CHILD OF THE STORM : THE AWAKENING

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1. SCENE 1. EXT. IN FRONT OF A STATUE - MORNING

Early in the morning, a young girl, NYM, is waiting in front of a statue. She looks tired and annoyed. Suddenly, YALI, a creature in the shape of a strange mouse appears in front of her.

YALI

Greetings, Summoner. Don't be scared. You come from a long line of heroes and you have been chosen to become the next leader of your village. Let me introduce myself, my name is Yali. I am your elemental guardian and your most powerful weapon against the enemies of your village.

NYM

It was about time! My grandmother asked me to wait here for your arrival. I waited all night. I'm exhausted.

YALI

I'm sorry ... but the rest will have to wait. We don't have a minute to waste. We absolutely must undertake this initiatory quest in order to prepare yourself for the role that you will soon have to take. You have to go a long way to get the Power Stones that will allow us to get more Power.

NYM

Really, you're as boring as my grandmother's guardian! I feel that this role of Summoner is going to be difficult. Do I really have to spend my whole life with you by my side? As long as my grandmother lives, I will not be the new chief. She is ill, but she will recover very quickly, as always.

YALI

For once, Nym, do what your grandmother asked you to do. If she wanted you to be here with me, she believes that what I have to bring you is worth it. I am a great sage over 6,000 years old and I assure you that I know what I am doing.

NYM

Alright, I'll do what you tell me to do. Whatever ... Just a question. Why don't you look like my grandmother's quardian?

YALI

I chose this form to avoid scaring you. The original form of the guardians is colossal and frightening. I can assure you that my mouse-like looks are very suitable for what we have to do.

NYM

Fine. So. Where do we have to go, mighty guardian?

YALI

Down the mountain, in the luxurious valley you will find the first step: The Temple of the Echo. After that we will go to the sea, were we will find the Temple of the Cataclysm and our last step will be to visit the Temple of the Elevation.

DISSOLVE

2. SCENE 2. EXT. IN FRONT OF THE VILLAGE - MORNING

Exploration zone 1, Nym is returning to the village. Yali is disapproving.

YALI

What are you doing? Didn't I tell you we don't have a minute to waste? Why are you going back to the village?

NYM

Really you are bothering me. I just want to introduce you quickly to my friends and my grandmother.

YALI

When you have the stones of power, you will have every reason to be proud. You haven't accomplished anything yet. So stop wasting your time and complete your quest.

DISSOLVE

3. SCENE 3. TUTORIAL 1 - MORNING

Nym and Yali are in front of big boxes that are blocking the road.

YALI

Let's go! Throw me and summon me again!

DISSOLVE

4. SCENE 4. TUTORIAL 1 PART 2 - MORNING

Nym and Yali are in front of big boxes that are harder to break.

YALI

These boxes are tough! I will have to bounce back to gain more power.

DISSOLVE

5. SCENE 5. END OF TUTORIAL 1 - MORNING

Nym managed to create a path. Yali is happy.

YALI

Congratulations! You managed to make a path. We can continue our adventure.

DISSOLVE

6. SCENE 6. NEAR A HUGE WOODEN BOX - MORNING

Nym find a huge wooden box on the road. Yali is next to her.

NYM

Woah! This is the biggest wooden box I have seen in my whole life! It is fabulous! I MUST break it!

YALI

This is a very strange idea. But, if that can helps you practice your throw ... why not? I'm just wondering if we're not going to cause a villager's fury and have to escape a pitchfork.

NYM

Ha! Ha! Ha! That would be so funny!

DISSOLVE

7. SCENE 7. TEMPLE OF THE ECHO - MORNING

Nym obtains the first stone of power. She is very happy.

NYM

We have succeeded! It was so much fun!

YALI

Careful, Nym! It is not all over. The other temples will be much more difficult. You have to stay focused on the quest. This test is to teach you to be serious, in harmony with your guardian and to stay focused on your task. Remember that being the protector of your village will not be easy.

NYM

Always ready to play the killjoy, Yali!

YALI

You have triumphed over this temple and I am proud of you. With this new stone of power, you make me gain more strength. We gained a new skill: Explosion. I can now create energy blasts. It will be useful on the road.

NYM

Oh! Energy blasts! That will be fun!

DISSOLVE

8. SCENE 8. BEHIND THE TEMPLE - MORNING

Exploration zone 3. Nym is curious to see what is behind the temple. She is exploring. Yali is opposed to this idea.

