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Hello everybody and welcome to a very special episode of Chapter Select, which is not a normal episode.

Hence the "special" that I put in front of that word.

We're gonna do a God of War Ragnarok predictions episode.

So if you are listening to... we're gonna put this in our season 2 feed, so if you are a listener of our show,

we have broken down every single game in the God of War franchise over the course of this season.

But at the time we have ended it, God of War Ragnarok has not come out yet.

And we're now naturally very excited to play that video game that is supposed to come out... at some point in 2022.

Uh...

Hopefully.

Hopefully. Max Roberts is here, I'll intro Max first.

Hi Max.

Hi! Logan, does that mean I can introduce you Logan Moore?

Yeah, I'm Logan Moore, I didn't say that either.

Uh, coming out of the gate really awkward in this one.

Anyway, so to give you a breakdown of what this is, we finished playing all the God of War games at the time we're recording this.

So you know exactly what is up here, we're recording this in December 2021.

I do not know when this episode will go live.

At the time we are recording this, there is one trailer out for God-- I guess technically two-- there's the teaser out for God of War Ragnarok, and then there's the first trailer for the game.

So we have now finished playing all of them and like I said we have a lot of thoughts, ideas, and predictions about what we want to see happen in the next game and we just felt like putting together a short episode here to kind of theorize about what we think the next installment

in the franchise will do. So that's what this episode is. I personally also just like the idea of a time capsule. I think putting millennial gaming speak back up and discovering little treasure troves of things that we said or did has really kind of inspired me to try and keep that stuff going forward because it's fun to look back. I mean, listening to that episode where we talked about the God of War reveal at E3 2016 is hilarious to me in hindsight, where I was like, "I hope there are no side quests. I hope there's no..."

Well, I was right about the open world thing, but you were like, "This is an RPG open world!" I'm like, "Well, that doesn't sound like God or me, that's a bad idea."

And obviously it turned out to be great.

We'll see how some of our predictions here age.

I think, I mean compared to our last one that you're referencing there, we definitely have a general idea of what this game is going to be.

Yes we do.

I think a lot of our biggest questions mainly lie with story related stuff.

Because we already have a good idea just from this first trailer of how it's even going to play, which is very similarly to the last one.

But I'll even mix in some gameplay things too.

So what we're going to do, I mean this episode will probably break down over the course of however long it lasts.

We're not planning on making it last very long.

That's probably going to be hilarious because if you're looking at how long this episode lasts it's probably like an hour or something, but I'm going to guess.

Who knows?

Anyway, I'm just going to throw out some random questions related to the events of God of War Ragnarok and we'll discuss whether or not we think these things could happen or not in the game, at least as a starting point for this conversation.

So Max first question, I mean we've talked about this you and I but I feel like this is the best place to start.

Will Kratos die in Ragnarok?

No.

No, I don't think so either.

We've agreed on this for a long time.

You and I have agreed on this for a long time.

I think we've actually talked about it over the course of this season too.

If they kill Kratos I feel like that kills off the franchise.

Like there is no, this isn't something where they can just naturally hand it off to Atreus in my mind and just keep the God of War series going.

And so because of that I don't see them doing that.

I think the other reason they won't kill him off is because as we talked about at the end of this season of Chapter Select, God of War 2018 is the best selling PlayStation game in history.

So to kill Kratos off in the game right after that almost damages the future of the franchise going forward and I got news for you Sony is not gonna want that to happen I

think there's too many there's too many hands in this now potentially with with

this next one for them to give full creative control the Sony Santa Monica

if Sony Santa Monica did or maybe they would allow Sony Santa Monica to kill

them off well let's let's look at some previous Sony examples to to possibly

give Sony Santa Monica an out to kill Kratos, something I don't think they'll do. Sony let them

let Naughty Dog stop Uncharted. With Uncharted 4, Nathan Drake's story ended, quotes, and then

- Well, that came with the caveat that the last legacy - a year later they put out The Last Legacy.

Well, that came with the caveat that they had released a new IP that outsold Uncharted right before they closed Uncharted. So, it's like they knew they could fall back on something else right

away because I think if Naughty Dog goes to Sony a couple years prior and says hey we're gonna end

Uncharted I think Sony says do what. Well they also you know lost legacy and now those games

are being ported to PS5 obviously that's gonna do really well Sony Santa Monica with God of War

itself they killed Kratos at the end of God of War 3 and made a prequel not saying that's the move

here but... Well going back to Nauseaog for a second, this is a good point. I guess the way they could do it, and this is going to be out of order compared to how you mentioned like they retired The Last of Us or at least semi-retired it for the moment, is Sony Santa Monica is clearly working on something else right now. Cory Barlog is directing another project within that studio and he's been pretty upfront about that. I don't know if he has said I'm directing another project but he has said I'm doing things at this studio that I can't talk about which he's a director at the studio. I'm working on another project.

