





# FINAL FANTASY VII

## Chapter 10: In pursuit of Sephiroth





*The group left Kalm and headed east...*



So, the problem is that to access the mine, we will have to get past the snakes in the marshes.



I don't understand, are you afraid of some snakes?!



Some snakes? There are less than a dozen... But, it's a family of giant snakes! Ever heard stories about the Midgar Zolom?



Um...no? Is it really that dangerous?



Of course! It's a ten meters tall snake...



I know the place, we will need chocobos to get through... Let's visit the chocobo farm right next door, they will probably be able to help.

*Indeed, after a few kilometers, the group arrived near the marsh, where the stable was located... Four chocobos were in the enclosure, Cloud approached one of them.*



They are beautiful, don't you think?



Wark!



Hey Cloud, answer him!



Right...



I didn't know they could be so adorable!



Wark? Wark wark?



Warrrk!



Ha ha ha...

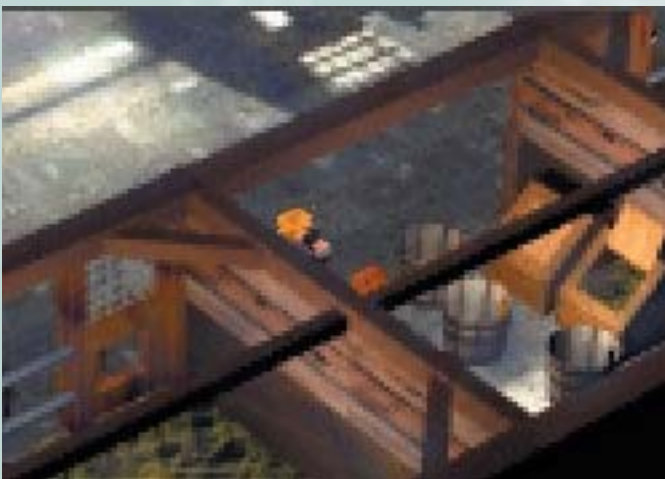
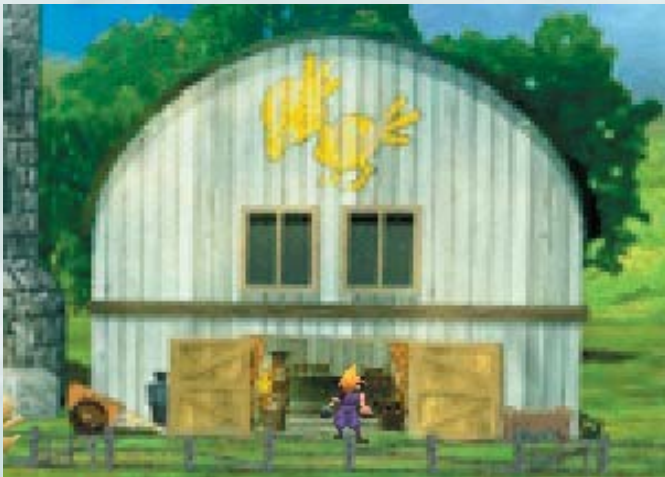


*But suddenly, while Cloud was laughing, the four chocobos started dancing in unison! The group remained silent and stunned... At the end of the dance, one of the chocobos approached Cloud, he was holding something in his beak...*



What?! I can't believe it, look, it gave me a red Materia!





Wow! What effect does it have?



Yes I remember, you told me they could... summon creatures?



That's right. Until now I have only seen Sephiroth use it... Thank you chocobo!



Wark!



We'll see what its effect will be next we fight... Red Materias are really exhausting, better save it for later...



Hola! Who are you?



Hello Sir. We are looking for a way to cross the marshes.



Hmm, well in that case you'd better get yourself a chocobo... It's the best way to avoid being attacked by the Midgar Zolom. To purchase a chocobo, talk to my grandson in the stable on the right!

*They entered the stable in question...*



Looking for chocobos?... Unfortunately I can't do anything for you, the four chocobos here belong to someone else...



Oh bummer...



You know, if you really want a chocobo, you're going to have to catch one yourself...



And... how do you catch one?



When you encounter a wild chocobo, it will always accompanied by other creatures, chocobos seduce them for protection. You won't be able to catch it while the monsters are defending it. And if you kill them, the chocobo will get scared and run away... The only solution is to give it a vegetable. But without a Chocobo Lure, it still won't trust you.

