

Threads of Fate Game Script (Rue)

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Threads of Fate Game Script Rue's Adventure

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1. Updates

10/23/02: Made some minor changes to the table of contents by removing the unnecessary parts of the contents.

7/23/03: Added an important notice to the disclaimer and corrected some typos.

1/26/05: Changed my e-mail address due to contribution issues.

6/19/05: Adjusted the whole script to reduce printing paper consumption.

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2. Disclaimer

I personally find Rue's adventure in Threads of Fate the actual story to the game. I may in the future add the game script for Mint's Adventure in this game. I will update this script by that time if I buy this game at eBay. If you are thinking of posting my game script for your website, please ask me first before you do so.

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3. Game Script

We begin the game in the cabin of Rue and Claire's.

Claire: Rue...

Rue: Claire...

Claire: How's it looking outside?

Rue: I think it stopped snowing. I just saw some stars in the sky... It's strange...

Claire: ...What's wrong?

Rue: The sky... It's really clear tonight. It's hard to believe we've had a snowstorm for the last 3 days. I don't know. I find it a little strange.

Claire: You're thinking too much. It's probably from staying inside the house for so long.

Rue: ...Maybe.

Claire: I know. Why don't you take a little trip tomorrow? I'm sure the weather will be perfect. I think you could really use the fresh air.

Rue: ...Yeah, I think I will. I'm gonna leave at dawn and go to the stream in the valley. And if I see a herd of deer there, I'm definitely gonna catch one. They often go there to get water. So if I catch one, um...

Claire: Yes, I'll make your favorite stew. Better yet, I'll prepare a great feast tomorrow. I'm counting on you to catch a deer.

Rue: No problem.

Claire: You're gonna have a long day tomorrow. You'll need to eat well and sleep well tonight. I'm gonna prepare dinner, ok?

While Rue's waiting...

Claire: Ok. Let's eat.

Rue: Oh, I'm so hungry.

Claire:

Rue: What's wrong? Why aren't you eating?

Claire: ...I was just thinking.

Rue: About what?

Claire: About the day you came here.

Rue:

Claire: It was snowing that day, too. That was 2 years ago. Can you believe it?

Rue: ...Are you alright, Claire?

Claire: I'm fine... I'm sorry, Rue. I don't know what just came over me.

Rue: (heard a noise from the barn) What's going on?

Claire: It's coming from the barn. Something's disturbing the animals.

Rue: I'm gonna go take a look.

Claire: Be careful, ok?

Rue: Don't worry. It's probably just a wolf or something.

Rue takes the Arc Edge and goes outside.

Rue: Geez, what's going on? They're going crazy. There's no sign of a wild animal or anything.

???: At last...

Suddenly, the Arm of Death appeared.

Rue: Who are you!?

Rue and the Arm of Death began to fight.

Claire: Rue!

Claire runs to get something. Rue got knocked down.

Rue: Aaaagh...

Claire: Hey!!!

Claire strikes the Arm of Death with a pick.

Claire: Leave him alone, you beast!

Rue: Claire! Run!

The Arm of Death knocks down Rue again.

Claire: Rue!

Rue: Claire! WAIT! NOOOO!!!

The Arm of Death kills Claire. 3 years later...

Rue: And so, my journey began... I'll find the powerful [relic], and save Claire, no matter what...

In the ship...

Rue: It's already been 3 years... And I still don't have a clue where the [relic] is. Don't worry, Claire. I'm not gonna give up.

???: Hey, Bro! I'm starvin'!

Smokey and Blood appeared.

Blood: Smokey, how many times do I gotta tell you? I said I'll feed your fat belly when I get the dough. It's comin' real soon.

Smokey: Eh-heh, Eh-heh. I guess my brudda, Blood, always comes through. So, Bro, how we gonna get the dough?

Blood: Keep your voice down, butthead. Alright, listen up...

Blood told Smokey something.

Smokey: A legendary treasure!? You serious?

Blood: Yeah. Sounds cool, huh? I heard some magician made it, and it's hidden somewhere in this area. If we find the damn thing, we're gonna be so rich!

Smokey: Eh-heh! Bro, you're a genius! So what is this legendary treasure?

Blood: How the hell should I know? It's legendary.

Smokey: Oh yeah... It's probably somethin' big.

Rue: (Sounds like they're looking for the [relic], too. I gotta find it before they do.)

Smokey: Hey, Bro. What is that thing?

Blood: What? That red thing...? What the hell...?

Smokey: !? We're gonna CRASH!!!

Rue: Whoa!!!

Blood: Blargh!!!

Smokey: YEOW!!!

Later...

Rue: What the heck was that?

Out of the ship...

Rue: This place... It looks so familiar. Have I been here before...?

Davis: Welcome to Carona.

Rue: Oh, hello.

Davis: How you doin'? The name's Davis. I run the docks here. As you can see, it's pretty slow here. Now many tourists come in. Mostly merchants. The same people just keep comin' in and goin' out.

Rue: Oh.

Davis: Yeah, I recognize most of 'em. (looking at Smokey and Blood) Hmm, never seen those fellas before.

Blood: Alright, Smokey, let's go check out the forest. There's some kinda old ruins there. The treasure might be there!

Smokey: Eh-heh. Ok, Bro!

Davis: Better watch out for those fellas. Looks like they're up to no good.

Rue: I will.

Davis left.

Rue: (There are ruins in the forest...? Maybe I should go see.)

Rue proceeds to the town.

Rue: So this is Carona... Seems like a peaceful place. What should I do...? Should I go to the forest now or talk to the people in town first?

Rue talks to the citizens of the town and finds out that Elena is searching for her parents and the citizens are worried that they may be in grave danger. Rue proceeds to Carona Forest. On his way, Rue saw Smokey and Blood grabbing Elena.

Smokey: Eh-heh, Eh-heh!

Rue: (to himself) What the...?

Elena: Please, let me go!

Blood: Come on, baby. We ain't gonna hurt you. We just want a little food, that's all. We haven't eaten for 2 days, y'know.

Smokey: Yeah, got no money for dinner, either. Eh-heh, Eh-heh.

Blood: What do you say, baby? Got anything to spare?

Elena: I don't have any money.

Smokey: Eh-heh! Let's rough her up.

Rue: (hiding and talking to himself) (What should I do? I have to be careful, or she might get hurt.)

Rue transform into a Pollywog and bit Smokey.

Smokey: Yeow!!! Bro, he bit me!

Blood: Alright. Let's chop him up.

Rue fights Smokey and Blood. After Rue defeats them...

Blood: Sheee... Can't fight on an empty stomach, y'know.

Blood ran away.

Smokey: Heh!? Hey, Bro! Wait for me!

Smokey ran away. Later...

Rue: Are you ok?

Elena: Thank you, Polly! Wow, you can turn into a person, too!?

Rue: Polly...? Oh, no, I'm not a Pollywog. This is the real me.

Elena: But I saw you. When you came out, you were a Pollywog.

Rue: That was just a disguise to catch them off-guard. My name isn't Polly. It's Rue.

Elena: Ohh, ok. Your name is Rue, and you're a Pollywog.

Rue: ...?

Elena: I really like 'Polly... Can I call you Polly?

Rue: ...Um... How should I explain this?

Elena: Oh, I'm sorry! I haven't introduced myself. Thanks again for helping me, Polly. My name is-

Rue: Elena, right?

Elena: !? How did you know!?

Rue: I heard your name in town. You're out here looking for your parents, right? By the way, I'm not a-

Elena: Oh, so that's how you knew. I thought you were a fortune-telling Pollywog.

Rue: Like I told you, I'm not a-

Elena: You're right. I'm looking for my parents. They've been gone for 5 days now. I know they're supposed to be here or somewhere. I'm so worried about them...

Rue: !!!

Elena: Those brutes might go after my parents! I have to go find them fast, Polly. It was nice meeting you.

Rue: Hey, wait! I'll go with you. Let me help you look for your parents.

Elena: Oh, really!? Gee, you're such a nice Pollywog. Thanks. I really appreciate this. Ok, let's go, Polly! Follow me!

Rue: It's not Polly... Geez... That girl really thinks I'm a monster. ...Maybe I am...

Rue catches up with Elena.

Elena: I think it's this way. Come on.

Rue beats Elena to the path to the cliffs.

Elena: Wow, Polly! You're fast! Ok, let's go.

Later at the cliffs...

Elena: Dad! Mom!

???: Elena!?

Klaus: Elena, what are you doing here?

Elena: What am I doing here!? You haven't come home for 5 days! I was so worried about you! !? Dad, what happened to your leg!?

Klaus: Oh, it's nothing. I just twisted my ankle a little. I can still walk.

Elena: Phew... Thank goodness.

Klaus: I'm sorry, darling. I guess I became too caught up in my research again. I can't believe you came here by yourself. Are you alright?

Elena: Actually, some brutes almost mugged me, but Rue the Pollywog saved me.

Mira: Rue?

Klaus: The Pollywog?

Rue: Hello.

Klaus: You're-

Elena: That's Rue, but I call him Polly. Polly's really amazing. He's a Polly, but he can turn into a person. But usually, he's a person and his name is Rue, so I called him 'Rue the Pollywog.'

Mira: Hold on, honey. I'm getting confused.

Klaus: So... your name is Rue, right?

Rue: Yes.

Klaus: It's a pleasure to meet you, Rue. My name is Klaus. I live in Carona with my family. Oh, and that's my wife, Mira.

Mira: Hello, Rue. It sounds like you helped Elena through a lot of trouble. Thank you for helping her.

Klaus: Yes, thank you... Gosh, I'm so ashamed. I completely forgot about my daughter. The [relic] was the only thing on my mind.

Rue: [Relic]!? Are you looking for the [relic]?

Klaus: Well, yes.

Rue: I'm looking for the [relic], too.

Klaus: Well, this is a coincidence... So, Rue, why are you looking for the [relic]?

Rue explained everything to Klaus.

Klaus: So you came to Carona to look for the [relic].

Rue: Yes... I have to find the [relic], no matter what. Sir, is there anything you can tell me about the [relic]? I'm sorry... We just met, and I'm being so pushy.

Mira: My, you're so serious.

Klaus: Ahh, don't worry about it. If I were in your shoes, I'd be just as earnest. So if there's anything you want to ask me, please don't hesitate, ok? And it's not 'sir.' Just call me Klaus, or Doctor if you must... Oh, by the way, I'd like to ask you a favor.

Rue: Yes, anything.

Klaus: I was thinking. If it's ok with you, why don't we look for the [relic] together?

Rue: Of course! I'd be happy to.

Klaus: Great! It's decided then. Thank you, Rue. Let's do our best to find the [relic].

Rue: Yes. Thank you.

Klaus: Well then, let's get started. Rue, can you please follow me?

Everyone moved to look at the steep area.

Elena: Gee! It's so steep!

Klaus: Somewhere down there, there's a path that leads to the atelier.

Rue: What is an atelier?

Mira: It's a magician's workshop. Supposedly, about 100 years ago, a magician lived in this forest.

Klaus: We believe that this magician did some research on this [relic]. If we go to his atelier, maybe we can get more information about the [relic].

Mira: If the legend is true, there should be some kind of a special area down there. The path that leads to the atelier should be hidden somewhere there.

Klaus: But as you can see, the cliff is so steep, we can't get down there. Before you two came, I tried to get down there, but I ended up slipping and twisting my ankle.

Rue: ...I can do this. Doctor, I'll give it a try. I'll get down there somehow.

Elena: !? You're kidding!?

Rue: I'll try to find a safe path. I'll meet you all down there. Please take your time.

Klaus: Are you sure you're gonna be alright? I heard there are monsters lurking all about these cliffs.

Rue: I'll be fine. I've survived greater dangers before. It's doesn't matter... I'll do whatever it takes to get the [relic].

Klaus: Be careful, alright?

Elena: Good luck, Polly!

Rue: Thanks. I'll see you later.

Rue moves on. Rue found the atelier.

Rue: This is the atelier...? I really hope we find some clues in there about the [relic].

Before Rue can go in, Nightmare came crashing down.

Rue: Geez! The atelier has a guardian!?

Rue fights Nightmare. After defeating it...

Rue: Sorry... I have to move on.

Before Rue proceeds to the atelier's door.

Klaus: Rue!

Klaus, Mira, and Elena arrived.

Mira: We heard some terrible noise. Are you alright?

Rue: I just fought the atelier's guardian.

Elena: And you beat him?

Rue: Yeah.

Mira: Wow. I'm sure it must've been a tough battle.

Elena: Pollywoggy Rue can handle everything.

Rue: ... How's your leg, Doctor?

Klaus: It feels great! After I saw the atelier, the pain just disappeared. Wow, I can't believe we're here! Ok, Rue, let's go have a look inside. (to his family) It may be dangerous, so you two wait out here, ok?

Inside...

Klaus: This is absolutely amazing! Look at the documents! They're incredible!

While Klaus looks at the books, Rue examines the vault.

Rue: This door is huge... Looks like it's locked. I wonder what's inside.

Rue couldn't open it.

Klaus: Here, let me take a look at it. Hmmm... This is rather tricky. Aha, there's a switch.

Klaus opens the vault.

Klaus: Amazing... This manuscript must've been written centuries ago.

Rue: Can you read it?

Klaus: Not a problem. Analyzing ancient manuscripts is one of my specialties.

Elena: Polly.

Rue goes outside.

Elena: Polly, come here. Look! Your friend is here.

Rue saw a Pollywog.

Rue:

Rue goes inside the atelier and talks to Klaus.

Klaus: Well, I finished skimming through this. It's a diary that was kept by the magician. It has detailed records of his research. It appears this magician was doing research on the creators of the [relic].

Rue: The creators of the [relic]...?

Klaus: Yes. They were known as Aeons. About 1,000 years ago, powerful magicians called Aeons ruled the world. According to some legends, these Aeons even had the power to change the orbit of stars.

Rue: I heard there were no more Aeons in this world.

Klaus: That's right. Despite their godlike powers, they weren't immortal. As time passed, their powers weakened, and eventually, they all died. Now, all that remains are the items they created many years ago.

Rue: And those items are the [relics]. I heard some of these [relics] have the power to grant any wish. They're hidden all over the world, right?

Klaus: Yes. They're all just waiting to be found. I don't care how long it takes me. My dream is to find at least one [relic].

Rue: If you find a [relic], what are you gonna do?

Klaus: Hmm... I have no idea. I haven't thought about that yet. Right now, I'm just excited about looking for it. I guess I'll think about it after I find it.

Rue: I see...

Klaus: How about you, Rue?

Rue: Huh!? Oh, um...

???: What a stupid question!

Mint appeared.

Mint: We're talking about a [relic] that can grant any wish! Even a kid can figure it out! There's only one thing to wish for. World Domination! I'm gonna rule the world! Ok guys. Hand over everything you found in here. You got a problem with that? Didn't think so. Ok, come on. Chop-chop.

Rue: Hey, I don't know who you are, but we're not giving you anything.

Mint: Hmph, you obviously have a death wish. I'm Princess Mint. Nobody says no to me! Just for that, I'm gonna beat you to a bloody-pulp.

Mint is getting ready to attack.

Rue: Doctor, please stay back.

Mint tried to jump kick, but she fell to the floor.

Klaus: ...

Rue: ... Hey, are you alright?

Mint: Unghhh... W-World domi...nation.

Rue: What should we do about this girl?

Klaus: Hmm... We can't just leave her like this. Whoa!

Mint got up.

Rue: !?

Mint: I guess I'll spare both of you today... You guys are so lucky. But remember this: I'm gonna rule the world someday! Ouch...owww...

Mint left.

Rue: What was that all about...?

Klaus: Hmmm... She reminds me of someone... Oh well. Let's get going.

Rue: Ok.

Later back in Carona Town...

Mira: Thanks again, Ms. Cartha, for letting Rue stay at your inn.

Ms. Cartha: Oh, don't mention it. Rue, make yourself at home, ok?

Rue: Thank you. I really appreciate it, but... is it really ok?

Mira: Of course. It's the least we can do. Rue, you've done so much for us. You helped Elena in the forest, you helped my husband with his work... Actually, it's more like a crazy hobby, huh?

Rue: Thank you.

Mira: Oh! I almost forgot. Klaus wants to talk to you. Maybe he wants to talk more about today's findings from the atelier. Come by whenever you want, ok?

Rue enters Klaus' home. In the basement...

Klaus: Thank you for coming, Rue.

Rue: You wanted to see me, Doctor?

Klaus: I finished skimming through the stuff we brought back from the atelier.

Rue: Oh. Did you find anything about the [relic]?

Klaus: Yes. The magician who lived at that atelier was also looking for the [relic]. It's written right here: 'My endless pursuit of the Aeon [relic] continues.' On the next page, it says: 'The Aeon [relic] is sealed by one of the highest orders of magic. Even my powers are incapable of overcoming it.'

Rue: The [relic] is sealed?

Klaus: The Aeon who created the [relic] probably feared someone would steal it. So he must've placed a powerful seal to protect it.

Rue: It's probably very difficult to break it.

Klaus: Yes, I'm afraid so. After all, the [relic] was sealed by a powerful Aeon. Like it says in his diary, even this magician couldn't break the seal. I don't think we'll be able to do anything, either, even if we find it.

Rue: No...

Klaus: Ahh, it's too early to give up, Rue. I'm still not finished. You see, the magician wasn't the only one looking for the [relic]. Listen to this: 'I cannot break the seal. Then I shall seek the powers of the past. Long ago, Grand Magician Elroy and his apprentices also sought after the power of the [relic]. I must see his research on the [relic]. I must go to Elroy's atelier in the underground ruins. I have made a key that will grant me access to his

atelier. The power to uncover Elroy's secrets is in my hands. But I'm too late... I have fallen victim to a deadly disease. I cannot even walk anymore...'

Rue: ...He couldn't go.

Klaus: He must've been carrying a terrible disease. He worked so hard and even made a key, but...he was too late. It's very sad... So how about it, Rue? Let's uncover the mystery of the [relic] together. I don't know how far we can go, but I think it's something worth trying. That's the key made by the magician. With it, we should be able to enter the ruins and find Elroy's atelier. If we can find his atelier, I think we can find out more about the [relic].

Rue: Where are these underground ruins?

Klaus: They are quite far. It takes at least half a day to get there by foot. Ok. Let's pack up and get going!

Klaus gets up and falls down.

Klaus: Ouch...

Rue: Doctor, are you alright? I think you should take it easy until your leg heals.