He's doing something else. So they do have something else going on at that company for the first time in a really long time. Since 2012, 2013. Yeah and so if that turns out

well then in theory they could retire God of War here for the time being, do that next

project and then if that next project is a huge success then the whole studio could just

keep working on that thing in perpetuity with a sequel or something like that. But I don't think that happens. A little bit like Gorilla, they did Killzone Shadow Fall at the launch of the PS4 and then they were in production and then they put out Horizon. And clearly they have pivoted to an all Horizon studio with multiplayer spinoff games in the works and Sony's acquiring new studios. God of War doesn't have to go away, it can go on hiatus or pause. But...

But don't forget, Sony owns the IP,

they can make a God of War game.

It's just will the original creators be behind it?

And God of War itself has had other studios touch the franchise and make some really good games.

But will Kratos die?

No, there's no way. - I don't think so.

I don't think so.

- And you know.

- What about the mural at the end?

It clearly shows a snake--

- No, that was gonna be my next question.

So what do you think the mural at the end of the last game then hints to?

Do you think it hints... do you think it's going to be a kind of a red herring sort of with how God of War 2 was?

With Kratos dying but not really?

My fate is my own.

I can decide what I'm going to do.

Or the other thing I texted you about this the other day.

When you replay God of War you notice that that second wall that they are inspecting has actually been like shattered and destroyed.

Was it destroyed because the events written on that wall were incorrect and somebody felt that that wall needed to be destroyed because the future wasn't going to play out that way?

This is a very inside baseball conversation we're having here.

For those who may not be aware, at the very end of God of War, they see their entire journey on the wall of Jotunheim, on the wall in Jotunheim.

Everything that happened over the course of the game was foretold.

And then they see Kratos dying on the wall, or Kratos sees himself dying on the wall as well,

hinting that this is something
that is foretold to happen as well.

On that specific wall though,
everything around it is shattered and destroyed
other than that one panel.

So to me that says,
was it shattered or destroyed intentionally?
Or accidentally, or what's the deal there?

Anyway, yeah.

What do you think about that?

- So to quote Kratos,

There's nothing that is written that cannot be unwritten.

So yeah, I don't believe that will come true
in the sense of the way it is depicted
of the world serpent coming out of Kratos's mouth.

Or looks like that.

As far as the panel stuff being destroyed,
there's so many possibilities.

The one that I kinda like in my own brain
is that Fay destroyed it.

she obviously had been there.

- Or at least we think she was.

- I think Atreus says something along those lines,
that she was there there.

And obviously she wanted her ashes spread there,
probably at significance.

But she could have destroyed it, I like that idea,

that she didn't quite like how their fate was sealed.

But also, their whole prophecy, that whole end mural,

is also on the giant rock by their house

beginning of the game that you used to smash Baldur's face in. So Faye was always near and constantly reminded of their, you know, their prophecy, their future. So.

- I think one thing about the ending and them seeing that stuff shown on the panel, the one thing I've gathered from the trailer that they've released so far is that Atreus has a line in it that he says like, "We need to not be in this forest. We need to go out there and find out who I am, who Loki is.

To me that says he's really been thrown off by what he has seen on those panels because it tells him that he knows something about his life has been foretold to happen and he knows he has a greater thing in his life that he's supposed to do.

I think he's really caught up in his head about like I am this Loki person and I'm supposed to do something and the reason I know I'm supposed to do something is because we saw it on those walls in Jotunheim.

I think he's getting really tripped up by that.

- It's one of those classic feature foretold kind of stories where, well, if you know what's gonna happen to you in the future, what do you do?

And usually what you do to change or alter that future is what causes that future to happen.

Kind of like Terminator, you know?

Terminator wouldn't have happened if they didn't send the Terminator back in time.

That type of stuff.

So that totally could play out that way.

That trailer though is interesting

because it sounds like Atreus/Loki is at least initially approaching it from a place of helping people instead of, you know, trying to destroy the All-Father and Thor. So I'm curious to see his arc in this game. He clearly, you know, wants to figure out who he is. He's in that young adult phase of trying to figure out his identity and he just had yet another secret thrust on him at the end of this game. You know, over the course of this game he went from "I am a human" to "I am a god" to "I am a god giant". And we kind of leave off on the giant reveal. And we're gonna pick up a couple years later. So... What do you think his ultimate fate will be in the next game? Because I can't see him dying either.

Kratos or Atreus? Atreus. I can't see Atreus dying either. If we have to watch Kratos watch Somebody else in his family die or something like that just seems to I feel like a trace and Kratos have some major plot armor

on but I will say I don't know if your trace gets out of the other side of this game as

Just a trace. I mean, he's not just gonna be normal at Reyes as we know him now. He's gonna look very he'll be

Oh, yeah, he'll be very very different by the end of this game for sure. Yeah, it's

In Norse mythology so much happens to Loki there's the

Ragnarok kicks like the stuff that leads into Ragnarok like he's tortured for a very long time very

traumatically like that could happen maybe not as severe or as long but

There's a lot of he turns into a salmon. Okay, so let me let me ask you a few quick hits with Loki

Will he transform into animals? Yes, he has to there's a line in the game where he's like, can I transform into animal?