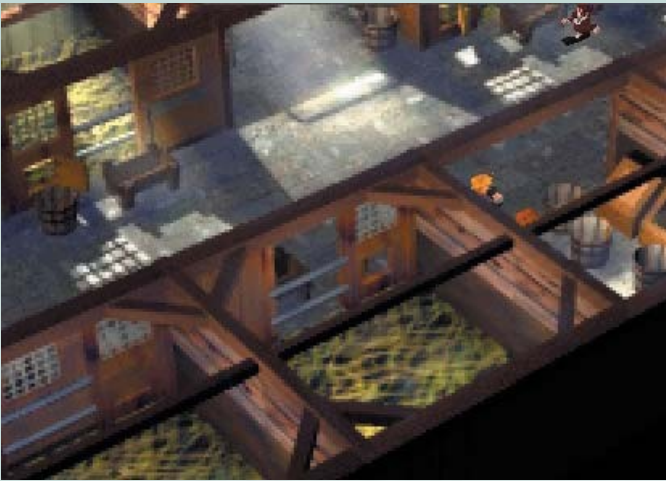


A Chocobo Lure?



Chocobo Lure is a kind of Materia that attracts chocobos. They'll feel you can defend them, so they'll part with the other animals. I can sell you one for 2000 gil!





...2000 gil?!



So, do you want one?



Uh...



*Cloud looked at the others who gestured for him to sort it out...*



Well, we don't really have a choice...



Thanks! It wouldn't be bad to buy some vegetables either.



Yes. Well... We really have to cross the marshes...

*Cloud equipped all the gear required for chocobo hunting... They left the farm and began looking for signs of chocobos.*



There... footprints, we will surely find some... I will use the lure.



It's just a matter of patience...

*Cloud focused on the lure Materia. After a few minutes, a chocobo showed up, accompanied by a creature that looked like a tuft of grass...*



Cloud! We have to throw it the vegetable!

*Cloud obliged, the chocobo reacted as the farmer predicted...*



Perfect, I'll take care of the creature...



Great! All you have to do now is get on it!

*Cloud easily managed to mount the chocobo. In no time they had caught four of them.*



It wasn't so difficult after all!



No. But it was expensive! 2000 gil, that's what Barret promised me for the second mission...



Hey! What do you know, I did well to give you 1500 gil before that...



