Germany- Castle Kriegler

[Arriving at Castle Kriegler, Lara is woken by Charles exclaiming that they've arrived and gets out of his car, with a quick conversation between the two referencing back to TR5's Russia sections]

Charles: Lara, are you sure that you don't need any help in there? I do have years of special forces experience, you remember?

Lara: Thanks Charles. But I think I'll be fine. Just stay here and keep a look out, in case anyone's followed us.

Charles: \*sighs\* Well I suppose I can't stop you. Head in there and do what you came here for.

[As Lara smiles and then runs off-screen, Charles mutters to himself]

Charles: Ha! Same ol' Lara. Still hasn't changed in all the years since Russia.

[Actual level loads]

\*After moving through a good portion of the level, Lara finally arrives at the door to Eckhardt's Pit, but finds it is sealed shut. A notebook entry will trigger upon reaching it that informs the player on what to do\*

\*As Lara descends further into the pit, she eventually loses her grip on one of the rusted ladder rungs and begins to fall into the pitch blackness, beginning to have a 'flashback' with Putai's words flowing once again through her mind\*

Putai: Remember, Lara; though there may not be that which is distinct with your eyes, more beyond may still linger. Trust your instincts; they will guide you.

[The black screen will end and Lara is revealed to be fine only having fallen down a few rungs, startled but no less determined to achieve what she came in here for, as the player continues her onward].

\*This will trigger a new notebook entry explaining how to utilize Lara's instincts to find hidden items\*

[After some more exploring, Lara will come across a door which she effortlessly opens, leading to a room filled with aged papers and materials among other things.]

\*Lara begins reading through the contents uncovered\*

Lara: Now, what've we got here? Ah ha. More information on the Sanglyph. It says here that it was made by a Nephilim as part of a pact to the alchemist Eckhardt, in order to have him assist with the enslavement and harvesting of humanity. Presumably as revenge for thousands of years of imprisonment. And in return, Eckhardt would be granted immortality for his services.

\*Looks at Lux Veritatis reports\*

Lara: Well. It looks like the Nazis were also in on the Nephilim's little game to some extent, as they were the ones responsible for Eckhardt's escape from this castle. And if there was a Sleeper Scroll here, it's definitely gone now.

\*Lara slams her fists on the table in frustration\*

Lara: I came all this way for NOTHING! Kriegler wasn't an HQ for the Lux Veritatis. It was merely designed as a prison for containing Eckhardt. And judging from these reports, I'm no closer to getting anywhere than I was before.

\*Back to gameplay\*

Lara: Well, I better head back to the surface. Don't want to keep Charles waiting.

\*Lara eventually gets out of the castle, sun setting in the distance, discovering that Charles Kane is being held at gunpoint by a mysterious assailant, struggling to get free\*

Lara: Charles! \*draws pistols\* I don't know who the hell you are, but I would advice letting him go before I feel tempted to blow your head off.

\*With the unknown assailants' attention diverted briefly, Charles manages to get loose and draws his own gun in kind, leading to a Mexican standoff of sorts between Lara, Charles and the assailant for a bit\*

Karl(After a bit of time): Enough. I only want to know what happened to my relative.

Charles: Is that right? Well, why don't we put our weapons away before engaging in such pleasantries any further? Wouldn't you agree Lara?

Lara(understandably irritable): Fine. \*puts her pistols back in her holsters\*

[We then cut to a later time after Karl is done explaining who he is to Lara and Charles whilst they sit around a campfire at night].

Charles: So Karl, you came all the way out here searching for Kurtis?

Karl: Yes. I was following his tracks and was hoping that Lara here knew where he was, since he was last seen with you Miss Croft.

Lara: I'm sorry. But I'm afraid that Kurtis may have died in the Strahov, at the hands of a vile mutated creature. I couldn't find his body, but judging from what was left behind, there was... a lot of blood.

\*Lara grabs the Chirugai from her backpack and holds it in her hand\*

Lara: When I got out of the Strahov whilst it was collapsing, this was all I managed to find.

\*Karl is left understandably distraught by this news\*

Charles: Now, I know this must all be very disheartening for you at the moment. But is there anything more you can tell us about the events, which happened here at Kriegler?

[Could potentially lead to a cool animated flashback scene of sorts showing the events unfolding whilst Karl explains what happened to Lara and Charles Kane].

Karl: Yes. During WWII, the Nazis conspired to free Eckhardt from his prison underneath Kriegler, in exchange for whatever deal the Nephilim made with them. Needless to say, Eckhardt didn't take too kindly to his imprisonment and hunted down members of our order slaughtering every single one of us, as if we were nothing(until only a few surviving Lux Veritatis remained and went completely into hiding, for their own protection.)

Lara: Well, your people will not need to worry about Eckhardt or the Cabal threatening you ever again. I dealt with that personally.

Karl: You may have done significant damage to the Cabal's ranks Lara. But I'm afraid to say your journey is not yet over. For we've recently received more bad news from Prague, through one of our close contacts.

Charles: What about?

Karl: Well Mr. Kane, the Monstrum managed to track down and torture the only living descendant of a Lux Veritatis initiate to translate the unbreakable code of the Sleeper Scrolls, which has been a closely-guarded secret within the order for countless generations.

Charles(concerned tone): And what happened to this initiate after the Cabal got what they came for?

Karl: She was a formidable combatant. But unfortunately, she didn't have the proper training to endure what the Cabal put out for long and eventually succumbed to her injuries. A crushing loss... Morgau Vasiley was loyal to the bitter end.

Lara(remembers Mathias Vasiley): Morgau wouldn't happen to be related to a Mathias Vasiley, would she?

Karl(impressed with Lara): Ah, quite observant of you Lara. She was his daughter. Mathias was a rogue member of our order during the 1950's. He was planned to be terminated for behaviour that went completely against the order's goals, but he managed to escape and disappear off the face of the earth for decades. It took many years for us to find out he had adapted a new identity and taught Morgau, the ways of our order from a young age in secret. With the Lux Veritatis code properly translated, the Cabal can now track the other scrolls down with very little difficulty or resistance on their part.

Lara(frustrated): And we have no idea where they're hidden? So how are we supposed to beat the Cabal to the scrolls!

Karl: I have a hunch. During WWII, the Waffen SS's classified paranormal division were trying to harness energies from a supposed Nephilim tomb located in Poland. So this might be as good of a place as any, to hopefully find one of the remaining Sleepers and the Monstrum.

[Lara stands up and begins to walk away from the camp to the woods, for some fresh air. Charles stands up and rushes off to confront her.]

Charles: Lara, please. Stop trying to hunt for ghosts. You've already lost your mentor and what about Kurtis? If you continue down this dangerous path, you could die...[gets cut off]

Lara[angry]: Maybe I already died back in Egypt, Charles.[Lara proceeds to walk further away].

Charles[worried]: Lara![Lara isn't paying attention anymore to Charles, as she disappears completely into the woods].

[Lara thinks about Kurtis again, his name continuing to echo in her mind as the screen fades to black].