Yeah, that's why that's why I brought this out

The trailer has him with the deer but it looks like the classic Loki silhouette with the antlers. Yeah

Yeah, that was the first thing I was gonna

Ask you actually Loki's gonna turn into all sorts of stuff

Will he birth the world serpent

- That's the one, this is the one I don't know about.

Because, well Loki is also, like, his father and mother

to all of the creatures that he bears

that bring forth the end of, bring forth Ragnarok.

But like, Angry Boda is also the mother

in certain of these relationships.

And I have a really hard time picturing them

like showing Atreus and Angry Bota like banging it out.

- Yeah, well especially since they're still portrayed

as teenagers in this game.

- Yeah, so like clearly they don't have a problem

shifting Norse mythology around to fit their narrative,

which I'm all for, so I'm curious how their relationship

brings forth creatures like Hel and the World Serpent

and the wolf, the big wolf thing that eats Tyr's hand.

Fenrir? Yes, I think that's its name. So I'm curious how that relationship

brings forth those creatures. So will

Atreus like vomit up the World Serpent?

I think the one important thing to note here in this discussion too, especially if you're not aware of this,

everything has to happen in this game because they have already said this is the final Norse game.

So if you're not aware of that like there's not going to be any setup for a third entry like

Everything has to come to a head third nor century

Yeah, everything has to happen in this game that is going to happen involving God of war in the Norse pantheon

So some of this stuff might seem like oh, well

Maybe he won't give birth in this game, and it'll happen in the next is like it

It has to happen in this game based on what we've all told so far rat rock

Yeah, so everything has to come to an end. Yeah, yeah

Will

Thor face off against Jormungandr?

If they don't show that fight and show the world surfer being sent back in time, they screwed up.

I think that I my prediction I think that happens

Extremely early in the game. I'd say like opening three hours. That's gonna happen, but that's I

I think that's going to set into motion a lot of things that happen in the game though, potentially.

That's an interesting theory. I would not peg that as early.

Because what could happen is I could think they could write the World Serpent out of the game

so that then if Atreus births it later on it's like a huge deal when it shows back up.

That's my thought process with this.

Okay, I can see that, I can see that.

I think that has to happen though.

The problem though is that, I guess the problem with this prediction is that

Is that I feel like we have to see Thor a bit first before he is immediately full blown thrown into combat.

But at the same time, the other reason why I also believe that this is, like on both sides of this, I'm like arguing with myself about this.

I think the best way to show Thor's power from the get-go, because I think they're gonna want to really

Is to have him fight the world serpent.

Yeah, I think they're really gonna want to introduce Thor and make you know right away

This is this guy is unlike anybody else Kratos has faced off against ever

Even compared to anybody from the Greek pantheon and if he comes in and just wallops the world serpent

That could be that that could be very interesting

But it's just that that fight also is supposed to like splinter

Yggdrasil the world tree

Which is why

The world serpent gets sent back

So that could have him forget

There's just feels like a lot of things that feels like a lot of world destructive stuff to happen on the front end of the game

Before you're like, let's go find tear. Well, well here here's how I think it and but it it can play forward is

time-travel involved in this game I

Mean it literally has to be because

The World Serpent is set back in time.

Now the question is...

The other reason for people, yeah, to explain the context around this a little bit, they've already kind of set up in the previous game that there are some weird time things that are going to be at play.

The World Serpent recognizes Atreus.

It's so good.

Even though they've never met before, which means they know each other from... somehow?

He recognizes his dad.

Maybe...

I don't know.

There's a lot happening here.

Maybe Thor fights a version of the world serpent that is the one that Atreus has recently birthed.

It's not the massive one.

Maybe he's fighting like baby world serpent and they square off against each other.

And then he sends that one back in time and then it grows up into the one that we see.

That's a good theory.

Something like that.

Yeah.

I'm trying to find ways to make all of these things work because there are things that we've been told from this game that are supposed to happen. Sticking with Thor for a second, will Kratos will Mjolnir? I mean again, if he doesn't, they screwed up. He has to! It would be like watching Avengers Endgame and Cap didn't pick up Mjolnir. I feel like the first half of this game is going to be all Thor and then the second half will be all Odin. That is kind of my thinking with how they're gonna structure this.

You're forgetting Freya.

I'm not forgetting Freya. I think Freya-

Where does she fit in this?

I think Freya- so there's larger discussions around Freya that we can do on the second.

Do you wanna just save her for a little bit later?

Yeah, we'll tuck her away 'cause I have some specific questions associated with her.

Okay.