Klaus: Ahh, it's nothing. A twisted ankle isn't gonna stop me from chasing my dream.

Klaus falls down again.

Klaus: Ouch...

Rue: You need to rest, Doctor. There's no way you can take a long trip with that leg. I'm sure the misses and Elena will worry.

Klaus: But...

Rue: Please, leave it to me. I'll go to the underground ruins by myself.

Klaus: I can't let you do that! Those ruins are filled with monsters. It's too dangerous to go there by yourself. Let's go together after my leg heals.

Rue: I'll be fine. Besides, if it's dangerous, I should definitely go alone.

Klaus: I really don't think that's a good idea.

Rue: I'll find the [relic], Doctor. I swore to myself I would. It doesn't matter what lies ahead, I have to keep moving.

Klaus: Alright... just promise me one thing. Don't overexert yourself. If it gets tough, just come back, ok?

Rue: Ok.

Klaus: Good luck, Rue.

Rue moves on, he later saw Elena.

Elena: Polly, there you are.

Rue: (...She still thinks I'm a Pollywog.)

Elena: Where are you going?

Rue: I'm going to the underground ruins to try to find more clues on the [relic].

Elena: Really? Darn...

Rue: What's wrong?

Elena: Well...there's a big lake right by this town. It's really pretty, so if you weren't busy, I wanted to take you there. Oh well... Maybe next time. Have fun at the ruins, Polly.

Rue: Elena, I told you before, I'm not-

Elena: Bye, Polly.

Elena left the scene. Rue proceeds to the Underground Ruins. In the entrance teleport...

Rue: This looks like the entrance.

Mint: I knew you'd come.

Mint appeared.

Rue: Who's there!?

Mint: Pop quiz, funny face. Who am I?

Rue: Oh yeah, I remember. ... You're Mint, right?

Mint: Dang! You were so close! It's 'Princess' Mint. Remember, 'Princess.' Got it, Rue?

Rue: How did you know my name?

Mint: Hmph. I'm a genius. I know everything. I know why you're here, too. This entrance leads to another atelier. That's where you're heading, am I right?

Rue: Yeah, you're right.

Mint: See. You can't hide anything from me. So what are you gonna do? Don't tell me you're planning to go in by yourself. It's probably packed with monsters. No offense, but I don't think you'd last a minute in there.

Rue: ...What are you trying to tell me?

Mint: You're not too bright, are you? What I'm saying is we should work together. If we split up and both look for the atelier, it would make things a lot easier, don't you think?

Rue: Ok, let's look for it together.

Mint: There you go! You're not such a dope after all. Alright! Let's go. By the way, don't try anything funny, or I'm gonna jump-kick you in the face. Got it?

Rue: ...She's so bossy.

Rue explores the ruins and eventually finds Mint.

Mint: Finally, you slowpoke. I figured some monster had you for dinner because you took so long.

Rue talks to Mint again.

Mint: I'm gettin' a bad feeling about this...

All of a sudden the boulder begins to shake and move.

Rue: ?

Rue and Mint runs, but Mint tripped and fell unconscious. Rue made it to safety.

Rue: Mint... I'm sure she'll be able to find me.

Rue moves on. In the area full of water...

Rue: Wow... I wonder how long this lake's been here.

Suddenly, Mint arrives in stealth.

Mint: Everything's gonna be mine! All mine! Hee-Hee-Hee-Hee-Heee. Ready for a little swim, Rue? Now!

Mint missed the jump kick to Rue.

Rue: Oh, my boots are untied.

Mint: !!!!?

Mint fell into the water.

Rue: What was that...!? It sounded like Mint... Oh well.

Rue takes the platforms to the next area where he fights Skull Beast. After Rue defeats the Skull Beast, he moves on to the next area that looks familiar.

Rue: So this is Elroy's atelier... What a weird looking building. I wonder how he built it...

Rue inserted the key given by Klaus and a platform went down. Rue takes the platform up. In the atelier...

Rue: I've made it this far. I gotta find some clues on the [relic].

Rue collected the Tiara and the Cube. After that...

Rue: I can't find anything else. I might as well go back to town.

Rue takes the platform down and before he could get out...

???: Hey!

Belle and Duke arrived.

Rue: Who are you? What are you doing here?

Belle: We don't have time for 20 questions. Just shut up and listen.

Duke: Yeah, and maybe we'll let you live.

Belle: I'm not gonna repeat myself, so listen carefully. Hand over the artifacts you found in there. I need them to find the [relic].

Rue: What!? You're after the [relic], too?

Belle: Who isn't? The Aeon [relic] is the greatest treasure in the world. And I'm Belle, the greatest treasure hunter in the world. Ok, enough chitchat. Hand them over.

Rue: No. I'm looking for the [relic], too. There's no way I'm gonna hand over the artifacts.

Belle: You have no idea who you're dealing with... Ok, Duke.

Duke: Yes, Milady?

Belle: Give him a good beating. Make it quick.

Duke: Yes, Milady! (to Rue) What's your name?

Rue: Rue... Why do you ask?

Duke: I'll remember it for you. 'Cuz you won't remember your name after I bust you up with my act.

Rue: Act...?

Duke: Rue, you like stories? I love stories. Can't get enough of them. Especially the ones with hotshot heroes. Man, this really get me fired up, y'know. They always get me praying to be like them. Last night, I read this book called 'Shadow Legends.' The main character was this rad ninja who used this awesome move. Check this out.

Duke splits into 3 images.

Rue: !? H-How!?

Belle: Duke, hurry up and finish him! You don't stand a chance against his act. With it, he can master any move.

Duke: Behold! The power of ninjutsu! You're doomed!

Rue fights Duke. After Rue defeats Duke...

Duke: Ugh... Ninjutsu stinks...

Belle: Good work, Duke.

Rue: What the---!?

Belle quickly sneaks and takes the Tiara from Rue.

Belle: Well now, what do I have here?

Rue: No!

Belle: Hah, I gotta hand it to you for beating Duke, but you were way too

careless! You can kiss this tiara goodbye.

Rue tried to get to Belle, but Duke blocked his way.

Duke: You won't be so lucky next time. I'm gonna show you my best act yet! You can count on it!

Belle: Come on! We're outta here!

Duke: Yes, Milady!

Belle and Duke took one of the two platforms up.

Rue: STOP!

Rue takes the platform up and follows them. Suddenly, the Skull Beast appeared again.

Rue: Geez! Not another one!

Belle: Have fun! See ya!

After Rue struck the Skull Beast, he escapes to the other platform. All of a sudden...

Rue: I have to go up!

The Skull Beast chases after Rue. Rue got to the top area successfully and the Skull Beast fell to its death. Rue takes the platform up.

Rue: Belle and Duke... They're gone... I guess I'll go back to town.

Rue left. Mint suddenly got out of the water and climbed to safety.

Mint: Hack-Hack! I made it...

Rue is back in Carona Town. Rue proceeds to Klaus' home. Inside...

Klaus: Rue! Thank heavens, you're back.

Rue: Doctor... I'm sorry.

Klaus: What's wrong? Did something happen at the ruins?

Rue: Um...

Rue told Klaus what happened.

Klaus: So this Belle and Duke took the tiara from you.

Rue: I'm sorry. I was careless.

Klaus: Ahh, don't worry about it. I'm sure we can get it back somehow. For now, let's do research on this cube. Looks like this will keep us busy for a while. You know, you came back at just the right time. I just found something very important.

Rue: What is it?

Klaus: Well, you know those materials we brought back from the atelier? I

looked through them again while you were gone, and you're not gonna believe what I found. The location of the [relic]! I know where it is!

Rue: Really!?

Klaus: Yes, there is no doubt. In fact, it's located very close to Carona. The [relic] is at the lake ruins.

Rue: (Oh yeah, Elena told me about a lake...)

Klaus: There's a lake not too far from here with old ruins floating in the middle. Until now, nobody had a clue who built them. Who would've thought that they were built by Aeons.

Rue: So... that's where the [relic] is sealed?

Klaus: Yes. Elroy was trying to break the seal at the lake ruins. This cube was made for that very purpose.

Rue: Then we can use it to break the seal at the lake ruins and get the [relic]!

Klaus: Theoretically, yes... Unfortunately, it's not that easy. We're definitely supposed to use the cube. The only question is, 'how?' Look at this thing. It's just a cubic block. There's no way to open it or do anything. Without some kind of instructions, I have absolutely no idea how to use it.

Rue: But we're so close to getting the [relic]... Doctor, isn't there any way we can find out how to use the cube?

Klaus: Hmm... We can try asking her, but... Actually, I'd rather not deal with her.

Rue: Who is this person?

Klaus: There's a magician named Fancy Mel. She lives in an atelier beyond the forest. I honestly don't know how to describe her. She's just weird, I guess. So I'd rather try to stay away from her, if possible.

Rue: I don't think we have any choice.

Klaus: You're right, but... You don't know her. She's so... If you go see her, you'll regret it. Trust me.

Rue: But... unless we find out how to use the cube, we'll never be able to get the [relic]. Doctor, please give me the cube. I'll go ask Fancy Mel. I'm sure we'll be able to find out more about it.

Klaus: ...Alright. I'm making you so much. Thank you, Rue. I'll give you directions to Mel's atelier and also directions to the lake ruins.

Klaus gave Rue the directions.

Klaus: I'm counting on you.

While Rue's on his way out...

Elena: Hey. Where are you off to now?

Rue: I'm going to Fancy Mel's atelier. Your father told me that it's in a really strange place. Do you know anything about it?

Elena: Fancy Mel...? OH! The crazy witch, right!? I know her place.

Rue: Crazy witch...?

Elena: It's a very fun place. I'm sure you'll like it, Polly.

Rue: ...What do you mean by 'fun'?

Elena: Ohh, you'll find out.

Before Rue can depart to Mel's Atelier...

Mint: Rue!

Rue: (Geez, not her again...)

Mint: Where do you think you're going?

Rue: Why do you care?

Mint: Gosh! You're so rude. Oh yeah, there's something I wanna ask you. I heard you're not human. Is that true?

Rue: !? Who told you that?

Mint: You know... That girl.

Elena: Hello, Mint.

Rue: You guys know each other? Since when?

Mint: Oh...

Elena: It's our little secret.

Mint: It's our little secret.

Rue: (...)

Mint: Hey, Elena, is he really a Pollywog?

Elena: Yes. I saw him turn into a Polly with my own eyes.

Rue: This is getting ridiculous.

Mint: So what is it, Rue? Are you a goofball Pollywog or not? Come on, you can tell me.

Rue: It's none of your business.

Mint: Hey! You're my rival, so it is my business!

Rue: I don't have time for this. I have to get going.

Mint: Fine. If you wanna run, go ahead. But remember this. I'm gonna keep track of every move you make. You can count on it. Come on, Elena!

Elena: Ok.

Rue moves on.

Rue: (to himself) What is this place...!? The doctor was right. This really is strange.

Rue takes the star platform up. In Mel's Atelier...

Rue: What the heck...? Is this Fancy Mel's atelier?

Rue touches Mel's home door.

Rue: What the-

It made a strange sound.

Rue: What a strange sound...

Rue touches it again.

Rue: Looks like nobody's home.

Suddenly, one of the Poppul Purrel spoke to Rue.

Poppul Purrel: Mel not home. You must wait. You can play while you wait.

Rue plays the mini-games with the Poppul Purrels. After doing that, Rue tried to knock on the door. Then...

???: Hello, there.

Rue has a mesmerized look on his face.

Rue:

(.....
.....Am I dreaming or what?)

Mel: What's wrong with you? Why are you looking at me funny? Is there a booger on my face?

Rue: Huh? No, um... I was just looking at...the fancy stuff you have. Are you...Mel?

Mel: Uh-huh. Some people call me Fancy Mel.

Rue: Hello, Mel. My name is Rue. I came here because I need your help...

Later in Mel's house...

Mel: So...you want to break the seal at the lake ruins.

Rue: Yes. We need to use this cube to do that. Can you please help us?

Mel: Nope.

Rue: What?

Mel: Rue, was it? Do you have any idea what you're dealing with? The [relic] is not your ordinary magic item. If you play with it... (casting a punching spell to Rue to demonstrate what will happen) Poof! Gotcha. Y'okay?

Rue: Scared the life out of me.

Mel: I'm sorry. Thought I should lighten the mood a little. You're so serious. But really, the [relic] is a very dangerous item. Many have pursued it and paid the price, some with their lives. [Relics] abound in this world, but the one you're seeking is Valen's [relic].

Rue: (Valen? I've never heard of him... Why does the name sound so familiar?)

Mel: Does the name ring a bell...? Obviously not. Valen was the most powerful Aeon. He could raise mountains and move the stars at will.

Rue: No way...

Mel: Who knows if it's true. Valen perished along with the other Aeons a long time ago. His demise is still a mystery. Some say he had too much power and destroyed himself.

Rue: Really...?

Mel: I hope, by now, you realize how dangerous your pursuit is. Valen's [relic] embodies powers beyond our knowledge. Who knows what will happen if the seal is broken. Worst case... It might destroy the world.

Rue: ... I don't care. I have no choice. I've come this far... spent everyday for the last 3 years looking for the [relic]. I can't stop now.

Mel: Aye-yi-yi. Aren't we stubborn. Oh well, it's pretty obvious I can't talk you out of it. Ok, I'll help you. Give me the cube.

Rue: !? Really!?

Mel: You're gonna go after the [relic] with or without my help anyway... So I might as well help. Not for free, of course. I'll help you if you help me... It's about the Poppul Purrels. You played with them earlier, right?

Rue: Poppul Purrels...? Oh, you mean those dwarfs?

Mel: Yes. They're my cute helpers. The 4 of them help me around the atelier.

Rue: 4? That's strange. I only saw 3.

Mel: One of them is missing. I sent him to go shopping, and he hasn't come back since. I don't think he went away far. I'm so worried about him.

Rue: You want me to find him?

Mel: Exactly. I'll examine the cube if you find him. Compared to looking for the [relics], it's easy, right?

Rue: Yes.

Mel: Come back here when you find him. By then, I should be done examining the cube.

Rue: Thank you.

Mel: Wait. There's something I want to ask you. Never mind. I'll save it for next time.

Rue: Are you sure?

Mel: Uh-huh. I'll see you later.

Rue: Goodbye.

Mel: B'Bye.

Rue left.

Mel: Rue... Poor boy. He still doesn't have a clue.

Rue moves on until he saw a moving star with Duke's face shown.

Duke: I am a star... I am a star... (falls down) I can't get up...

Rue helps him up.

Duke: I am a star... I am a star... (falls down) I can't get up...

Rue helps him up again.

Duke: I am a star... I am a star...

Rue: What are you doing, Duke?

Duke: I'm not Duke! I'm a star! Just go away and let me go on twinkling!

Rue: You're not fooling anyone, Duke. Are you here to spy on me?

Duke: Alright! Enough of this crap. Man, this disguise was perfect. I don't know how the heck you spotted me. You're right. I'm here to spy on you. I know you left the cube with Fancy Mel. After you uncovered its secret, I was gonna snag it from you. Man, I still can't believe you saw me.

Rue: (Anyone can tell. It's so obvious.)

Duke: Ok, wise guy. I guess I have to go to Plan B... I'm gonna bust you up.

Rue: Why don't you just give me back the tiara? You can't fight me in that stupid costume.

Duke: Shut up! I stayed up all night makin' it. It was worth it. This is my finest act yet.

Rue: So, you're convinced that you're a star now?

Duke: I'm not convinced! I AM! I am a star... I am a star... Behold! SHOOTING STARRR!!!

Duke performs his shooting star dive attack but Rue evaded and Duke crashed to the floor.

Duke: I bet you're scared now, huh!? I'm Starlight Duke. Here comes the pain! It's my time to shine!

Rue fights Duke in the star costume. After wounding him, Duke does his final attack, but Rue dodged it. After the fight...

Duke: Ugh... I tink I broke my noze.

Rue: Ok, give me back the tiara.

Duke: It's not over, Rue! You'll be my lifelong rival!

Rue: Whatever. Come on, where's the tiara?

Duke: Tell you what. I'm gonna let you off today. Next time, you're gonna be the one with the busted nose. I'm gonna bring my best act yet! You can count on it!

Duke got away.

Rue: He must've busted his ears, too...

Rue proceeds to Carona Forest. Upon arrival, he spotted Smokey and Blood with a Poppul Purrel.

Smokey: Eh-heh, Eh-heh!

Rue: Hey, it's those guys again. What are they up to this time? Huh? That kid...

Poppul Purrel: Eeyuck! Keep dirty hand away!

Blood: ...The hell!? You callin' me dirty!? You better get down and apologize, or I'm gonna hurt you real bad.

Poppul Purrel: I not sorry! You dirty! You stinky!

Smokey: Eh-heh! He's a total squirt! Hey, you stupid or somethin'?

Poppul Purrel: Shut up!

Blood: YOU shut up, you little maggot! I'm gonna shut you up by choppin' up that fungus head of yours!

Smokey: Eh-heh, Eh-heh! Let's do it, Bro! Teach him a lesson.

Rue: Knock it off!

Rue's loud voice knocked Smokey to the floor.

Blood: ...The hell!? Who the-Hey!

Smokey: B-Bro! It's him! That Pollywog!

Blood: You're right. This is perfect. I've been dyin' to get even. Let's get him.

Smokey: Yeah!

Rue fights Smokey and Blood for the second time. After Rue defeats them...

Smokey: B-Bro... I don't feel so good...

Blood: GET UP, you big tubba crap! Sheee... I need a new partna.

Smokey: Heh!? Hey, B-Bro!? Wait for me!

Later...

Poppul Purrel: You my lifesaver.

Rue: Are you ok?

Poppul Purrel: Yeah-Yeah.

Rue: Mel asked me to find you. She's really worried about you. Come on, let's go back to her house.

Poppul Purrel: I ok. I go home by myself. What your name?

Rue: Rue.

Poppul Purrel: Rue, thank you. Bbye-Bbye.

Poppul Purrel left.

Rue: It's getting late. I better head back to town.

Rue proceeds to the inn and goes to his room. In his dreams...

???: Rue... Rue...

Rue: Claire!

Claire: What's wrong, Rue? You look like you've seen a ghost?

Rue: Ghost... But I saw you...

Rue runs to Claire, but couldn't. Rue then tripped and fell to the ground.

Claire: Hey... Why are you running? I'm not going anywhere.

The Arm of Death appeared behind Claire.

Rue: Claire! Run!!!

In the flashback...