YALI

What are you doing?

NYM

I want to know what is behind the temple.

YALI

We don't have time to explore. You absolutely have to get back on the road. You have to get all the Power Stones. A former summoner died before completing his initiation. Don't make the same mistake.

NYM

Oh! What happened?

YALI

Unfortunately, he fell from a cliff after the second temple. This is why your lineage was chosen to lead your village.

NYM

(laughing)

Sorry, I shouldn't be laughing.

YALI

He was not the smartest of his dynasty.

DISSOLVE

9. SCENE 9. AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN - MORNING

Exploration zone 4. Nym stopped to look up to see her village. Yali is next to her.

NYM

Look! We can see my village from here.

YALI

I was here six generations ago. I wonder if my favorite restaurant is still there.

NYM

Wait ... you say six generations? It must have been 200 years? I can assure you that this restaurant hasn't been around for a long time.

YALI

What a shame ... I loved their Coconut Crab Steamed Casserole. Do you know the ingredients of this recipe, by any chance?

MYM

I have no idea what this might taste like and I'm not sure I want to know.

DISSOLVE

10. SCENE 10. AT THE LAKE - MORNING

Exploration zone 5. Nym is searching for fish traps in the lake. Yali observes her.

#*\$%\$%# GET OUT OF THE LAKE! You're
wasting our time!

NYM

Chill Yali! This language is not appropriate for children!

YALI

Are you playing in the water? What are you looking for?

NYM

I look to see if the traps contain fish. Being a hero makes you hungry.

YALI

I assure you that if you don't waste your time, you will be back for supper.

NYM

I'm starving. Remember, I waited for you the whole night. What took you so long.

YALI

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MYN

With my father, I often went fishing.

YALI

I know you were raised by your grandmother, the head of your village. Tell me how your parents died.

NYM

I do not know. They went on a diplomatic trip to the other end of the region and never came back.

DISSOLVE

11. SCENE 11. TUTORIAL 2 - MORNING

Nym and Yali are in front of stone walls.

YALI

With the Power Stone of the Temple of Echo, you can throw me and unleash my explosive power.

12. SCENE 12. END OF TUTORIAL 2 - MORNING

Nym and Yali blow up the stone walls to make their way.

YALI

Magnificent! We are ready for the next step!

DISSOLVE

13. SCENE 13. TEMPLE OF THE CATACLYSM - DAY

Nym managed to get the Second Power Stone, but she's don't look as happy as the last time. Yali is excited.

YALI

Congratulations! You managed to get a new Power Stone! ... What's going on? You are not happy?

NYM

This time it was much more difficult. I even thought I was going to die. Is the life of a summoner often like that?

YALI

I don't know what trials you will face in your future life, but being a Summoner is not easy. I can only assure you that I will always be with you and that this quest will give you the tools to face future challenges.

NYM

I entered this temple in too much haste. I realize it.

YALI

You did well. Don't be too hard on yourself. You are still a child. With this new stone, you have access to a new power, Magnetism. You now have the ability to attract me to you, once you have launched me.

DISSOLVE

14. SCENE 14. IN A CLEARING - DAY

Exploration zone 6. Nym pauses in a clearing. Yali observes her.

NYM

I'm exhausted. I need a break.

YALI

Take a rest. I'm proud of you. You learn fast and you have made great progress.

NYM

I am often told that I do not know how to stop and that I am always moving like a storm. Adults don't like me very much. I often get into trouble.

YALI

I assure you that every default can turn out to be a quality, if used with measure. I appreciate that little rest because by bouncing off walls and causing explosions, it's good to relax your mouse limbs a bit.

NYM

You are not a mouse.

YALI

I'll be in this shape for decades to come, so I might as well accept my new look.

DISSOLVE

15. SCENE 15. UNDER A MANGO TREE - DAY

Exploration zone 7. Nym is excited to find mangos in the forest. She picks some fruits. Yali observes her, disapproving.

NYM

Look Yali! Mangos! I'm sooo hungry right now!

YALI

We should stay on the road and take them to go. I know you need strength, but we must not waste our time. Every minute counts.

NYM

Yali? Have you ever failed to train one of your Summoners?

I admit that you look a lot like one of your ancestors, stubborn and reckless, who lost his life because he didn't listen to anyone's advice. I don't want this to happen again and I wish you were more reasonable. I remind you that this initiatory journey allows us to create a bond between us. A bond capable of preparing us for the worst.

