOM 55
Huh? What are you- Has your father
been giving you ale again?

Arya takes a step back.

56 ARYA 56
N-No, I- Don't you remember?

57 ARYA'S MOM 57
Remember what? Is this another one
of your tricks to get out of chores
for the day? Not working, missy.
Now eat up.

Arya slumps down in her seat, looking baffled. Her mom places
a bowl of oatmeal in front of her.

EXT. SERENTIA - DAY

Arya wanders around her hometown of SERENTIA, a picturesque
fantasy farm village. She walks through the bustling
marketplace, which is full of life.

58 ARYA 58
(to herself)
We defeated Gianna, I'm sure. Or
well, *Ralph* defeated her.

She stops and thinks for a second before a look of
disappointment washes over her.

59 ARYA (CONT'D) 59
I'm gonna be so upset if I dreamed
up an entire adventure where I
wasn't even the hero.

She steps away from the market and slumps by a tree. A gentle
breeze sways through the branches. Everything seems ideal.

60 ARYA (CONT'D) 60
Did stopping Gianna bring everybody
back...? Was it the Crystals of
Harmony? The Heavenly Sword?!

She slides to the ground. She thinks back to the glitching
wall. She replays the exact moment she touched it until she's
snapped back to reality.

61 ARYA (CONT'D) 61
Why am I dissecting this? I should
be happy.

Off in the distance, Arya hears a cry for help.

62 PIX (O.S.) 62
HEEEEEEEELP!! SOMEBODY!!

63

ARYA

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Huh?

Arya stands up and runs towards the cry.

EXT. OVERWORLD - DAY

Arya steps out of town into the surrounding fields to investigate the noise. She finds the source - a small blue pixie-like creature who appears very otherworldly. This is PIX. He's being attacked by three small gelatinous SLIME creatures.

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PIX

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C'mon fellas, this is all a big misunderstanding! I love slimes! I'd get a tattoo of one if had the money and lacked the self-respect!

The slimes advance on him.

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PIX (CONT'D)

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D-Don't make me change your code!
How'd you like to be puke green?!

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ARYA

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Hey! Leave that little bug alone!

The slimes pause their advance as Arya apprehensively approaches the scene.

67

PIX

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First off, not a bug. Second off,
finally! Give me a hand here, kid!

68

ARYA

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Right! I'll go find some help!

She turns to run.

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PIX

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Hey, whoa, don't leave me! You're a party member, can't you take care of this?!

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ARYA

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Uh, I don't know if I can do this... alone?

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PIX

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Nonsense, they're slimes! They're tutorial monsters, any idiot can take them down!

72 ARYA 72
...So why can't you?

73 PIX 73
I said any idiot. I look like an
idiot to you?

74 ARYA 74
Big words from a bug who needs my
help. Maybe I'll just keep on
walking.

The slimes shrug at each other and go back to approaching
Pix.

75 PIX 75
AH! Okay, okay, I'm sorry! Please
help!

Arya pulls out her lute.

76 ARYA 76
I'll do what I can. Just be
prepared to run.

A battle commences. The scene completely shifts. Arya faces
the three slimes. They each take their turns attacking. Arya
then selects her move.

77 PIX 77
Are you... attacking with a lute?

78 ARYA 78
I told you I couldn't do this
alone! I'm not a fighter or a
mage... I'm a bard.

79 PIX 79
Oh jeez, you're *that* party member?
What have I gotten myself into?

80 ARYA 80
You keep calling me that, what are
you talking about?!

81 PIX 81
Never mind that, just attack!

Arya rushes up to the slime and bonks it on the head. It
deals one point of damage, as indicated by the pixilated "1"
that appears.

82 PIX (CONT'D) 82
That's it?

83 ARYA 83
I told you! All I'm good for is
singing songs that power up my
friends! And *clearly* I don't have
any of *those* nearby!

84 PIX 84
Can't you power *down* your enemies?

85 ARYA 85
Wait... That's right, I can!
(beat)
How'd you know that?

86 PIX 86
Ack! Just do it!

The slimes mesh together and combine to form a GIANT SLIME.
It barrels towards Arya. She plays a quick song, causing a
red aura to surround the slime, decreasing its power. It
merely bounces off of Arya.