Rue: WAIT! NOOO!!!

Rue woke up.

Rue: What a terrible dream... Claire... Please come back.

Rue proceeds to Mel's Atelier. Outside of Mel's house...

Mel: Come in.

Inside...

Poppul Purrel: It's Rue! I thank again. I happy to be home.

Mel: Hello, Rue. (to the Poppul Purrel) Sweetie, can you go outside? I need to talk to Rue alone.

Poppul Purrel: Not fair... Not happy... But Mel say, so I do. (to Rue)

Bwye-Bwye, Rue! We play next time.

The Poppul Purrel left.

Mel: I'm so glad you found him. Thank you.

Rue: Are you done with the cube?

Mel: Well, aren't we eager. Yes. I'm done examining the cube. I've written everything in here. You can read it when you get back to town.

Rue received Mel's Report and the Cube.

Rue: Thank you very much. I really appreciate it.

Mel: Don't mention it. I had some free time anyway. Well... I guess that concludes our deal. Oh, there's something I've been wanting to ask you. Do you have a minute?

Rue: Sure. What is it?

Mel: ...I guess I'll just come out and say it. Rue... You're not human, are you?

Rue: W-Why? Why do you think that?

Mel: How should I explain this...? There's something about your spirit. Every human has but one spirit. But you... There's something odd about you. I can see it. I see your spirit, and a shadow of another spirit. I've never seen anything like it in any human.

Rue:

Mel: Maybe I shouldn't have brought this up. I'm sorry if I offended you.

Rue: It's ok... It's true.

Rue takes his cap off and reveals a colored gem on his forehead.

Rue: You're right. I'm not human.

Mel: Do you know who you are?

Rue: 5 years ago... I woke up in some ruins.

Inside Rue's memory...

Rue: ...? What the...? Where am I...? I can't remember. Is this a dream...? Who am I...? What's my name...? Aaagh. My head... I have to go... (Where?) Somewhere. I don't know...? (...I know I have to do something...)

The camera switches to Rue and Mel.

Rue: I left the ruins and began wandering. I tried to remember where to go... I tried to remember what I had to do... I couldn't remember anything. I wandered aimlessly.

The camera switches back to the past. Rue is on the snowy ground and Claire came out.

Claire: Oh my gosh!? Hey, are you alright!? Come on! Get up!

Rue: (to Mel as he talks about his past) That's when I met Claire. I was a complete stranger, but she was so kind to me. When she found out that I had no place to go, she told me that I could stay at her home. I wandered alone for so long, and I finally found a home... Claire was like my sister. One night, 'he' came...

The Arm of Death appeared at the scene.

Rue: Run, Claire! Hurry!

The Arm of Death is about to make his move.

Rue: WAIT! NOOO!!!

The Arm of Death killed Claire as mentioned before in the early scene.

Rue: CLAIRE!!! ... I'll kill him!

Rue goes in rage and starts fighting with the Arm of Death. After fighting for a while, the Arm of Death eventually got away.

Rue: Claire, please... Please open your eyes. He's gone. You can open your eyes. Claire! Come on! Claire!

Claire has already died and her spirit goes into Rue. The memory ended.

Mel: I see... Claire's spirit still lurks within you. You poor thing. You suffered so much. You still can't let her go, can you?

Rue: It's been 3 years already, but it still feels like yesterday. I couldn't do anything for her. That's why I need the [relic].

Mel: No wonder you're so determined... The power of the Aeon [relic] can probably bring Claire back to life.

Rue: I don't care how long it takes or how many battles I have to fight. I'm gonna find the [relic], no matter what.

Mel: Just keep in mind that what you're trying to do is very dangerous. I've already told you. Valen's power may lead all of us to oblivion.

Rue: Even so, if I can save Claire...

Mel: What if it leads to world destruction? Millions of people may die. You don't care?

Rue: ...

Mel: There's still plenty of time. Think it over.

Some knocked on the door.

Mel: ?

Mint: Fancy Mel!? Are you in there?

Mel: Who can that be...? Rue, let's continue some other time.

Outside...

Elena: Oh! Hey, Polly!

Mint: I thought I'd see you here. I bet Mel told you a lot about the [relic], huh? I knew it! It's written all over your face. Gosh, I'm good! Didn't I tell you already? I'm a genius. You can't hide anything from me. Ok, let's have it. Come on. What did Mel tell you about the [relic]?

Rue: I can't... Not now.

Mint: ...What's wrong? Are you sick or something? Ok. Fine. I'll go ask Mel myself. Thanks, Elena. See ya.

Elena: Bye.

Mint went inside Mel's house.

Elena: Are you alright?

Rue: I'm ok. Really, I'm fine.

Elena: Are you sure...? You look a little down. Did Mel say something to you?

Rue: No. She didn't say anything. She was very helpful. What are you gonna do? Are you gonna wait for Mint?

Elena: Nope. She just needed help getting here, so I'm going home now.

Rue: Ok. Let's go back together.

Elena: Ok! Let's go, Polly.

Rue: (I better explain to her again.)

Later, after Rue explained everything to Elena about the Pollywog transformation...

Elena: Really!? So then, you're not a Pollywog!?

Rue: That's right. I can turn into one, but I'm not a Pollywog. What you see now is the real me. So, from now on, you can just call me Rue.

Elena: Ok. Gee, all this time I had it the other way around. I thought the Polly turned into you, but it was you who turned into the Polly... But how come you can transform?

Rue: Um... That's kind of hard to explain.

Elena: Is it your big secret? Ohh, you're gonna leave me curious all day.

Rue: (What am I supposed to say, 'I'm not human'? I can't tell her that...)

Meanwhile...

Doll Master: Psycho Master. What is it?

Psycho Master: My lord. We have a new menace in the game vying for Valen's [relic].

Doll Master: Who is it? A mercenary, bandit... or another mage?

Psycho Master: My lord...

Doll Master: Oh. Interesting... So he hungers for the [relic], too? I never expected he would. Psycho Master, I presume you have already taken the necessary steps.

Psycho Master: I sent them to Carona moments ago, my lord. They should arrive tomorrow morning.

Doll Master: Good. Just keep an eye on him for now. Oh, and one more thing... Keep Princess Maya in the dark on this matter.

Psycho Master: Yes, my lord. We will suppress this matter until the time comes.

Doll Master: At last... The time has come to fulfill my duty. In time, I will walk the path of darkness, at which time, you 3 must accompany me.

Psycho Master: It would be my honor, my lord. We have fought from the day we were born. Fighting is our way of life, and we desire nothing more. In the name of Doll Master, we shall eradicate your foes.

Doll Master: ... I expect nothing less.

Rue returns to Carona Town and proceeds to Klaus' home. Inside...

Klaus: Hey, Rue. It's good to see you back.

Rue: Doctor, good news. Mel examined the cube for us. She wrote the details in this report.

Klaus: That's great! Let's read it.

Klaus read Mel's Report.

Klaus: Hmm... I see...

Rue: You finished reading it already?

Klaus: Not yet. I just finished reading the part that explains how to open it. So, I figured, why not open it now?

Rue: If it can be opened, there must be something in there.

Klaus: I believe so. Mel's report says, 'Open the cube and find out for yourself.' I think there's an item in here that can unlock the seal placed by the Aeon.

Klaus begins opening the cube.

Klaus: There. That should do it.

The cube opens.

Klaus: Whoa!

It reveals a doll.

Klaus: W-What in the world is that...!?

The doll fell down.

Klaus: I can't believe this... how did this boy fit inside that tiny cube?

Rue: He's not human, Doctor. He looks human, but he's...a doll.

Klaus: Amazing... It should be impossible to make something like this nowadays.

Mint: No duhhh. Don't you even know who made that thing? It was Grand Magician Elroy. That means that doll is packed with all kinds of powerful magic. Don't let his appearance fool you... He's called Prima Doll, and he's the only one who has the power to break the seal at the lake ruins.

Rue: Wow... Elroy was so close to breaking the seal...

Klaus: Well, I guess now we can get the [relic] with this Prima Doll.

Mint: It's not that easy. Did you even finish reading Mel's report? You don't know anything, do you? Fine. I'll tell you. This Prima Doll isn't complete. Right now, he doesn't have any power, so he's sleeping. Even if you kick him or slap him, he won't do anything. He'll just keep lying there. There's only one way to wake him up.

Rue: We need to get some items, right?

Mint: Exactly! The stuff we need is written in Mel's report.

Later...

Klaus: Here it is: 'Grand Magician Elroy worked closely with his apprentices. The items needed to complete the Prima Doll are kept in the ateliers of his apprentices. A pair of gauntlets and a pair of sollerets are being kept at the Ghost Temple. The earrings are being kept at the atelier in Gamul Forest. The forest is high above the river. The final item, an amulet, must be made from phantomite.' Phantomite? I've never heard of such a thing. Hmm...

Rue: Doctor, please find out where we can get some phantomite. I'll go to the Ghost Temple and Gamul Forest and get the items.

Mint: That's not a good idea. Remember, we're not the only ones after the [relic]. If you go on your own and get the items, somebody might end up taking them away from you. I know about the tiara. Belle and Duke took it away from you, didn't they? That's what's gonna happen if you go by yourself again.

Rue: ...What are you trying to tell me?

Mint: Dang, you're slow as ever. What I'm saying is we should work together to get the items. You can go to the Ghost Temple, and I'll go to Gamul Forest. It'll be a lot faster. This way, we won't have to put all our eggs in one basket, capiche!?

Rue: ...Ok. Is that ok with you, Doctor?

Klaus: Yes. I think that would be better.

Mint: Alrighty. Let's get on with it. I'm gonna go to Gamul Forest and get the earrings. (to Rue) You go to the Ghost Temple. Make sure you bring back the gauntlets and sollerets. You'd better not screw up this time.

Rue: Hey. You'd better not keep those earrings for yourself.

Mint: WHAAAT!? What did you say!? I can't believe you'd say that! I would never do that!

Rue:

Mint: Oh, come on! Look, we're partners, ok!? Trust me! Dang!

Mint left. Rue proceeds to Ghost Temple. In there, Rue knocks on the door.

Rue: It's locked. There has to be a switch or somethin'. Gosh, how am I supposed to get in?

The door opened by itself.

Rue: ...H-Hello... Is anybody there? ...Fine. You want me to come in? I'll come in.

Inside...

Rue: Gosh, it stinks in here.

Rue suddenly heard the door closing.

Rue: !!!

The door closes behind Rue.

Rue: I knew it. Oh well... No turning back now.

Rue examined the door to the right.

Rue: It opened by itself again...

Rue enters. Suddenly, Rue hides from the Puppets.

Rue: !? Geez, what were those monsters...? Looks like they're guarding this place.

Rue moves on. Rue went into an empty room.

Rue: What is this room...? That chandelier looks kind of fishy. Something's not right...

Suddenly, Chimera appeared behind Rue.

Rue: !!!

Rue jumped back and saw the Chimera.

Rue: It's a guardian!

Rue fights the first Chimera. After defeating it, it left a sollarret behind.

Rue: Darn. He only had one sollarret.

Rue collects the left sollarret. Rue moves on and eventually arrived at the other room with the second Chimera. After Rue defeats it, it left another sollarret behind.

Rue: Here's the right one.

Rue collects the right sollar. Rue moves on and got to the third room. Rue fights the third Chimera and defeats it. A gauntlet was left behind.

Rue: Ok. All I need now is the right gauntlet.

Rue moves on and out of the right door near the entrance.

Rue: Huh? That door was closed just a minute ago... I wonder how it opened...!? Footprints... They look pretty fresh.

Rue proceeds to the left door near the front entrance. All of a sudden, Rue saw a shadow of a familiar person.

Rue: What was that!?

Rue saw the shadow again.

Rue: There's something there! Relax. I got this...

Rue saw the shadow.

Elena: AAAHH!!!

Rue paused his striking to Elena.

Rue: What the--!? Elena!?

Elena: Oh, there you are! I've been looking for you.

Rue: W-What are you doing here? Do you know where THIS is?

Elena: Of course, silly. It's the Ghost Temple. Well, it's a good thing I followed you. You sound lost. Come on, let's explore this place together.

Rue: Um, thanks for coming Elena, but I think you should go home. This place is really dangerous. There are monsters and traps everywhere.

Elena: This is gonna be so fun! Come on, Rue.

Rue: No. This place is too dangerous for you. Come on. I'll walk you back to town.

Elena: But...

Rue: Let's go.

The left door closed by itself.

Elena: Uh-oh. I think it's locked.

Rue: (knocks the door) I can't believe this...

Elena: Wait a minute. How did I get in here...? Oh yeah, I came in through this door.

Rue: Really? When I got here, it was locked.

Elena: Well, what should we do now?

Rue: I guess we'll have to find another exit. Alright, Elena, this place is dangerous, so make sure you stay behind me, ok?

Elena: OK! Wow, I'm so excited.

Rue: I'll go ahead of you, and you can come up when I tell you.

Elena: Alright. I won't move until you tell me.

Rue: Let's go.

Rue and Elena found their way through and they eventually found a room with Duke and the fourth Chimera.

Rue: Hey!?

The Chimera and Duke are fighting.

Duke: What's that gonna do, HUH!? Ok, time to finish you off. Get some of this! SUNRISE UPPERCUT!

Duke defeated the Chimera.

Duke: So this is the gauntlet, huh? Milady's gonna be so proud of me. Heh-heh.

Rue: Duke!

Duke: There you are! Took you long enough. Man, I got so bored waitin', I had to pick on a poor little guardian. They're so weak, it was hardly a warm-up. You got the gauntlet and sollarrets, right? They're gonna be mine after I bust you up with my new act. Yesterday, I read a book called 'Fist of Fire.' It was so awesome, I pulled an all-nighter and finished it. The book had it all love, death matches, friendship... Man, I'm still touched by it... Gotta admit, I'm a little sleepy, but my heart's still reviving... So's my Fist of Fire! (to Elena) Hey, lady, you'd better go wait by the corner. You might get hurt.

Elena: Oh... Alright.

Rue: Duke...

Duke: Don't worry. I promise I'll finish you quick.

Elena: Rue, be careful!

Duke: Fist of Fire!!!

Rue fights Duke. After Rue defeats Duke...

Duke: That was nothin'! Ughaaah! What the hell!? I can't get up!

Rue: Duke, it's over.

Duke: The hell it is! I can't afford to lose! I gotta take the gauntlet back to Milady.

Elena: Stop!

Duke: ...What?

Elena: OOH! That's a big boo-boo! Here, let me help you. Stay still.

Duke: Get away from me, lady! I don't need your pity! Ughaaah!

Elena: Stop pretending, Dukey.

Elena treats Duke's wounds.

Duke:Thanks.

Suddenly, Rue, Elena and Duke heard a noise.

Rue: What's going on?

Elena: Rue, look! The wall!!!

Rue tries to open the door they came from, but...

Rue: Damn!!! It's locked!!!

Elena: We're gonna get squashed!!!

Duke: (attempting to hold the wall) Rrrraaagh!

Rue: Duke!

Duke: Try the other door! Come on! Hurry up!

Rue: It won't open!

Duke: What!? Then kick it, punch it, or whatever! Just bash it open!

Rue tried to break the door open, but couldn't. After the wall was about to reach the end...

Elena: Huh? Oh my gosh! Rue! This door... It's a sliding door.

Rue: ...

Duke: Who cares? Let's go!

They all escaped. Later, outside of Ghost Temple...

Elena: Yay. We finally got out. The sunshine feels so good after being in that gloomy place.

Rue: Whew... At one point, I didn't think we were gonna make it.

Elena: Me either, but still, it was fun! Let's all do it again, ok?

Rue: ... (looking at Duke)

Elena: Rue, can we go home now?

Rue: Yeah.

Elena: (to Duke) Thanks, Dukey, for your help.

Duke: I just did what I had to do to save my skin. That's all.

Elena: Ohh, stop pretending. I know you're a good boy.

Duke: ...Whatever... Go away.

Elena: Bye, Dukey. Take care of your injuries, okay? (to Rue) Okay, Rue, let's go.

Duke: Hey! Here, take it.

Elena: What is this?

Duke: It's the gauntlet... I'm just paying you back for treating my wounds earlier.

Rue: Thanks, Duke.

Duke: Shut up! I'm giving it to her, not you! Next time I see you, you're doomed!

Elena: I think he likes you.

Duke gave the gauntlet to Elena and her with Rue left. Later at the hotel, Belle can be heard punching Duke to the floor.

Belle: WHAT!!!? You gave the gauntlet to Rue!?

Duke: I'm sorry, Milady!

Belle: I can't believe it! How could you be so stupid!? You went through all the trouble lookin' for it, and you just give it to him? You'd better have a REALLY GOOD explanation!

Duke:

Belle: ...I'm waiting!

Duke: I really don't know how to explain it. Any other day, I never would've given it to him. But after they helped me, and we all made it outside, I got this strange feeling that I had to give it to him. I kept telling myself 'NO,' but I couldn't help it. I'm so stupid. I'm really sorry.

Belle: ...You really are stupid. Ok... Forget it. What's done is done.

Duke: Milady, don't worry! I'm not getting soft or anything. Next time I see Rue, I swear I'm gonna go all-out and bust him up. And I'll get the gauntlet back, too.

Belle: I'm gonna remember those words.

Duke: I'm gonna stake my whole being on our next death match. Man, I'm getting psyched! It's gonna be so exciting and dramatic, just like that book!

Belle: Book? What are you babbling about?

Duke: 'Fist of Fire,' baby!!! Rue, I'm gonna live 'Fist of Fire' with you!

Belle: You MORON!!!

Belle punches Duke to the floor again.

Belle: What was that all about? Maybe he really is a nutcase.

Someone then knocked on the door.

Solin: Excuse me.

Belle: Come back later, will ya? We're busy.

Solin: I'm sorry, but I must bring this to your attention now. It's regarding your bill.

Belle: Oh no!

Solin: Currently, you have an outstanding balance of 2,500G.

Belle: Really? Sheez, I completely forgot.

Solin: When can we expect your payment?

Belle: Umm, sometime after tomorrow. Wait, tomorrow! We'll pay tomorrow! Is that alright?

Solin: Thank you.

Solin left.

Belle: (to Duke) Did you hear that? We're gonna have to get some money fast! If we don't find the [relic] and get big money, we're gonna be bums! Get off your butt and fix the Hexagon!

Duke: Are you serious? But...the Hexagon's our secret weapon. I don't think we need to use it yet.

