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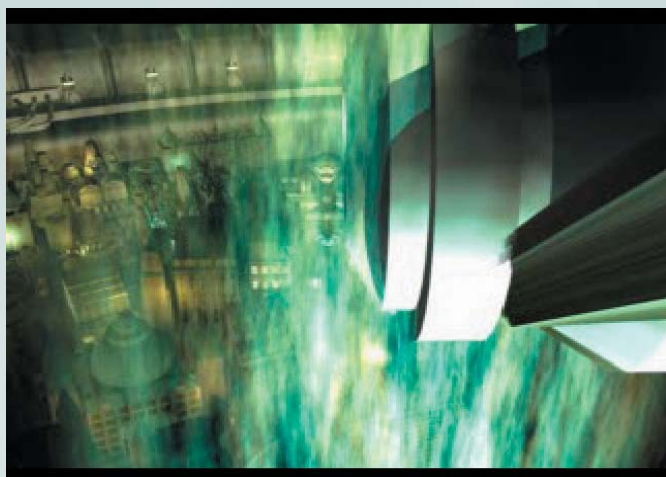
Chapter 1: Sector 01 reactor





*Stars. They are a reflection of possible worlds,
braving infinity for an eternity of stories.*





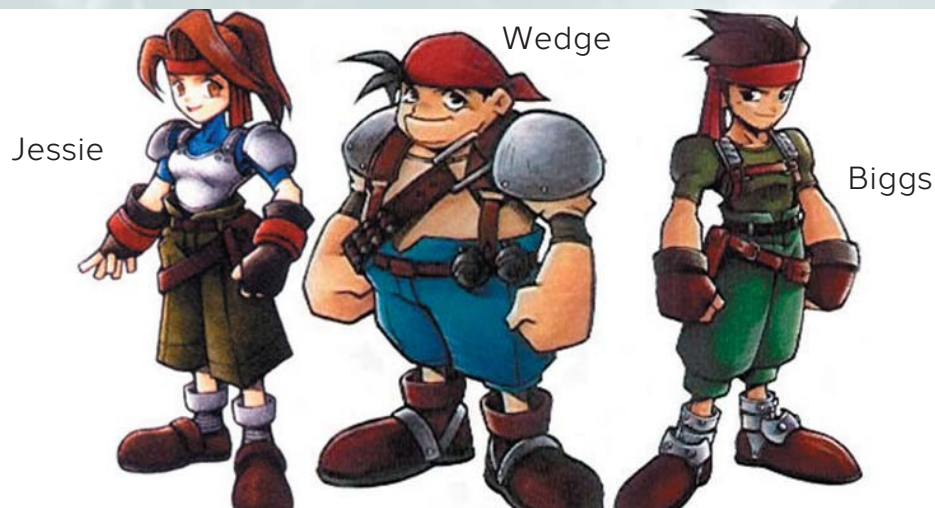
Midgar, the capital of the world, roaring its eight reactors, not knowing that it provoked the birth of its future defeat...

It is in sector 01, that the wheels of the train squealed, announcing the beginning of the great journey.





The train entered the Sector 01 station, but no sooner had it stopped than three strange people came out, rushing at the platform guards. It was an attack by the eco-terrorist group "Avalanche".

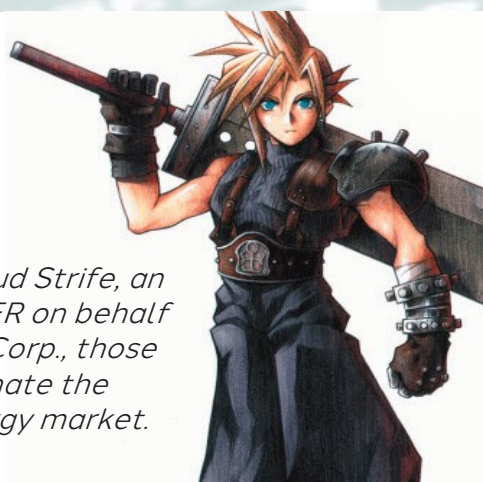




Avalanche's leader Barret Wallace exited the train, seemingly waiting for someone behind him.



It was Cloud Strife, an ex-SOLDIER on behalf of Shinra Corp., those who dominate the Mako energy market.