87 PIX (CONT'D) 87
Now! Cast a defense debuff spell!

Arya plays another song, causing a blue aura to surround the
slime.

88 PIX (CONT'D) 88
Now follow up for massive damage!!

Arya rushes the slime and bashes it with her lute. The attack
deals massive damage, as indicated by the pixilated '20'. The
slime splits back into three and runs away, terrified. A
small PIECE OF SLIME remains. A victory <TUNE> plays.

89 PIX (CONT'D) 89
(phew)
That could've gone a *lot* better.
You're lucky you've got me around.
Name's Pix, by the way.

90 ARYA 90
Arya. And yeah, *you're welcome*. You
said a lot of gibberish during that
fight, you know. Debuffs, party
members, what was that all about?

Pix wipes the slime off of him and flies upwards.

91 PIX 91
Look, you helped me in that fight,
and I helped you get *outta* that
fight. As far as I'm concerned,
we're square.

Pix pulls out a virtual TABLET and begins scanning the environment.

92 PIX (CONT'D) 92
Besides, I can't waste my time, I'm
searching for a-

The scan stops on Arya. He's found what he's looking for.

93 PIX (CONT'D) 93

A glitch.

94 ARYA 94

Please tell me what's going on! I
feel like I don't know what's real
anymore.

Pix looks uncomfortable. He mulls things over.

95

PIX

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Well, I don't really see any other choice here.

(anxious inhale)

Listen kid, you're um... how to put this... you're a character in one of the most popular Japanese role-playing video games from the 90's.

Arya stares blankly at him.

96 PIX (CONT'D) 96
I know, it's a lot to take in.

97 ARYA 97
I don't know what *any* of that
means.

[illegible]

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. OVERWORLD - AFTERNOON

Arya stands in silence. She stares at the ground as Pix floats by her, impatiently, awaiting a response.

99 ARYA 99
This doesn't make sense.
 (beat)
Run it by me again.

100	PIX	100
	How many times do I gotta say it?	
	It's like you're a character in a	
	book, okay? You got books here?	

101 ARYA 101
I know what a book is.

102 PIX 102

Okay, well it's like that, except
it was developed by a team of fifty
people and they probably were under
horrible deadlines.

103 ARYA 103
And why should I listen to you?
What even are you?

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104                               PIX                               104
                                I am a highly intelligent piece of
                                software designed to fix this
                                crummy game of yours! I know
                                everything!
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Arya crosses her arms.

105 Prove it. ARYA 105

Pix pulls out his tablet and shows off a pixilated image of Ralph.

PIX
Here's the detailed backstory and battle stats of your pal, Ralph.
Swipe to the left please.

Arya swipes through the tablet. She comes across Jaina.

107 PIX (CONT'D) 107

Jaina.

Then Telos. She continues to scroll through each party member.

108	PIX (CONT'D)	108
	I know all about your little friends. And what the rest of the world thinks of them too.	

She comes across herself, but Pix quickly grabs the tablet out of her hand.

109 ARYA 109
I'm... I'm not real.

110 PIX 110
I'm sorry, kid, I know this is a
shock.

Pix sits on Arya's shoulder to console her.

111 ARYA 111
Nothing matters.

112	PIX	112
	Hey, that ain't true! You've got a second chance at life!	

113 ARYA 113
What do you mean?

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114                                PIX                                114
The game started over! You're at
square one! With what you know
about the future you could win the
lottery, or open up a phony fortune-
teller shop.
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Pix gives a big, phony smile to Arya.

115 PIX (CONT'D) 115
Or maybe you could be my bodyguard
and help me get to Gianna's Castle?

116 ARYA 116
Gianna's Castle? Why do you need to
go there?

117 PIX 117
That's the source of the corruption
in the game.

118 ARYA 118
 ...If I help you, then you need to
 do something for me.

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119                                PIX                                119
                                (confidently)
                                What is it? Change your class to
                                warrior? Duplicate the bottle of
                                wine in your pocket?

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120	ARYA	120
	Change it so Gianna never destroys my hometown.	

121	PIX	121
	Huh? Wait a minute, that's part of the story! It's an iconic moment!	

122 ARYA 122

I don't care how *iconic* it is, my
family *died!*

Pix flies away in detest, but finds himself face to face with Arya.