Belle: Shut up! I don't care! If we don't use it now, when are we gonna use it, huh!? Hurry up and get it ready!

Duke: Yes, Milady!

Belle: Damn, I can't wait to get him! He won't stand a chance against the Hexagon. (to herself) Rue, we're gonna hurt you so bad!

The camera switches to Rue and Elena. After Rue and Elena arrived back to Carona Town...

Elena: Phew... Home sweet home. I'm a little tired, but I had so much fun today.

Rue: Really? I'm exhausted...

Elena: Hey, why don't you come have dinner with us?

Rue: Really? Ok, thanks. !!!? (saw Claire or something) Claire!?

Rue runs into the alley. In there...

Rue: Where'd she go...? (to Marco) Did you see a girl come in? About my height, wearing a purple robe?

Marco: A girl? No, I didn't see anyone come in.

Rue: Ok... Thanks... Was it my imagination...? No! That was Claire...! But how!?

Rue proceeds to Klaus' home. Inside...

Klaus: Welcome back, Rue.

Mint: Took you long enough. Did you get the items?

Rue: Here they are: the gauntlets and the sollerets.

Mint: Good. I don't know about you, but I had a rough time getting the earrings. That hag Belle pestered me so much.

Klaus: Alright. We're ready to go. I'm going to put the gauntlets, sollerets, and earrings on Prima Doll.

Mint: This is kinda exciting.

Klaus put the things on the doll.

Klaus: Whoa! (saw it awoke) ...Hellooo?

Rue: He's not responding.

Mint: That's it!? Dang! All that effort just to make the stupid doll sit up.

Prima Doll: I'm Prima Doll, not just a doll.

Mint: AHHH!!! Geez! You almost gave me a heart attack!

Rue: Wow, you can talk.

Prima Doll: Actually, I'm not talking. I'm mimicking. I analyze the sound from your speech and produce a proper response. The responses are purely reflex and not based on any will.

Mint: You make it sound so complicated. Basically, you try to match what we say, right?

Prima Doll: In short, yes. Hey, not bad, Mint.

Mint: !!!? What did you just say!?

Prima Doll: Excuse me. I had a slight problem with my language selection. At times, I am unable to process the proper phrase. Just chill out, alright?

Mint: (angry and stomping on the ground) THAT'S IT!!!

Rue: Take it easy, Mint. (to Prima Doll) I'm sure you can do more than talk. Can you walk?

Prima Doll: I am not complete, but I am equipped with auxiliary motive power. I'll now initiate motion.

Prima Doll walks but falls.

Mint: Huh?

Rue: Are you alright?

Prima Doll: I'm having problems with my motive system and stability gyro.

Mint: Why don't you just say 'Please help me up'?

Later...

Klaus: So he can't walk yet. I guess we need the amulet.

Rue: We need that special material to make it. Did you find out anything about it?

Klaus: Oh yes, about the phantomite. I read through some old books while you two were gone, and lo and behold, I found out where we can get it.

Mint: Whoo-hoooo. Way to go, Klaus. So where can we get it?

Klaus: At Raging Mountain. Wylaf lives there. He's known for collecting priceless gems and minerals. There's a good chance he has the phantomite.

Mint: Priceless gems. Hee-Hee-Heee. I'll go, I'll go. I'll get the phantomite and the gems while I'm at it. I'm gonna be rich. I'm gonna be sooo rich.

Klaus: Well, if you insist. But Wylaf is a great dragon, over a thousand years old. My advice to you is don't challenge him.

Mint: What...? Dragon? Wylaf is a dragon?

Klaus: A very powerful dragon. Legend says he can harness the fire in the land at will.

Rue: Mint, are you really going?

Mint: Yeah, right. You think I'm stupid? You go get the phantomite, and I'll go get back the tiara you lost to Belle. Ok? Good luck.

Rue:

Klaus: Well, what do you think, Rue?

Rue: I'll go. Please tell me how to get to Raging Mountain.

Klaus: Alright. I'll prepare a map for you. I'm sorry, Rue. I haven't been any help to you. Be careful, alright?

Rue proceeds to Raging Mountain. On his way...

Duke: Goin' somewhere?

Belle: Long time no see. How've you been? Sheez, you made us wait long enough. Thanks to you, I'm sweatin' like a pig. Let's just finish this quick, so I can go home and take a nice cold shower.

Duke: I'll massage your back after your shower, Milady.

Belle punches Duke to the floor.

Belle: Alright, let's get down to business, shall we? Actually, there's nothing to talk about. You know what we want. So cough it up while you still have the chance.

Rue: You're wasting your time. I'm not telling you anything about the [relic].

I already told you. I have to get it no matter what... It's my duty.

Belle: Duty? Yeah right. You make me sick, you know that? I was kind enough to give you a chance, and you spat right back in my face. Well, that does it! You wanna play rough!? We can play rough! HEXAGON!!!

The Hexagon arrived from Belle's call.

Rue: What the--!?

Belle: This is our ultimate weapon. We found it in the coral sea ruins. You're really in for it now!

Duke: Yo! Don't forget about me!

Belle: What are you gonna do now, huh!? You think you can take on both of us!? Hah! It's too late for apologies! Come on, Duke!

Duke: It's time to get even! I smell victory today!

Rue fights Belle and Duke. After wounding both of them...

Belle: Sheez! Unbelievable...

Belle and Duke got away with the Hexagon.

Rue moves on. In the area of Wylaf...

Rue: Wylaf! Hello! Wylaf! Can you hear me!?

Wylaf: WHO DARES SUMMONS ME? A MERE HUMAN DARES DISTURB ME? YOU FOOL. ...? YOU ARE NOT HUMAN...

Rue: I'm sorry for disturbing you. But please listen to me! I've come here to ask for your help!

Wylaf: IMPUDENT FOOL. YOU DISTURB ME, AND NOW YOU SEEK MY HELP?

Rue: Please, I really need your help!

Wylaf: SILENCE! YOUR BABBLING IS UNBEARABLE. I SHALL READ YOUR MIND. O... YOU SEEK VALEN'S [RELIC]?

Rue: Yes. I need the phantomite to unlock the seal to the [relic]. I understand you collect rare minerals. If you have any phantomite, could you please spare me some?

Wylaf: I HAVE PLENTY OF PHANTOMITE, BUT YOU DO NOT DESERVE ANY.

Rue:

Wylaf: YOUR GOAL IS UNACCEPTABLE. YOU INTEND TO USE THE PHANTOMITE TO RECOVER VALEN'S [RELIC]. THE POWER OF THE AEON'S [RELIC] MIGHT DESTROY THE WORLD. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?

Rue: ...

Wylaf: SELFISH RUNT. SPEAK YOUR MIND! SAY IT! SAY THAT YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THE WORLD! THAT YOUR WELL-BEING COMES FIRST! ADMIT IT!

Rue: No! I just wanna save Claire! I want her back, that's all! I don't wanna destroy the world! I swear!

Wylaf: SILENCE! YOUR PLEDGE IS MEANINGLESS!

Rue: What do you want from me!?

Wylaf: PROOF. YOUR WORDS SHOW NOTHING! PROVE IT! PROVE IT WITH YOUR WEAPON!

Rue: ... Alright. If that's what you want... then that's what you're gonna get!

Rue fights Wylaf. After the fight...

Wylaf: ENOUGH! YOUR HEART IS TRUE. YOU WERE SPLENDID. WITHDRAW YOUR WEAPON. THE FIGHT IS OVER.

Rue puts his Arc Edge away. Later...

Wylaf: I UNDERESTIMATED YOU. PERHAPS I HAVE GROWN TOO OLD.

Rue: Are you alright!?

Wylaf: Hurr, hurr, hurr, hurr, hurr! YOU DARE TO MOCK THE GREATEST DRAGON IN THIS WORLD? HERE, TAKE IT.

Rue: (received Phantomite) Thank you.

Wylaf: NO NEED TO BE GRATEFUL. YOU HAVE EARNED IT. YOU OWE ME NOTHING.

Rue: Are you sure it's alright? Y'know, for me to use the phantomite to get the [relic]?

Wylaf: NO NEED TO WORRY. YOUR HEART WAS TRUE WHEN YOU FOUGHT ME. THERE IS NO EVIL IN YOU. I TRUST YOU WILL NOT MISUSE THE [RELIC]. THE WISDOM OF MY 1,000 YEARS GUARANTEES IT. THE TIME FOR MY REST HAS COME. UNTIL NEXT TIME.

Meanwhile in the tavern...

Belle: What are we gonna do now!? I can't believe we failed again! It's all your fault, you big WIMP!

Duke: Hey, that's not fair, Milady. Don't blame me for everything. You screwed up, too.

Belle punches Duke to the floor.

Belle: AH, shut up! OHH...what are we gonna do? We're almost broke. We barely have enough for food, and we still haven't paid for our room. We have to repair the Hexagon, too.

Duke: We'd have more money if we didn't stay at such a nice hotel.

Belle punches Duke to the floor again.

Belle: You're blaming ME!!!? Unlike you, I come from a good family, alright!? I'm not staying at some cheapo inn!

The waitress Annette approaches Belle and Duke.

Annette: Hey! If you're gonna fight, go outside! You're disturbing the other

customers!

Duke: ...Sorry about that.

Belle: OK!

Annette left the scene.

???: What's the matter, Belle? You should really stop yelling. Don't you know it's only gonna put more wrinkles on your face?

Belle: What!? ...You!

Mint appeared at the scene.

Mint: You failed again, didn't you?

Belle: None of your damn business...! What are you doing here, anyway?

Mint: Hee-Hee-Heee. I have a great plan that I wanna share with you two.

Belle: To do what?

Mint: Something wonderful. Ok, listen...

Now we are with Rue back in Carona Town.

???: Heh! There he is!

Rue: !?

Blood: There you are, you punk! What, you don't remember us!?

Smokey: Eh-heh, Eh-heh!

Rue: Blood and Smokey, right?

Blood: Yeah! I thought you'd remember. You've been havin' nightmares 'bout us, huh? Gave you a hell of a beating last time.

Smokey: E-heh! Lots and lots of beatings!

Rue: What do you guys want?

Blood: We're here for some payback! We're gonna chop you up real good this time.

Smokey: Eh-heh! R-Real good, Bro?

Blood: Yeah, rrreal good! Mighty good!

Rue: You wanna fight right now?

Blood: ...Not yet. We came to give you this message. This is an official challenge.

Blood gave Rue a note.

Blood: Let's settle this fair and square. Everything you need to know is in that letter. I swear, you'd better come!

Smokey: Eh-heh! Better not chicken out!

Blood and Smokey left. Rue looks at the note.

Rue: What terrible handwriting... I can barely read it.

The note says as follows:

Yur a cockee buthed and wer notgona forgiv you. Wer gona chop and womp yor sorry but! Wer gona be at the forrest so you betur com!

Rue: Forest, huh?

Rue proceeds to Carona Forest. He saw Blood and Smokey.

Blood: About time you showed up! I'm surprised you came alone. Who's gonna carry your body back to town?

Smokey: W-What do you mean by that, Bro? He can walk back on his own.

Blood: ...Just shut up, butthead!

Rue: Ok. Let's get this over with.

Blood: Tch! You won't be talkin' big for long! We got help this time!

Rue: Help?

Blood: Yo, boss!

Trap Master appeared at the scene.

Trap Master: You're Rue!? Pshhh! What the hell, man!? I was expectin' some tough-lookin' dude. You ain't gonna even last a minute against me.

Smokey: Eh-heh! Yeah, do it.

Trap Master knocked Smokey to the floor.

Trap Master: Shut up, fatso! I'm in charge here.

Blood:

Rue: Who are you?

Trap Master: What do you care!? You're gonna be dead in a minute... I guess I'll tell you. I'm Trap Master, the baddest trapper in the world. You prolly won't remember jack after I bash you up.

Blood: Yeah! Just bash him up, boss! I got a hefty reward ready.

Trap Master: Yea, yea... Just sit back and enjoy the show.

Rue: I've fought all my life. I'm not gonna lose to you.

Trap Master: Tch! You think you're big time!? You're already in my trap!

Rue: What!?

Rue and Trap Master appeared in the trap battlefield.

Rue: What the heck!?

Trap Master: BWAHA HA HA HA!!! Can't afford to fight outside, y'know? I always end up destroying everything. So I got my own battlefield to go all out and thrash my opponents. Okay, Rue! Show me what you got!

Rue fights Trap Master. After Rue defeats Trap Master, Rue and Trap Master returned to Carona Forest.

Trap Master: Hey, you ain't so bad. Hell, I even broke a little sweat.

Rue: You're panting and sweating like crazy.

Trap Master: WHAT!!!? Piece of crap!!! I wasn't even half serious! You wanna die!? Huh!!!?

Trap Master pounds the ground and Rue defends.

Rue: !!!?

Trap Master: BWAHA HA HA HA! Better check your underwear! What a big wuss! Know what? I'm gonna let you live. Just remembered, I can't kill you yet. You're one lucky bastard. I won't be so easy next time.

Trap Master got away.

Rue: Trap Master... I wonder what he's after...

Smokey: Heh? He's gone. W-What are we gonna do, Bro!?

Blood: Quit your whinin'! Look at him. He's all dizzy after fighting the boss.

Smokey: Eh-heh! Y-You're right! We can beat him now!

Blood: Exactly! It's time for some payback!

Smokey: Eh-heh! Yeah, payback!

Rue fights Blood and Smokey for the third time. After Rue wounds them...

Blood: Sheee... Why can't we win? WHY!!!?

Smokey: Heh!? Hey, B-Bro, wait up!

Blood and Smokey got away. Rue returns to Carona Town and proceeds to Klaus' home. Inside...

Klaus: Hey, Rue. Did you get it?

Rue: Yes. Here's the phantomite.

Klaus: You are amazing! You beat Wylaf!

Rue: No, I didn't. We fought a little, that's all. Wylaf was very understanding.

Rue gave Klaus the Phantomite.

Klaus: So this is the phantomite... I'll start making the amulet right away.

Rue: Now all we need is the tiara. I gotta get it back from Belle and Duke.

Mint: Don't bother. Mint to the rescue.

Rue: It's the tiara!

Mint: Am I great or what? While you were gone, I talked to Belle and convinced her to give it back.

Rue: I can't believe it. They just gave it back to you? What did you say to them?

Mint: !!! ...Who cares! What, you think I'm lying or something!?

Rue: (Gosh, what's wrong with her...?)

Klaus: Now, now. Come on, guys. There's no need to argue. Let's put the tiara on the Prima Doll.

Rue: What's the purpose of the tiara?

Prima Doll: Decision-making, cognition, and other abilities and integrated in the tiara. With it, I will have a comprehensive intelligence that exceeds my current system, which is only a mere backup.

Mint: Yeah, whatever.

Prima Doll: I am certain it is far beyond your comprehension, Mint.

Mint: (angry) Whaaat!? You little... Ohhh!

Rue: So, basically, it's gonna enhance your thinking and personality, right?

Prima Doll: It's more of a completion than an enhancement. It'll get me closer to my former self.

Mint: I hope it shuts your big mouth.

Klaus: Alright, let's try it on.

Klaus puts the tiara on the Prima Doll.

Klaus: Whoa!

Mint: Where'd he go!?

Prima Doll: Over here! I'm back to my old self again! Weee. Now I can move! So what do you think!? Pretty impressive, huh!?

Mint: You're just hoppin' around like a toad.

Prima Doll: Poor Mint. She'll never get it. You can't even appreciate how incredible it is for a doll like me to move, huh?

Mint: Ohhh!!! What do you mean by that!?

Prima Doll: There's no point telling you. Why don't you go fly a kite or something?

Mint: That's it... Take this!

Mint is about to cast a spell on Prima Doll.

Rue: Mint, stop it!

Mint stamps the floor with anger.

Mint: I can't stand him anymore!!! He's plain evil! Don't you agree!?

Prima Doll: The only thing here that's evil is you.

Mint: You...BRAT!

Mint charges at Prima Doll but Prima Doll evade and Mint ran into the wall.

Prima Doll: Klaus, my body is almost complete. All I need now is an amulet made from phantomite. Please hurry and make the amulet, Klaus. I'm dying to become my old self again.

Klaus: You're awfully eager.

Prima Doll: Of course. You two brought me this far, and I really appreciate it! I owe you guys so much!

Mint: Hey!!! What do you mean 'you two'!? You make it sound like I haven't done anything!

Prima Doll: Well, have you?

Mint: You ungrateful...!

Mint tries to strike the Prima Doll with her rings, but Prima Doll evades.

Prima Doll: Haa-haa. You're too slow. ???

Rue: What's wrong?

Prima Doll: I don't know... Feels like my power ran out.

Mint: That's what you get for goofing around.

Prima Doll: I don't understand...

Klaus: Sounds like you need more energy. Or maybe you just need the amulet.

Prima Doll: I don't know if that's it.

Klaus: Hmm... This really is a problem. What are we gonna do if we can't solve the problem with the amulet...?

Mint: He might not be able to break the seal...

Rue: There has to be a way to solve this. Mint and I will try to find out.

Klaus: Alright. In the meantime, I'll work on the amulet.

Mint: Kills me to help this big brat, but...oh well. Remember, I'm only doing this for the [relic], not for you.

Mint left. Rue proceeds to Mel's Atelier. In there...

Mel: Come in.

Inside...

Mel: Hello, Rue. How's your [relic] hunt going?

Rue: Well... The Prima Doll is almost finished, but we have a new problem.

Mel: Oh my... Tell me about it. Maybe I can be of some help.

Rue: Ok...

Rue told Mel everything he wants to say.

Mel: I see... I must say that is quite odd.

Rue: Maybe there are other items that we are missing.

Mel: I don't think so. The amulet is the last thing it needs. Maybe the internal energy in its drive system completely radiated. After all, it was made several hundred years ago.

Rue: Drive system radiated...? What does that mean...?

Mel: Oh, it just means that it's low on energy. The way it is now, I don't think it can break the seal.

Rue: That's what I thought... Is there anything we can do?

Mel: Actually, there might be a way. It's kind of rough way, and I can't guarantee anything... But I think it's worth a try.

Rue: We don't have any choice. Can you please tell me?

Mel: It involves these kids.

Rue: Huh?

Mel: Actually, it involves their brother. His name is Gorotan. He has the ability to control lightning. If you use his power, I'm pretty sure you can replenish Prima Doll's energy.

Rue: Gorotan, huh...? Where can I find him?

Mel: He lives around this atelier. Ask the kids outside. They'll tell you.