Kratos has to wield Mjolnir though. Like, it's so just duh obvious. Not only- and I'm not talking just in a cutscene. I'm talking like this will be the third weapon they add to the game for more diversity in combat. Sure, yeah I agree. In fact, they could, they could, they could, I'll say something bold here, they could get rid of the axe and add Mjolnir in its place, I think, because they will function the same way. You can throw it, you can call it back, it will for all intents and purposes be a very similar weapon, I believe. But if they don't want want to add three weapons to the mix at once I think they could I think they could swap the two of them for some reason like let's say the axe shatters or something like that and Kratos is like well darn now I've got this hammer. I like they could they the Leviathan axe was designed as a counter to the hammer by Brock and Sindri narratively and it was for Faye to defend the Giants while Mjolnir how do you say it Mjolnir? Mjolnir? Mjolnir.

- Pretend the Y is, or the J is a Y.

Mjolnir.

- Mjolnir.

No, I can't do it.

Anyway, the hammer killed the giants,
the axe defended them.

It could be a good narrative moment to see the axe break

because that would really crush Kratos,

like that was given to him by Fey.

But I don't like it 'cause I think--

- I don't like it either, but--

- I think the axe is like the blades

in the sense that you can't, Kratos without the axe is a, that's a tough sell. So do you think, I guess to just officially get this on the record, cause this will probably be the big thing we'll come, this will be one of the big things we can come back to at least when we listen to this later on, will the hammer, will Mjolnir be an actual weapon you can use like from then on out throughout the rest of the game? Like not just something Kratos picks up in a cutscene and whacks Thor with or something. Will it be a gameplay weapon

with fleshed out mechanics and stuff like that? Oh I do agree about that. I definitely agree but I'm thinking in a third item slot. I gotcha. Okay. Yeah I do. Come on. Do you think, one quick aside with this because I know we talked about this previously and I wanted to just talk about this here on the show. Do you think the hammer is going to be under like the Marvel rules where only the person who's worthy can wield it, I'm under the impression that it's not.

Because Modi says in the previous game that Thor's hammer is supposed to become his, which to me means he just thinks he's naturally supposed to inherit it, regardless of whether or not he's worthy or not.

To me that means the worthiness stuff might be chunked out the window in this, and I think

a good loophole for how they could put Kratos to just use it. I do think the worthiness stuff unless I'm wrong is more of a Marvel Comics idea.

So you could be right about that, the worthiness angle as far as being able to wield it.

Yeah I really do think that's a Marvel, like the whole, what is the word? Inscription,

the word I was looking for like the that's on I don't know if you've seen

that in Marvel it's not in the MCU but there is like an inscription in Marvel

comics on the hammer that says whoever is worthy may wield the hammer of Thor

or whatever yeah that's a comic book so my my thought I learned slash was

reminded of the story of Magni and Modi today and Magni is worthy because he

saves Thor, like as a child. Okay. And Modi is jealous of Magni their whole life.

So Magni dies, which is why Thor in the game blamed Modi and beat him up and

cast him out. And Modi was always trying to become worthy in his father's eyes. So

there's an angle of earning the hammer and your father's love and legacy and

and things like that, so that's how that dynamic plays out.

- Okay.

- I think, see the thing with the axe,

is I'm pretty sure Kratos is the only one

who can do the whole throw and recall thing.

Clearly Atreus can wield it, he used it

against the Dark Elves. - Yeah.

- But the whole magic element of the axe,

and like it belonging to Kratos, knowing his call,

I feel like that, since the axe is a counter to the hammer,

I feel like that logic applies to the hammer.

So is that tied to worthiness or just a person

or maybe you kill the person, like I don't know.

So I do think that Kratos will wield it

and I think he'll take it from Thor and it will become his.

I just don't know if it's tied to necessarily

like an arbitrary are you worthy in the eyes of the balance.

- Well, the other reason I think the worthiness stuff

is maybe thrown out the window

because Thor sounds horrible. Thor's a villain in these games for all intensive purposes.

Like, he's not a good person. So if there's a strange angle where he's somehow worthy

to wield this, but he is correctly- assuming that Mimir is not lying about the way that

Thor is, like that could be the other thing is that our interpretation of these characters

is for the most part solely conveyed through Mimir.

Well.

But also we do have run-ins with- Freya and the dead spirits.

And also his sons aren't great so you gotta assume their dad's not great.

Yeah I feel like Thor's a bad dude.

I feel like that's pretty good.

Um, okay let's talk about Freya.

I will just say this out of the gate and I don't know what you think about this.

I think everything with Freya is going to...

I think they will find peace with Freya somehow.

I don't think that's going to end in bloodshed.

I think they will find a way to overcome what has happened.