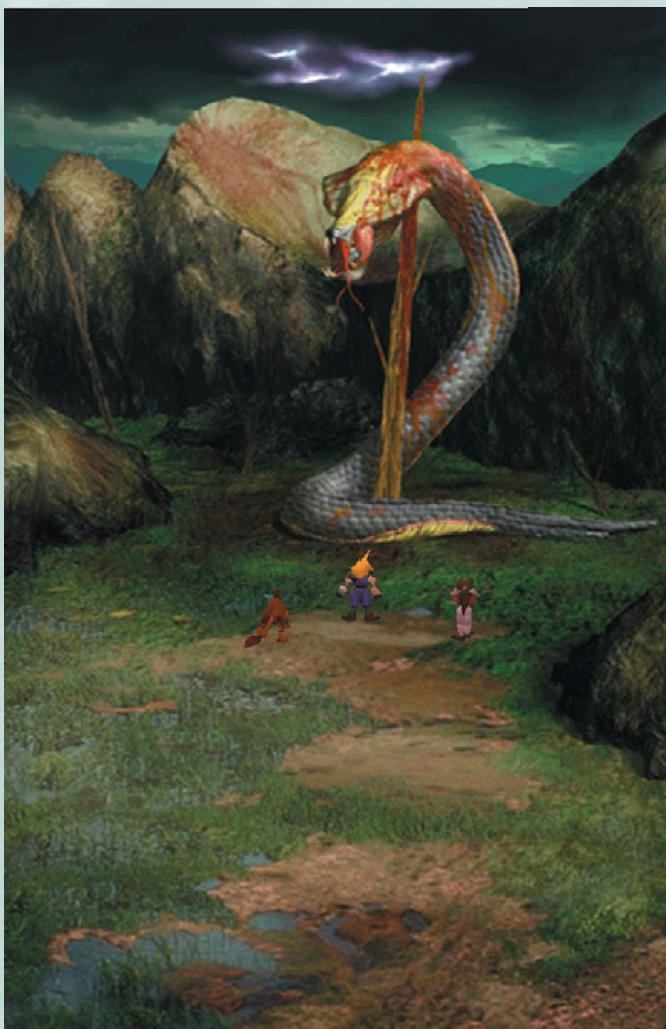
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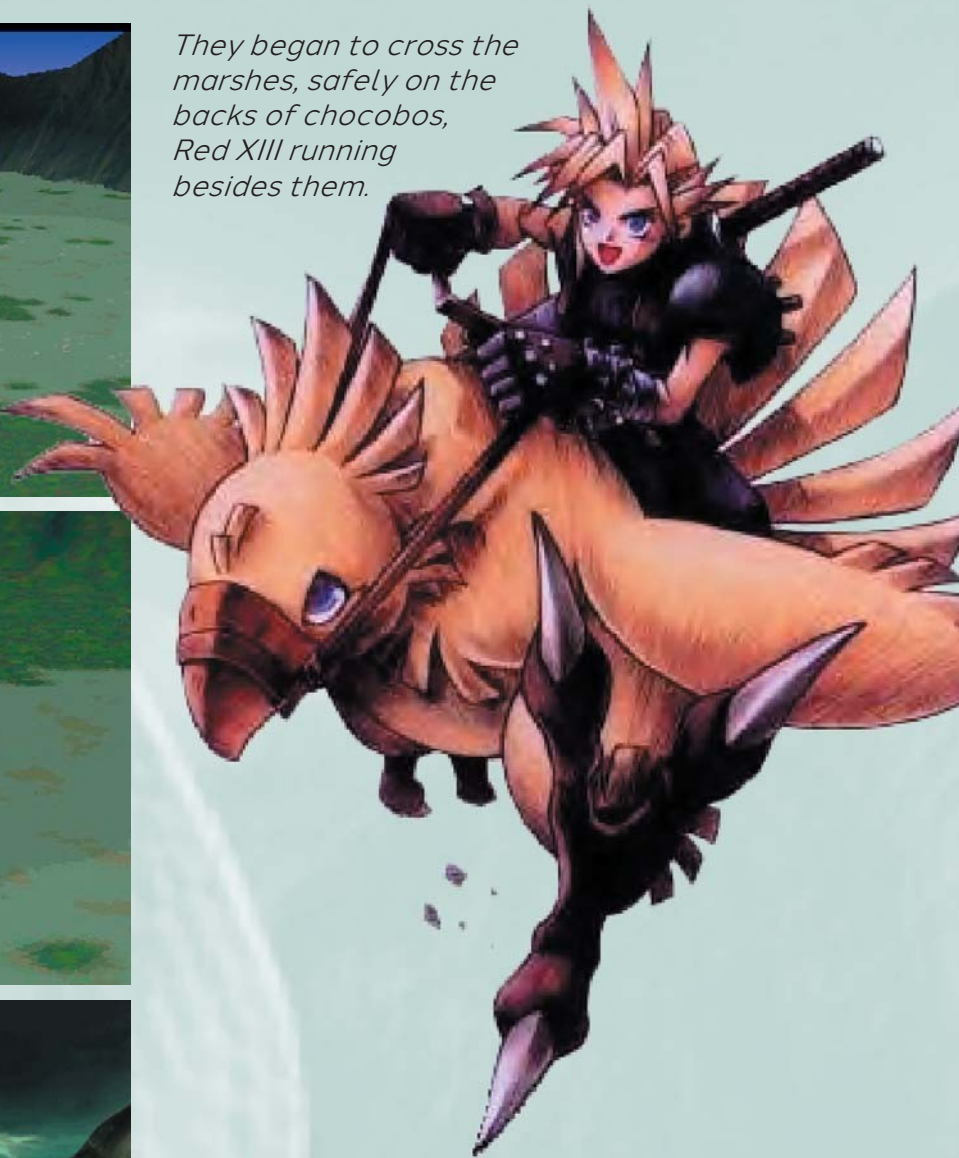
Alright, sorry, I'll pay next time...







*They began to cross the marshes, safely on the backs of chocobos, Red XIII running besides them.*



*A little further on, they stopped, horrified by the terrible vision presented before them. A Zolom, whole, was impaled on a tree, covered in lacerations... A lightning bolt tore the sky apart, the chocobos ran away...*



Sephiroth did that...?



This is a display of force that commands respect...



That's what Sephiroth is capable of?



I recognize the marks of his blade...



Well... The mine is just behind the Zolom, I suggest we get going, carefully...



Yes, let's be cautious... Sephiroth seems to be really strong...





