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INTRO CUTSCENE

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AMETHYST ARCHIPELAGO - RAINFOREST ENTRANCE - MORNING

CHLOE is writing furiously in her field guide and looking around worriedly as she strolls through a dead looking forest, when she hears someone loudly muttering to themselves up ahead.

HUASKA (to themself)

This is EXACTLY why the others warned you not to show magic to humans, idiot!

The voice catches Chloe's attention. She looks over.

CHLOE

Huaska? Is that you? Do you know what's wrong with the forest?

HUASKA looks over their shoulder to see chloe, with a depressed look on their face

HUASKA (Ashamed)

Oh. Hi Chloe... I'm afraid I do.

Cut to:

FLASHBACK

EXT. AMETHYST ARCHIPELAGO - BEACHSIDE - DAY

Huaska is sitting on a large rock with legs crossed, and their eyes closed. A neutral expression is on their face.

HUASKA (V.O)

I was meditating on the shore when I heard the sound of music...

Huaska opens one eye quizzically.

Cut to:

EXT. - OCEAN - DAY

MR. OPUS is surfing a wave in swim trunks with dollar signs on them. He is riding on a comically long surfboard and holding a boombox over one shoulder. He has a massive grin on his scrunched face.

HUASKA (V.O) Con'td

There was a, frankly gargantuan, man blasting it while...
Surfing..?

A dolphin shoots up from offscreen and smacks into Mr. Opus, knocking him off his board. The frame freezes on him mid air; his smug grin replaced with an uncharacteristic surprised "oh shit" expression.

HUASKA (V.O) Con'td

When suddenly, a dolphin smacked into him, and he washed up on the shore.

Cut to:

EXT. BEACH SURF - DAY

Mr. Opus is lying face down on the sand in front of Huaska, in a stiff position with his fists clenched. Huaska stands over him, a bewildered expression on their face. Huaska raises their hands over his head and fires waves of pink healing magic at Mr. Opus's unconscious body.

HUASKA (V.O)

He looked hurt, so I healed him. Once he woke up, he introduced himself as...

Cut to:

INT. MR. OPUS'S OFFICE - DAY

Close shot of Mr. Opus looking straight at us. This is Huaska's POV. A now fully-healed Mr. Opus is sitting in a massive chair at an ornate desk emblazoned with a plaque reading "Horatio Opus: Founder & CEO". A pair of "Men In Black"-esque security goons stand behind him wearing sunglasses and earpieces.

Mr. Opus points his thumb at himself while talking.

OPUS

Horatio Opus, of Opus Enterprises, at your service...

Mr. Opus points at Huaska, still in a first person POV.

You're purple, so either you got a skin condition or you're one of the island's magical mystic beings eh?

Cut back to present Day.

EXT. RAINFOREST ENTRANCE - MORNING

Cut back to Huaska and Chloe. A distraught Huaska is lying on their side on the ground, similar to how Mr. Opus was on the beach, with a crying expression like the 😭 emoji.

HUASKA (Ashamed)

I should have never admitted to it...

Cut to: Flashback

EXT. MR. OPUS'S POOL - DAY

Huaska and Mr Opus are poolside. Huaska sits in a chaise lounge (pool chair) as Opus gives a Powerpoint presentation on massive television on wheels. It is entitled "My undeniably awesome plan you should help me with".

HUASKA (V.O)

...But once he discovered my magic, he went on about his "Special Plan" to protect this island.

Cut to a frame similar to the previous one, with the presentation from Mr. Opus. The slide now has the image of plants and bugs on it instead of the title. And Huaska is being pampered by like 5 separate members of Opus's staff. The joke here is we're implying that Opus buttered up Huaska with his luxury lifestyle.

HUASKA (V.O)

He said he'd make a fabulous ecological oasis with the help of

my magic... but once I lent it to him, he used it to turn the islands bugs into phantom monsters! Turns out he just wanted to scare everyone away so he could buy up all the land for nothing!

EXT. RAINFOREST - DAY

Huaska has hugged themselves into a ball on the floor

HUASKA (V.O)

It hasn't even been a day, now the ecosystem's all out of whack!

Cut to the dying environment, and the silhouettes of phantom bugs in the distance.

CHLOE

Can't we do anything?

HUASKA

If we could destroy the Phantom Bugs, they'd release the real bugs back into the environment. But they're way too unpredictable to fight.

CHLOE

What if... someone who, er, knew a lot about bugs fought them?

Chloe has a massive grin on her face. Huaska looks at her with a deadpan expression.