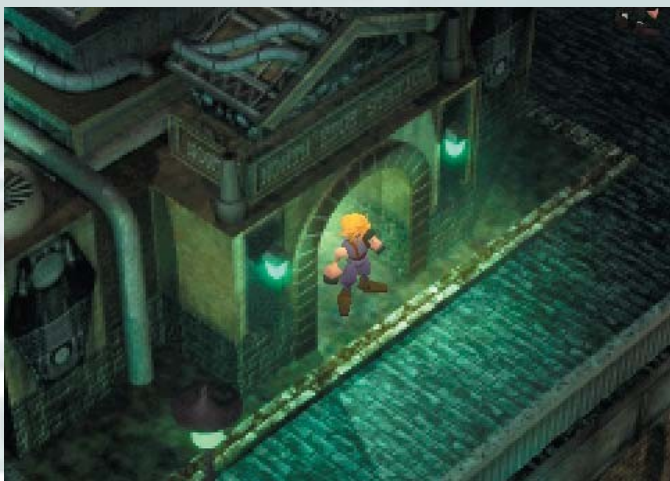


Hey newcomer, hurry up! Follow me!

Once out of the train, two other guards made their apparition, jumping him.

Cloud got rid of them in no time thanks to his massive sword, the Buster Sword.





Two streets further, he then regrouped with Biggs, Wedge and Jessie, members of Avalanche, who were trying to force the code of a door. Biggs turned to Cloud.



Whoa, you were enrolled in SOLDIER, right? ...It's not every day that we see people like you in Avalanche!



What?! He's a SOLDIER? But they are our enemies! What is he doing among us in Avalanche?



Hey Jessie, I said he *was* a SOLDIER, he quit. He's one of us now. I didn't quite catch his name...



My name is Cloud...



Cloud huh? I'm...



I don't care about your names. When this job is done, I'm out of here.

Barret, Avalanche's leader, arrived.



What the hell you guys doing?! I have already told you not to travel in groups! Our destination is north Mako reactor, we have to cross the bridge behind this door!

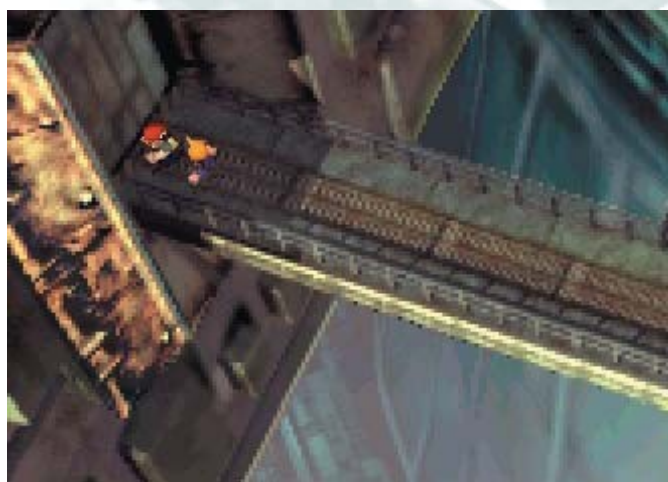
Jessie opened the door. She, Biggs, and Wedge went first, leaving Barret and Cloud behind.



An ex-Soldier huh?... I don't trust you...



Cloud gazed at the reactor for a few seconds before setting off... He was in for the money, as a mercenary. But at that precise moment, the sight of this enormous reactor gave him the impression that there was something more at stake...