123	PIX	123
	I'm sorry, kid, but that's just not possible.	

124 ARYA 124

Please, Pix. Maybe they're not real
to you. But this is my entire life.

Pix mulls things over. He looks at his tablet once more. It's alerting him to the presence of Arya, a glitch. A look of realization dawns upon him.

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125                PIX 125
                You know, there may be a way to
                change the code after all...
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Really?

ARYA

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127                                PIX                                127
                                Yep, but I need your full
                                cooperation. Think you can manage
                                that, hothead?

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128 ARYA 128
I'll do anything!

129 PIX 129
Great! In that case, let's get
moving.

Pix starts moving away from town. He stops when he notices Arya isn't following.

130 ARYA 130
We're leaving now? But... I haven't
said goodbye.

131 PIX 131
The plot of the game is already in
motion. Who knows how fast the kid
playing as Ralph is, they could be
a freakin' speedrunner for all we
know.

Pix continues floating on ahead. Arya looks back at her town.

132 ARYA 132
I'll save you all. I'll be the
hero. I promise.

Pix watches on as Arya says goodbye.

133 PIX 133
 (to himself)
Let's hope this pays off.

EXT. GAIA MOUNTAINS - DAY

Arya and Pix walk through the Gaia Mountain Range, a vast
stretch of rocky mountains covered in moss and flowers.

134 ARYA 134
Heavenly Sword VII.

135 PIX 135
Come again?

136 ARYA 136
You said this is Heavenly Sword VI,
right? Am I in the next one?

137 PIX 137
It's more of an anthology series.
None of you kids are in the next
one.

The slimes from earlier are seen rolling around a few feet
away, scavenging for food.

138 PIX (CONT'D) 138
Those guys are, though.

139 ARYA 139
The slimes?!

140	PIX	140
	Oh, and that thing too!	

The camera zooms out further to show a PHOENIX DRAGON, stomping around.

141 PIX (CONT'D) 141
Yeah, people love the Phoenix
Dragons. They're kind of like
mascots for the series.

142 ARYA 142
 (solemnly)
 That thing ate all of our
 livestock.

PIX
Yeah, and they make great plushies.

144 ARYA 144
So... this is the end of my story?

145 PIX 145

I think there might have been some
spin-off with you and your friends
they made like, a decade later.

146 ARYA 146
My friends, huh...

Arya pulls out the bottle of wine that Telos gave her.

147 ARYA (CONT'D) 147
Were they ever really my friends?
Or were they just programmed that
way?

148 PIX 148
I'm sure they were, kid.

The moment is interrupted by a BATTLE TRANSITION. The two are thrown into a battle with two GOBLINS.

149 PIX (CONT'D) 149

What the?

(beat)

Oh right, this game has random encounters.

Arya casts a buff spell and knocks out the two goblins in one hit with her lute, winning the battle. The VICTORY SCREEN appears, and transitions back to the mountain.

150 PIX (CONT'D) 150
So as I was saying, your friends
are-

They take two steps forward, triggering another battle transition. Three more Goblins appear.

151	PIX (CONT'D)	151
	Ugh! How do you deal with this?!	
	You walk two steps and boom!	
	Another freakin' goblin!	

152 ARYA 152

I don't know what you mean, this is
how it's always been for us.

153 PIX 153

I'm so glad they changed this
mechanic in Heavenly Sword XII.

One of the goblins blows his fingers like a whistle, summoning another goblin to join the fight.

[illegible]

155 ARYA 155

One time they kept summoning more
goblins on loop, we were in the
battle for two hours.

156 PIX 156

We're never gonna get to Gianna's
Castle at this rate.

(beat)

That's it, I'm making an executive
decision!

Pix pulls out Arya's SATCHEL and begins rummaging through it.

157 ARYA 157
What are you doing?!

158 PIX 158

Calm down, they have to wait their
turn to attack, so we're fine.

Pix pulls out a small YELLOW POTION.

159 PIX (CONT'D) 159
Bingo! Don't get used to this kid.

Pix summons his tablet and types on it quickly. He changes a line of code.

160 PIX (CONT'D) 160
Now check *this* out!

Pix dumps the potion all over themselves. Arya is visibly disgusted. The goblins take a whiff and bolt out of the scene.