I think she will see logic in what the...

not Logic, I think she will come to agreement with them because they'll find a common enemy in Odin.

game. It's portrayed in the 2018 game that Odin is horrible to her. He's awful. They

They came together to unite these different groups within Asgard, but she came to resent

him and loathes him and he's done nothing but basically gaslight her and place all kinds

of curses on her to ensure that she can't do certain things.

She does not, if she is taking a side in this war, she's not going to side with Odin, even though it is her husband or ex-husband or whatever.

I just think if everything has been portrayed the way it has been portrayed, she has to have more hate in her heart for Odin.

I disagree.

Stemming a long period of time rather than Kratos.

And I think she has a soft spot for Atreus.

I disagree.

Like a hundred percent.

So this is my Freya theory.

I will add one caveat to this though.

Okay, so it's based off a line that we've both talked about, we both have mentioned it to each other, but Mimir, or was it Freya, one of them says that Odin placed curses on Freya where she could attack man nor beast in all of Midgard, like she, in the realms, like she cannot physically harm

anyone. But then you watch the trailer and she clearly is like attacking Kratos.

And the only thing she ever loved from Odin was Baldr.

And I totally think that she goes to Odin, like Odin lifts the curse off her so that she can attack Kratos because Odin sees Atreus and Kratos as the threat.

And like the sign of Ragnar.

But I think she'll start to realize that she's being used as a pawn of his is why I think she

I think she's only gonna realize that once Odin stabs her in the back and she's bleeding out in front of you.

Perhaps. So you think Odin kills her?

Yes, I think her quest for vengeance ends in her death, but not at the hands of Kratos and Atreus.

I think Odin killing her is a good call. The other person that I think is most likely to kill her would be Atreus.

That'd be an interesting moment just because they both have an affinity for each other.

Yeah, they do.

- Yeah, they do. - Obviously up until now.

You know, killing.

But I think-- - That's what I'm saying.

The fondness is between the two of them.

- Yes. - When it comes to--

- I just think her,

her love for Balder

and then the fact that Kratos and Atreus took Balder away

I think has placed more hate in her heart

than the hate that she has for Odin.

- But I do think the hate that she has

largely lies with-- - Kratos.

I think she'll still have a soft spot for Atreus,

which is why I think if any,

outside of Odin, if anybody does kill her,

I think it could be Atreus,

'cause that would make her feel very hurt,

dying at his hands.

But Atreus is gonna align with Kratos.

- Yes, so it's, but I definitely,

I don't think that they find peace.

She, not that anyone can see this,

but you have the picture from the cut scene,

trailer behind you and she looks very very mad and her lines at the end of the

game oh my gosh she is a vengeful woman yes yes that's one of the better acted

performances of the first game I think she will whatever her ultimate fate is I don't think it's wrapped up very early I think she's she's got to be around the game for the long game she's she's not an early she's a cop I think I think I think Thor's written out sooner or later.

- That would be crazy.

The Thor being early is enough.

- I think Thor has to show up fast, man.

I think he has to get in this game,
and it has to get rolling.

I mean, how do you think this game will start?

That's just a general question.

Do you really think it's gonna be a slow ramp up
of oh, it's getting cold, and we should--

- No, I don't think it's that.

- Something's gonna-- - We've had a--

- Something will provoke them out of hiding.

I think the thing that will provoke them

of hiding will be Thor. I mean just like the dream at the end of the game. I mean it the previous game kind of ended on that so yeah I think something is going to push them to leave where they're I just don't think Thor will like conclude in the opening. Well actually I'll say this and and obviously we're piecing together the trailer at this moment. Why are they hiding in a cave when

we see them in front of their house talking to Thor? Well the cave could be at a different later

Like they're on the run. What I'm suggesting is the game opens with Thor coming to their house,

messing them up, sending them into hiding. Maybe. I just, I think Thor is so...

Maybe he makes sense. Thor is the big tease. Yeah, I think he is so integral to whatever the events

of this game are that he is going to have to show up and just things are going to have to start going on.

Well he literally is integral to Ragnarok, so. Yeah, I mean, yeah, but he specifically is integral to this game because

You have a direct beef with him even if you don't know him yet because of you killing his sons.

A couple more things here and then maybe you can have some things if I left a couple things off.

I just have written down Odin question mark. I don't know what to think of Odin.

Obviously he's not a good dude. But I mean will he be... He feels like he has to be the ultimate bad guy. But the interesting thing is I'm going off of a timeline.

At the time where we're talking about this, I've consumed a lot of what the directors and writers about this game have said about these characters. And they have said that Odin is totally unlike

anything that you're thinking him to be. He is like just an old dude who just kind of cooped up in his own part of the nine realms and he just kind of chills on his own and he's left his own own devices and he knows everything that's going on in the nine realms but he's not so powerful that he's like puppet mastering everything or whatever well he doesn't need to he doesn't need a puppet master everything because he knows he definitely believes in fate and what it's foretold he's just trying to change the end not necessarily yeah the middle I think one of some of the stories in the Norse mythology that I've read.

