

PROLOGUE: FIND THE BEACON

ACT 2

AFTER SCENE V

Before the Normandy arrives at the Citadel, Shepard can talk to the crew.

[Shepard finds Chakwas outside of the med bay.]

CHAKWAS:

Yes, Commander? Is there something you need?

SHEPARD - Investigate dialogues options:

-Personal questions

-Captain Anderson

-Kaidan Alenko

SHEPARD:

How did you end up serving on an Alliance ship?

CHAKWAS:

I enlisted out of med school. Earth always seemed boring to me... too safe, too secure. I figured the colonies were teeming with exotic adventure. I wanted to travel the stars, tending the wounds of tough soldiers with piercing eyes and sensitive souls. Turns out military life isn't quite as romantic as I'd imagined. But humanity needs the Alliance if we want to keep expanding through the Traverse, and the Alliance always needs good doctors. So I stayed on to do my part.

SHEPARD:

Ever think you made the wrong choice?

CHAKWAS:

Sometimes I think about opening a private practice back on Earth, or maybe taking a position at one of the new med centers out in the colonies. But there's something special about working on soldiers. If I left the Alliance now, I'd feel like I was abandoning them.

SHEPARD - Investigate dialogues options:

-Personal questions

-Captain Anderson

-Kaidan Alenko

SHEPARD:

What do you think about Captain Anderson?

CHAKWAS:

I've served with him for a few tours now. He knows when to let things slide and when to crack the whip. The crew knows he's seen pretty much anything they'll ever run into. And he cares about the people under his command.

SHEPARD - Investigate dialogues options:

-Personal questions

-Captain Anderson

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SHEPARD:

How well do you know the lieutenant?

CHAKWAS:

I'd never worked with him before the mission. But he has an impressive service record. Over a dozen special commendations. Tends to keep to himself, though. Maybe because of the headaches. It's not easy being an L2.

SHEPARD:

What does that have to do with it?

CHAKWAS:

Well, most biotics now use the L3 implants. Lt. Alenko was wired with the old L2 configuration. Sometimes there are complications.

SHEPARD:

What kind of complications?

CHAKWAS:

Severe mental disabilities, insanity, crippling physical pain. There's a long list of horrific side effects. Kaidan's lucky. He just gets migraines.

SHEPARD:

I should go.

[Shepard finds Ashley outside of the med bay.]

ASHLEY:

I'm glad you're okay, Commander. The crew could use some good news after what happened to Jenkins.

SHEPARD - dialogues options:

-He'll be missed.

-Soldiers die.

SHEPARD:

Jenkins was a valuable part of this crew.

ASHLEY:

Part of me feels guilty over what happened. If Jenkins was still alive, I might not be here.

SHEPARD - dialogues options:

-You earned it.

-Soldiers die.

SHEPARD:

You're a good soldier, Williams. You belong on the Normandy.

ASHLEY:

Thanks, Commander. I appreciate that.

SHEPARD:

Things were pretty rough down there. Are you okay?

ASHLEY:

I've seen friends die before. Comes with being a marine. But to see my whole unit wiped out... And you never get used to seeing dead civilians. But things have been a lot worse if you hadn't shown up.

SHEPARD:

We couldn't have done it without you, Williams.

ASHLEY:

Thanks, Commander. I have to admit, I was a little worried about being assigned to the Normandy. It's nice when someone makes you feel welcome.

SHEPARD - dialogues options:

-Glad to have you.

-I should go.

-Don't disappoint me.

SHEPARD:

I think you're going to fit in here just fine, Williams.

ASHLEY:

Thanks, Commander.

[Shepard passes by Kaidan outside of the med bay.]

K Aidan:

Glad to see you're okay, Commander.

[Shepard goes to the CIC, where he sees Navigator Pressly.]

Pressly:

I'm going you're okay, Commander. Losing Jenkins was hard enough on the crew.

[Shepard finds Joker in the cockpit.]

JOKER:

Good timing, Commander. I was just about to bring us in to the Citadel. See that taxpayer money at work.

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