161 PIX (CONT'D) 161
I've amplified the effect of that
repel. No more goblins, slimes or
whatever for the rest of the trip!

Pix falls to the ground, weak. Arya goes to help him.

162 ARYA 162
Pix! Are you okay?

163 PIX 163
(weakly)
Y-Yeah... I'm fine.

Pix weakly floats upwards.

164 PIX (CONT'D) 164
Changing the code takes a lot out
of me.

165 ARYA 165
Are you gonna be okay to keep
going?

166 PIX 166
Kid, I'm fine. Besides, I've got a
mission. Ain't nothing gonna keep
me from completing it.

Pix begins moving forward, as though nothing happened.

167 PIX (CONT'D) 167
Let's get a move on! Without the
random encounters we'll get there
in no time!

As Pix moves forward, Arya stays behind.

168 ARYA 168
I thought you needed me to be your
bodyguard. But now there's no
monsters to fight.

169 PIX 169
Oh! Uh, well... The repell will wear
off by the time we get there!
There'll still be monsters!

Pix hurries away, but Arya looks on skeptical as she follows behind.

BEGIN MONTAGE:

Arya and Pix journey across the world to reach Gianna's Castle, encountering many role-playing game tropes along the way.

- Arya and Pix walk across a seaside cliff, overlooking a vast ocean.

- Arya opens up a treasure chest in a cave, but there's nothing inside. Pix looks inside to investigate, and it shuts on him.

- The two journey across a snowy mountain with a large CRYSTAL floating in the distance.

- They encounter another treasure chest in an ice palace. Pix opens it up, but it's revealed to be a MIMIC (treasure chest monster), and it chases off Pix.

- The journey continues across a dreary valley filled with dead trees. Gianna's Castle looms in the distance.

- In a dark dungeon, Arya and Pix are faced with two treasure chests on opposite sides of the room. They each pick one. Arya is rewarded with a HEALTH POTION, while Pix is greeted with nothing. He pouts, until it's revealed that the chest is once again a Mimic, who swallows him whole.

END MONTAGE.

EXT. GIANNA'S CASTLE - EVENING

After a long and treacherous journey, the two finally arrive at Gianna's imposing, Gothic castle.

170	ARYA	170
	You know, we skipped a lot of treasure chests after the last dungeon.	

171	PIX	171
	You wanna go back and open 'em, be my guest.	

They stop in front of the massive front gate.

172	PIX (CONT'D)	172
	We're finally here.	

173 ARYA 173
My pre-venge is finally at hand.

174 PIX 174
Your what?

175 ARYA 175
Well, she technically hasn't
destroyed my hometown yet, so it's
pre-venge.

176 PIX 176
What a wordsmith you are. C'mon, we
can't let Gianna know we're here.

Pix begins moving towards the side of the castle.

177 ARYA 177
Why not?

178 PIX 178
She's not supposed to see you at
this point in the story. The
sequence breaking would corrupt the
game.

179 ARYA 179
But... we're here to defeat her.
How are we supposed to do that
without seeing her?

180 PIX 180
(stammering)
Oh, um... You see, the way we do
that is, we um...

181 ARYA 181
You were never going to change her
code, were you? You lied to me.

182 PIX 182
No! Arya, come on! Don't do this,
we're so close to finding the
glitch, I-

183 ARYA 183
I knew it! You lying little-
(beat)
I had a feeling you'd pull this. So
I helped myself to this while you
were having fun with the mimic back
there.

Arya pulls out Pix's tablet.

184 PIX 184

Whoa, what?! Arya, you don't know
what you're doing with that. You
could hurt yourself!

185 ARYA 185

I'm done listening to you. I'm done
listening to *everyone*. I'm taking
charge for once in my life. *I'm*
going to be the hero.

Arya opens up the tablet. She scrolls through the settings until she finds volume control.

186 ARYA (CONT'D) 186
I've been watching you use this
thing the whole time.
 (beat)
Here we go, volume!

She raises the voice volume all the way to the max. She takes a deep breath.

187 Don't! PIX 187

ARYA
(SCREAMING)
GIANNA!!! I'VE COME TO FINISH YOU!!

The sky begins to fill with dark red clouds. Thunder rumbles in the distance. A swarm of bats forms up above on the balcony. It dissipates, revealing Gianna.