Rue: I'll give it a try. Thank you, Mel.

Mel: Good luck. Gorotan is pretty violent, so be careful, ok?

Rue goes outside and talks to one of the Poppul Purrel.

Poppul Purrel: Hi, Rue. Remember me? You saved me from bullies in forest.

Rue: Oh yeah. How are you doing?

Poppul Purrel: I happy. Get to play with Rue now.

Rue: I'm sorry... I don't have time to play right now. I have to look for Gorotan.

Poppul Purrel: Gorotan I know. I help you.

Rue: Really?

Poppul Purrel: Want to play with Gorotan now?

Rue: Yeah.

Poppul Purrel: I take you there. Have fun, Rue.

Rue takes the star platform up to Gorotan's world.

Rue: (looking at a creature) Is this Gorotan...? It can't be... !!! What was that!?

Gorotan appears. Rue fights Gorotan. After defeating Gorotan, it shrank.

Rue: I'm sorry, but I need your power. I really hope this works.

Rue is back at Carona Town. Rue proceeds to Klaus' home. Inside, Rue transform into Gorotan and cast lightning on Prima Doll.

Prima Doll: Oooh!

Rue cast it again.

Prima Doll: Whoa!

Rue cast it again.

Prima Doll: Weee!!!

Rue transforms to his normal self.

Klaus: Well, that was rather violent. How do you feel, Prima Doll?

Prima Doll:

Klaus: Maybe that was too much.

Prima Doll: Weee!

Prima Doll jump and hit his head on the ceiling.

Prima Doll: OUUUCH!

Rue: Are you ok?

Prima Doll: Ohh... I got a little carried away. I can't help it. I'm just so happy.

Klaus: Does that mean-

Prima Doll: Yeah! I'm overflowing with energy. Thanks, Rue!

Klaus: Looks like our problem is solved. All that's left is the amulet.

Rue: Will it take long to make the amulet?

Klaus: I've been working on it since you left. It's shouldn't take too long.

Rue: We're almost there.

Klaus: Yes. The [relic] is within our sight.

Prima Doll: Leave it to me! Once I have the amulet, breaking that seal will be a cinch!

Klaus: I can hardly wait. Well, I'd better get back to work.

Rue: Doctor, you look a little tired. Please let me know if you need any help.

Rue proceeds to Lakeside. There, he met Mint and Elena.

Mint: What's up, Rue?

Elena: Hi.

Rue: What are you guys doing here?

Elena: It's a beautiful day, so we decided to come out for a walk.

Mint: I didn't want to, but she insisted.

Elena: That's because... Well, you guys will be gone soon...

Rue: Huh?

Elena: After all, you both came to Carona to look for the [relic]. After you get it, I'm sure you'll leave and go somewhere far away. I know I'll miss you both very much... I wish I could've spent more time with you two.

Mint: That's right, huh? After I get the [relic], I have to start planning for world domination. I mean, I'm gonna have to take on the entire world, so I can't stay here.

Elena: I'm gonna miss you so much...

Mint: But you know what, I've kinda grown attached to this place. In fact, after I finish taking over the world, I think I'll build a big castle here and retire.

Elena: Really!? Your own castle!?

Mint: Hey! I've got a great idea. You can be one of my ministers! What kind of minister do you wanna be?

Elena: A minister!? This is so sudden. I don't know. Hmm... ..OH, OH, I know! I wanna be Minister of Housekeeping.

Mint: (to Rue) What about you, Rue?

Rue: No thanks. I'm gonna live back home. (With Claire...)

Mint: And live a quiet life? Dang, how boring! Boring with a capital B.

Elena: Really? I think it's a great idea. I can't imagine Rue leading a life of

violence like you, Mint.

Mint: Who are you calling, violent!?

Elena: (to Rue) Please write me when you get back, ok?

Rue: I will. I promise.

Mint: Look at you two. We haven't even got the [relic] yet. Elena, is Klaus still working on the amulet?

Elena: Yes.

Mint: I hope he finishes soon. I can't keep them waiting forever...

Elena: Them?

Mint: !!!

Rue: What are you up to this time?

Mint: What!? Um... Oh! I just remembered something! Gotta go!

Elena: Mint, wait!

Mint and Elena left.

Rue: What is she up to this time? I've got a bad feeling about this...

Rue returns to Carona Town and proceeds to Klaus' home. Inside...

Prima Doll: Hey, Rue! Look, look! I'm fully recharged now! I feel great!

Klaus: Great news, guys. I'm almost finished with the amulet.

Rue: That's great! It won't be long before we break the seal.

Prima Doll: I promise I'll break the seal. That's what I was created for: to open the door to the [relic].

Klaus: We're counting on you.

Prima Doll: Hey, Rue, what do the lake ruins look like? I kind of wanna see them.

Rue: The ruins are in the middle of a lake, so we can't get there now.

Prima Doll: No, really?

Rue: I'll get a boat when you're ready. Can you wait till then?

Prima Doll: No, I can't wait. I wanna see them now!

Rue: Should I get the boat now, Doctor?

Klaus: You don't need to get a boat if you just want to see the lake ruins.

Prima Doll: Really? Where can you see them from?

Klaus: Go to the lakeside. You can get a clear view from there.

Prima Doll: Come on, Rue! Let's go to the lakeside!

Rue: I don't care, but... (to Klaus) Do you think it's okay to take the Prima Doll outside? What if something happens?

Klaus: He'll be fine with you.

Prima Doll: Rue, come on.

Klaus: Go on. You need a little break for a change.

Rue: Okay. Let's go, Prima Doll.

Prima Doll: Alright.

Rue and Prima Doll proceeds to Lakeside. In there...

Prima Doll: Wow... These trees are huge...

Rue: This is the first time you've been outside of town, huh?

Prima Doll: Hey, what's that smell? It smells good. It's so warm and comfortable out here.

Rue: It's because of the sun.

Prima Doll: Oh yeah... I've been trapped inside that cold box all this time. I never knew the outside.

Rue:

Prima Doll: Rue, let's race!

Rue: What?

Prima Doll: Let's have a race to the lakeside.

Rue: ...Ok. Let's do it.

Prima Doll: Don't cheat, ok? On your mark! Get set! GO!

Rue beats Prima Doll to the race.

Prima Doll: Wow! You're fast!

Rue: You're fast, too. You were right by me.

Prima Doll: You think so? That was fun! I've never run like that before. Hey, there are the lake ruins... That's where the [relic] is, right?

Rue: Yeah. The Aeon Valen's [relic] is in there somewhere. (Almost Claire, almost...)

Prima Doll: Rue? You okay? You look sad.

Rue: I'm fine.

Prima Doll: Are you sure? I'm a little worried. I've seen that sad look on your face before. It seems like you're in a lot of pain, but you try so hard to hold

it in.

Rue:

Prima Doll: Aeon's [relic]... I was born... I was created to unlock the seal on the [relic]. That's it... That's my only duty in life. What am I suppose to do after I achieve that? Rue... Where should I go after that? I'm just a tool, a key to open the door to the [relic]. After you get the [relic], I'll be of no use, and I'll... I'll be nothing...

Rue: That's not true. You're not a tool.

Prima Doll: I am...

Rue: Listen to me... You're forgetting something very important. You're forgetting that you're alive. We often take it for granted, but just being alive is a wonderful thing. As long as you're alive, there's always a chance... There's always hope. I've got a great idea. After this is over, let's try to find something fun that we can do.

Prima Doll: Rue...

Rue: I promise you we'll find something.

Prima Doll: Thanks, Rue.

Rue and Prima Doll returned to Carona Town and went into Klaus' home. Inside...

Prima Doll: We're back, Klaus.

Klaus: Hey. Did you get to see the ruins?

Prima Doll: Yeah! They were neat! I raced Rue in the forest, too!

Klaus: Sounds like you had fun.

Prima Doll: Yeah! It was really fun.

Klaus: Good for you. Oh yeah! I have a little present for you. Here you go.

Rue: Is that-

Prima Doll: It's the amulet!

Klaus: I just finished it. Okay, try it on.

Klaus put the amulet on Prima Doll.

Prima Doll: This is weird... It's really refreshing. Wow, I feel great! Oh yeah! It feels like the sun. I feel so comfortable.

Klaus: I'm glad to see you happy. Looks like it worked. Well, Rue, this is it. We're finally ready to break the seal on the [relic].

Rue: Yes!

Prima Doll: I'll do my best, guys!

Klaus: That's the spirit! Okay, let's go to the lake ruins!

Rue: Right now!?

Klaus: Of course! Why wait!?! Come on!

Klaus fell.

Klaus: Ouch.

Rue: You okay, Doctor?

Prima Doll: What's wrong!?

Klaus: ...

Later...

Elena: Not again. Dad, you've been working too hard.

Prima Doll: She's right. He stayed up all night to finish the amulet.

Rue: I think you need to rest, Doctor.

Klaus: I'm not resting now... The [relic] is within our grasp...

Elena: Please, Dad! You have to rest!

Klaus: I can't...

Elena: Mom's really gonna worry if you go now.

Klaus: I can't believe this. I've waited so long to get the [relic].

Rue: Doctor, we don't have to go now. While you rest, I can get things ready.

Prima Doll: What are we gonna do?

Rue: Well, for one thing, we can't go to the lake ruins yet.

Prima Doll: Why not? We just went to the lakeside. Oh yeah! You talked about this earlier.

Elena: What? What are you talking about?

Rue: We need a boat to get to the lake ruins.

Elena: Ohh, that's right. The ruins are in the middle of the lake.

Rue: I'm gonna go and try to borrow a boat. Please rest until I get back.

Klaus: Thank you, Rue.

Elena: Come on, Dad. You have to rest up for that boat ride.

Prima Doll: I love boat rides.

Rue proceeds to the grassy fields. Rue talks to Rod.

Rod: Rue, long time no see. What bring you here?

Rue: I came here to ask you for a favor.

Rod: Oh boy... Alright, what's on your mind?

Rue told Rod everything.

Rod: That's it? You just wanna get to the lake ruins? Well, you came to the right place. I'm the man that can get you there. My ACV's the best ride around. But everything has a price. You want my help, you gotta pay up front. You know what I want, don't ya?

Rue: ...No, I don't.

Rod: Think.

Rue: ...I remember now. Is this what you're talking about?

Rue draws his Arc Edge.

Rod: Right on! That's what I'm talking about! Tell you what. Just this once, I'll fight you free of charge.

Rue: So, if I win-

Rod: Yeah! Yo, who do you think I am? Rod the Blade Star never goes back on his word. You win, I help. It's as simple as that. So, no need to hold back, alright?

Later, Rue and Rod readies their weapons.

Rod: Ok, Rue! Bring it on!

Rue: Alright!

Rue fights Rod. After Rue defeats Rod...

Rod: Damn... You got me in the mouth. My tooth is all jiggly now. Gotta stay away from meat for a while.

Rue: Sorry about that... I guess I lost control.

Rod: Hey, no prob. I told you to bring it on, and you did. I was prepared for some hits. Alright, you win. I'll take you to them ruins, as promised. Why don't you go kill some time while I get her ready?

Rue talks to Klaus in his home.

Klaus: Rod is going to take you to the lake ruins!? That's great! I guess you're ready then. Are you going to leave now?

Rue: Yes.

Klaus: Good... I hope everything goes well. I'll stay here and wait for the good news.

Rue talks to Rod.

Rod: Good timing! My baby's ready to go!

Rue: Wow...

Rod: I know. Isn't she a beauty? This is it. The love of my life. The Pulsar-inferno Typhoon Omega! The greatest ride in the world. Nothing can top this baby's speed.

Rue: Where did you get this?

Rod: I can't tell you that. It's top secret.

Prima Doll: Wow! This is so cool! Rue, we get to ride in this thing!?

Rue: Yeah.

Prima Doll: Alright! I love boat rides.

Rod: It's not a boat! Don't EVER call my baby a boat! It's the Pulsar-inferno Typhoon Omega.

Prima Doll: Rue, come on! Let's get on the boat.

Rod: Dammit! What is he, deaf...? Okay, get in.

They all hop aboard the Pulsar-inferno Typhoon Omega.

Rue: What is this noise?

Rod: It's the sorcerous driver. It's some kind of an ancient magic device. There are 5 cannon orbs that juice up the driver to thrust my baby. It's the sweetest sound in the world. We're at maximum power. Okay! You boys ready!?

Prima Doll: Go!

Rod: 3 2 1. Here we go!

They take off. Mint, Belle, and Duke arrived after Rue, Rod, and Prima Doll left.

Mint: Hmph! They think they can leave me out...? Guess again!

Later with Rue's group...

Prima Doll: Whoooa! It's fast.

Rue: Whoa! Nearly lost my hat...

Rod: This baby's dynamite, so hold on tight!

Prima Doll: Go baby, go! Pulsar-inferno Typh- Oww!! I bit my tongue...oy.

Rod: Ha-ha-ha. My baby's so intense, you can't even say her name! Alright, listen: Pulsar-inferno Typh-Agghhh!

Rue: ...Rod? You okay?

Rod: ... I'm fine.

Prima Doll: Hey! You bit your tongue, too! Haa-haa.

Rod: Hey, Rue! Where's this channel that leads to the lake?

Rue: It should be coming up soon.

Rod: Okay! Time to speed up!

Later, they all arrived at the ruins.

Rue: We'll be alright from here. Thanks for the ride, Rod.

Rod: No prob. I'll come back to pick you guys up before lights-out.

Prima Doll: Bye, Rod!

Rod: Later, boy.

Prima Doll: Rue!

Rod: Whatever it is you're up to, just do it all the way, alright? With heart!

Rod left.

Rue: ... Okay, Prima Doll. Let's go get the [relic]!

Prima Doll: OK! Time to show you my true power!

Rue: (Claire, this is it... Finally, I can get you back.)

Prima Doll: What's wrong, Rue? Come on, let's go.

They approach closer.

Prima Doll: This is weird... This is my first time here, and for some reason, it feels so nostalgic. I know exactly what to do here, too. It's amazing. Everything I need to know is coming back so naturally. My father in the heavenly light, I serve you and only you. Sleeper in the endless night. At last, I will fulfill the sacred duty.

Rue: Arise from the Aeon's sleep. Come forth: the time is now. Reign unto eternity.

Prima Doll: That's right. Rue, how come you know?

Rue:I don't know. It just came naturally...

Prima Doll: That's so weird. Oh well. Let's begin!

Prima Doll steps on the area and tries to break the seal.

Prima Doll: My father in the heavenly light. I serve you and only you.

???: STOP!

Doll Master, Psycho Master, and Maya appeared.

Rue: Who are you!?

Doll Master: Silence! Princess Maya of the East Heaven Kingdom stands before you!

Rue: East Heaven Kingdom... The kingdom of sorcery.

Doll Master: Indeed. For the last 700 years, our kingdom has protected this

[relic]. It is our duty to see that this [relic] does not fall into the wrong hands.

Maya: Only top-class magicians are qualified to handle [relics]. Ordinary men are not permitted to handle them. They might bring about world destruction. The most powerful [relic] created by the great Aeon Valen is sealed here. You have come to break the seal, no!? Be gone immediately! I absolutely forbid it!

Prima Doll: Rue...that princess is scaring me!

Rue: You won't let us have the [relic]? Is that what you're saying?

Maya: It is forbidden! You must leave at once!

Rue: NO! I need the [relic], no matter what. I've searched for so long and finally found it. I don't care what you say! I'm taking it!

Maya: Who do you think you are!? Do you honestly believe that you can handle the power of the [relic]!?

Rue: I WILL! To save Claire, I will!

Maya: ...Very well. You leave me no choice. I'll use the power of my [relic] and see if you are worthy of Valen's.

Maya takes out the Book of Cosmos.

Maya: BOOK OF COSMOS!!!

Maya cast the spell. Rue defends.

Rue: AAAAGGH!

Maya: This is the power of a [relic]. The power of the Book of Cosmos! East Heaven's greatest Aeon [relic]! Kneel before its power!

Prima Doll: Rue!!!!?

Rue: Aagh! I can't take it! Aaaagh!?

Rue got pushed back.

Maya: It's no use! You must give up, or you'll die!

Rue: N-NEVER!!! Aaaaagh!!! Aaagh! CLAIRE!!!

Rue's hat came off.

Rue: ...What happened? My body's...burning!

Maya: It can't be...! He's countering the power of the [relic].

The camera switches to the scene with Mint, Belle and Duke...

Mint: Dang! Everything's happening so fast!

Belle: Sheez! It's getting all complicated now! What are we gonna do!?

Mint: Maya... That snake! Always butting into my affairs!

Belle: You say something?

Mint: Don't worry about it. Ok, guys. We have to change our plan.

Belle: You have another one in mind?

Mint: Of course. Just leave it all to me. Duke. Get the Hexagon ready.

Duke: Alright. Wait. Why are you in charge?

Now we are with Rue and the situation.

Maya: How can this be!? He won... He beat the Book of Cosmos...

Rue: (lights appear on him) This light... What's happening to me?

Rue got knocked down by Doll Master's magic.

Maya: Watch yourself, Doll Master!

Doll Master: Yes, Your Highness. Please, rest assured, I won't kill him.

Rue: ...It's not over!

Doll Master: You still intend to fight...? Admirable, but unwise. (casting a spell) Gizmo = Gia = Gias! To you born of dew, I command. Accept your destiny and seal your powers!

A spell was cast on Rue.

Rue: I...can't move...!

Doll Master: This is a special spell. Even your powers cannot dispel it.

Prima Doll: (surrounded) !?

Doll Master: So this is the Prima Doll. Quite impressive. It may prove useful.

Rue: R-Run... Run, Prima!

Doll Master grabs Prima Doll.

Prima Doll: Hey! Put me down!

Doll Master: The time has come... Prima Doll, open the seal to the [relic].

Prima Doll: No! I'll never follow your orders! You're pure evil!

Doll Master: What?

Prima Doll: I won't do it. I'd rather... (rethinks) Rue... Thanks, Rue. It was short, but I had a lot of fun. Please don't die. ...Goodbye.

Prima Doll shuts himself off.

Rue: Prima...

Doll Master: Worthless piece of junk.

Suddenly, the Hexagon appeared.

Maya: What is that!?

Rue: Mint...!? Belle!?

Mint: No time to talk! Belle! Get, Rue!

Belle: Okay!

Mint: Ungghhh!

The Hexagon's arm struck Mint by accident. Belle grabs Rue.

Doll Master: You cannot escape!