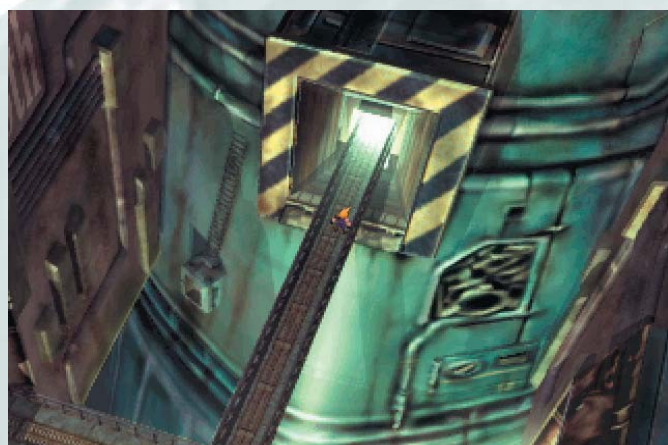


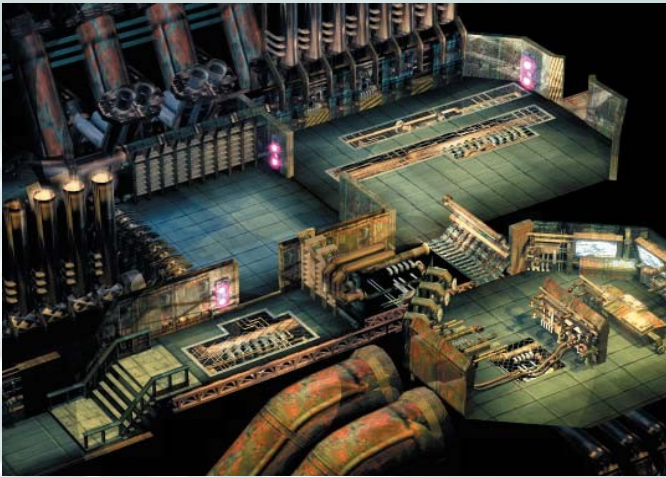
They arrived in front of the entrance to the reactor itself. Wedge stood near the exit, he spoke to Cloud...



I'll take care of guarding the exit, focus on the mission! Ha ha! We're really gonna blow up this huge boiler, it's going to be one hell of a show!

Cloud remained perplexed by Wedge's excitement, was it unconsciousness or conviction that caused this euphoria? He set off again...





So Cloud, is this your first visit of a Mako reactor?



No, I was working when I was in Shinra you know...



The planet is full of Mako energy. People use it every day. It truly is the blood of the planet... But Shinra sucks up that blood, and abuses its power!



I'm not here to take lessons Barret, let's get this over with.



Ok SOLDIER boy, you stay close to me now, let's go.

Jesse and Biggs decoded several doors, they found themselves in a freight elevator...



Can you press that button over there?

Cloud activated the elevator.



Cloud, those reactors are slowly depleting the planet, all forms of life will disappear!



It's not my problem. Glad you are confident in your quest.



