

FATE'S PLIGHT, SAMPLE SCENE

EXT. MOUNTAIN TOP

The snowy mountain is the site of CORIN's ritual. On the ground, around the old general, is a web of sparking energy.

YASMIN, the scrappy adventurer (& player character) and her intelligent white ape companion, AUGUST, have been blasted by the magic protecting CORIN and are sprawled in the snow nearby.

The sound of crackling energy crescendos. The ritual is almost complete.

YASMIN pulls her head up from the snow, looks around.

YASMIN

August?

(not seeing him)

August!?

AUGUST stirs, but doesn't get up.

AUGUST

Can we play dead?

YASMIN

(relieved sigh)

Sorry, no. It's time for the really bad option.

YASMIN stands, struggling. AUGUST sighs before joining her.

CORIN is behind a barrier of magical energy.

CORIN

It's over. The prophecy... I never wanted it to be you, Yas, but your part was foretold. You fight me here. You die.

YASMIN looks to AUGUST, who nods.

YASMIN

I'm done playing my part.

YASMIN takes a glowing orb from her bag and hurls it towards a large rock. Just before it connects, the ritual completes, and the energy around Corin swirls into him. There is a bright flash as the orb shatters a second later.

After the flash, the energy around CORIN has faded. AUGUST and YASMIN turn to CORIN, ready to fight.

CORIN, still disoriented, fumbles with his sword. Then, the energy flares up from within him.

CORIN
HA! The will of the gods, Yasmin!
They prevail.

CORIN raises into the sky and flies towards the city in the distance, exultant.

AUGUST stands stunned. YASMIN chases after CORIN until she reaches the edge of the summit, skidding to a halt.

YASMIN
Fuck your prophecy, Corin! I'll
find you!

AUGUST
That'll scare him, Yas.

YASMIN turns to him, angry at his flippant reply.

AUGUST
You just shattered the source of
all prophecy. You literally *broke*
a piece of the world to get to
him.

YASMIN
That was the plan.

AUGUST
And it didn't work! Who knows what
we've fucked up? And Corin is
still out there.

YASMIN
(empathizing, at first)
I'm sorry. But, we did change
something. I mean, I'm not
bleeding out in the snow.

AUGUST
You selfish smoothback.

YASMIN
Hey!

AUGUST

Everything we sacrificed. Everyone. Just so you didn't have to play the hand you were dealt?

YASMIN

I was going to *die*, August.

AUGUST

And now who else will?

The two stare each other down for a minute.

AUGUST

I'm done. I'm going to protect my family from...
(he gestures vaguely at the world)

YASMIN's face crinkles with emotion.

YASMIN

Wait. Wait. They'll be safe if he's stopped. If we follow him...

AUGUST

Give it up! I want to save what *I* care about.

YASMIN

(sadness welling up)
This didn't work... but, I *know* there's a way to beat him. And keep everyone safe.

AUGUST

How could you know, Yasmin?
(laughing)
You trying to tell the future now?

AUGUST gestures at the shattered orb pieces. A moment passes, then AUGUST turns to go.

YASMIN

Hold on! I...

AUGUST pauses, but YASMIN can't think of anything else. He leaves opposite of where CORIN went.

YASMIN begins to follow him, then turns back to CORIN's direction, then stands in the middle of the snowy summit.

Player regains control.