Duke: Says who!?

Duke arrived and punches Doll Master.

Mint: You clumsy old bag! You almost got me killed!

The Hexagon's arm struck Mint again.

Mint: Ungghhh!

Belle: Stop babbling! Let's get outta here!

Duke: Milady, heeeelp!

Duke flew into the air from Psycho Master's attack.

Belle: Stop jerkin' around!

Psycho Master: Those who defy my lord must suffer.

Belle and the rest of the folks got away with the Hexagon.

Maya: Was that...? No, it couldn't have...

Doll Master: Your Highness. Your Highness!

Maya: Huh!? Yes, what is it?

Doll Master: Shall we pursue them?

Maya: No... That's not our priority. We must secure the [relic] first. I will use the Book of Cosmos.

Doll Master: Yes, Your Highness.

Maya cast a spell and the tower rose up. Later in Carona Town, Rue and Mint arrived during the night.

Mint: We finally made it... Oh gosh... I'm so tired.

Rue: Mint, can you tell me what's going on?

Mint: What are you talking about? Oh, you mean about Belle and Duke?

Rue: Yeah.

Mint: Ok, I'll tell you about it over dinner. Belle and Duke are waiting for me at the tavern. I'm gonna go ahead, ok?

Rue proceeds to the tavern. Inside...

Duke: S'up, Rue?

Belle: I guess you're fine, since you can walk. Good for you.

Mint: Have a seat. I'll tell you what you want to know. Hmm, where should I start...?

Belle: Hang on. I wanna ask Rue something. I saw you fighting at the lake ruins. Gotta admit, I was surprised. I didn't think you were that tough. So I'm curious. Why are you fighting so hard? Why are you so set on getting the [relic]? You wanna tell us?

Rue: ...Alright. I'll tell you.

Rue told Belle everything. After that...

Rue: ...So I'm gonna get the [relic] and bring Claire back. It's my duty.

Belle: I'll be damned... That's quite a past you're carrying. You sure are strong, Rue.

Duke: Man...I'm touched.

Belle: Yeah. Did you hear that, Mint? Mint's been doing nothing but trying to double-cross you.

Rue: What...!? Really?

Belle: Yeah. She even made a deal with us. She said if we give back the tiara, she'd share the [relic] with us. So we gave it back and decided to go along with it.

Duke: We were layin' low until the Prima Doll was complete. Soon as we saw you and the Prima Doll head for the lake ruins, we went after you with the Hexagon.

Belle: You didn't know we were there, huh? We were waiting for that doll to break the seal.

Duke: After the seal was gone, the rest would be easy. We just take the [relic] and disappear.

Belle: ... That about sums up everything. Mint planned the whole thing.

Rue: Mint...

Mint: I just...wanted the [relic] real bad... Hey, wait a minute! Actually, you guys should be thanking me. If I didn't lead the way today, you'd all probably be dead.

Belle: Yeah, right! Don't try to change the subject!

Mint: ...

Duke: What are we gonna do, Milady? That lady Maya is probably guarding the

lake ruins.

Belle: I haven't thought about it yet. Ah, I'm too tired to think...! I need to get some rest. Let's go.

Duke: Alright.

Rue leaves the tavern and heads to the inn. He decides to go to sleep. The next morning, Rue proceeds to Lakeside where he saw a large tower.

Rue: What a huge tower... Looks like it's surrounding the entire lake. How am I supposed to get to the ruins now? Prima...

Meanwhile in the Tower of Maya...

Doll Master: The Prima Doll's actions were indeed unexpected... A mere tool petrifying itself to protect the [relic] was quite surprising.

Maya: It testifies to the danger of bringing the [relic] back to this world.

Doll Master: In that case, I would suggest this: Why not leave the [relic] in our custody?

Maya: What do you mean?

Doll Master: I mean, we should unlock the seal to the [relic]. Why take the risk of it falling into the wrong hands? It would be safer in our hands. We can use the Prima Doll to unlock the seal. The doll's petrification can be removed with the Book of Cosmos. What do you think, Your Highness?

Maya: I can't believe what I'm hearing! Our duty is to prevent the [relic] from ever returning to this world!

Doll Master: But Your Highness-

Maya: Enough. We must never come in contact with Valen's [relic]! Do I make myself clear?

Doll Master: ...Yes, Your Highness.

Maya: Doll Master, listen well. Excessive power only leads to destruction. Do not make that mistake.

Maya left.

Psycho Master: What now, my lord?

Doll Master: Hmm... If she will not approve, we'll have to use 'him'...

The camera swtiches to nightttime of Carona Town. Rue proceeds to the grassy fields and talks to Rod and Duke.

Duke: S'up, Rue?

Rue: Duke, what are you doing here?

Duke: Well, we can't do anything with that tower blocking everything. So I came out here to get some action!

Rod: He came here for a little one on one. It was a good fight.

Duke: I got busted up. Rod is a monster!

Rod: Nah, you did good. It was pretty close. Heck, if we go again, you might win.

Duke: Well, you got me today... Damn, I thought I'd have a chance with my Starlight Duke, y'know?

Rue: What...!? You dressed up as a star again?

Duke: Yeah!

Rod: That star suit made it real tough for me. My hits hardly did any damage. What'd I do? Hit you like 300 times...? Duke! That costume's one heckuvan armor. Let me try it on sometime. I think I might be able to use it for my next weapon.

Rue: You're gonna really wear that thing?

Rod: Sometimes, you even gotta make a fool of yourself to come up with a weapon.

Duke: Oh yeah... I went by the lake a while ago to check things out.

Rue: I went there too.

Duke: Did you find it strange? That place is dead. They haven't made a move since that tower came up.

Rue:

Rod: I wouldn't worry about it. Don't do anything stupid, or you'll just play into their hands. Just sit back and wait for their next move.

Duke: Yeah, I guess so... I'm gonna get some rest now. Milady's gonna kill me if I don't get back soon. See you, Rue!

Rue: Good night.

Rod: You should get going, too. Get a good night's rest and re-energize. My guess is, they'll make a bid move real soon. You're definitely gonna need all your energy then.

Rue:

Rod: Sometimes, you gotta stop running. For now, just bear down and keep your eyes open.

Rue: Ok.

Rod: Sweet dreams, Rue.

Rue heads to the inn and goes to sleep.

Claire: Rue... Rue. Wake up.

Rue: Who's there...!? Must be my imagination.

Claire: Rue!

Rue: !!! It's coming from outside!

Rue looks outside of the window.

Rue: !!! No!!! It can't be!

Rue goes out of the town and saw Claire going into the alley. Rue searches the alley, the dock, the grassy field, and then the church. Inside the church...

Rue: Claire!

Claire: Rue... I'm so glad to see you.

Psycho Master appeared in front of Rue.

Rue: You're--

Psycho Master: I am Psycho Master. Pleased to meet you.

Rue: Get out of my way!

Psycho Master: ...As you wish.

Psycho Master disappeared.

Claire: Aaaaah!

Claire is being controlled.

Rue: Claire!

Psycho Master appeared behind Rue.

Psycho Master: Allow me to test your powers.

Rue: (draws his Arc Edge) ...Put her down!!! Right now!

Psycho Master: Can you match my powers? Do you dare to fight me face to face?

Rue fights Psycho Master. After Rue wounds Psycho Master...

Psycho Master: Excellent. Your powers are extraordinary. My Master will be most pleased.

Rue: Let her go! Come on!

Psycho Master: If you wish to save her, come to the tower by the lake. My Master is expecting you. Good evening.

Rue: STOP!

Psycho Master disappeared with Claire.

Rue: ... (very upset) Claire...

The next morning, Rue proceeds to Tower of Maya.

Rue: Claire, I'm coming.

Inside, the door closes on Rue.

Rue: !?

Trap Master appeared.

Trap Master: Hey! Whassup, fool! Baited like the dumb fish that you are.

Rue: Trap Master! You're one of them!

Trap Master: No duh! You're scared now, huh? Where do you think you're goin'!? What, you think you can just walk outta here!? Dumb... Very, very dumb!

Rue has no choice but to climb the stairways.

Trap Master: Alright, my job is done. I'm outta here. Don't even think about escaping! I rigged this door with a little surprise. You got no choice but up.

Trap Master disappeared. Rue makes his way up. Later, he reached the room with Claire.

Rue: Claire! I still can't believe it... I've missed you so much. Come on. Let's go home. !!!?

Claire: Ha-Ha-Ha.

Rue: Claire, what's wrong? Why are you laughing!?

Claire: Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha. Oh, Rue, Rue, Rue... Just look at you. Crying like a baby, 'Claire! Claire!' You're so cute. How could anyone not laugh?

Rue: Who are you!?

Claire: Hold on a sec.

Claire turned herself to Mode Master who was mimicking Claire all along.

Mode Master: Voila. I'm Mode Master. Thank you, Rue. I had so much fun pulling your leg.

Rue: Wh... Why?

Mode Master: Why else? To lure you here. It worked like a charm. You're so full of passion. Please don't hold a grudge, ok? I have to admit, I became very envious of Claire. To be cherished so much that you'd risk your life for her... She must've been a very special lady.

Rue: Shut up!

Rue attempts to strike Mode Master but it had no effect and Mode Master transformed into Claire.

Mode Master: Ohh, poor baby. You know, yet you can't do it.

Mode Master disappeared.

Doll Master: How pitiful.

Doll Master appeared.

Doll Master: You thought Claire was alive. You came here desperately hoping

that she had actually come back to life. Now your hope has been shattered. Claire is dead, and that's the fact.

Rue: DAMN YOU!

Rue became enraged.

Doll Master: Yes... I can sense it. I feel your rage piercing into my bones. But that's not enough. There is much greater power resting in you!

Rue: Shut up! I don't care!

Doll Master: I will help you bring it out. DO YOU REMEMBER THIS!?

Doll Master reveals the large arm. The Arm of Death was Doll Master all along.

Rue: !!! That hand!?

Doll Master: That's right! I killed Claire!

Rue flashes back of Claire getting killed.

Rue: !!!!!!! ...He's dead. You're dead!!! DEAD!!!

Doll Master: Rage has awakened you, just like 3 years ago.

Rue attempts to strike Doll Master, but the weapons clashed.

Doll Master: I'll tell you right now. You can never defeat me.

Rue fights Doll Master, but Doll Master was too powerful for Rue and he got knocked out.

Doll Master: (grabbing Rue) I told you. You can never defeat me.

Rue: Aagh...

Doll Master: It's time for the final step.

Maya: Doll Master, what is going on!?

Maya arrived.

Maya: !?

Doll Master: Good of you to come, Your Highness. I was just about to call you from your chambers.

Maya: What just happened here!? Answer me at once!

Doll Master throws Rue down to the floor.

Doll Master: Very well... You are no longer of any use to me.

Maya: !?

Doll Master: Psycho Master, get the Book!

Psycho Master surprised Maya and took the Book of Cosmos away from her.

Maya: What do you think you're doing!?

Doll Master: Now, Rue... Show me your true power. (casting a spell) Gizmo = Gia = Gias! To you born of dew, I command. Accept your destiny and release your powers!

Rue being controlled is about to tear the book apart.

Doll Master: That's it. Tear the Book apart!

Maya: My goodness!!! The Book is being destroyed!

Later, Rue and Maya are in space. Rue regained consciousness.

Rue: What is this place...?

Maya: It's the Book of Cosmos. The Book is a gateway to the cosmos. Right now, you and I are in space.

Rue: You're-

Rue is still wounded.

Rue: Aagh!?

Maya: My goodness. Doll Master showed you no mercy. Try to stay still.

Maya cast a healing spell on Rue. Rue has been healed.

Rue: ...Thank you.

Maya: I must say I'm surprised. You're associated with my sister, yes? I figured you would be a hopeless ruffian, just like her.

Rue: (Her sister...?)

Maya: ... I still can't believe it. The Book of Cosmos has been dismantled... The Book is an Aeon [relic]. Doll Master is a powerful magician, but he couldn't have done this. It's impossible. The Book must have been dismantled by something else. Rue, maybe it was you. There's incredible power resting within you.

Rue: ...

Maya: That glowing stone on your forehead... It doesn't look like an ordinary stone. I believe it holds tremendous powers.

Rue: I don't know anything about this stone. Actually... I don't know who I am... I don't know anything about myself.

Maya: Come with me. We'll go see Atenacius.

Rue: Atenacius?

Maya: He's the Aeon who created the Book of Cosmos. I'm sure he'll be able to answer all your questions.

Rue: I thought Aeons were all dead.

Maya: You're right. Atenacius died a few hundred years ago. But just before his

death, Atenacius sealed his spirit in the Book of Cosmos. To this day, he still resides here. But only in spirit.

Rue: Do you really think he would know anything about me?

Maya: Atenacius is a powerful Aeon. There is nothing that he doesn't know. In any case, we must see him. Without his help, we won't be able to escape from this world.

Atenacius: I AM HerE.

Atenacius appeared.

Rue: That's Atenacius...?

Maya: Yes. As you can see, Atenacius has merged with the Book of Cosmos.

Atenacius: YouR HighesS, WhaT HaS Happened? MY Greatest Creation HaS Been DestroyED IN ThE BlinK OF AN EyE. WhaT Power IN ThIS World IS Capable OF Such A FeaT?

Maya: I'm not sure, but I believe the stone on this man's forehead caused this. This chaos started when that glowing stone began to shine brilliantly.

Atenacius: WhaT!!!?

Maya: Atenacius!?

Atenacius: YoU! ThaT StonE...! YeS! ThaT StonE HaS ThE Power TO DestroY MY Book!

Rue: Please tell me! What is this stone!?

Atenacius: BaH! JusT LookinG AT ThaT WretcheD Stone DisgustS ME! OF Course! YoU ArE HiS ServanT! HE HaS SenT YoU HerE TO DestroY ME!

Rue: Servant...? I don't understand.

Atenacius: YoU CannoT FooL ME! TherE IS NO DoubT. YoU ArE ValeN's ServanT!

Rue: !? Valen's servant?

Atenacius: SilencE!! YouR EviL IntentionS ArE ObviouS! YoU PlaN TO DestroY ME AnD ResurrecT ValeN TO Acquire ThE Dewprism.

Rue: Dewprism...?

Atenacius: I Will NoT AlloW IT! Never! ThaT [ReliC] Will Only Invite Disaster! ValeN MusT NoT BE Resurrected! I MusT StoP YoU AT ALL Cost!

Maya: Atenacius, stop this at once!

Rue: It's too late!

Atenacius: DiE!

Rue fights Atenacius. After defeating Atenacius, the place starts shaking.

Rue: What's going on!?

Atenacius: YouR Power IS UselesS! ThIS IS MY Lord! I CannoT Perish!

Atenacius attacks Rue.

Rue: Aaaaagh!

Atenacius: IgnoranT WretcH! YoU AmusE ME. HoW DarE YoU CallengE MY SovereigN Power?

Suddenly, Doll Master appeared at the scene.

Doll Master: Hmph, what a joke.

Doll Master attacks Atenacius.

Atenacius: NoooO!!!

Doll Master: DIE!!! Now, your powers will be mine!

Atenacius disappeared.

Doll Master: Just another overrated Aeon... How ridiculously weak!

Maya: Have you gone mad!? You fool! What have you done!?

Doll Master: Don't even bother, Your Highness. I have absorbed Atenacius's powers. Your magic is useless against me now.

Maya: ...That explains why you destroyed the Book.

Doll Master: Yes. It was the only way I could take his powers. With Rue's help of course...

Maya: But why!? What is the reason behind all this!? Tell me at once!

Doll Master: As you wish. The time has come to reveal who we are. You and I, Rue, we were brought to this world for one reason alone. Our fate was determined long ago.

Rue:

In Doll Master's memory...

Doll Master: There once was a great Aeon. His powers rivaled those of the gods. This Aeon made an incredible [relic]. That [relic] embodies all the forces in the universe. It is the purest form of crystal. Life, space, time, even logic and willpower are under the dominion of this [relic]. With the ability to control time and all of nature's creations, it is the ultimate power in this universe. That [relic] is called the Dewprism. Dewprism defines the heavens, the earth, time, and life... In essence, it is a microcosm of our universe. To inherit Dewprism is to inherit the universe. Valen created Dewprism; he hoped to become a god. But the incalculable power of the [relic] brought about his downfall. The other Aeons were startled by Valen's creation and saw their peer as a major threat. Eventually, they became mad from fear and envy, and attacked him. The Aeon's showed no mercy and destroyed Valen.

The memory ended.

Maya: ... Was Valen killed?

Doll Master: His body was destroyed... but not his spirit. Valen sealed himself

in another dimension. And he has taken the Dewprism with him. Valen bides his time in an impregnable dimension. All the while, his enemies age and die. Despite all their powers, Aeons are not immortal. With every passing moment, his enemies dwindle. And now they're all dead! I have just destroyed Valen's last enemy, Atenacius.

Maya: Wait! Does that mean Valen is going to be resurrected!?

Doll Master: ...Not yet.

In Doll Master's memory...

Doll Master: Like I said, Valen has sealed himself inside an impregnable dimension. It can't be destroyed from the outside or inside. And Valen himself can't remove the seal to escape. At this point, Valen and his Dewprism, will be confined in the dimension forever.

Back to present. Suddenly...

Atenacius: ValeN MusT NoT BE Resurrected!

Rue: Atenacius!?

Atenacius: ThaT FooL IS ImprisonED Inside HiS OwN Creation. Only The DollS OF ValeN CaN Break The SeaL.

Maya: What!?

Rue: Dolls of Valen!?

Atenacius: AlaS...! IF ONLY The DollS OF ValeN DiD NoT Exist, HE Could NoT Return!

Doll Master attacks Atenacius.

Atenacius: Curse YoU BotH, Curse YoU BotH...!

Doll Master: What a pitiful sight. You should've died long ago with your peers, Atenacius. How does it feel to die knowing that your enemy is going to be resurrected? You're nothing compared to Valen. HAHAAHAHAA!

Doll Master kills Atenacius.

Doll Master: Atenacius is dead. Nothing can stop Valen's resurrection now. The time has finally come for the Dolls of Valen to fulfill their duty.

Rue: What!? What are you talking about!?

Doll Master: I'm sure you know by now.

In Doll Master's memory...

Doll Master: Before sealing himself in his dimension, Valen created many dolls with special powers and hid them all over the world. They were created for the sole purpose of one day breaking the seal and resurrecting him. Rue... you are but one of Valen's creations. The stone on your forehead... It is a life stone, a fragment of the Dewprism. It holds powers beyond this world. It is what destroyed the Books of Cosmos. Look. Valen remains locked in his dimension. You have the power to free him. You and your life stone. It is your duty.