Odin is like a traveler, cloaked,

looks like a beggar, he's poor.

Wouldn't be surprised if he's actually,

this is kind of a bad example,

but like Kingdom Hearts in the way of like,

you know how Xehanort puts the cloak up

and he traveled through all the different realms and stuff.

And they retroactively tell that.

I wouldn't be surprised if like,
there's a moment later in the game where you realize,
"Oh, that thing back there, that guy over there,
that was Odin."

You know, kind of a reveal post-game
of like he was everywhere all the time.

But he's not the big towering, you know, super god
trying to crush it.

He's just sneaking around gathering knowledge,
being in the know.

You know, who knows?

But is Odin a boss fight?

That's the big question I was going to have because based on everything that they have
said so far at Santa Monica, it sounds like no.

He does not sound like the historical god where you will go toe to toe with him like
you would of Zeus at the end of God of War 3.

It does not seem like this game is going to come down with Kratos and Odin throwing fists
at each other.

think could happen is I think Odin is going to somehow have everybody outsmarted and I
think the only way to outsmart somebody that has a leg up on everybody else in the room
is to somehow trick them.

I don't know what that looks like because I obviously don't know the events of the game,
but I think that could help. I think that's a way they could put in the trickster elements of Loki
and somehow Atreus having the ability to pull one over on all these people because and that's
his,

I don't want to say ability, but maybe maybe Atreus is able to get one step ahead of even

Odin with some of these things because Atreus is really smart and really well read and I mean
even

Mimir comments in the game like, "Lad, you know way more than you probably should know for somebody

your age. Like, you are very well advanced for your age when it comes to your reading skills and

just general knowledge." So I don't know. I feel like Thor is going to be the muscle in this game.

He's going to be the classic throw hands with a god character in this game. And then Odin,

I feel like they're gonna go in a totally different direction and I don't know what that different direction looks like though

Mmm, so

it's

It's hard to say because you want to just on paper like yeah, I'm gonna fight Odin. That'll be great

But clearly we know Freya excellent warrior. She's the queen of Valkyries like we we know what that spirit can do

We saw a balder fight Thor obviously

big brawl kind of fight. So like we got two at least two big boss fights in front of us plus any monsters

you know that we may come across anything like that, so

Odin will be interesting. If it's a trick or something though that would

almost certainly play out narratively in a cutscene not on gameplay. Yeah, and I would like

however I defeat Odin

to be by my own hand through a gameplay mechanic somehow.

Yeah, but I don't think it's gonna... I don't necessarily think it's a fight, but like setting up the world in a way or

over the course of the journey not like solving a puzzle at the end.

There's just there's got to be something in the end. I do like how we know so little about Odin.

We don't know what he looks like. We don't know what he sounds like.

We don't all we know is what we've been told. We know a lot about him like

We know a lot about what he has done in this realm, but we don't know...

Which is truly terrible stuff.

Yes, but we don't know everything about
Who he is as a person I guess like
Interacting with him. Yeah, like interacting with him, I guess
because we've even had a tease in the trailer of
Thor and his voice and how he talks and stuff like that. So
So yeah, it's just a lot of un and there's just a lot of remaining questions
Odin in particular. He's the character I'm definitely most interested in seeing what
happens. I do have one other thing I totally forgot. While we're just doing general questions
here, Angraboda, do you have anything to say about her really? Because clearly she's going
to be an important character. How do you think they fold her in? It's clearly just going
to be a relationship between her and Atreus that's going to develop, I would imagine.
you're gonna meet her at some point.

- I don't know, I mean beyond what I just know
that her and Loki like create the monsters and stuff
that help ultimately lead to Ragnarok.

Beyond that I don't know how to use her.

- She feels like a character that has very little,
she feels like a character that they can do a lot with
because she has less defined events,
I guess within the Norse lore.

So they can take some more creative liberties with her.

- And she doesn't have anything in this world too.

Like there's no mention of her in the first game.

So she really is a blank slate coming in.

She's just gonna be a new interesting dynamic
and relationship for these characters.

- Well, let's touch on the one character

who has mentioned a lot, which is Tyr.

He's the one other big, big boy, literally,

that we have not mentioned that is hugely involved within the previous game and now

he's actually going to show up.

I don't know what to think of Tyr.

Obviously all the stories say that he's a good guy and he seems like he'll be an

ally with whatever's going on here.

I think that'll be true.

I don't think there's going to be any nefarious things going on with him.

Unless it's just a whole pull the wool over Kratos' eyes between Mimir and Tyr and stuff

like that.

But even in the trailer, I think Atreus says "Oh we gotta go find Tyr" and Mimir is like

"I think he's dead" he says something like that saying he doesn't even know where he's

at.