*They entered the cave... Silent and thoughtful, they advanced cautiously, hoping not to meet Sephiroth so soon... Everything was going well when a familiar voice called out to them...*



Wait a second...



You...



You recognize me ?



Rude, from the Turks.



Good, you already know. It will save time. It's tiring to constantly having to explain what the Turks are...



You kidnap people!



From a certain point of view it's a bit like that... But that's not all.



*Another person dressed in blue arrived, it was Elena, the only female Turk.*



Rude, I know you don't like speeches, let me do it...



Please...



I am the newest member, my name is Elena. I've been promoted thanks to what you did in the Shinra Tower. In any case, our job is to find out where Sephiroth is going and try getting in your way.... No, wait, you're the ones getting in our way...







Elena, you talk too much.

*Tseng was there too... Our heroes were starting to feel uncomfortable...*



Mr. Tseng!?



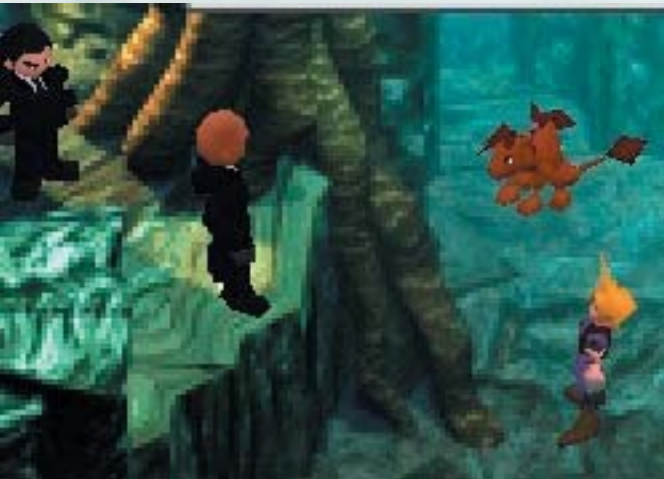
No need to tell them about our orders.



I'm sorry... Tseng.



I thought I gave you other orders. Go ahead and don't forget to file your report.



Yes sir, Rude and I are going to Junon Harbor now to look for Sephiroth!



...Elena, what did you not understand?



Oh!... My... my apologies..!



Forget it Elena... Go, don't let him escape.



Yes sir!



He he... Reno will be pleased to show you his affection. Move out Elena!



*The two Turks left Tseng with the group.*



Aerith, looks like you've distanced yourself from Shinra since Sephiroth's return...



So what, should I thank him?



No... I won't be seeing you often, take care of yourself.



Surprising of you to say that...



Well, stay out of Shinra's way. Goodbye.



*Tseng left, leaving the group distraught.*



Who do they think they are?



Surprising, really...



We know at least one thing, we have to go to the port of Junon!



The port is somewhere on a cliff past Fort Condor. From the beach, we'll find it easily!



Okay, let's go!





*Once out of the cave, they saw in the distance Fort Condor's reactor, a Mako reactor on which an immense condor had nestled...*



It's incredible !



Yes. I heard that they keep getting attacked by Shinra troops... They are constantly recruiting new mercenaries to defend their land...



They don't want Shinra to make the condor leave.



If we had time, I would go help them, just to annoy this Shinra.



Junon must not be very far away now.

*After a short walk across the plains, they arrived in sight of Junon, the immense military city. This city built on the cliff looked like a staircase made of buildings overlooked by an immense cannon. Below Junon's high-voltage pillars was a small village, darkened by the plate that supported the landing strip.*



What happened to this city? It looks in bad shape...



I thought Junon was a maritime city...



