

Neon Inkwell: Rez High

Trailer

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[SOUNDS OF WAVES ON A SHORE, MUSIC PLAYS A SAD VIOLIN]

JO-C (VOICEOVER)

**They used to call this place
Yorkshire. Hundreds of years ago.
Now it's mostly sea. But we're still
here. The few of us who live in
River Mill.**

[TRANSITION TO SOUNDS OF BUGS BUZZING AND WRITHING]

DOGWOOD

**I hate it up here. We should have
met somewhere else.**

JO-C

**Give me the top three reasons you
hate the bug room.**

DOGWOOD

**One, it's all the way at the top of
the climb. Two, it's always really
muggy. And three, all these boxes
of disgusting things screwing and
then eating each other. It's
revolting.**

JO-C (VOICEOVER)

**There's not much left of the past.
Scraps. Mostly rust and rubbish.
But sometimes we find something
good. Something strange.
Something we might be able to
learn from.**

[DRUMS LEADING TO UPBEAT RETRO GAME MUSIC]

REFLEX

Prepare to have your minds blown.

HEAD

Welcome to Rez High. Your virtual recreation of a 1979 London comprehensive.

[SFX: SCHOOLYARD CHATTER]

REFLEX

It's like a dream. But a dream where you're awake

JO-C

Reflex, where did all those people over there come from? Who are they?

REFLEX

They're not real. They're part of the dream.

DOGWOOD

What a waste of a dream. Where's all the sword fighting and...and...

REFLEX

Sex?

DOGWOOD

I was going to say kissing.

[SFX: GAME CHIME]

JO-C

There used to be a better world, Dogwood. Right here. I'm going to find out what happened to it. Then maybe we'll have some idea how to undo things and get it back.

[SFX: SCHOOL BELL]

HEAD

Mission One, Kiss Chase. Your crush wants to meet you. Escape your class, find your crush and kiss them. Good luck!

JO-C

So history is being held hostage unless I kiss somebody to get it. Slagging crudlark.

JO-C (CONT)

For a detailed recreation of the ancient world it doesn't actually tell us much about the ancient world.

DOGWOOD

What were you expecting? A world on fire? Floods coming through every doorway?

JO-C

This machine is our only chance to find out why the world ended and just maybe, how to undo it. Any risk is worth it!

[SFX: SCHOOL BELL]

HEAD

Mission Two, Bully For You. Mad Monk, the school bully, is hot on your tail. Stay out of his way until break time ends.

STUDENT 1

Dogwood. Mad Monk is looking for you..

DOGWOOD

He's going to clobber me if he catches me.

STUDENT 2

He's going to clobber you if he catches you.

DOGWOOD

I can run or I can hide..

STUDENT 2

You can run.

STUDENT 1

Or you can hide.

DOGWOOD

Just as soon as you let me...

STUDENT 2

But whatever you're going to do, do it now.

[SFX: SCHOOL BELL]

HEAD

Mission Three, Heist School. The history exam is fast approaching and you're doomed to fail. Your only hope is the exam answers locked in the head's safe.

[SFX: MUSIC FADES INTO AN EMPTY VIRTUAL CHAMBER]

JO-C

**All of the people, all the weird
missions, they're not helpful at all.
The people inside Rez High don't
even seem to know their world is
about to end.**

JO-C

**Turn the firewall off for me. And
then confirm you've done it.**

DREAM ENGINE

**I'm doing it now. The wall between
worlds is coming down.**

[SFX: RUMBLING]

JO-C

This doesn't feel very safe.

DREAM ENGINE

No. But then again, none of this is.

[SFX: RUMBLING TRANSITIONS TO UPBEAT MUSIC THEME]

JO-C (VOICEOVER)

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[MUSIC OUTRO]

DOGWOOD

**[sigh] There were loads more
things at the tuck shop I wanted to
try...**