

Disconnected Script

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1 Day Zero

1.1 Funeral Home

“Moving here was supposed to be a new change for my family. However, I never anticipated that it would mean this ...

I wanted to thank all of you for being here. Most of you don't know Duncan, but I am sure he would have appreciated it” - Anna

1.2 Henry's Bedroom

“Hey Bud, how are you doing?” - Anna

“...” - Henry

“Yeah, me too. I miss them.” - Anna says with some pause between each word spoken

“Well ...try to get some sleep tonight alright? You have to get back to school tomorrow” - Anna

“Love you kiddo” - Anna

2 Day One

2.1 Henry's Bedroom

The player is now given control over Henry's movements. They are free to explore the tiny room and at some point they should make their way to the lobby of the home. Upon entering the lobby, he is greeted by his mother who is currently making some food in the kitchen.

“Hey, did you sleep well?” - Anna

“...” - Henry

“Well either way, I made you some lunch. Don't forget to take it” - Anna

“And try to have a good day today, okay? I know ...it’s hard, but we’ll get through this.” - Anna

2.2 City

After the player has a conversation with their mother, they are free to leave home and explore the world. They are expected to go to school, however given the open world nature of this area, they might encounter some non-linear elements in the world.

For example , they may explore the grocery store where they meet up with a character called Mr. Owen. Upon entering the building, the player will stumble upon a conversation between Mr. Owen and an unnamed woman. She’ll leave, frustrated and Mr. Owen will mention that the player should be careful with the people in this this. That they, may end up killing him, although whether Mr. Owen was being true or not is a mystery.

Another example , they may explore a building on the far left corner of main street. In this building, the woman will greet Henry as if nothing is wrong. However, if Henry attempts to go down a nearby staircase, the woman will tell Henry to get out and he’ll be promptly kicked out. Forcing the player to try again. I think it would be interesting to have the player not have another attempt. So that different players may experience slightly different narratives.

Entering the church will allow the player to visit a place that Henry is incredibly uncomfortable with. If he moves towards the end of the church, he’ll be able to have a conversation with a church member. Their status or position in the church is unknown at this time.

“Ahh Henry... How are you feeling?” - Member

“I... I don’t know why I’m here...” - Henry

“Well, there surely must be a reason” - Member

“Everything, including losing a loved one, always has a reason” - Member

“Don’t you think Henry?” - Member

“I...suppose” - Henry

The camera will shift back to Henry, and the Member will be reciting the litany “uo il atised” if Henry is near him.

Finally , the player will be able to enter the home of an npc. This will again have another stealth mission associated with it, where the player may attempt to go into another room. The player will be locked out of the house if they are unsuccessful, however if they are successful they will be greeted with just a normal room. There isn’t anything special about this house.

On this day, and this day alone, the city will be relatively busy. There will be people walking around, going into and out of buildings and school children playing and walking to school.

2.3 School

Upon entering the school, there will be no children in the halls. It’ll seem empty at first glance. Henry will walk down the hallway and enter his class-room which is literally at the end of the hall. He would have ran partially late, a school bell ringing just before he had even entered the building.

As he enters the room, he will hear his teacher at the end of a conversation he was having with his students

“He is next...” - Teacher

The teacher will then notice henry and be somewhat startled.

“OH! Henry, why are you here today?” - Teacher

“Shouldn’t you be at home resting after what happened?” - Teacher

Henry will have a thought

“He was talking about me...”

“Well, take your seat Henry” - Teacher

Once Henry begins walking to his seat, a few text boxes will pop up. The screen fading to black.

“Our great founding fathers made a deal... This deal has kept our town of willowstead safe for over a century.” - Teacher

“Now, who they made a deal with still remains a mystery, although we have our theories. It could be natives that had inhabited this region before, or maybe another force they had reckoned with...” - Teacher

The screen will fade back in, no one in the classroom but Henry.

The windows will be broken, tiles broken off from the ground. Henry will leave the room, into the school hallway. There, he will see all the students lined up. Just waiting for him to walk toward the exit. Occasionally, a student will spout the litany “You are next”. Once Henry reaches the exit, instead of being lead into the city he will be in the classroom again. He will see Duncan, his dead brother, looking out beyond a window.

As Henry approaches Duncan, Duncan will begin mumbling something.

“... Can’t Stay” - Duncan “No way out ...” - Duncan

Then the scene will phase over to what the teacher was saying before Henry walked in.

“We have three days to satiate the will” - Teacher

“He is next...” - Teacher

Henry walks in.

“OH! Henry, why are you here today?” - Teacher

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The screen will fade to black, and Henry will reappear in the classroom at his desk. The classroom is empty, excluding himself and his teacher who begins walking over to him.

“I hope you had a nice nap...” - Teacher

“...” - Henry

“Go home Henry” - Teacher

The teacher then promptly leaves the room. You are expected to follow.

As you enter the hallway, everything appears as it should. As you are halfway down the hallway, a phase shift happens to another plane for just a moment. The hallway from your dreams appears and then disappears. You then leave the school and enter the city which is empty...

2.4 City

Until Henry goes home, the city will be relatively dead. This is no coincidence, but the player won't be none the wiser.

Henry is able to explore the city and possibly enter a few new buildings in the city. If the player moves Henry to the top right corner of the map, you'll come across an area similar to that of Henry's dream. Except nothing will be there. Henry will however remark that this place seems oddly familiar. Henry may even remark that the city seems oddly dead. He hasn't see it this way since his brother died.

2.5 Home

"Hey! Did you have a good day at school?" - Anna

"It... was okay." - Henry

"Well that's good to hear." - Anna

"I had a fairly weird day myself. I went to the grocery store to get some food and as I was going to checkout, I realized there wasn't anyone in the store" - Anna

"I thought I had saw a clerk or two when I entered, but I don't know..." - Anna

"Anyways, I'm going to make dinner in an hour. So if you any homework or if you want to go play outside, now's your chance" - Anna

Henry will not want to do any homework. He's had a weird day, with that dream that had shaken him up. Instead, he decides he wants to go exploring. That's the only available option presented to the player. This time, as he goes exploring he will see people outside of his house. Just looking at him, and when he approaches them they may walk away and go into their house.

They won't say anything to the player and Henry will comment about how people are acting weird to him.

As Henry goes exploring, he'll notice people out in the woods. Specifically in the area in the top right corner. They'll be saying something odd. "We are ready. You will be satisfied." However they will say it in a different tongue "Ne rae eay. uo il atised"

If you get closer to them, one of them will notice and approach you. Saying, "We are ready for you". It is at this point that the player will be placed into a chase sequence. If they get away from their evader, Henry will go home. He won't see his mother, so he'll just state that she probably went to bed.

If you are unable to escape, then the player will be knocked out with a punch. The day will transition to the next day. Hell day.

3 Day Two

4 Day Three