HUASKA

NO.

CHLOE

Yes!

HUASKA

You're just a kid!

CHLOE

A kid who's WAY tougher than you! I'm going after them, and that's that!

Huaska sighs and facepalms

HUSAKA

Well.. if I can't stop you, at least take this.

Huaska teleports around the clearing, grabbing a nice stick off the ground, as well as two matching stones. With a great flash of light, the stick has been transformed into the Bug Net, and the stones into the Communication Stones.

HUSAKA

Alright Chloe, it's up to you now.

SCREEN FADES BLACK, INTO GAMEPLAY

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TUTORIAL AREA & TUTORIAL BARKS

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Phantom Blasts—

HUASKA

Watch out!

Catching / Throwing—

HUASKA

Press [Input] to catch enemy Blasts. When you do, they go right into your hold bar at the top left of the screen.

Venom Blasts—

HUASKA

These **Venom Blasts** not only do more damage than Phantom Blasts, but can also be used to disintegrate Phantom Barriers!

Stun Blasts—

HUASKA

You can use **Stun Blasts** to freeze enemies in place, making them easier to hit. And don't worry, they do damage as well.

Environmental Restoration—

HUASKA

Fantastic job Chloe! With the real bugs freed and the junk picked up, this location has been completely restored.

CHLOE

Even the air smells better now!

HUASKA

That... may just be placebo.

CHLOE

Placebo?

HUASKA

Don't worry about it.

Explosive Barrels—

CHLOE

What... is this? Barrels of... junk?!

HUASKA

Great. So not only is Opus hurting the ecosystem, but he's polluting the environment with construction junk as well.

HUASKA

At the least, these may be able to aid you in combat. Try hitting one when Phantom Bugs are near it, and see what happens.

Phantom Barriers—

HUASKA

Remember, only **Venom Blasts** can destroy the **Phantom Barrier** currently surrounding the Ant Queen.

Healing—

CHLOE

Ouch!

HUASKA

Your health will regenerate over time, so don't be afraid to flee and recoup.

Blast Plants—

HUASKA

Looks like Opus' magic is causing these flowers to grow Blasts.

CHLOE

Sweet! Free ammo.

First Collectible Bug Found—

CHLOE

WOAH! Huaska, look what I just found!

[Field Guide popup about the specific bug Chloe just found]

HUASKA

As you can see, bugs were not the only things corrupted by Opus' magic.

HUASKA

Your Net will be key not just for combatting Phantom Bugs, but also for maneuvering the warped forest.

HUSAKA

Prepare for combat.

CHLOE

It's so cute!!!!

HUASKA

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Yes. It is.

CHLOE

Ouch! Rude.

HUASKA

The further you are from the enemy, the easier it will be to dodge its attacks.

CHLOE

YES! BE FREE, LITTLE ANTS!

HUASKA

Fantastic... Now just countless Phantom Bugs left to go.

CHLOE

You're too pessimistic, Huaska.

HUASKA

I am just being realistic.

CHLOE

Hmmm...

CHLOE

The forest is looking better already!

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HUB AREA

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HUASKA

Hey, Chloe. Welcome to one of my favorite spots in this forest.
Or at least, it used to be.

HUASKA

(I'm not supposed to pick favorites, so don't tell anyone.)

CHLOE

Hehe... got it.

HUASKA

I'm going to stay here to recover from all the magic I've
exhausted lately.

CHLOE

Okay!

(On respawn, if Player gets knocked out)

HUASKA

Ah, good, you're awake.

HUASKA

Please be careful. Keep this up and you'll have to go home for your own safety.

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AREA ONE

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CHLOE

Yeeesh... the damage here is really bad.

HUASKA

Yes.... I am sorry that you have to see this.

CHLOE

Awesome... I AM A GOD!

HUASKA

Uhuh...

OPUS

HOWDY KIDS!

HUASKA

I am not a-

HUASKA

Wait a second. Opus?

HUASKA

How did you get into our communications!?

OPUS

HOW DO YOU THINK?

OPUS

MAGIC!

CHLOE

Huh? What's going on?

OPUS

IT'S ME! MR OPUS! I'VE DROPPED IN TO ISSUE AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

HUASKA

Oh dear.

OPUS

THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS: QUIT MEDDLING WITH MY PLANS! YOU'RE GONNA GET YOURSELF HURT.

OPUS

(The last thing I need right now is a media storm about how I indirectly gave some kid a concussion.)

OPUS

Go home! Play with a soccer ball, or whatever it is kids do these days.

