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As Wade was spending time on working out and being healthy in real life, Art3mis had jump on him as she found the Jade Key. After finding out, he gave himself a little pep talk about how he shouldn't have spent so much time away from the hunt. During his "depression", he didn't focus on the Hunt as much as he was focusing on figuring out what to do with his life. Art3mis finding the Jade Key was a wake up call for Wade, and he obviously blames himself for procrastinating for so long. Sometimes, we lose sight of what we truly desire and tend to forget our purpose in life. And sometimes, all we need is a little talk to ourselves to recollect and remind us of what's our goal and purpose. There will always be a time where we just want to do something else for a time being, depending on our mood and mental state. Let it be depression, happiness, loneliness, confusion, or anger, everyone has their own way of coping or recovering from these state of minds. In Wade's case, he decided to better himself and fade away from his depression by increasing the stats on his gear, health, body, and self-esteem.

While focusing on your main goal, there will be "side quests" that end up distracting you from what you were mainly aiming for. These "side quests" are small and tedious goals that are either beneficial or get in your way. In real life, these "side quests" can be anything from doing errands to, in worst cases, a death of a friend or family member that can affect your mental state of mind. As time goes by, you start to refocus on your goal. Wade's self talk isn't just some lecture he gives himself, but a slap to the face telling himself, "You shouldn't have strayed away from your goal for so long, and because of that, you've lost time that you can never get back. Before you waste even more time, do what your supposed to do before time runs out," Time is a valuable essence, use every second, minute, hour, day, week, month, and year to do what you truly aim for.