Rue: My duty...

Doll Master: Yes... Our duty... We exist for Valen. It is our duty to bring him back to this world. The time has come to resurrect our sovereign. With the Dewprism, Valen will be invincible. He will become a god and reign over the universe.

Back to present.

Rue:No. YOU'RE LYING! I don't care what you say! I'm not Valen's doll!

Doll Master: Of course... You have completely lost your memory, as I have lost my powers.

Rue: What are you talking about?

Doll Master: Perhaps this will convince you.

Rue: !?

Doll Master takes his mask off.

Rue: ...That stone... How...?

Doll Master: We're the same, Rue. We are Dolls of Valen. And that makes you my brother. You awakened 5 years ago... I awakened 100 years ago. Unlike you, I retained everything. I remembered my duty as Valen's creation. Unfortunately, I am Valen's failed creation. Look at my stone. My life stone is dead. It has no power... I cannot fulfill our duty alone.

Rue: That's why you came after me?

Doll Master: Yes. 3 years ago, that night...

Rue: WHY!? Why did you kill Claire!? You only wanted me! You killed her for no reason!

Doll Master: That was an accident. I had no intention of killing her. I never imagined she would be so frail.

Rue: You bastard!

Doll Master: Calm down. After we fulfill our duty, I'll bring that woman back to life. Once Valen's is resurrected, we can use the power of the Dewprism to revive her. That will solve everything. Once she comes back to life, you and I will no longer be enemies.

Rue: It doesn't matter! I'll NEVER forgive you! You think everything's gonna be fine if you just bring her back!? You're just toying with her life!

Doll Master: Like I told you, you are my brother. I have no intention of fighting you. Rue, I have waited for you for so long. Now, let us fulfill our duty, together.

Rue: I'm not your brother! I don't need your help! I'm gonna bring Claire back on my own. That's my only duty.

Doll Master: So...you have no intention of joining me?

Rue: Never! You're not my brother! You're just a monster!

Rue tried to attack Doll Master, but Doll Master evades.

Doll Master: So be it... I will fulfill our duty on my own.

Rue: What are you talking about!? You said you don't have the power!

Doll Master: I have absorbed Atenacius's powers. With his powers, I'll be able to revive Prima Doll. That doll can remove the seal at the lake ruins and open the path to Valen's fortress where he rests.

Rue: Hey!

Doll Master: Farewell.

Doll Master disappeared. Rue and Maya are back in Tower of Maya.

Rue: !? ...What happened to Doll Master?

Rue saw Doll Master's mask.

Rue: He's gone.

Maya: He must be heading to the lake ruins. The only thing on that traitor's mind is Valen's [relic]...Dewprism. If Doll Master resurrects Valen... It'll be the end of the world.

Rue: Can't you stop him with the Book of Cosmos?

Maya: I'm afraid not... With Atenacius gone, the Book has lost its power. I'm completely helpless now...

Rue: !?

Suddenly, the tower is shaking.

Maya: What's going on!?

Suddenly, Valen's Fortress was created in the skies.

Psycho Master: It has finally arrived. The long awaited return of Valen and the Dewprism.

Doll Master: Valen's fortress... I must go there at once.

Psycho Master: It will be an honor to accompany you. Your 100 year wait is finally over. ... I trust you will take care of everything.

Trap Master: Don't worry about it. We'll cover things down here.

Mode Master: My lord... I wish I could've accompanied you to the end.

Doll Master: You two have served me well. I thank you both.

Mode Master: No. We owe you everything, my lord. Our lives would have ended in meaningless battles without you. You have even granted us names. You have freed us from our dismal fate.

Doll Master: Kirielle, I'm counting on you.

Mode Master: I pray we will meet again, my lord.

Doll Master: (to Trap Master) Narcius, take care of yourself.

Trap Master: Hey, I ain't gonna die!

Doll Master: Of course... (to Psycho Master) Karwyn, let's go.

Psycho Master: Yes, my lord.

Mode Master: Please fulfill your duty, Ruecian.

Doll Master: Farewell.

Later at Carona Town...

Maya: My goodness. That fortress... It's brimming with evil.

Rue: I have to go.

Maya: What?

Rue: I have to go there. Dewprism... It's the only way to save Claire.

Maya: You still insist on getting the Dewprism!? The power that can destroy the world!?

Rue: I know...but I have to. When Doll Master used me to destroy your book, I was a helpless puppet. I can't believe we're both Dolls of Valen. And he's far more powerful than I am... But I can't give up! I have to defeat him, no matter what! He killed Claire... I'll never be at peace until he's dead. I don't know anymore. I don't know what to do or what to believe... I might end up destroying the world.

Maya: Rue...

Rue: I'm still sure of one thing. When Claire was killed, I promised I would bring her back. I know I'm just a doll. My feelings probably aren't real. But that promise I made was real. I know it was... I have to get to Valen's fortress somehow. There's gotta be a way. All I need is a pair of wings.

Rue saw the fortress up in the skies. Rue enters Klaus' home and Klaus told him to go to ask Mel to help him. Rue proceeds to Mel's Atelier. In there...

Mel: Come in.

Inside...

Mel: I had a feeling you would come.

Rue: Mel, I need your help again.

Mel: You want to know how to get to Valen's fortress, right?

Rue: !? How did you know?

Mel: Come on, how could I not know? You're so close to getting the Dewprism...to save Claire.

Rue: Yes. But how can I-

Mel: You don't need to say anymore. You want a pair of wings to fly to Valen's fortress. But you don't know where to get them, right?

Rue:

Mel: Come on, Rue. Think.

Rue: ?

Mel: Fine, I'll tell you. Rue, you have the ability to fly.

Rue: ...I do? Oh yeah!

Mel: Go to Raging Mountain and see Wylaf. I'm sure he has a pair of wings you can transform into.

Rue: Thank you, Mel!

Mel: B'Bye. You'll do just fine. Good luck to you.

Rue proceeds to Raging Mountain. Rue encountered Trap Master.

Trap Master: Whassup?

Rue: What are you doing here!?

Trap Master: What are you, stupid or what? I'm here to kick your butt. What, you thought you'd just sneak by and ride some washed-up dragon into Valen's fortress? Pshhh, I can read you like a comic book. So what's it gonna be? You gonna back down, or you gonna fight?

Rue: Just get out of my way. I have to go to Valen's fortress. I'm getting the Dewprism, no matter what!

Trap Master: Can't let you do that no matter what. BWAHA HA HA HA!!! I'm gonna get hard core this time! I ain't holdin' back! I don't care if you beg or cry! Yeah. I'm warm. You're over.

Rue and Trap Master appeared in the trap battlefield.

Trap Master: Roast in hell!

Rue fights Trap Master. After wounding Trap Master...

Trap Master: DAMMIT!!! Whassup!? I'm Trap Master! I NEVER lose! Never! This is bull!!! That's it, man! You're goin' down with me! I'M GONNA BLOW MYSELF UP!!!

Rue: !!!?

Trap Master tried to explode. However, Trap Master's powers were used up.

Trap Master: Heh, heh, heh.

Rue: What the...!?

Trap Master: You're such a wuss! I got no power left for that kinda crap. Used it all up in our fight. I prolly can't even give you a scratch with what I got left. Maybe I shoulda done it anyway... But I promised him I wouldn't die in vain. What are you waiting for? Get outta here!

Rue: So we're done here?

Trap Master: Yea... But your battle ain't over yet. Mode Master's waiting for you up ahead.

Rue: It doesn't matter. I'm not stopping now.

Trap Master: Oh yea!? Then go on and get killed!

Rue:

Rue left.

Trap Master: I can't believe I lost... Man, this sucks... Sorry, Master. I'm a failure...

Rue moves on and reached the next room with Mode Master.

Rue: There she is. Mode Master! You can't affect me with that disguise anymore!

Mode Master (disguised as Claire): Well, well, well... Then perhaps a more exotic Claire would get you rattled. Hmm?

Rue: Shut up and take off that disguise!

Mode Master: ... And if I refuse?

Rue: Then I'll make you!

Mode Master: I see... Well, I guess I won't be able to fight like this.

Mode Master returned back to her normal form.

Mode Master: Rue, this is your last chance. Submit to Doll Master. He is your brother, after all.

Rue: I don't care if he's my brother! I'll never forgive him! And I'll never forgive you for taunting me with Claire's image!

Mode Master: How foolish... You and I have the same power, yet we're at opposite ends. I serve Doll Master, and you defy him... We're mirror images.

Mode Master disappears.

Rue: !?

Mode Master reappeared again.

Mode Master: This'll be interesting. Are you ready to fight your mirror image?

Mode Master transformed into Rue.

Rue: !?

Mode Master: Now you die. Goodbye, Rue. Let's see who's better.

Rue fights Mode Master. After wounding Mode Master...

Mode Master: Hmm, not bad... Go on, finish me.

Rue attempts to strike Mode Master, but she transformed into Claire and this stops Rue from striking her.

Mode Master: What's the matter? I thought this didn't affect you anymore.

Rue: !!! DAMN YOU!

Mode Master: Sorry, but what else can I do?

Rue: Hey!

Mode Master: Goodbye, Rue. You've won this bout. I can't stop you from getting to Valen's fortress. But remember, you won't accomplish anything there. Psycho Master will surely defeat you. You're no match for him. Even if you defeat him by chance, you will never defeat Doll Master. (transform to her normal self) Doll Master is almighty. He will surely achieve his goal and prevail in glory. I'm gonna live to see that day and be reunited with him. It's too late, Rue. You will never stop him.

Mode Master disappears.

Rue:

Rue moves on. Rue eventually reached Wylaf's area.

Wylaf: WE MEET AGAIN.

Rue: Wylaf, I've come again to ask for your help.

Wylaf: I KNOW. YOU WISH TO GO TO VALEN'S FORTRESS. I WILL HELP YOU. TAKE THIS.

Wylaf gave Rue the wings for him to use.

Wylaf: I GIVE YOU MY POWER. YOU CAN ASSUME MY FORM ONCE. NOW GO. SOAR TO VALEN'S FORTRESS.

Rue: Thank you. Um...

Wylaf: ARE YOU SHOCKED BECAUSE I HELPED YOU SO EASILY? I SEE YOU ARE TROUBLED. TELL ME.

Rue: ...Alright.

Rue told Wylaf everything.

Rue: I've come this far because I believed it was my duty to save Claire. But Doll Master told me that I'm just another doll forged by Valen... He said my real duty is to resurrect Valen.

Wylaf: SO YOU WILL JOIN DOLL MASTER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS?

Rue: No! But...there's a chance it might happen. Doll Master has the power to control me. He made me destroy the Book of Cosmos... If I go to Valen's fortress, he might gain control over me again to use me for his plan. I might end up destroying the world!

Wylaf: Hurr, hurr, hurr, hurr, hurr. YOU UNDERESTIMATE YOURSELF, RUE. I STILL BELIEVE IN YOU. MY JUDGMENT HAS NOT CHANGED. YOU WILL NOT DESTROY THE WORLD. YOU HAVE STRENGTH BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION. YOUR STRENGTH COMES FROM YOUR WILL,

NOT FROM YOUR DUTY. RUE, IT IS YOUR WILL TO SAVE CLAIRE, NOT YOUR DUTY.

Rue: What?

Wylaf: WHY DO YOU WISH TO SAVE CLAIRE? ARE YOU FOLLOWING SOMEONE'S ORDERS?

Rue: No.

Wylaf: INDEED, YOUR WISH TO SAVE CLAIRE CAME FROM WITHIN YOU. IT IS YOUR SWORN PROMISE. IT IS YOUR WILL.

Rue: My will...?

Wylaf: FULFILLING DUTIES FOR THE SAKE OF OTEHRS IS IMPORTANT AT TIMES. HOWEVER, IF YOU BECOME BOUND BY YOUR DUTIES, YOU WILL BE NOTHING BUT A PUPPET. RUE, IF YOU WISH TO BREAK OUT OF YOUR WRETCHED DESTINY, FOLLOW YOUR WILL TO THE END. FORGET VALEN. FORGET WHAT DOLL MASTER HAS TOLD YOU. YOU ARE YOUR OWN. NOW GO, AND CARRY OUT YOUR WILL. STRANGE... I SOUND LIKE A MORTAL.

Rue: Thank you, Wylaf! Goodbye!

Wylaf: GOOD LUCK.

Rue is back in Carona Town. Rue proceeds to the cliffs in Carona Forest.

Rue: Valen's fortress... Everything's there. My past...my future...

Before he could depart...

Elena: Rue!

Rue: Elena.

Elena: Phew. I'm so glad I made it.

Rue: What's up?

Elena: Oh...um, I wanted to tell you something... Rue. I'm making pumpkin pie tonight.

Rue: ...Huh?

Elena: I'm gonna make the best pumpkin pie, so please come. Please come back!

Rue: Elena... I'll look forward to it. ...I'll be back. I promise.

Elena: Be careful, ok?

Rue: Wylaf... I'm borrowing your wings.

Rue jumps off the cliff and transformed into Wylaf and flew up.

Elena: AAAHH! Wow, what a strong wind!

Mint: STOP!!!

Rue: Mint!?

Mint: I'm coming, too! You think I'm gonna let you hog the Dewprism!? Guess again! I deserve it, too!

Rue: ...

Mint: You got a problem with that? Didn't think so! Here I come!

Mint jumps but fell down to the ground.

Mint: UNGHHHH!

Rue: Sorry, Mint. This is my battle. I have to go alone.

Mint: Ouuu...

Rue: Bye, Elena.

Elena: Good luck.

Rue flew to Valen's Fortress. After arriving, he saw Prima Doll leaning on the wall.

Rue: That's him!

Rue transform back to normal.

Rue: Prima!

Prima Doll: Rue...

Rue: I'm so glad you're alright. (You're cold!)

Prima Doll: ...I think I'm low on energy... ...Kinda sleepy...

Rue: Prima...

Prima Doll: Rue...I'm sorry.

Rue: For what?

Prima Doll: I broke the seal at the lake ruins. I let Doll Master have his way... I wasn't gonna listen to him, but he threatened to destroy the town if I didn't.

Rue: It's not your fault, Prima. It's Doll Master's fault. Don't worry about anything. Just rest.

Prima Doll: ...That's a good idea.

Rue: Wait here. I'll be back after I take care of Doll Master and get the Dewprism. Let's go back to town together when this is all over.

Prima Doll: ...Wow. Rue, you've changed... Before, you were kind of passive and hesitant. Now, you're so determined and strong.

Rue: Really?

Prima Doll: Yeah... You look like you can do anything now... You're gonna beat up the bad guys for me, right?

Rue: ...Yeah. I promise.

Prima Doll: ...Thanks. I can finally rest.

Rue: !?

Prima Doll: Come back soon, ok? I'll be waiting right here. Bye...

Prima Doll turned back to a cube.

Rue: He turned back into a cube... Prima, sleep tight. I'll be back. I promise.

Rue moves on. He later encountered Psycho Master.

Psycho Master: Thank you for coming.

Rue: Where's Doll Master?

Psycho Master: My Master left for Valen's sanctum. You cannot follow him. He travels the Cursed Crossways.

Rue: Cursed Crossways...?

Psycho Master: They were built by Valen. Those who enter the crossways will be afflicted with fears from their past. They invoke the ultimate mental anguish, which drives one to death. No one can survive inside the crossways except my Master.

Rue: I don't care. I'm going. I'm not turning back. I'll fight anything that stands in my way. Get out of the way.

Psycho Master: I will not. My Master has instructed me to keep you away from the crossways. I shall guard them with my life.

Rue: !?

Psycho Master (activates the battlefield walls) You cannot advance or escape. I shall use all my powers to stop you.

Rue: Is that your duty?

Psycho Master: Yes. I am repaying my debt, as well. I owe everything to my Master. I can do nothing but repay him. His wishes are my wishes. I shall serve him to the end. That is my destiny.

Psycho Master is powering up.

Rue: What is this...power!?

Psycho Master: You are my Master's brother. Therefore, I shall exert myself to the utmost. You will witness my greatest power. (opens his eyes) Prepare to die! It is time to seal your fate.

Rue fights Psycho Master. After Rue defeats Psycho Master...

Psycho Master: Impossible...

Rue: Get out of the way.

Psycho Master: Very well. I cannot stop you with my powers. You may go to the Cursed Crossways. But first... !!!

Psycho Master charges towards but Rue struck him with his Arc Edge.

Psycho Master: Outstanding. You are indeed his brother.

Psycho Master collapsed.

Rue: He did that on purpose! Why!? Psycho Master...

Rue moves on to the Cursed Crossways. In there...

Rue: These are the Cursed Crossways... He said I'll be afflicted with my past fears. I wonder what's gonna happen...

Rue found the teleporter to where Doll Master awaits.

Doll Master: The final seal has been broken. Now I can resurrect Valen beyond this gate. At last, I will fulfill my duty.

Rue: Doll Master!

Doll Master: Rue... So...you defeated Psycho Master. You never cease to amaze me, brother.

Rue: I'm not your brother.

Doll Master: It's time for you to accept the truth. We are brothers created for the sole purpose of resurrecting Valen. We were born with the power to fulfill this duty. You cannot deny it forever. Indeed... It was our destiny from birth, and we can never escape it...

Rue:

Doll Master: Fate has reunited us once again. Valen and the Dewprism rest beyond this gate. Let us march in together. It's time to resurrect our master. It's time to realize our destiny.

Rue: That's not my destiny.

Doll Master: What?

Rue: I don't care if I'm Valen's doll. I've fought and come this far for Claire, not for Valen. I'm going to save Claire. That's my destiny. If only you hadn't killed her...

Doll Master: I told you. It was an accident. I know what you want. That's why I'm telling you to come with me. Together, we can get the Dewprism. Then you can bring Claire back to life, and-

Rue: Stop. ... It's too late. Even if Claire comes back to life, I'll never forgive you. My mind is set. I'm not turning back. I don't care about our duty. I'm gonna defeat you and get Claire back.

Doll Master: Hmph... .. So be it. Alright! Let's end this now!

Rue: (Doll Master knows the spell to seal my powers. I can't let him use it, no matter what!)

Doll Master: Rest assured, I won't use the spell. I'll destroy you with THIS!

Doll Master transform into the Arm of Death.

Rue: !!!?