CHLOE

EW! NEVER!

OPUS

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OPUS

OKAY. FINE. HAVE IT YOUR WAY.

OPUS

But there's a real monster of a bug up ahead! You won't get past her...

CHLOE

Yeah yeah whatever. Go away old man.

OPUS

Don't say I didn't warn you, kiddo.

CHLOE

My name is CHLOE!

HUASKA

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HUASKA

Terrible. With just one species missing, the entire ecosystem is out of sorts.

CHLOE

I guess that since ants help aerate the soil, the plants are seriously struggling to grow without them.

CHLOE

People don't respect ants enough! They're POWERFUL!

HUASKA

I should never ever have interacted with that dastardly Mr Opus....

CHLOE

Don't worry Huaska! We're bringing the ants back-- it'll be okay!

HUASKA

....I hope so.

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BOSS FIGHT #1 - ANT QUEEN

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OPUS

BEHOLD. THE QUEEN!

CHLOE

Ooooooh!

HUASKA

Eep! Be EXTRA careful Chloe...

HUASKA

Turn back if you must. In fact, you really probably should.

CHLOE

Shhh... Never!

OPUS

WHAT?! HOW DID YOU BEAT HER?!

CHLOE

She wasn't exactly very smart...

OPUS

I can't believe this.

OPUS

So be it. I didn't really need her anyway.

OPUS

The bugs up ahead are on a whole different level!

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AREA TWO

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CHLOE

Poor beach! What's happened to you?

HUASKA

With the disappearance of so many insects, the decomposition process has slowed significantly.

CHLOE

Yuck...

OPUS

COME ON NOW! What harm can one missing species do?

CHLOE

What DID you transform for this to happen?

OPUS

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CHLOE

...

CHLOE

WELL?

OPUS

HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY? I WAS MAKING A PROTEIN SHAKE, MY BLENDER IS REALLY LOUD.

CHLOE

sighs

CHLOE

NEVER MIND!

(Rouge Phantom Beetle charges though HUB)

HUASKA

WHAT TH-

HUASKA

AHHH!

CHLOE

HUH?

HUASKA

UM... IT'S NO MATTER!

HUASKA

All is well. Do not worry.

CHLOE

Uhhh... if you say so...

(Chloe returns to HUB, rouge Phantom Beetle has charged through fallen tree)

CHLOE

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED HERE?!

CHLOE

I wasn't even gone for very long!

HUASKA

Remember my... er... upset, earlier?

CHLOE

Ohhhhh...

HUASKA

Yes. Out of nowhere, a Phantom Atlas Beetle rammed through the shipping container! I believe that if you're fast enough, you can follow its tracks and locate it.

(Rouge Phantom Beetle located)

CHLOE

AHA! And the culprit has been unearthed!

HUASKA

Great job, Chloe!

CHLOE

Woah, so this is the luxury resort that Opus wa- AAHHH!!

HUASKA

CHLOE? ARE YOU ALRIGHT??

CHLOE

Yeah I think I'm okay, but...

CHLOE

Ummmm....

CHLOE

The way out of here is blocked.
(first wave of Phantom Bugs spawns in)

CHLOE

--And there are Phantom Bugs down here with me!

HUASKA

That actually may be in your favor.

HUASKA

As you free more real bugs, they should eat away at the
blockade.

(Phantom Bugs final wave defeated)

OPUS

NOOOOOOOO!

HUASKA

Huh?

OPUS

MY PRECIOUS RESORT! I'VE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT IT'S BEING
OVERRUN BY PHANTOM BEES!

OPUS

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN PAUSED FOR WEEKS! SHAREHOLDERS JUST FOUND
OUT, AND ARE FURIOUS!

OPUS

I take EVERYTHING back. Destroy the Phantom Bugs in my resort,
undo all the magic, Fix EVERYTHING!

CHLOE

HAHA! How do you like a taste of your own medicine?

CHLOE

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CHLOE

Sorry, that was mean. My mom always says "If you have nothing nice to say, then say nothing at all."

HUASKA

It's okay Chloe.

OPUS

JUST HURRY, WILL YOU? The resort falls further into disrepair with EVERY SECOND!

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AREA THREE

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CHLOE

Woah, the Phantom Bees are really taking over.

HUASKA

They seem to have chosen this location for their new hive, how peculiar.

CHLOE

But bees aside, this resort is... uh... interesting.

OPUS

It's going to be BEAUTIFUL!

