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PART XIV





I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU JUST... PUSHED SO HARD
AGAINST THE WALL THE WINDOW
CLEAR FELL OUT...

IT WAS ANNA'S
FAULT! IT FELT SO GOOD
WHEN SHE WAS EATING MY
PUSSY THAT I COULDN'T
HELP BUT BUCK!

HEY!



HEY, NO NEED FOR
BLAME... THAT GAME HAS REALLY
CHANGED YOU TWO... THE WORLD IS
SO FRAGILE COMPARED TO YOU
NOW-

HUH, I HADN'T
REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT
IT LIKE THAT.

IT'S SO COOL



-WHICH, FOR
SOME REASON, IS
INSANELY HOT

YOU FLIRT!



SPEAKING OF...
SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'S
READY, IF WE ARE...

WELL, I AM! BUT LAST
TIME JADE WENT IN, WE
KINDA GOT-



-OUT OF SYNC?



YEAH, I'D REALLY
RATHER NOT GO THROUGH
THAT AGAIN.

SO, I ACTUALLY THINK I
KNOW HOW TO FIX THAT.. I MANAGED TO GET INTO
SOME DEV CONFIG MENUS BEFORE AND THERE WAS
SOMETHING... TIME-Y... IN THERE.



TIME-Y HUH? SOUNDS
TECHNICAL.

WELL, IT DID HAVE SOME FANCY NAME LIKE
CHRONOSYNC OR SOMETHING... SYNCROCK,
SOMETHING, SOMETHING FLUX CAPACITOR.



BUT ASSUMING I CAN FIND
IT AGAIN? YOU GUYS SURE YOU WANNA
GO BACK IN? WE'RE COMING TO THE
ENDGAME NOW.



WE HAVE
TO FINISH IT,
RIGHT?



GO UP AGAINST THASTROBAN.
JEEZE, MAYBE I WAS IN TOO LONG, BUT JUST
HEARING THAT NAME OUT LOUD GIVES ME
SHIVERS. BUT HONESTLY, AS A TEAM - I DON'T
THINK ANYONE COULD STOP US.



PLUS, I'VE BEEN COOKING UP
A FEW NEW TRICKS OF MY OWN FOR
SUPPORT. AND MAYBE A FEW
THINGS THAT MIGHT HELP US OUT...
AROUND THE HOUSE.

SO, IT
SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE
GOING IN...

YOU'RE
GODDAMN
RIGHT.

FUCK YES

MOMENTS LATER

HMMM, OKAY...
PLAYER TWO, YES
THAT'S JADE.

AHH, HERE IT IS.

PLAYER 2 CONFIGURATION MENU

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[3] AUDIO Music Vol: 75%, SFX Vol: 80%

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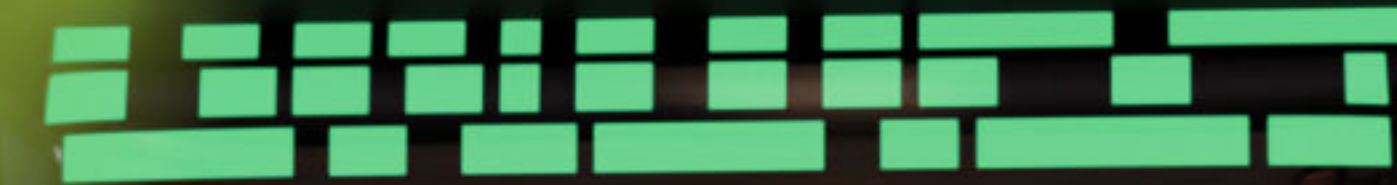
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FEW TWEAKS TO
THE CONFIG...



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SYNCHRONOUS TIME SET
TO ON. NO MORE LOSING JADE TO
THE WILDS OF TIME.

WHAT ELSE...
WHAT ELSE...



COME ON
ALREADY!

I HAVEN'T
PUNCHED ANYTHING
IN AGES!

OOH, AUTO LEVEL
UP, THAT SOUNDS USEFUL IF I'M
FLYING THE DRONE.

MAYBE IT'S
A GOOD IDEA IF I GO
IN FIRST?

OKAY, GOOD
TO GO!