Doll Master: This is how it started, and this is how it will end. I will kill you in the same way I killed Claire. Let this be our last fight.

Rue fights Doll Master. After wounding Doll Master...

Doll Master: This is nothing... I won't lose! I must fulfill my duty! It's not over!

Rue: It's over. You can't beat me.

Doll Master: Nonsense! I'll fight until I win and fulfill my duty!

Rue: As long as you're tied to your duty... you'll never beat me.

Doll Master: What!?

Rue: You and your men fight because you believe it's your duty... I don't.

Doll Master: What do you mean you're not? You told me in the Book of Cosmos that saving Claire was your duty.

Rue: ...That's what I used to believe. But not anymore. It's not a duty. I'm not trying to save Claire because someone told me to. No... It's something else... It's my will. It's my will that comes from my heart.

Doll Master: ...

Rue: I'm not driven by some duty anymore. As long as I have my will, I can go on, no matter what I face. I won't lose. You believe we're Valen's servants. I don't. I don't care if he created me. I'm gonna live by my will. I'm not gonna end up like you.

Doll Master: Your will, huh...? Eagh... I fought to fulfill my duty. You fought by your will... And you won... how can this be?

Rue: ...

Doll Master: I've sacrificed everything for Valen. My will, my name... I believed it was the right thing to do. Now, you've shown me otherwise. Perhaps killing Claire led to my demise. It's what sparked your will... Ha ha ha... How ironic. If only my life stone worked, I would not have come after you 3 years ago. Then she wouldn't have been killed, and your will would've remained dormant. Without your will, you couldn't have defeated me. No... If I could've broken the seal, we probably would never have met. If only I hadn't been a failed creation. Why did Valen have to create me!? If only I weren't a stinking doll... If only I had let go of my duty... I should've realized sooner. I'm a fool... Rue, I wish I hadn't been born...

Doll Master collapsed.

Rue: Claire... I'm almost there.

Rue finally arrived at the Dewprism.

Rue: Dewprism!!

Valen: At last, my son arrives. !?

Rue: You're...Valen!?

Valen: Yes. The greatest Aeon of all time. I grant you the honor of my presence. Rue, you have overcome many trials to return here. I commend you undying loyalty.

Rue: I thought you were trapped in another dimension.

Valen: I was resurrected when the seal in the lake ruins was broken. However, my resurrection is not complete. Observe.

Rue: There's no body...

Valen: My body is no more. My spirit is all that remains. I have awaited you for that reason. You have done your duty well.

Rue: I don't care about my duty. I just want Claire to come back. Please, Valen. Please bring Claire back to life. I came here for that reason. If she comes back, I won't wish for anything else. Her spirit rests here.

Valen: That is all? I shall grant your wish. However, I cannot use the Dewprism without a physical body. I need your help to resurrect her.

Rue: Yes! Anything! But what can I do?

Valen: Rue, the life stone on your forehead is a fragment of the Dewprism. Pray my son. Your noble wish will awaken the Dewprism. You have the power to control the greatest Aeon [relic].

Rue: Alright.

Valen: Pray with your all. The Dewprism will answer your wish.

Rue prays.

Rue: !?

The Dewprism responds and Claire appeared.

Rue: Claire!!! Claire... This has to be a dream. I can't believe it... I never thought I'd see you again...

Valen: Magnificent. My Dewprism has unified the forces of nature to create a new life. The body is composed of the purest elements. It is perfect.

Valen disappeared all of a sudden.

Rue: Valen? Valen, where are you...?

Valen: At last, my spirit has found a home.

Rue: !!! Claire!? What's going on!?

Valen: (inside Claire's body) My time has come... Resurrection, at last!

Rue: !!!? No... You're...Valen!?

Valen: Yes... This is my body now. Rejoice, my son. The Dewprism has answered your prayers. In resurrecting the woman, you have saved me. Rue, you have

fulfilled your true duty.

Rue: True duty!?

Valen: Yes. Your duty was not only my resurrection. Dewprism is the essence of life and force. One cannot use it without a physical body. For me to rule the heavens and earth, I needed a new body to use the Dewprism. I created you for that reason: to break the seal and provide me with a body. That was your true duty: to restore my physical life.

Rue: Why did you choose Claire!? Why didn't you use my body!?

Valen: Take caution in your tone, my son. I expect gratitude and nothing less for granting you your pathetic wish.

Rue: Wh...

Valen: Heh heh heh... My spirit and this body make a perfect match. At last, I shall be rejoined with my Dewprism!

Rue: !!! Get out of Claire!!!

Valen: What?

Rue: You evil bastard! Give Claire back!!! I came here for Claire! I didn't fight all this time to see this!

Valen: How dare you speak back to me? I am your creator. You have no right to anything. You exist only to serve me.

Rue: No! My will brought me-

Valen: Enough! Consider this your final warning. You are my slave and nothing else.

Rue: I'm not your slave!

Valen: ... Worthless doll! I shall tolerate you no more! Morning dew! Become the light of defense! (creates a shield on himself) Evening dew! Become the light of purification! (summons a monster) Broken dolls must be purified and shattered into pieces. I shall destroy your body and your will.

Rue: Never! You'll never destroy my will!

Rue fights Valen. After Rue wins the fight...

Valen: The morning dew...destroyed... You ingrate! Arrrgh! What!? My spirit departs!?

Valen came out of Claire.

Rue: Claire!!!

Valen: Blast! A human body cannot sustain my spirit! Perhaps I need a doll's body. I shall release this body and take over yours!

Rue: You'll never control me! Never!

Valen: You are my slave. You cannot defy me. Gizmo = Gia = Gias!

Rue: That spell!?

Valen: To you born of dew, I command. Accept your destiny and seal your powers!

Rue: Aaagh!

Valen: This is a doll-binding spell. Even you will cannot break it.

Rue, this is your end! You are a fool for defying me. You will be my tool until the bitter end.

Rue: NOOO! I...can't...lose...

Valen: In seconds, you will be no more. Consider it an honor to become my new flesh.

Doll Master: Gizmo = Gia = Gias!

Valen: What!? Who dares to...

Doll Master: To you born of dew, I command. Accept your destiny and... Release your powers!

Valen: ...Ruecian! You defy me as well!?

Rue: Aaaagh...gh...

Doll Master: What are you doing!? Is that all you have!?

Valen: It is useless. He can never break my spell!

Doll Master: Show him your true powers! Rue, you have the power to beat him! What happened to your will!? Your will can overcome anything!

Valen: Die!

Valen attacks Doll Master with his spell, mortally wounding Doll Master.

Rue: (binder spell dispelled) HUAAHHHHH!

Valen: !!!? No!!! How can a doll...!?

Rue struck Valen.

Valen: Arrrrrgh!!! YOU INGRATE! I AM YOUR CREATOR! My spirit... It's breaking down!? I am fading away! Never! I am the greatest Aeon! I cannot be vanquished by a mere doll! I CANNOT! Alas! I have no choice. I cannot keep this form. I must assume a new one. My Dewprism will grant me a new form. The Dewprism is the light of the world. With the Dewprism, I shall become the light of the world! I shall become one with the Dewprism!

Valen disappeared.

Doll Master: Eagh...

Rue; Are you ok!?

Doll Master: You did it, Rue... I knew your will could break Valen's spell. Your will has freed us from our cursed fate...

Rue: Why did you help me?

Doll Master: ... Because... You're my-Eaghhh! ... Farewell, Rue.

Rue:Brother.

Doll Master: ... Brother... Thanks, Rue... Best thing I've heard in a hundred years...

Doll Master dies and his body vanishes at the scene.

Rue: No...

Valen: I shall be reborn! I will become the light of the world! A blazing light to purify all life! I shall become a god!

Rue fights Valen for the last time. After Rue defeats Valen...

Valen: NOOOOO!!!

Rue: Dewprism!?

Valen: Dewprism is my light! My everything! No one shall have it! No one! It is coming with me to my dimension! With the Dewprism, I am immortal! I shall return someday to fulfill my destiny!

Later...

Rue: Claire!!! Claire! It's me! Wake up! Claire. I'm sorry... I failed to save you again... !!!? She's breathing! She's alive!!! It worked! The Dewprism worked!!! !? What's going on!? Whoa!!! I'd better get out of here. Claire, I'm never going to lose you again.

Rue picks up Claire and escapes. On their way, they were invaded by the enemies.

Rue: I don't have time for this! Dammit...

Mint: Tah-dah. Mint to the rescue!

Mint killed all the enemies.

Mint: What's wrong with you!? You forget how to fight, or something?

Rue: How did you get here?

Mint: Hey!? Is that Claire?

Rue: Yeah.

Mint: Wait a minute... So you used the Dewprism and got your wish! The Dewprism works. Whoo-hoooo. Rue.

Rue: W-What!?

Mint: We're friends, right? We're partners. You're gonna let me use the Dewprism, right?

Rue: Yeah, but-

Mint: Yes. Finally... It's time for world domination.

Rue: Mint, the Dewprism disappeared.

Mint: !!!??? D-D-Disappeared!!!? What do you mean by that!?

Rue: It disappeared when I defeated Valen... I couldn't do anything about it.

Mint: ... What about me...? What about my dream...? No... NOOO!!! It's NOT FAIR! WHAT ABOUT ME!? !?

Rue: Watch out!

Mint: (dodged the falling rock) Ungh!

Rue: Come on, Mint! Let's get outta here!

Mint: ...My Dewprism... It's not fair...

Rue's group moves on

Mint: Come on! Hurry up! Hurry!!!

Suddenly, boulders fell down, blocking Rue and Claire's path.

Mint: NO WAY!!! Rue... Rue!?

Mint runs out of the area and into where Rod is waiting.

Mint: Rod! You gotta help me!

Rod: What happened? Where's Rue, and what's up with this place?

Mint: He's still inside! A bunch of boulders came down and trapped him inside!

Rod: What!?

Mint: Come on! We gotta get 'em out! Let's crash in there with your ship!

Rod: You gotta be kidding! We can't get through that puny gate!

Mint: Then we'll use the cannons to blast our way through!

Rod: Are you blind!? This thing has no cannon.

Mint: DANG IT! We don't have time! Let's just crash through! I'm sure it'll work! Hurry up and start the engine!

Rod: It's too late! We gotta get out of here! Let's go!

Mint: I'm not going! What's wrong with you!? We can't just leave them!

Rod: I've got no choice.

Rod punches Mint.

Rod: Sorry!

Mint: Ungh!

Mint got knocked unconscious.

Rod: Sorry about that. Any longer, and we all die. !? Oh boy, time to get outta here. ... Sorry, Rue.

The camera switches to Rue who is trying to destroy the boulder blocking Rue and Claire's path.

Rue: (attempts to strike the boulder) Damn! It won't even budge! I can transform and get out, but Claire... ...I'm not gonna leave you. I'm sorry, Claire. I couldn't save you after all. But this time, I'm coming with you. I'll be with you forever...

Psycho Master appeared.

Rue: ...!? I thought you were dead...

Psycho Master: ...

Rue: !? What is this light!?

Psycho Master teleports Rue and Claire out of the fortress.

Psycho Master: Farewell, my lord...Ruecian.

Valen's Fortress explodes. Later...

Rue: (...) (What happened...?) (I'm still alive...?) (...Claire!?)

Rue woke up in the inn.

Mel: Hello, Rue.

Rue: Mel! What the-this is my room.

Mel: Quite surprised, aren't you? You've been out for the past 3 days.

Rue: 3 days!?

Mel: Valen's fortress collapsed 3 days ago. You were unconscious when Elena found you by the lakeside. She immediately came to my atelier, and I treated you.

Rue: What happened to Claire!? Do you know where she is!?

Mel: You can relax. We found Claire at the lakeside, too.

Rue: So...is she alright?

Mel:

Rue: Mel?

Mel: I don't know.

Rue: !!!

Mel:, Claire is alive. But she remains unconscious. I've tried a lot of different treatments, but she isn't responding.

Rue: What's wrong with her? So... she can't be cured?

Mel: I honestly don't know. I don't know how long she'll be out. It could take days, weeks, even years... She may never wake up.

Rue: Where is she?

Mel: She's resting at Klaus's house. I don't think you should go see her. It'll be too tough for you.

Rue: I don't care. She's alive. That's all that matters. Someday, she'll wake up. I know she will.

Mel: ...I think so, too. Well, I'd best be on my way. Obviously, my job is done here. Rue, you're gonna be just fine.

Rue: Thank you, Mel.

Mel: B'Bye, Rue. I hope Claire recovers soon.

Rue: Goodbye...

Mel left. Rue goes out of the inn. Rue goes into Klaus' home.

Klaus: Welcome back, Rue. Are you alright now?

???: What!? Rue's here!?

Rue: Prima! You're back to normal!?

Prima Doll: Yeah. Fancy Mel used her magic to fix me! Weee. I'm so happy to see you!

Rue: I'm so glad you made it.

Klaus: Rue, did you come to see Claire?

Rue: Yes. Is she still unconscious?

Klaus: Well...

Rue: Did something happen to her!?

Klaus: Oh no. She's fine, but she's still sleeping.

Rue: I'd like to see her.

Klaus: Wait...! Now isn't a good time, right, Prima Doll?

Prima Doll: Yeah. They said boys can't go in right now. They threw me out of the room a second ago.

Klaus: Mira and Elena are taking care of her. Can you wait just a little longer?

Rue: ...Ok.

Prima Doll: Hey, Rue! I got great news! I have a family now.

Rue: What!? Really?

Prima Doll: Uh-huh.

Klaus: We decided to welcome Prima Doll into our family. Elena is happy, too. She's always wanted a little brother.

Prima Doll: I'm not gonna be alone anymore. Right...dad.

Klaus: Of course.

Rue: Wow... Good for you, Prima.

Prima Doll: I owe it all to you. Thanks a lot, Rue!

Klaus: You'll be able to see Claire soon. Why don't you hang around or go get some fresh air for the time being?

Rue: Okay.

Rue goes outside and Mint appears and talks to Rue.

Mint: Rue! Finally got up, huh? You've been sleeping for so long, I thought you were gonna die in bed.

Rue: Thanks for worrying about me.

Mint: What are you talking about? I wasn't worried about you. Why should I be? Well, I guess this is it. I'm leaving.

Rue: Where are you going?

Mint: I'm going back home. Maya's going back, so I might as well, too. I haven't been back for 2 years. My ship's leaving in a few minutes. After I kick back and relax for a while, I'm gonna go [relic] hunting again. I'm gonna find a [relic] that is far more powerful than the Dewprism. Then the world will be mine!

Rue: (Geez... She never gives up...)

Mint: Hey, Rue!

Rue: Yeah?

Mint: You'd better help me on my next [relic] hunt, ok?

Rue: What...!? Why?

Mint: Because you owe me. You got Claire back with the Dewprism, and I got nothing. It's not fair! I worked just as hard, and you got all the reward! So, next time, you gotta help me make my wish come true!

Rue: I don't know...

Mint: If I find out anything about any [relic], I'll contact you. Okay, see ya.

Rue: Hey...

Mint left.

Rue: Heh-heh. She bossed me around till the end.

Rue goes into the tavern and talks to Belle and Duke.

Duke: Hey, look who's here!?

Belle: Back to your good old self, eh? Good for you. Now that we know you're okay, we can finally leave.

Rue: You guys are leaving?

Belle: Yeah... Now that Valen's [relic] is gone, there's no reason for us to stay here. We'll find our treasure somewhere else.

Duke: Kills me to leave without settling the score with you... We'll settle it some other time. You're my rival forever. I'll beat you someday. I promise.

Belle: If you're so determined, go on. Settle it now. I'll wait for you.

Duke: !?

Belle: Don't take too long.

Duke: Oh man... Ah... I'll wait another day. Besides, Rue just got out of bed, so it wouldn't be fair to him. It's not like I'm scared or anything.

Belle: Yeah, yeah, whatever, you big wimp.

Rue: Thanks, guys, for everything.

Belle: No need to thank us. It was actually pretty fun... (to Duke) Okay, Duke! Time to hit the road.

Duke: Yes, Milady.

Rue: Bye.

Belle: What's with you!? You got your wish with Valen's [relic], didn't you? Why the heck are you so down? Cheer up. Claire's alive.

Rue: ...You're right.

Belle: Of course, I am. Lighten up and have a little more fun in life, okay?

Duke: Take care of yourself, Rue!

Duke and Belle left. Rue kills some time by talking to Rod and Maya. Later, Rue decides to come back to Klaus' home.

Mira: Hello, Rue.

Rue: Hi. Is it ok for me to see Claire now?

Klaus: Oh!? Ahhh...

Mira: I'm sorry, Rue. Can you just wait a little longer?

Rue: ...Okay. I'll be back again later.

Outside...

Rue: What's going on? Why can't I just see her? Claire...

Claire: Rue!

Rue: !!! Wasn't she unconscious...?

Prima Doll: Actually, she woke up a little before you did.

Elena: Sorry, Rue. We were gonna tell you sooner, but Claire told us to wait.

Rue: Why?

Claire: Because... I don't know. I got scared. It's been 3 years, and I just wasn't ready to see you.

Rue: ...

Prima Doll: Girls are weird, huh, Rue?

Elena: While she was hesitating, mom and I prettied her up.

Rue: ...Oh.

Claire: I'm sorry I kept you worried.

Rue: It's ok. I just wanted to see if you were alright. Gosh, what's wrong with me? We're together again, and suddenly my heart feels funny. I can't even look at her...

Elena: Gee, why are you crying, Rue?

Prima Doll: Shhh! Leave him alone, Elena.

Claire: ... Rue, it's ok. I feel the same... You know, I was really worried before seeing you. It's been so long since I last saw you. I was worried that, after 3 years, maybe you had changed. The thought of that scared me. I'm so relieved now. Looks like you've grown a little. Otherwise, you're just like I remembered.

Rue:I don't know what to do.

Claire: What's wrong?

Rue: ... I fantasized about this day so many times. I thought about what I would do and what I would say to you. I had it all planned and almost memorized. Now, I can't remember a thing. My mind completely blanked out. I don't know what to do or what to say.

Claire: Me, too. I was thinking about it, too, but I forgot everything. I guess all I can do is tell you how I feel right now. Rue... Thank you. I owe everything to you.

Rue: ... Welcome back.

So therefore, Rue and Claire are reunited again. The credits roll and this ends our story and the game.

THE END

4. Credits

Thanks, goes to SquareSoft for an entertaining hilarious humor action RPG on PlayStation.

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