189 Hm...? GIANNA 189

190 ARYA 190
Let's finish this before it starts.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

Gianna stares down imposingly at Arya, who stands her ground confidently. Pix looks mortified.

191 PIX 191

Kid, what are you doing?! You're gonna break the game!!

ARYA

No, I'm *fixing* it.

Gianna bursts into a cloud of bats and flies down to their level, reforming in front of them.

193 GIANNA 193
I wasn't expecting any visitors
today. Have we met?

194 ARYA 194
You don't remember?! Everything you
took away from me?!

195 GIANNA 195
It's not ringing a bell.

ARYA

I'm gonna *make* you remember!!

The ground around them begins to crumble. Pix looks into the cracks and sees lines of code.

197 PIX 197

Hey, Arya? That thing I said was gonna happen? Well, it's happening!

198 ARYA 198

This is for my family, my friends,
everybody whose lives you
destroyed!

Arya has Gianna's file on the tablet. She taps a few buttons confidently.

199 ARYA (CONT'D) 199
Burn in hell, demon queen.

She hits the final button... And nothing happens. Gianna stands around, confused. Arya's eyes widen.

200 GIANNA 200
Well? I'm waiting?

Arya turns to Pix.

201 ARYA 201
What's going on?!

202 PIX 202
Look, you were right, okay? I lied
to you, you can't change the story!

Arya slowly looks up at Gianna.

203 GIANNA 203
You came all this way and ended up
at my castle gates... with no plan
whatsoever?
(LAUGHS)
I'm impressed, I haven't felt this
level of second-hand embarrassment
before.

The game continues to break around them. Up above, the
support beams for the balcony glitch out of existence,
causing the entire structure to fall directly on top of
Gianna. She notices just before it's too late.

204 PIX 204
Okay, maybe you *can* change the
story.

The ground begins shaking! Gianna bursts from the rubble,
flying above the ground with her newly formed bat wings and a
maniacal look in her eye. Her voice is now slightly
distorted.

205 GIANNA 205
A cheap tactic... You want to fight
dirty? Then you shall *die* dirty!

Dark red magic surrounds Gianna as she transforms into her
towering demon form as seen in the fight at the beginning.

206 PIX 206
I suggest we *run!!!*

The two begin running away as Gianna powers up a devastating
fire blast from the palm of her hand.

207 PIX (CONT'D) 207
What were you thinking?!

208 ARYA 208
I was thinking that you lied to
me!!

209	PIX	209
	Look, I'm sorry!! But I didn't have a choice! I needed you to come with me!	

210	Why?!	ARYA	210
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Gianna finishes powering up and launches fire at an alarming speed from her hand. Arya and Pix separate as the fire blasts the ground behind them. A wall of fire keeps them apart.

211 GIANNA 211
What's the matter? Where's the
fighting spirit from before?!

Arya hides behind a fallen tree, panicking.

212	ARYA	212
	Think, Arya, think!!	
	(beat)	
	Ugh, this is all Pix's fault! If he	
	hadn't hidden all this stuff from	
	me...	

A lightbulb goes off in Arya's head. She quickly pulls out Pix's tablet.

213	ARYA (CONT'D)	213
	I was able to see what Ralph and Jaina's most powerful spells were on their pages. Maybe I can find mine and-	

She pulls up her own page.

214 ARYA (CONT'D) 214
Ah-ha! Unlock it for me early! Why
didn't Pix let me see my own page
earlier...?

Pix, hiding behind a rock, looks for Arya through the fire wall. He finds her.

215 PIX 215
There she is! What is she doing...?
 (beat)
Oh no.

Arya continues swiping through her page.

216 ARYA 216
 Let's see... It's called Holy
 Massacre?! Doesn't sound very
 holy... well, I'll just-

Before Arya can load the spell, the text at the bottom of the
 tablet catches her eye. She scrolls up to read it.

217 PIX 217
 Arya!! Don't read that!!

Gianna is alerted to Pix's location.

218 GIANNA 218
 I've found you, little bug!!

219 PIX 219
 Oh for the love of, I'm not a bug!!

Arya continues reading the text. Phrases like "OPTIONAL PARTY
 MEMBER" and "WORST CHARACTER IN BATTLE" are seen.