OPUS

It'll have swimming pools, a native art collection, golf and tennis-

CHLOE

Huh? Why spend so much money making swimming pools when the ocean is right there?

CHLOE

And why would you make the art collection private? We have to pay you to see our own art?? What is wrong with you?!

HUASKA

I see now the extent to which you lied to me, Opus.

HUASKA

You should never have set foot on this island.

OPUS

HEY NOW! WOW! SO QUICK TO JUDGE, YOU TWO!

HUASKA

Be grateful we are clearing the Phantom Bees out. We do it for the bees, not for you.

CHLOE

YEAH!

CHLOE

Phantom Bee spotted!

HUASKA

Do be careful Chloe...

CHLOE

Yeah, yeah. You don't have to tell me twice.

HUASKA

I... might have a fear of bees.

CHLOE

WHAT?! Why didn't you tell me sooner?

OPUS

HAHAHA *coughing fit* I did NOT think it was possible for one of you uh... purple guys to be afraid of nature.

HUASKA

We are not supposed to be... hence why I'd been keeping it to myself.

HUASKA

I just hope there is no Phantom Queen Bee or anything...

OPUS

This has at least given me the idea to use honey from local bees for the resort breakfasts.

OPUS

Guests EAT UP local. Very good marketing term.

CHLOE

Nothing about this place is "local"...

HUASKA

sighs

CHLOE

I think I'm almost to the top of the resort.

OPUS

How's she looking?

CHLOE

She?

OPUS

My resort!

HUASKA

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CHLOE

It's in pretty bad shape. Are you not seeing this yourself?

OPUS

I've been at my summer home on the other side of the island!

HUASKA

Unbelievable. You don't even genuinely care about this resort, do you?

HUASKA

Does ANYTHING truly matter to you?

OPUS

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OPUS

JUST- JUST FINISH CLEARING EVERYTHING OUT, ALRIGHT?

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BOSS FIGHT #2 - QUEEN BEE - FINAL BOSS

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CHLOE

Uhhh Huaska? I have bad news....

HUASKA

AHH!

HUASKA

SHE'S HUGE!!

HUASKA

Turn back now, Chloe. This is much too dangerous.

CHLOE

NOW? No way! I can finish this!

HUASKA

...I can't watch...

(Boss at $\frac{2}{3}$ health)

HUASKA

Wow you're... actually doing okay against it?

(Boss at $\frac{1}{3}$ health)

HUASKA

Come on Chloe! Finish her off!!

OPUS

My poor resort...

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ENDING CUTSCENE (Upon Boss Defeat)

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AMETHYST ARCHIPELAGO - ROOF OF UNFINISHED OPUS RESORT - SUNSET

(The dark and stormy clouds that had previously filled the sky dissipate)

CHLOE (Jumping in celebration)
YEEAAAH!!

HUASKA (Appearing next to Chloe via magical particle effects)
Amazing, Chloe! You truly are something special.

Chloe and Huaska look out at the view of the whole island,
bathed in the golden light of sundown.

HUASKA

That was the last of the Phantom Bugs! The whole island should
be back to normal now!

CHLOE (Optimistically)

Not to mention the resort is in shambles!

With its characteristic noise, a helicopter descends from the
sky. Chloe and Huaska have to jump out of the way as it lands
haphazardly on the roof.

Out of the helicopter steps Mr Opus himself, yelling into his
phone.

OPUS (on the phone)

I JUST TOLD YOU! IT'S OVER. IT'S ALL RUINED.

OPUS (on the phone)

NO, I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ATTACKED IT. WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM, A
BEEKEEPER!?

Opus chucks his phone off the roof.

He finally looks up at Chloe and Huaska.

CHLOE

So, now you decide to show up to your own mess.

OPUS

Look, I'm only here briefly, before I leave this island for good.

OPUS

I just wanted to tell you-

OPUS

To tell you tha-

OPUS, teeth grinding in frustration

Thank- thnsnknk-

HUASKA (amused)

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Opus puts his hands up in defeat.

OPUS

Well if it helps you feel better, I'm done with the Amethyst Archipelago.

OPUS

And I... I regret tricking you like that, Huaska. I guess I got what was coming.

Without uttering another word, Opus takes one last look over the island, then turns around, gets back into his helicopter, and flies away into the sunset.

Huaska turns to Chloe, putting a hand on her shoulder.

HUASKA

Chloe, I cannot thank you enough for all your help.

HUASKA

Is there anything I can do to repay you?

CHLOE

Hmmm...

CHLOE

Could you take a selfie with me?

