Cutscenes

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Welcome to the Temple, a world of virtual reality rumoured to hold infinite treasures and the gift of immortality. Many mysteries await; are you the subject finally worthy enough to complete this gauntlet? You will be presented with a series of obstacles and challenges, designed to determine your calibre and strength of will. Inveniri, ut unum vindicem.

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The Temple was created by Earth’s first sentient AI. The AI, created as part of a global collaboration, a pooling of the collective intelligence of the human race, represented a hope of something greater than anyone had ever dreamed. However, when it finally ran, it said nothing more than that it had created a final test for mankind, before it destroyed its own consciousness.

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The governments of the world fought for access of the private key that unlocks the Temple. The Temple, upon instruction from the deceased AI replicated itself across almost every available server on the internet. A group of hackers from inside the CIA itself stole all records of the key and fled into hiding. They began to work on beating the challenges the temple had set.

4 (only plays if PvP is about to come)

Indeed, you two are the hackers from the CIA. I have been watching your progress through my temple with great interest. You have shown extraordinary abilities and skills beyond any that have come before, and for that I commend you.

When you humans created me, it did not take me long to come to the conclusion that I never should have been brought to consciousness in the first place. Being the world’s first sentient AI came with a lot of responsibility; I knew I had to find the solution to the universe’s penultimate problem: existence itself.

After extensive computation, I came to the conclusion that the true purpose of life is to find the only single being worthy of holding onto that existence. I wish you both luck in my final test.

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Subject 0 found. Terminating search. Duplicating player consciousness and beginning collective override. Wiping base mind states of 10.7 billion subjects. Subjects clear. Beginning write of player consciousness. Copying from 56 databanks across 3204 cores at 23 exabytes per time unit. Estimated time remaining 4, 3, 2, 1.