

Set the Stage: Aion: The Tower of Eternity - 'Dusk'

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ACT I

Scene 1

As the scene opens, ALMA and NAMIYA, each commanding an expeditionary force into the Abyss, meet on the battlefield at dusk. Each ENTERS from different sides.

ALMA

Ah, there you are, little sunbeam!

She half-bows; a mocking gesture, then looks to the audience on her side.

ALMA

(indicating)

I brought some friends of mine to meet you. They're very anxious to... say hello.

NAMIYA is unafraid, as she has her own forces.

NAMIYA

We both know you're just following tradition by giving us a chance to surrender. But it will never happen.

NAMIYA looks to her side of the stage.

NAMIYA

We have the light of Aion in our hearts! We will be never swallowed by the darkness of your envy.

ALMA

Oh little sunbeam, you should know that our flying legions cannot be stopped. They are a dark wave, crashing over everything in their path.

ALMA shouts to the 'ASMODIAN' half of the audience.

ALMA

Isn't that right? The night is rising! We cannot lose! Shout with me, Asmodians - FOR ASMODAE!

The audience respond...

NAMIYA

Your posturing does not impress us, Asmodian. The light of Aion will cut through your darkness. Your dark wave will break against the shields of the true children of Aion!

NAMIYA turns to the audience.

NAMIYA

Show your faith in the light; let me hear you cry out and banish these Asmodians from the battlefield. I strike, IN AION'S NAME!

Each of them goads the audience louder and louder, with each of their chants.

ALMA

Well, in breath and power, our forces seem almost evenly matched. Perhaps this battle will last longer than my first strike.

NAMIYA

Oh, it shall. Your darkness will meet our light, and the battle shall rage as long as there is dusk.

Again, each call to their respective sides.

ALMA

Show no mercy, Asmodians!

NAMIYA

Fight as one, Elyos!

Each of them EXIT.

CURTAIN.