A man with curly hair, wearing a black t-shirt, stands in a room with stone walls and wooden shelves. He is holding a vintage computer keyboard. To his right is a blue game machine with a screen displaying "CONTINUE GAME?". A large, bright orange flame is visible on the right side of the frame. Two speech bubbles are present: a large white one at the top and a smaller red one to the right.

NO NO, IT'S OKAY - I'VE GOT IT
CONFIGURED TO SCAN YOU BOTH IN AT
THE SAME TIME.

WHAT A
WIZ KID.



LET'S DO IT!

LET'S DO IT!

OKAY, READY?



ALRIGHT-

TOTAL
WARRIOR

LOCKER
CLOSET
CLOSET

LOCKER
CLOSET
CLOSET

LOCKER
CLOSET
CLOSET

-HERE-

100%
CONTINUE
GAME





-WE-





WOO!



HEALTH



LEVEL 80

MMMM,
IT FEELS GOOD
TO BE BACK!



HEALTH



LEVEL 80

IT DOES! AND
TOGETHER! HEY, YOUR EARS
ARE POINTY AGAIN!

OH YEAH! COOL!





WAIT...
BEFORE WE GET
TO THE PLAN...
ERM-

RIGHT,
HERSHEY, WHAT'S
THE PLAN-

HEALTH



LEVEL 80

-I HAVE TO...
ERM... SEE
SOMEONE.

HEALTH



LEVEL 80

OOOH,
JADE HAS A
PERSON?

HEALTH



LEVEL 80



HOLD ON, MISS
"I'VE NEVER HAD A
STEADY RELATIONSHIP"
HAS A SOMEONE?



SHUT UP...
YES. MAYBE... I
WAS IN HERE A
LONG TIME.



HEALTH

LEVEL 80

URGH...
COME ONNNNN,
DON'T GIVE ME A
HARD TIME.

SO, WHAT ARE
THEY LIKE? WHAT'S
THEIR NAME? HOW
DID YOU MEET? ARE
YOU IN LOVE?

SPEAKING
OF, WHERE ARE
WE GOING?

YOU'RE GOING TO
MAKE THE TRIP UNBEARABLE,
AREN'T YOU...

HEALTH



LEVEL 80



THE TOWER
OF THE SHIFTING
SANDS

LOOKS LIKE THAT'S QUITE A
JOURNEY. AND NO FAST TRAVEL.
AT LEAST THE TRIP WILL GIVE ME
SOME TIME TO FINISH WORKING ON
A FEW THINGS I HAD IN MIND.



UGH... IF I DIDN'T HAVE
AMAZONIAN STAMINA, I'D BE
DROPPING ALREADY. WE'VE
BEEN WALKING FOR TWO
HOURS ALREADY!



HEALTH



LEVEL 80



UHHH- RIGHT, IF
THAT'S THE SAND DUNE I
THINK IT IS-



HEALTH



LEVEL 80





SEE, THAT'S
THE TOWER! I TOLD YOU!
WE'RE NEARLY THERE!

JADE! IT'S BEEN
ANOTHER TWO HOURS SINCE
YOU LAST SAID WE WERE
NEARLY THERE!



HEALTH



LEVEL 80

AND THAT TOWER
IS STILL MILES AWAY!

HEALTH



LEVEL 80



HEALTH



LEVEL 80



AND WERE HERE!

FINALLY!

HEALTH



LEVEL 80

JEEZE, THIS
THING MUST BE 200
FEET TALL!



361, ACTUALLY

FUNNY... IT USED TO
LOOK EVEN BIGGER... YOU KNOW,
BEFORE I LEVELED UP A FEW
TIMES AND GREW A FEW FEET
TALLER.

HEALTH



LEVEL 30

YEAH... IF DOT IS
EVEN THERE.

AND LET ME GUESS,
WE GOTTA GET TO
THE TOP?

DOT!? THEY HAVE A
NAME!? SQUEEE

HEALTH



LEVEL 80



I CAN FLY UP
THERE QUICK AND
SCOPE IT OUT.

HEALTH



LEVEL 80

YEAH, I CAN
SEE SOMEONE AT
THE TOP



HEALTH



LEVEL 80

SHE LOOKS
KINDA SAD - COOL
HAIR THOUGH

HEALTH

LEVEL 80



WELL...

SO WHAT NOW?
WE GO UP A THOUSAND
FLIGHTS OF STAIRS?

TO BE CONTINUED