

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

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ACT I

Scene 1

NAMIYA is centre-stage; she waits for a moment before ALMA ENTERS. NAMIYA picks up on her presence, almost supernaturally.

NAMIYA

Asmodian... what are you doing here?

ALMA's concerned, cautious.

ALMA

Wandering. Isn't it obvious?

NAMIYA

What is obvious to me, is that you are wandering where you don't belong. You, or any of your kind.

ALMA

Atreia is our heritage as much as yours.

NAMIYA

The time when you had the right to roam these lands is long gone. You belong to the darkness...

ALMA

... to the night, yes, yes - throw your insults, Elyos. Perhaps we enjoy the darkness... why are you so afraid of it? We have nothing to be ashamed of.

NAMIYA decides to toss a subtle insult.

NAMIYA

Surely... the destruction of the Tower of Eternity is an eternal shame on your people?

ALMA's not buying it. She laughs it off.

ALMA

The light of Aion seems to have burned your mind, poor girl - how else could you have forgotten your people's part in the tower's destruction?

NAMIYA is incensed.

NAMIYA

Wretched Asmodian - it is your sin, not ours!

ALMA

Is that what they teach you? To be afraid of the dark, and let others shoulder your guilt?

NAMIYA

Lies! You were cursed! Cast down into darkness!

ALMA

And you are naive to think that blame can solely be laid at our feet.

NAMIYA takes a breath, remembers who she is; an Elyos, a blessed one, with nothing to prove.

NAMIYA

Look around you. This light shows - proves - that we were chosen. Can't you see in our blessing the proof of your mistake? We are the true soldiers of Aion.

ALMA

And where is Aion now?! You haven't been chosen. Your beloved light is nothing more than a cloak hiding the evil of your souls!

NAMIYA

Ah ah, careful; your anger is showing. Is the beast coming out?

ALMA

Don't tempt me. My 'bite' is strong, indeed.

NAMIYA

No doubt. But soon, my fellow Daeva will arrive... and you may well end up in a place even darker than where you come from.

ALMA

This isn't over.

NAMIYA

It never will be.

CURTAIN.