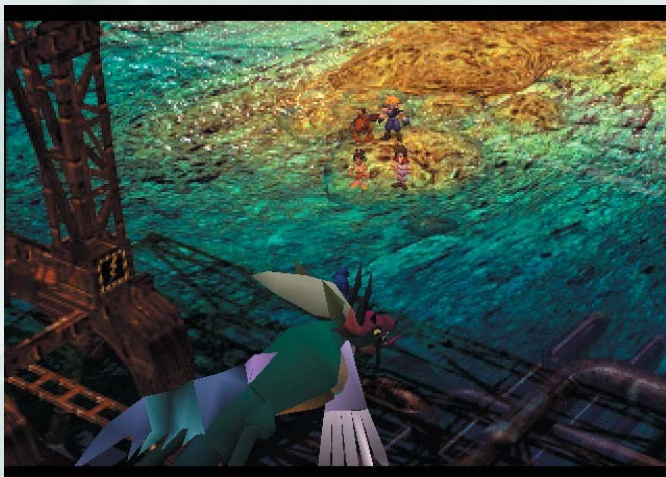
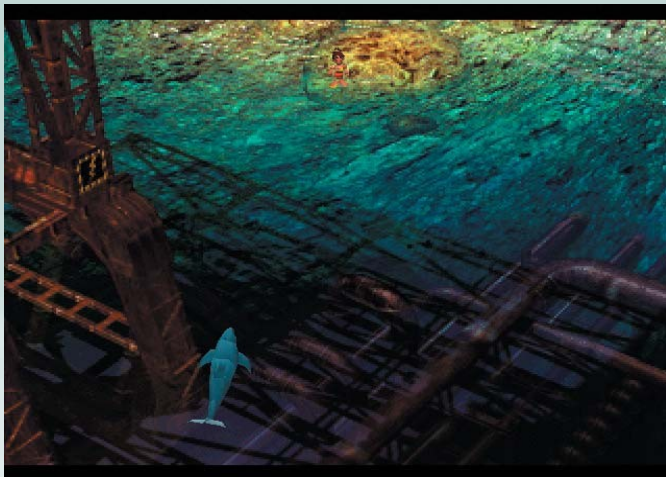
It looks like we are in ancient Junon... Since the immense city was built during the war, I imagine the fish have fled the place...



Let's go down to the beach!







*There was a little girl playing alone on the beach, she seemed to be calling someone...*



Hey...! Mr. Dolphin!

*A superb dolphin arrived, leaping out of the water.*



My name is Pri-sci-lla! Repeat Mr. Dolphin!

*She turned around to look at the group, intrigued...*



Who are you? Are you Shinra?



We have no friendship for Shinra.



That sums it up pretty well.



I don't believe you, liar! Look at your uniform?



I'm an ex-SOLDIER you know...



Stop lying, I'm sure you are... Oh! Be careful, Mr. Dolphin!

*A huge wave broke on the beach. Priscilla was swept away in the tide and fainted...*



She's going to drown!



How did that happen?



There! Look, a sea serpent!

*The massive animal emerged from the waves, like it could fly on the water...*



I think he can control the water!

*Barely had he said that when the serpent threw a huge bubble of water at Aerith...*



!!!



Hold your breath Aerith!



Cloud, do something, I can shot him all I want, it hardly hurts him!



Why don't you try that red Material? The water bubble will surely go away if we defeat this monster!





Sure!

*Cloud focused on his red materia, in addition to the usual green halo, strange runic symbols appeared in the flow coming from him...*



Damn! What's going to happen!?

*Suddenly, as if a giant shadow passed above them, the group and the snake found themselves in the dark... A long whistle from the sky was heard, an enormous yellow ball fell straight on the sea snake...*



What...?! It's a... it's a giant chocobo!

*An enormous chocobo crushed the snake, stunning it immediately. The bubble of water that was choking Aerith disappeared and the snake was swallowed back by the sea... The giant chocobo disappeared as if it were made of smoke...*



I've never seen anything like it!



Thanks Cloud...



Quickly, Priscilla!



This is terrible. She's not dead isn't she?

*A man came running...*



Priscilla! Oh no, she's not breathing! Young man, mouth to mouth, right away!



Mouth to mouth? But why me...?



Don't look at me like that, you can see I can't do it!



Cloud, hurry up!



Okay... well, here I go....

*Cloud gave mouth to mouth, it wasn't long before Priscilla woke up, spitting out water from her lungs... The man who had just arrived on the beach took her in his arms and took her home.*