220 ARYA 220
 I knew it... I could never be the
 hero...

Arya begins breathing heavier, her eyes widen. She
 hyperventilates as she enters a panic attack, dropping the
 tablet on the ground.

221 ARYA (CONT'D) 221
 I'm worthless.

222 PIX 222
 Crap... This ain't gonna be good.
 (TO GIANNA)
 You might wanna duck for cover.

223 GIANNA 223
 Huh?

Arya's hand begins to glow blue, and pixelates. The game
 starts breaking at an alarming speed, with the earth breaking
 apart and rising into the air. A dark blue void of code
 surrounds them.

224 GIANNA (CONT'D) 224
 W-What is this?! What's happening?!

225 PIX 225
 I'll fill you in later! Right now
 if you don't want to completely
 disappear you'll help me calm her
 down!

226 GIANNA 226
Assist my enemy?! Never!!

227 PIX 227
Your funeral, demon queen!

Gianna's castle begins crumbling in the background. She panics.

228 GIANNA 228
V-Very well! What do we do?!

229 PIX 229

Well first off, get out of that biblical abomination get-up you have going on. You call that calming? Just looking at you is giving me an ulcer.

Gianna begrudgingly reverts to her humanoid form.

230 GIANNA 230
That 'abomination' form is my
birthright from-

231 PIX 231

Yeah yeah, an ancient race of
demons who once roamed the lands,
I've read your backstory. Come on!

They attempt to make their way to Arya, but large pieces of stone and dead trees are flung their way. A treasure chest mimic flies towards a terrified Pix, but Gianna slices it in half. They get close to Arya, but the wind and energy protruding from her is intense.

232 PIX (CONT'D) 232
ARYA!! YOU NEED TO TAKE A DEEP
BREATH!!

Arya continues to hyperventilate, breathing faster, and pushing them back.

233 GIANNA 233

Foolish bug! She's already
breathing enough as it is!

(beat)

CEASE YOUR TEMPER TANTRUM AT ONCE!!
MY SECOND HAND EMBARRASSMENT IS
ONLY INCREASING!!

The two are knocked back with immense force.

234	PIX	234
	Very comforting, I felt the love.	

235 GIANNA 235

I don't even know this whelp! You
talk to her!!

Pix realizes only he can stop her. He approaches Arya once again.

236	PIX	236
	Listen, Arya!! I'm sorry, I should have never lied to you! But listen to me, you are <i>not</i> worthless!	

Nothing happens.

237 GIANNA 237

Your sickeningly sweet words do
nothing! Try something else!

Pix sees his tablet fly by. He grabs it and quickly swipes to Arya's page.

238	PIX	238
	(reading)	
	"She may not be much in a fight, but Arya's character arc <i>really</i> resonated with me!!"	

Arya's ears perk up at this.

239 PIX (CONT'D) 239
 (reading)
 "I loved Arya's story, seeing her
 confidence grow throughout the game
 is always a highlight of my
 playthroughs!"

Arya turns towards Pix and Gianna.

240 H-Huh...? ARYA 240

241	PIX	241
	(reading)	
	"My favorite character would definitely be Arya. Bottom tier in battle, top tier character."	

Pix stops reading and looks Arya in the eye.

242	PIX (CONT'D)	242
	So you're not the greatest fighter?	
	Who cares?! You're still a hero to	
	so many fans!	

I... I am?

ARYA

244 PIX 244
Look at all this fanart!!

Pix holds the tablet out, showing a bunch of 'DeviantArt' quality fanart of Arya.

[illegible]

246 PIX 246

Yeah, but that's besides the point!
Arya, you have worth! This may be
Ralph's game, but it's *your* life.

Arya begins to calm down. The wind dies down, and she falls to a floating island in the sky. Pix and Gianna rush towards her.

247 ARYA 247
I... I'm sorry.

248 PIX 248

Are you kidding me? You've got
nothing to apologize for.

249 GIANNA 249
I beg to differ!! My castle!! My
wastelands! All... gone...

250 ARYA 250
I have very little sympathy for
you, after how you slaughtered my
family.

251 GIANNA 251

I have no idea what you're talking
about. I have no desire to hurt
anybody, let alone kill.

252 What...? ARYA 252

Gianna sits and stares at the rubble of her castle.

253 GIANNA 253
I just want to be left alone. I've hurt others, yes. But it was never my choice. It was as if my body was moving on its own.