So I don't think this is going to be a long con.

though I think Tyr is going to provide a larger... my prediction when I was texting you the other

day, I think Tyr could somehow open up this franchise in a larger way by the end of this

game. Like I think this game will end and the Norse stuff will be over but we will know

where it's going next and that's because Tyr has already traveled around to these different

pantheons within the world like it was already teased in the previous game that he's

Visited the Greek pantheon. He's obviously resides in the North Pantheon, but then what was it the

Egyptian obviously was the other one it was it Celtic is the other one I believe maybe I thought it was

China

Maybe it was yeah, she might be right I

Can't remember. It's one of those anyway. He's traveled around and like

potentially visited other realms and visited other gods and things like that.

And I think that's going to be hugely important when it comes to, like I said, setting up where these games go next.

Because I think there is going to be a clear idea with where we're going by the time this game ends.

It'll be like, "Okay, the Norse stuff's over, but it's clear that things are now moving in this direction."

And I think that might be because Tyr could set some things up in that way.

Here's my Tyr question for you in the moment.

Like you said, Tyr has visited other pantheons, Egypt, Asia, somewhere in Asia, and Greek, you know, he's been to Greece.

Do you think they retroactively say that Tyr and Kratos have already met?

That would be interesting.

I don't know.

Because Kratos, Mimir has heard of the ghost of Sparta.

He has.

freaked out by seeing Kratos actually when they first meet.

Tyr could have very intimate familiar knowledge of what Kratos did to the Greek people.

He could have very strong ideas.

But they could have also have met.

Maybe when Kratos was at peak power as the god of war, inflicting war across the earth, you know, during that time.

Or maybe he'll say that Ares guy was a terrible god of war good on ya.

Yeah, so I'm curious if there's any connection there.

That'd be fun.

Yeah, that would be interesting. I didn't think about that, because if he has traveled around then clearly he's familiar with the Greek world.

He would know Zeus. He would know Zeus. He would have known...

And if he didn't know Kratos as the God of War, he would have known Ares.

Yeah.

That's an interesting point. That's something I hadn't thought about.

So yeah, them interacting might be spicy.

Two God of Wars working together.

Potentially.

Maybe working together.

That would be one way where they could oppose each other would be because of that.

And that could shed, what would be interesting is that could shed some serious light to Atreus on what Kratos did.

Because Kratos has still only said, "I killed a lot of people, some of whom were deserving, of whom weren't deserving.

So if Tyr comes in and says "I knew who you are, you killed your whole world" basically.

You're the reason the Greeks aren't around anymore.

Yeah, and Atreus, the other nugget, I don't think Atreus will betray Kratos or anything like that, or that there would even be a standoff between Tyr and Kratos and Atreus or whatever,

But Atreus does have a certain fondness for Tyr.

So if Tyr as this supposed savior of the Norse realm is all of a sudden like "Yo, I'm not aligning with that guy because I know what that guy right there did" then that could prove to be an interesting crossroads for Atreus as well.

We just have to see how they would develop that more in the game.

And who knows.

I have one more thing, and then I don't know if you have anything either because I know I've been totally leading this so far.

So if you have anything else you can throw it in.

But my last question I have written down is, who blew the horn, and is it even important?

Yes, it's important.

I think it's important because Barlog specifically keeps, he brings it up pretty often, which to me says there's clearly, there's a reason that was done.

So what is the reason though?

I'm not sure.

They talked to the world serpent.

Could be Odin.

So who's talking to the world serpent?

Most likely candidates I think could be Odin for some reason.

Because it's obviously not like Thor or something.

Yeah, that's my top guess too.

The world serpent would try to murder Thor if he saw him, he doesn't like him.

I think Odin makes sense.

I think it could be Odin.

Other than that, I don't have any good guesses.

And it's not gonna be any...

You don't want to share your theory?

Oh, it could be time traveling.

That was the other thing.

If there is time traveling in this game, I think for one reason or another, it could be totally Back to the Future like where we get two Kratos and two Atreus appearing in the same timeline at the same time and maybe the person who blew it was Kratos and Atreus again because they're back in this time period for some reason.

I really like that idea.

I love Back to the Future.

I don't know why they would be blowing it.

I don't know.

Why would they be back in that specific time period?

- Talk to the world serpent, yeah.

- Yeah, I think the most likely one is Odin.

Why would Odin need to talk to him?

I don't know.

Who even can talk to him though is the thing.

That's the reason I think the Kratos and Atreus idea

makes sense. - Who speaks giant.

Could have been Angry Bota.

- Maybe.

He does speak giant.

I thought they just said he spoke a dead tongue

and Mimir just happens to know it.

- Giant.