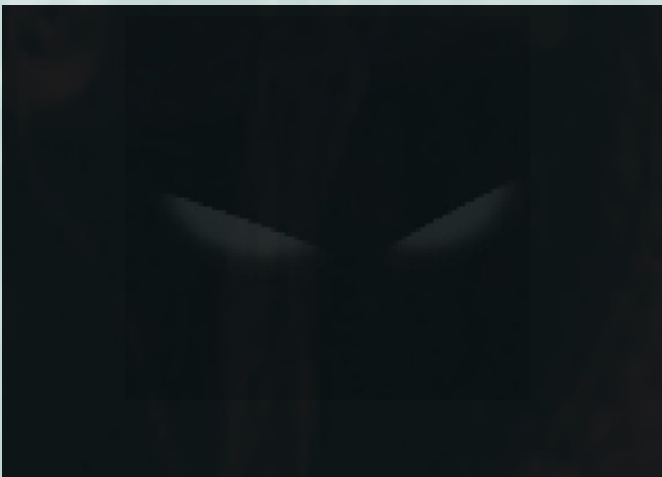
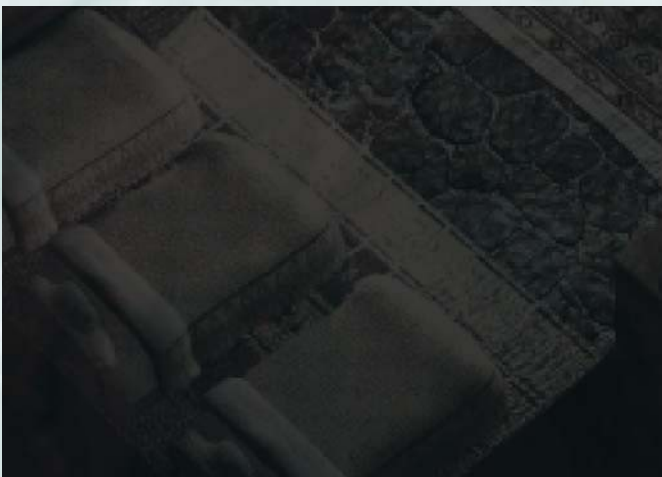


Well, now let's find a way to get up there!



No, I'm too tired. Is there an inn here?





*An old lady arrived on the scene...*



I heard everything... You saved Priscilla. There are several beds at my house, if you want to rest, you are welcome!

*They followed the lady...*



Make yourselves at home!

*They didn't have a very long evening before falling asleep, the whole group was really tired... Cloud closed his eyes, when suddenly...*



That reminds me...



You again? Who are you?



You will find out soon... But more importantly, five years ago...



Five years ago... Nibelheim?



When you went to Mount Nibel, Tifa was your guide, right?



Yes... It was a nice surprise.



But where was Tifa other than that?



I don't know.



You were lucky to see each other again.



...You're right.



Why couldn't you see each other alone?



...I don't know. I can't remember clearly...



Why don't you ask Tifa?



...Yeah.



Then, get up!



Hey, wake up. Wake up, Cloud!

*Cloud woke up, Tifa was shaking him...*



Mmmh hello Tifa! In my dream, I was just wondering ...



What..?



Five years ago... When Sephiroth and I were in Nibelheim... Where were you?





You... We saw each other right?



How was I at that moment?



Cloud... It was five years ago, I don't remember.

*Tifa looked pale...*



What is it Tifa?



Nothing... But something strange is happening outside. Quick, come and see.



*Cloud was surprised when he left the house... A fanfare echoed throughout Junon's cliff, as if a big party was happening above them.*



Does this have anything to do with Shinra?



It's weird, such a commotion all of a sudden?



It looks like something is happening up there!



Hey, look, there's Priscilla! She seems to be doing well!

*Priscilla arrived near the group...*



Feeling better now ?



Hmm... Thanks for the help before... I'm sorry, I really took you for one of those Shinra guys...



Don't worry, it happens to me all the time.



I saw... the chocobo... So you know how to use red Materia?



I wasn't able to not so long ago...



I'm going to give you something great! It was like an amulet for me, take good care of it, okay?



Oh! Another red Materia? Does it also call chocobos?



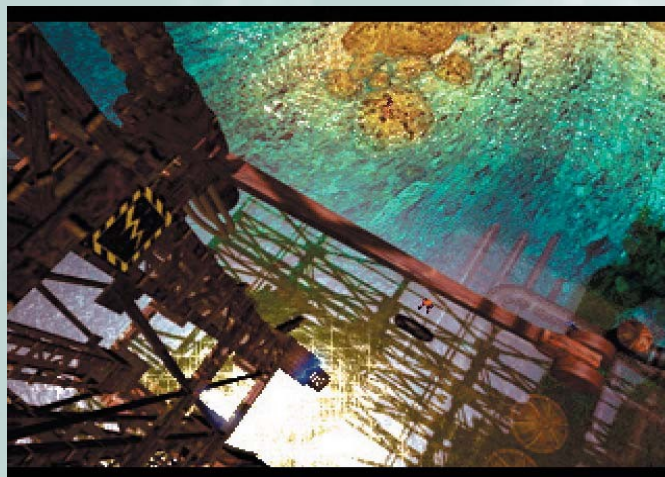
I don't know...