254 ARYA 254
You expect me to believe that?

255 PIX 255
Arya... that's how she's coded. Her actions don't reflect her desires.

Arya stops and thinks. She sees Gianna in a new light.

256 GIANNA 256
Everything I've ever known is gone.

257 ARYA 257
I know the feeling.
(beat)
I'm sorry. This was my fault, and I don't even know how. I wish I could fix this.

258 PIX 258
Well... I do know a way. To fix everything. And it involves a wall.

259 ARYA 259
A wall?

260 GIANNA 260
Speak clearly, bug.

261 PIX 261
(sigh)
A wall. Big stone structure! Gianna, one of the walls became corrupted and glitched, causing all of this. I need to find that wall.

262 ARYA 262
Wait... That wall... I know what wall you're talking about!!

263 PIX 263
The only problem is that your um, fiasco back there sent it careening into the next scene.

264 ARYA 264
The next scene...? After we fought
Gianna, we went to the sacred
forest to put the blade to rest.

265 PIX 265
The glitch has *got* to be there!

Arya stands up and wipes the dust off herself.

266 ARYA 266
That's a pretty long journey. Guess
we better get going, huh?

267 PIX 267
You... Still wanna come with me?

268 ARYA 268
Don't get me wrong, I'm still mad
at you. But... I appreciate you
helping me calm down. Nobody's ever
really said those things to me
before, so... thank you.

269 PIX 269
Well, they weren't exactly my
words, but you're welcome, kid.

As the two start leaving, they see Gianna staring off into
the void, saddened.

270 ARYA 270
Gianna... It's not safe for you to
stay here.

271 GIANNA 271
There's nowhere left for me to go.

272 ARYA 272
...Maybe you should-

Pix gives her a 'what are you doing' look.

273 ARYA (CONT'D) 273
You should join us!

274 PIX 274
Arya! Did you not see what happened
when you broke the sequence of
story events *once*?!

275 ARYA 275
We can't leave her here!

276	PIX	276
	Yes we can! We absolutely can!	

277 ARYA 277

She'll die here. Won't that break
your precious sequence of events
even more?

278 PIX 278
I- Ugh... Fine! But she *can't* come
into towns with us!!

279 GIANNA 279
 Hmmpf. That's assuming *if* I want to
 come with you.

A beat passes.

280 ARYA 280
So do you want to-

281 Yes. GIANNA 281

Gianna stands up.

282 GIANNA (CONT'D) 282
I will join your party, Arya.

283 ARYA 283
My party... yeah!

The three of them begin making their way out of the glitched wastelands.

284 ARYA (CONT'D) 284
We'll fix this mess. I know we
will.

285 PIX 285
 (sarcastically)
Or die trying.

286 ARYA 286
Right! Or die trying!!

The camera pans towards the sky, in which the sun starts to set in the glitched sky, looking almost beautiful in a weird way.

287 ARYA (CONT'D) 287
So Pix, can I look at some more of
that fanart of me?

288

PIX
Absolutely not.

288

EXT. SACRED FOREST - DAY

The evening sunlight filters through the trees of the sacred forest. Ralph slowly makes his way through, coming to the pedestal where the titular Heavenly Blade sleeps.

289

RALPH

289

The elder was telling the truth...
The Heavenly Blade *is* real...

Before he approaches the sword, he notices something off to the side; a large piece of rubble, flashing blue occasionally; the remains of Gianna's glitched wall. Small bits and pieces have been separated from it, with a few stones at the base of the sword.

290

RALPH (CONT'D)

290

What in the...?

Ralph rubs his eyes, and when he looks again the debris has stopped glitching.

291

RALPH (CONT'D)

291

This forest is playing tricks on me. A final test to prove I'm worthy of the blade!

He approaches the sword.

292

RALPH (CONT'D)

292

But I know the truth. The Heavenly Blade is the only thing that can put an end to the wrath of the Demon Queen!!

Ralph pulls the sword out of the platform, with light bursting out as he does. Slowly, the sword begins to glitch, and the light shifts to a blue, static-y hue.

293

RALPH (CONT'D)

293

Haaaaarggggghhhh!!

The glitching sword becomes almost blinding, and the entire scene becomes obscured by the blue light.

END