Okay, no one else I guess speaks it I guess Atreus speaks it when he needs him to come out of nowhere and well

But bite a giant

bite a reanimated giant

Later he would know sure but yeah Atreus doesn't speak it which is why

He's been no I'm saying he speaks at that one time when he tells the world serpent to come in and

bite the reanimated corpse that

Fray is brought to life and the final boss fight. Oh, yes. Well, he's picked up something

but you know, I

Think that's that it will be interesting to see how that plays out. That's one of those things that you know

It's one of the few teases in the game that they've it's yeah

It's one of the few remaining unanswered questions that we have left to kind of dig into

That's all I had

I don't know if you have anything else you would like to bring up about this game or say about this game

Do we fight the big bird in hell I

Think if we have to go back there probably cuz that just felt like you think we go back knees

Because yeah one of Loki's children with angry Bota is

Hell the lady not the place yeah

Yeah, so that could make sense

Okay, my final question for you then

Just out of curiosity. This won't really be a prediction in on the long run that people are wondering about

but is this your most anticipated game in

General because we got I mean that's a good question

Because we got breath of the wild - which I know is probably high on your list as well. It is I mean that I

Time mine as well personally. I'm really excited for Elden ring. I would say this is higher than Elden ring though

Yeah, honestly, probably. I feel like...

Ask me again when we actually know more about...

the sequel to Breath of the Wild.

Like, I feel like I know this game, like where we're going here,

and everything that they've...

they're promising sounds exciting.

Yeah, we know this will be a good game.

Yeah, like...

But Breath of the Wild, the sequel, it's...

Sure, they've shown off gameplay, like, warping through stuff and stuff in the sky and all that. That's exciting.

But, I don't know, that game feels more like a mystery.

And also, especially since I don't believe that game's coming out next year, like, there's a better chance of Ragnarok coming out on time than Zelda.

Well, there's another question. Do you think this comes out next year? 2022?

Umm...

I honestly, unfortunately, I don't think it will.

Uh, I think the one hope that we have at the moment is that they had originally aimed for 2021, so that to me means that it could be further along than we're expecting, but just COVID's really thrown everything off.

I think delays were always going to be, I think delays are always going to happen the first place but then delays within covid times are especially weird now um yeah so yeah i i think

i hope so i doubt it we'll see i'm it's gonna be helpful if it does come out this year i mean this year will be there a banger they're gonna have a very playstation will have a very good year between

This and Horizon, Grand Turismo 7, and you know personally I'm excited for Uncharted.

We'll see what they cook up for you know Insomniac should be quiet next year.

2023 that's what I'm saying. Oh next year. And PSVR 2 is launching next year so.

I do think on paper it would be stronger to have God of War come out in 2022 than '23.

I agree.

I think it would round out their lineup much better this year.

And I think the one other big thing too is that if we're...

The one other reason I think it could also come out this year is if we're still having cross-gen games released in 2023...

There's a problem.

There's a problem, yeah.

So I think that's one of the big thing. That and the originally intended release window of 2021 makes me think this is actually sooner than we could be estimating.

And honestly the fact it is a cross-gen game. We know that it's, there's a foundation to build upon here. They are, this game is running on nearly, nine year old hardware. Like it shouldn't, it shouldn't be,

- Yeah.

- It shouldn't take that long to develop as it would theoretically for brand new game, for a brand new console, never done before, like can't run on anything else.

Like there's a baseline here to operate from instead of building a new foundation.

- Yeah, yep, I agree.

I think if it does come out this year

and it's not a late fall thing,

I think the earliest we could maybe see it,

I feel like an August type release date

make sense for this like late summer july or august yeah potentially we don't again we don't know what the rest of the year is going to line up and look like even though this would be more of a game that everybody would be getting out of the way of rather than uh sony needing to strategically release this but still anyway i wanted to look i wanted to look it up um dang it where is it

I wanted to see when they, that Sony announced the Horizon Forbidden West date.

Because we could gauge kind of how far out or how soon at least they could theoretically announce a date for this. Which it looks like they announced the date in August 25th of 2021, for February 18th of 22 and as of recording mid-late December that date still stands so

September, October, November, December, January, February, six months. So if it's late summer

we would find out here in a couple of months. If it's later in the year we'll probably find out around the summertime E3 or just before that in like a May window.

Fingers crossed. I mean, the sooner it arrives the better. So obviously I'm all on board for whatever it does release. But yeah, hopefully it's 2022. Anyway, I hope you enjoyed this weird kind of one off discussion. Again, I know this was very different. We will probably not

do anything like that with this show ever again did I care maybe not ever again but most of the game two franchises we've been playing have been older and there's not new entries coming out that we are at least when aware of silly goose when the last of us part 3 comes out we'll do a predictions episode for that yeah sure hopefully it never comes out but I remember when you said that about part two. Oh I feel that way about part three now. I agree. I mean I'm excited for factions. Yeah do something else Naughty Dog. Anyway if you want if you want to continue it's gonna be funny because this this entire back and forth will be irrelevant by the time this is released. We'll know what they're doing.

This last was part four their new IP will have been canceled. We'll have seen Odin like 10 times over by the time this releases. There's just an Odin trailer.

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