

The Project

Seeing as their way back has been blocked now, Jaryl and Jin examine their surroundings. They notice another way out of this room, as well as a computer-monitor that, surprisingly enough, still seems to be active...

„Huh, let's see... there seems to be some sort of recording on here. Should we watch it?“, Jin asks as he takes a look at the files stored on the computer.

„I don't know, we should get out of here fast... but it could explain what happened to this place... we watch it a little bit, I guess“, Jaryl answers, torn between these two options.

„Okay. But I'll turn down the volume a bit...“, Jin mumbles as he activates the recording.

„Jones, are you sure that you have everything under control? Look, it's readings are highly abnormal, and you know that this is not supposed to happen“, a young woman, presumably a scientist, confronts her colleague. He avoids looking into her eyes as he struggles to find the right words for his answer.

„I don't know what you want! This is all part of our tests! We need to know how it reacts under this sort of stress, so it can...“

„Don't give me that crap! Look, have you checked its mental readings lately? It's starting to go insane, Jones! What if it manages to break out? All hell is going to break loose, have you ever considered that???“, she hisses, causing Jones to recoil in fear of her.

„I did, I did! Please, you have to believe me, I know what I'm doing. This project is going to be successful, I swear by my life. Please... believe me“, Jones says as he tries to calm her down. She looks at him with disgust, but then she says, „Very well. I really hope you are aware of the dangers you're playing with...“

She quickly leaves the room, leaving her colleague behind. He lets out a loud sigh, then the recording ends.

„Considering how much of a dump this place is now, he fucked up majorly...“, Jaryl notes with a bitter look on his face.

„Yup... I don't want to imagine what that thing did to them...“, Jin mumbles, visibly disturbed.

„Just try to not think about it. We have been through worse stuff, remember? I'm sure that, if we have to fight... whatever that thing is, we will succeed. But we mustn't be careless...“

„Yeah...“

Following that, they exit the room through the only other way out. As they sneak through some more ruined hallways and rooms, they soon reach another closed door. They open it, and after entering the room behind it...

A loud, warped hiss rings up, and a big monster crawls down from the ceiling. It looks like a combination between a spider and a scorpion, and it looks very hungry.

„N-no...“, Jaryl whispers, he is almost unable to unsheathe his sword. Right as the spider-monster moves in to attack, Jin is able to deflect it with an electric bolt.

„Jaryl, what's wrong?!“, he shouts to his comrade, snapping him out of his trance-like state.

„S-sorry... I'll tell you later...“, Jaryl answers hastily as he readies his fire-magic.

A quick fight commences. The spider-monster proves to be a very dangerous opponent, but in the end, Jaryl and Jin are able to kill it. Exhausted and wounded, they cast healing-magic onto themselves...

„Alright... that should be fine...“, Jin mumbles, but then curiosity got the better of him and he asks,

„Jaryl, about before... are you afraid of spiders?“

„Y-yeah... sorry, I've never told you before...“

„Hey, it's okay, don't worry. I guess I never really asked before, right?“

„I guess, yeah...“, Jaryl mumbles as he stands up.

„Well, anyways, thankfully this one here is dead now, so let's just go on ahead...“, he states, trying to sound like nothing happened, but he still can't completely shake off the dread he felt when that monster confronted them.

„Okay...“, Jin mumbles, worried about his partner.

After they have left the room, someone else enters it. The person looks at the corpse of the big spider-monster with a faint smile on his face.

„I think our new visitors are worthy...“