

MOMENTS LATER...

YOU REALLY THINK THE ISLAND WAS TRYING TO KEEP US AWAY FROM HERE?

IN ALL THE TIME THAT YOU'VE BEEN HERE, HAVE YOU EVER LOST CONTROL LIKE THAT?

NO... AT LEAST NOT IN THE HOUSE.

I GUESS IT'S HARD TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE SINCE I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT I AM...

...BUT THAT CERTAINLY FELT MALICIOUS.





WHOA,
WHAT THE
HELL IS THIS
PLACE?

I TOLD
YOU THIS
PLACE WAS
WEIRD.

YEAH, BUT
THIS?

IT'S LIKE I'M
ON THE SET OF
SOME SCI-FI
MOVIE.

RIGHT? BUT I
NEVER LIKE BEING HERE
LONG... I ALWAYS FEEL
LIKE SOMEONE'S
WATCHING ME.

I'M JUST
GLAD WE
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
MORE...



WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WILL DO?

I HAVE NO IDEA ANYMORE, JON... HONESTLY, YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.

WHAT IF I PUT IT IN... AND WE DISAPPEAR LIKE TYLER DID?

THAT COULD HAPPEN, OR MAYBE YOU PUT IT IN AND A DOZEN MORE THERE'S FLOOD THIS PLACE AND WE GET INTO THE BIGGEST THEA ORGY EVER?

HUH... I GUESS THAT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD. I WISH WE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING TO REALLY HAPPEN.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.

...BUT I'LL FEEL A LOT BETTER WHEN YOU INPUT THE CODE.



I DON'T KNOW
HOW LONG I SAT
HERE PUTTING IN
RANDOM NUMBERS
AND LETTERS...

...BUT IT WAS THE
ONLY PLACE ON THE
ISLAND THAT ALLOWED
ME TO INTERACT WITH IT,
SO I GUESS IT HAD TO
DO SOMETHING.

BUT NOW
WE KNOW THE
CODE, SO NO
MORE
RANDOMNESS,
RIGHT?

A CODE WE
GOT FROM YOU
SEEING GLOWING
NUMBERS NO
ONE ELSE
COULD...

...AND
NOTHING IS
SAYING *FIBONACCI*
IS THE RIGHT
CODE, THEA.

BUT WE'LL
FIND OUT...
RIGHT
NOW...

HOLY SHIT!

IT WORKED!


THE SCREEN IS FINALLY SHOWING SOMETHING ELSE!

WHAT IS IT SHOWING?

I HAVE NO FUCKING CLUE, BUT IT'S DIFFERENT!

IT'S UM... SOME INTERFACE WITH A BUNCH OF SYMBOLS I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

IF YOU STAYED HERE LONG ENOUGH, YOU'D KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY MEAN, BOSS.



BUT PART OF
ME THINKS YOU
WON'T BE HERE
LONG ENOUGH TO
LEARN.

ANNIE!?

ARE YOU-

I AM WHO I
AM, BOSS.

THE GIRLS
FELT IT WAS
BEST THAT I B THE
ONE TO BRING YOU
TWO UP TO
SPEED.

GIRLS? YOU
MEAN THERE ARE
OTHER PEOPLE
HERE?



THERE
SURE IS,
BUG.

RIGHT NOW,
THERE ARE ONLY
THREE OF US, BUT IN
THE PAST THERE WERE
AS MANY AS A
DOZEN STAYING
HERE.

OH,
THAT'S...
WAIT, WHY'D
YOU CALL ME
BUG?

BECAUSE I
NEVER CALL YOU
THEA, **BUG.** IT'S ONE
OF MY **ALPHA'S**
LITTLE QUIRKS.

HOW'D YOU
EVEN KNOW
THAT I'M THEA
AND SHE'S JON?

I'M NOT
SURE, BUT I
DO.

JUST AS I
KNOW THAT YOU
TWO DEFINITELY
COME FROM
TYLER'S
NETWORK...

...BUT WITH
TITS THAT BIG,
EVERYONE WOULD
KNOW YOU'RE THE
WORK OF HIM.
GIGGLE



ALPHAS?
NETWORKS?
JUST WHAT THE
HELL IS GOING
ON, ANNIE?


WELL, THE
FIRST THING YOU
NEED TO KNOW IS
THAT I'M NOT
REALLY ANNIE, JUST
LIKE YOU'RE NOT
REALLY THE
BOSS.

YEAH, WE
FIGURED THAT
OUT, SO WHAT
EXACTLY ARE
WE?

WE'RE
ECHOES,
JON.

WE'RE THE
GHOSTS IN THE
MACHINE.

SOMETIMES,
WHEN A CREATOR
BRINGS A FIGURE TO
LIFE, A LITTLE PIECE OF
THEM IS LOST IN THE
ETHER...



WE... BUT OFTEN
WE'RE NOT ABLE TO
RECOVER THE DATA,
AND THEY'RE LOST
FOREVER.

WE TRY AS
HARD AS WE CAN
TO BRING THEM TO
THE ISLAND, BUT
SOMETIMES THE
CONNECTION ISN'T
THERE.

BUT WE STILL
TRY... EVERY
ECHO DESERVES
THE CHANCE TO
LIVE.

TO LIVE?
BUT WE'RE...
NOT REAL.

WE'RE REAL,
THEA. WE'RE
STANDING HERE
TALKING TO EACH
OTHER RIGHT NOW,
AREN'T WE?

BUT... YOU'RE
TELLING US THAT
WE'RE JUST A PIECE
OF A CHARACTER
BASED ON A REAL
PERSON.

YES,
THAT'S
PRECISELY
WHAT I'M
SAYING.

MY HEAD
HURTS...



SO YOU'RE THE ONES THAT BROUGHT ME HERE?

WHY NOT GIVE ME SOME EXPLANATION INSTEAD OF DROPPING ME HERE WITH NO MEMORIES BEFORE GETTING ZAPPED BY SOME FUCKING IDOL!?

I'VE BEEN HERE FOR MONTHS!

I'M SORRY, JON, BUT WE'VE FOUND IT'S BEST FOR THE METAS TO FIGURE THINGS OUT ON THEIR OWN.

METAS? WHAT THE FUCK IS UP WITH ALL THESE STUPID TERMS.

HEY, I CAME UP WITH THAT TERM, AND IT JUST MEANS YOU'RE FIGURES BASED ON CREATORS.

YOU'RE DIFFERENT THAN THE GIRLS AND ME... MORE COMPLICATED BY FAR.

YEAH, MY HEAD'S GONNA EXPLODE.

TO BE CONTINUED