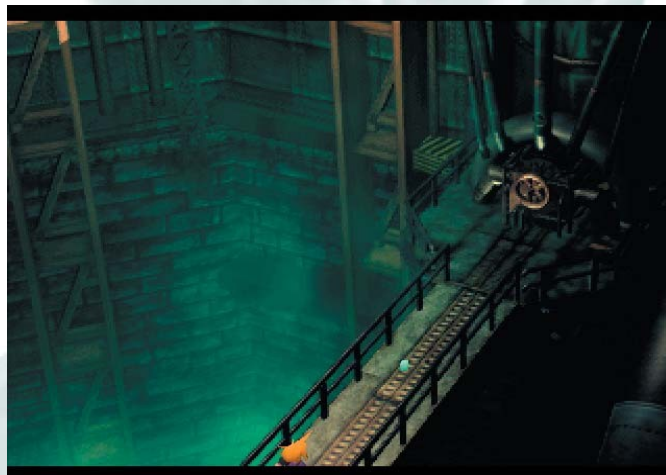
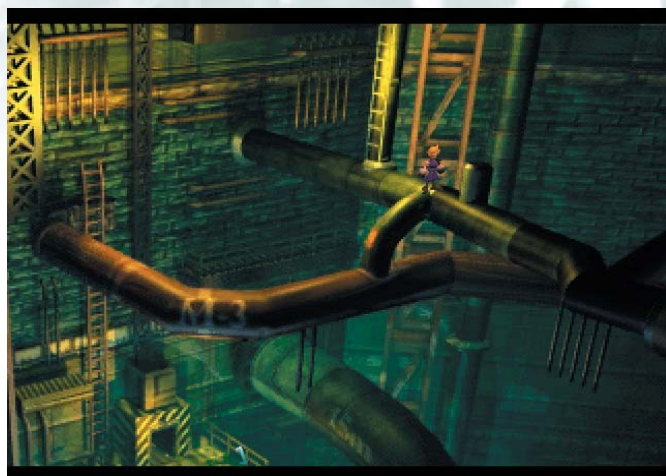
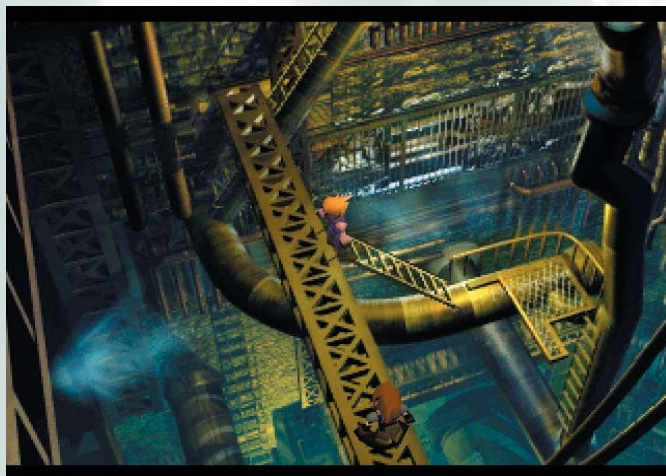
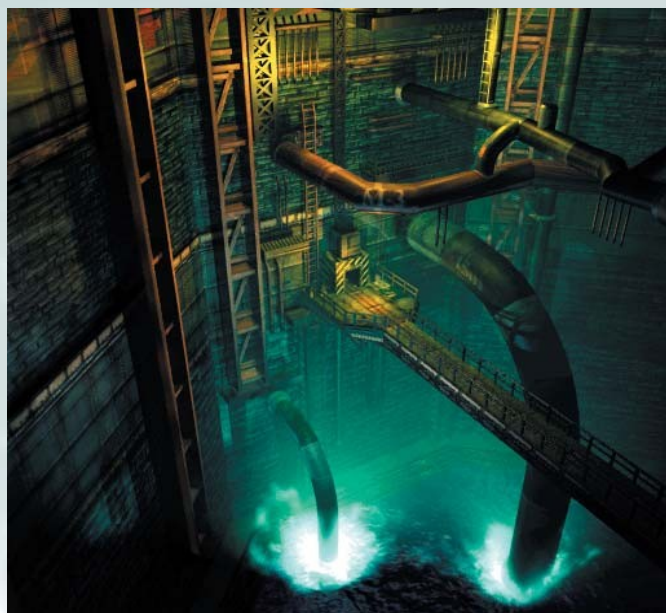
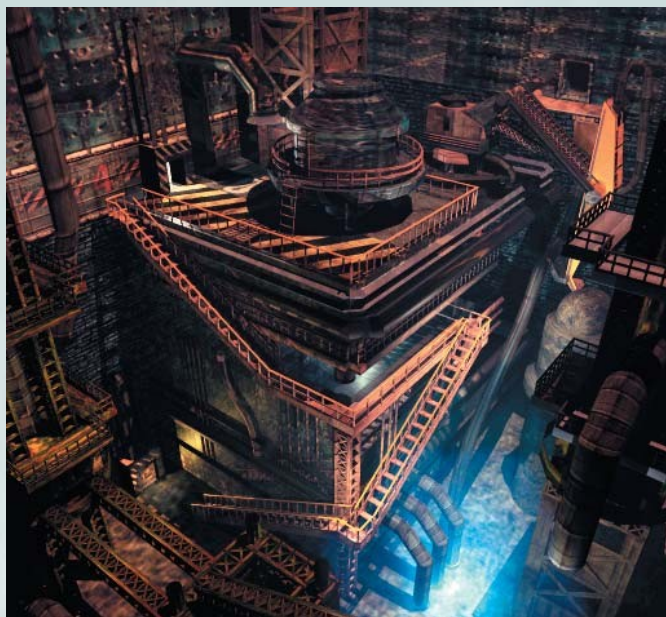
But the planet is dying Cloud!!



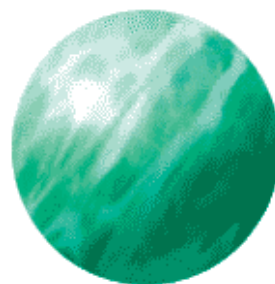
Barret, the only thing I care about is finishing this job before the security bots arrive and getting my money. Save your awareness campaign for someone else.

Barret was fuming, how could Cloud be working with them and yet be so insensitive to Avalanche's cause? The small group arrived in the engine room...





They finally arrived in front of the main machinery, where enormous tubes were pumping the Mako energy from the ground, in a tremendous roaring noise, to supply the gigantic city. In front of the machine, a small green ball, as big as a tennis ball, was lying on the ground. It was one of those famous Materia that everyone was raving about. Cloud grabbed it under Barret's intrigued gaze, but they had something else to think about right now...