DISSOLVE

16. SCENE 16. NEAR RUINS - DAY

Exploration zone 8. Nym finds ruins along the road and stops by. Yali shows impatience.

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Come on, Nym. You must not stop at every step.

NYM

I'll continue as soon as you tell me what these ruins used to be.

YALI

It was the home of a former goat keeper who was renowned for his exceptionally tasty cheese.

MYM

Did you choose to take the shape of a mouse because you love cheese?

YALI

I took this form because I was lacking inspiration and because all the cat iterations were taken. But there is an advantage to looking harmless. Our enemy always underestimates us. We will never stop underestimating you, Nym, and you must use that to your advantage.

DISSOLVE

17. SCENE 17. IN A FLOWERY GLADE - DAY

Exploration zone 9. Nym admires the flowers. Yali is annoyed.

Oh no! Not again... Can we please finish this journey? If this continues, I may be celebrating my seven-thousandth birthday in between a pretty pebble and a cute squirrel.

NYM

I will come back here to pick flowers for my grandmother. It will cheer her up and help her feel better.

YALI

Nym... I regret to tell you that your grandmother passed away overnight. That's why she asked you to wait for me near the statue. She knew I wouldn't introduce myself to you until she passed away.

NYM

(with despair)

Nooooo!

YALI

I didn't want to tell you right away because I wanted you to keep your mission in mind without being distracted by your grief.

NYM

(sobbing)

This can't be ...

YALI

Your grandmother showed you a lot of love and raised you to become an exceptional Summoner. What she left you as a teaching is a legacy that will allow you to face new challenges.

NYM

(sobbing)

I will miss her so much!

YALI

Take a little time to pull yourself together.

DISSOLVE

18. SCENE 18. IN FRONT OF A STONE STATUE - DAY

Exploration zone 10. Nym stops by a stone statue. Yali is next to her.

NYM

Who was that?

YALI

It is the statue of a former chief who has accomplished a lot for his village. It was renowned for having cast out forest demons from the region and also for the great elasticity of its members. He could turn his entire hand in the opposite direction. He was also known for his ability to put a whole coconut in his mouth. A man of character.

NYM

Impressive! I wonder what will make my fame.

YALI

You will surely be recognized for your daredevil side and your hothead.

NYM

(offended)

HEY!

YALI

I'm joking! I believe you have a lot of potential and I assure you that I can also help you catch fish by causing electric explosions. Bringing more fish to feed your village will certainly be a good way to make you love even from the most dubious.

NYM

Hum... It's actually a great idea!

DISSOLVE

19. SCENE 19. TUTORIAL 3 - DAY

Nym and Yali are in front of a huge wall with a small hole in it.

The Power Stone of the Temple of the Cataclysm will give you the power of Magnetism. Now throw me and draw me to you!

DISSOLVE

20. SCENE 20. END OF TUTORIAL 3 - DAY

Nym and Yali are excited. They have succeded to open the way to the Temple of the Elevation.

YALI

Extraordinary! I'm proud of you! Let's continue our adventure!

DISSOLVE

21. SCENE 21. TEMPLE OF THE ELEVATION - DAY

Nym gets the third power stone and is very satisfied. Yali is amazed.

YALI

The third stone! Isn't that fabulous? You now have even more power. You have successfully completed your initiatory journey and you are now much more mature than you were this morning. I can assure you!

NYM

It was extraordinary! I was a lot more confident this time and I learned a lot from my mistakes. I don't know if I'm ready to become a village leader, but I will certainly do everything to live up to the role I have been assigned.

YALI

Let's go home! You deserve a nice hot meal and a good night's sleep.

DISSOLVE

22. SCENE 22. ON THE ROAD - NIGHT

Nym and Yali see flames in the distance, on the top of the mountain.

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After having acquired the last stone of power, Nym succeeded in her initiatory quest. Her journey was very difficult, but she managed to meet the challenge. She has acquired wisdom and maturity. She is now worthy to take her grandmother's place at the head of the village. However, on the way back, Nym spots a red glow and a lot of smoke on top of the mountain.

MYM

What's happening? What is in flames?

YALI

Oh no... Your village is ravaged by a fire! We are too late!

NARRATOR

What awaits Nym and Yali at the end of their journey? Will they succeed in rescuing the villagers from the mortal danger that threatens them?

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