What is this music? It's really catchy!







I heard that they were rehearsing the reception given in honor of the new Shinra president.



What? Rufus? Hehehe ...I must pay my respects to him.



Why did he choose the port of Junon for this? Why not Midgar?



Cloud, you should have finished him off in Midgar.



Maybe he wants to cross the ocean...



Would that mean that Sephiroth is on the second continent? Nibelheim... We need to get to that town up there...could we try to climb one of those pillars?



No! There is high voltage current on this tower, don't go there, it's dangerous! Unless...



Unless what?



If Mr. Dolphin helps you, he can take you above the electrified pillars... Follow me!

*They arrived in front of the pillar. Mr. Dolphin was there...*



Here, here is a whistle that will make him jump, but only one person can go...



We'd better let Cloud do it...



I won't say anything anymore, you never agree anyway.



Cloud, we're counting on you.



Hey, wait a minute, how will we get back together?



Here Cloud, it's a PHS. With this phone you can call us wherever you are. Let us know as soon as you know where Sephiroth is, we will get there on our own.



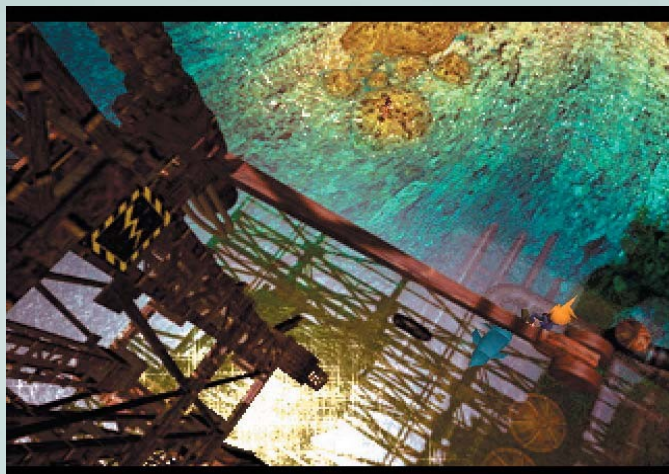
A PHS...? When did you...?



From that store in Kalm... I've been wanting one for a long time...







Barret! Is that why you let Cloud pay for the Chocobo Lure?



The PHS is helping us there, so what is the problem?



...



Cloud, get into the water, use the whistle and Mr. Dolphin will take you over the pole!



Good luck, if you succeed, we will follow you!



*Cloud climbed on the back of the dolphin. At the pillar, he used the whistle. The dolphin jumped out of the water and placed Cloud on a ledge...*



That's something! I've never seen a dolphin jump like that! Good luck Cloud, see you later!

*Cloud waved to his friends and climbed the pillar to the platform above. It appeared to serve as a landing strip...*





## 飛空艇 ハイwind

全長 237 m  
 全幅 183 m (プロペラ含まず)  
 全高 (着陸時) 33 m (プロペラ含まず)  
 自重 1,380 t  
 全備重量 2,150 t  
 最大速度 (海面高度) 386kt (ノット)  
 巡航速度 173kt (ノット)  
 上昇時間 不明  
 上昇限度 不明  
 航続距離 不明  
 上昇用エンジン出力

発動機16s-Ge式改

(離昇出力15,200hp) × 4

(2基で一個のプロペラを回している)

神羅製の航空機用空冷星形発動機ハ-13s (離昇出力3,800hp、2重24気筒) を  
 シドの手により4基直列に繋いだ (計96気筒) 飛空艇用発動機

上昇用補助エンジン 神羅3a型倒立V型12気筒魔晄発動機改 (離昇出力1,900hp) × 2

プロペラに繋がるのではなく、

上記のエンジン用の排気タービンを動かすのに使用。

上昇用プロペラ 直径5.5m 油圧定速4翔 ピッチ 30~80度

推進用エンジン出力 神羅飛空艇式呂号発動機 (離昇出力22,400hp) × 2

神羅の航空機用液冷倒立V24気筒発動機ハ-54 (離昇出力2,800hp) を

8基直列に繋いだ (計192気筒) 飛空艇用発動機

推進用プロペラ 直径7.5m 電気定速4翔 ピッチ 30~60度

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