When it's all blown up, all that will be left is be a pile of ash... Cloud, set the bomb!



Weren't you be the one supposed to do it?



You do it! I wanna make sure you are with the cause.



Chill, I don't really like Shinra after all... But fine, I'll set the bomb.

Suddenly, Cloud was seized with a ringing in his ears, his vision turned red... a strange voice whispered in his head...



Watch out... watch out Cloud... This is not a simple reactor...

Then suddenly, everything went back to normal.



...What are you playing at?



Oh... huh?



What's the hold up, Cloud? Hurry up!



...Yeah... sorry.

Cloud planted the bomb. An alarm resounded and a huge robot appeared.

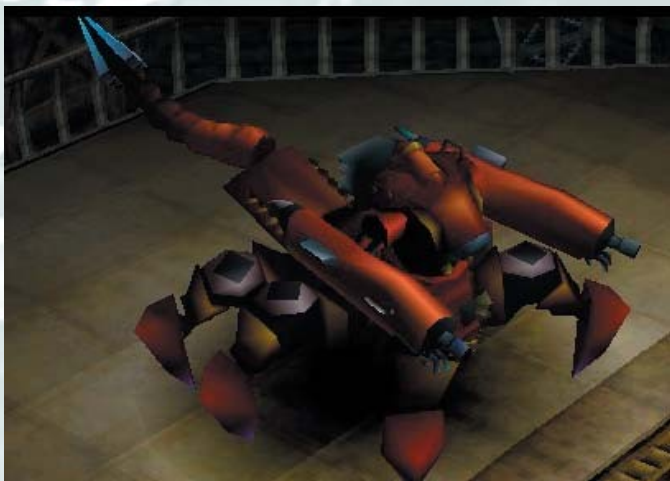


Cloud, heads up, it's a Scorpion Guard!

Cloud and Barret faced the monster, dealing blows to it. Using his sight, the guard aimed at Barret and unleashed a blast at him.



I have my limits big guy, watch out!





The Scorpion Guard, as if it understood, lifted its tail. Cloud stabbed it with his sword. The huge machine responded by sweeping our two friends with a fearful laser from its tail...



Cloud! When he raises his tail, avoids attacking him, he reacts directly with his laser!



Alright... Now I'm starting to get annoyed...



He let his guard down! Let's both attack at the same time, NOW!



Barret focused his shot and sent a huge fire ball at it, immobilizing the enemy with shocks of electricity. Cloud rushed in and struck his sword with all his weight. The Scorpion Guard exploded leaving only a few scattered pieces here and there...



Hey, I could use his machine gun for my arm if I...



Come on Barret, we don't have time for that!

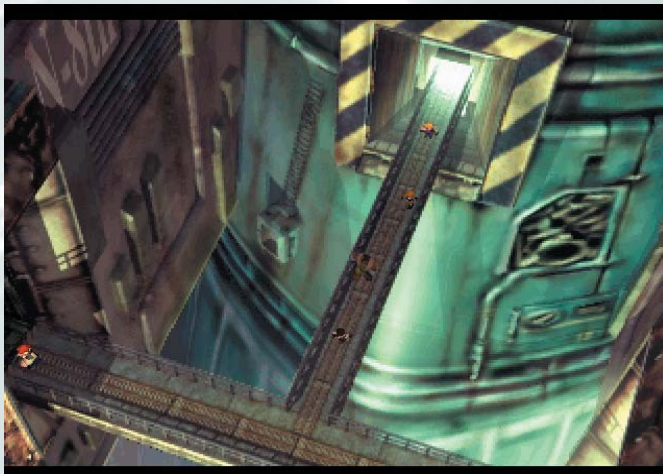
On the way back, Jessie was calling for help.



My leg is stuck!



Go ahead Barret, I'll handle it!



Cloud pulled out Jessie's leg that had gotten stuck under a beam. The whole team ran out of the reactor, crushing a few guards along the way. As they passed across the bridge, the bomb made itself heard from within the bowels of the reactor...



Propelled by the blast, they found themselves stuck in a hallway.



That should give the planet a little breather...



Yeah!

Barret remained silent.



Okay! I planted a small explosive to get us out of there. Everyone, back off!

The charge exploded opening a passage and everyone managed to get out.



From here on out, we travel separately. See you at the Sector 8 station!



Um... Barret?



If it's about your money, we'll talk when we are back at the hideout.