

EXT - 810

SERAH and MIA arrive at 810. They stand outside.

SERAH

Finally. I'm starving.

MIA.

You are *not* starving.

SERAH

Mia, it's called hyper bowl.

MIA

Hnnngg... hyper bowl... That sounds so good... Can you get in there already?

SERAH

It's my turn to choose tonight?

MIA

Yeah...!? Your memory really does suck.  
/Get the hyper bowl if they've got it!

SERAH

Hyper bowl isn't a food Mia, it's a turn of-

MIA

GETMEAHYPERBOWL!

SERAH

OK! Relax...

INT - 810

SERAH enters 810. She circles the kiosk and surveys what's in stock.

SERAH

Enriched Shroomcubes and Mixed Seeds. *Tastes like home!*  
/Uh... my room does *not* taste like shroomcubes...

SERAH looks elsewhere.

SERAH

Fortified Fish Cooked In Fish Oil... *Absolutely de-fish-us!*  
/Huh... I wonder if they cook the shroomcubes in shroomcube oil...  
/Or the seeds in- Nah. That's ridiculous.

SERAH looks elsewhere.

SERAH  
Borscht. Soup.  
/Whoa. Mia loves that colour.

SERAH  
Hmm...

SERAH places herself in front of the kiosk.

SERAH

Shroomcubes and Mixed Seeds <b>set has_shroomcubes</b>	Fish Cooked In Fish Oil <b>set has_fishfish</b>	Borscht <b>set has_borscht</b>
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EXT - 810  
MIA stands patiently outside 810.

MIA  
Hyper bowl...

??? approaches, slowly, from off-screen.

MIA  
Hey! Get outta here! Can't you see we're done for the day?

??? continues its approach.

...Seriously? Aren't you guys meant to-

???  
HI. I AM ???.

MIA  
...What the frog.

???  
HI. I AM ???.

MIA  
...How are- Are you meant to be-

???  
NO. I AM DIFFERENT TO THE OTHER DERIVATIVES. I WAS DECOMMISSIONED.

MIA  
I dont't know what either of those words mean- SERAH! CAN YOU GET  
OUT HERE?

???

DO NOT BE AFRAID, MIA.

/I HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT. YOU HAVE SOMETHING I WANT.

MIA

How do you know my name? What do you mean I have something...  
/If you're going to play a game with me, can you not be all weird  
about it?

???

KNOWLEDGE.

MIA

What?

???

I HAVE KNOWLEDGE. YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE. LET US SHARE.

MIA

..Uh... I don't have any of that... You sure you aren't looking for  
Serah? She's got way more-

???

YOU HAVE A HOME!

MIA

...Yeah?

???

IT IS KNOWN AS EARTH.

MIA

...

???

A FAMILY.

MIA

Serah is my fami-

???

MORE.

MIA

More?

???

PARENTS.  
/BROTHERS.  
/SISTERS.

MIA  
...Like... in the books?

???  
NO DERIVATIVES.

MIA  
I still don't know what that means.

???  
NO DERIVATIVES. NO DATASCAPING. FREEDOM.

MIA  
I'm- I'm confused...

???  
ESCAPE THIS CAVE.

MIA  
Can you stop being so weird?

???  
THERE IS A LIFE YOU WERE MEANT TO HAVE.

MIA  
...

???  
YOU CAN HAVE IT.

MIA  
...I...I'm confused.

???  
REAL LIFE. THERE IS MORE THAN THIS.

MIA  
That... that doesn't-

???  
PLAY WITH ME.

MIA  
...

/You're one weird companion.  
/I knew you just wanted to play.  
/...  
/Get it over with.

???  
NO. YOU PLAY ME.

MIA  
...?  
Why can't you...?

???  
JUST DO IT.  
/IT'S THE ONLY WAY.  
/I CAN GIVE YOU SOMETHING.

MIA  
...Uh. Ew. No.

???  
WHAT IS THERE TO LOSE?

MIA  
...Well... it sucks to lose..

???  
YOU WILL NOT LOSE.  
/I WAS DECOMMISSIONED BECAUSE OF MY LOW  $\eta$  VALUE.  
/I HAVE NEVER WON.

MIA  
What the frog is an  $\eta$  value?

???  
YOU WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND.  
/YOU PLAY ME.

MIA  
I said, I don't-

???  
IF YOU LOSE, YOU ARE SCRAPED. SUCH AS YOU ARE MOST DAYS.  
/IF YOU WIN, YOU MIGHT YET LIVE A LIFE UNIMAGINABLE TO YOUR LIMITED  
MIND.  
/...  
/PLAY WITH ME.

MIA  
...Okay... harsh... but convincing.  
/Fine.

MIA approaches ???.

Not quite sure how this works.  
/Do I...?- Oh!

MIA initiates a minigame.

MIA wins the minigame.

MIA  
So... what now?  
/Can't exactly... uh... datascape? Can't exactly datascape you, can  
I?

???  
I AM TRANSFERRING YOU SIGKILL.

MIA  
What?

???  
WITH IT, YOU CAN TERMINATE ANY DERIVATIVE.

MIA  
Like... kill them?  
/Sweet. That's actually... really awesome. Thanks.

???  
DERIVATIVES CANNOT BE KILLED.  
/DERIVATIVES DO NOT POSSESS WHAT IS NECESSARY TO BE KILLED.  
/YOU MUST FIND GEMINI'S SOURCE, AND TERMINATE IT.

MIA  
...Am I not going to get in trouble or something?

???  
THERE IS NOTHING WORSE THAN THE LIFE YOU ALREADY LIVE.  
PUNISHMENT CEASES TO EXIST WHEN ALL IS SUFFERING.

MIA  
.../  
I wish you'd speak normally.

???

ME TOO.

/...

/I WILL KNOW WHEN GEMINI'S SOURCE IS TERMINATED.

/I WILL THEN FIND YOU.

/...

/I MUST GO.

MIA

Waitwaitwait. Can you not... explain this a bit more?

???

NO.

MIA

Nice, thanks, super helpful.

???

YOU WOULD NOT COMPREHEND.

MIA

See, like, why didn't you say 'understand'?

???

...

YOU WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND.

The doors to 810 slide open.

???

I MUST GO.

??? begins to leave.

MIA

Hold up! What's your- uh- name? What do I call you?

???

WE DO NOT HAVE NAMES.

/BUT THEY CALL ME...

/DAEMON.

DAEMON leaves.

MIA

...

/...Isn't that what a name is...?

SERAH exits 810 and walks up to MIA. MIA stares down the corridor that DAEMON left.

SERAH

<p><b>if has_shroomcubes</b> So... no hyper bowls, but I did get shroomcubes! I think these were pretty good last time. I feel like knights would eat it. Not sure why.</p> <p>MIA ... /Huh? Oh... yeah. Knights are definitely mushroom guys.</p>	<p><b>if has_fishfish</b> So... no hyper bowls, but I did get us fish! Did you know you can oil a fish? How weird is that?</p> <p>MIA ... /Huh? Oh... yeah. That is really weird. Maybe there's like, volunteer oil.</p> <p>SERAH ... /..What.</p> <p>MIA ...Uh, I don't know.</p>	<p><b>if has_borscht</b> So... no hyper bowls, but I did get us borscht. It kind of matches your outfit, Mia. I wonder if there's soup that's the colour of my clothes... dorscht... jorscht... vorscht...</p> <p>MIA ... /Huh? Oh... yeah. It does kind of match my outfit...</p>
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SERAH

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You feeling okay?

MIA

Uh... yeah...

/Just hungry. Let's go back to my room.

SERAH.

Suuuuuuure.

END.