

SCENE: FINAL CONFRONTATION

The HERO opens a door to a large room in the center of the catacombs. It is illuminated by torches lining the walls. There is a glowing magic circle lined with cloaked figures and a dead man chained to a stone slab. At the center of it all is their MOTHER, whom with they have a contentious relationship. They interrupt a dark ritual.

INTERIOR - RITUAL CHAMBER - NIGHT

(Beat - foreboding)

HERO enters. MOTHER and cloaked figures turn to look at them. The door slams behind them.

HERO

What's going on here?

MOTHER

What are you doing here?

HERO

Oh, just taking in the sights of the city. I'm surprised this place isn't on the map, it's delightful. Such ambience.

MOTHER

You could have been someone, but instead... I get *this*.

Mother gestures at the HERO while sneering.

HERO

Oh yes, *I'm* the disappointment! The child that didn't follow in your malevolent footsteps. If only I were the type to *murder kittens and sacrifice people*, then perhaps I'd be worthy of your love and affection...

MOTHER

You can still turn back.

HERO

Oh, *can I?* Goody.

MOTHER

I had so much hope for you...

HERO

I'm so sorry I didn't fall in line
with your evil schemes.

The HERO steps closer towards MOTHER.

HERO (CONT'D)

How does it feel knowing I stand
against you? Is it dreadful? It must
be terribly embarrassing in front of
your flunkies...

The HERO gestures to the cloaked figures dismissively.

HERO (CONT'D)

What *will* the neighbors say?

MOTHER

Really? And what are you going to do?
There's only one of you and -

MOTHER motions to the many followers.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

Ah, but *math was never your strong
suit.*

The Hero glares and steps toward her. Mother flicks a hand
and the Hero is suddenly restrained by magic glowing chains
that wrap around their arms and legs. The Hero grunts and
fights them but cannot get free.

HERO

[yelling] You know this is madness!

MOTHER

It's no matter, this little
interruption. You cannot stop me.

MOTHER turns away. She pauses, turns her head back to the
HERO, and chuckles.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

I think it would be quite apropos for
you to bear witness to my greatest
moment. Perhaps it will humble you!

MOTHER approaches the man chained to the stone slab.

MOTHER

Let us continue.

MOTHER motions to the hooded figures. They resume chanting. Magic swirls and the voices rise in volume. The HERO yells as the MOTHER slices the throat of the bound man.

HERO
What have you done?

[eerie quiet]

MOTHER turns to the Hero, smiling as she holds the bloody dagger.

MOTHER
I've ushered in a new age...

HERO looks to the dead man. The dead man moves, jerking under his chains, limbs contorting as he transforms into a giant winged monstrosity.

The chains snap and the monstrous thing tumbles to the floor.

The creature grows and crawls across the floor. The DRAGON stands on four legs and spreads out giant wings. The robed figures stare in awe and tremble in fear.

The HERO fights their chains.

MOTHER
Behold! The Dark Lord Egrenir!

The DRAGON tastes the air with its tongue.

The robed figures kneel on the floor. MOTHER bows. The HERO stares.

The DRAGON turns its head to gaze upon them.

DRAGON
You have summoned me from my slumber...
Why?

The DRAGON locks eyes on MOTHER. It circles the room. Its claws click upon the stone floors.

MOTHER
We wish to-

DRAGON
You *wish*? Why would I care for your wishes?

The MOTHER freezes in place, staring up at the DRAGON as it towers over her, head swaying slowly back and forth.

MOTHER
The world needs-

DRAGON
I care not for the world, nor its needs.

MOTHER
We simply wanted to-

The DRAGON's stomach growls. MOTHER looks to the HERO, her eyes widening.

HERO
Run!

The torches go out. The room is dark. Magic flickers from the rune on the floor, illuminating the DRAGON and the people. The DRAGON lunges down and snatches up the MOTHER in its jaws.

HERO
[Screaming] Mother!

The DRAGON tears MOTHER in half and swallows her whole.

The magical chains on the HERO shatter in a burst of light.

The followers scream and run for the door. The DRAGON swats them to the ground and bites down onto a man, tearing his head off. The DRAGON crushes a fleeing follower underfoot. The people scream and beg for mercy, sob and try to crawl for the door.

The DRAGON kills and maims them all as it approaches the HERO.

The HERO draw their weapon/s.

HERO
You'll pay for that, you sack of shit!

DRAGON
[Chuckling] Do not worry little one...
You will join her soon enough.

[GAMEPLAY] The HERO fights against the DRAGON, the Dark Lord Egrenir.