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Core Experience/ World

# 1. What is the game about and where does it take place?

The game takes place in the world of Arcticana, a frozen futuristic world in which civilization has moved underground to escape the arctic winter. Society has become dependent on cryo-sleep, but the Ice God has begun infecting the cryo-sleep formula with a hallucinogen that is causing society to collapse.

In this level, the player is investigating the temple of the pantheistic ice god Icidious to discover any connections between the church and the suspicious group Kaos, who the player believes may be responsible for spreading the hallucinations ravaging society.

# 2. What is the core experience?

The futuristic, icebound world of Arcticana is beset by an existential crisis. The prolific use of cryosleep has angered the ever-present ice god Icidious, who has begun to infect the dreams of cryo-sleepers through his own ice cores. With such lucid dreams, people lose track of time and reality. Some, not realizing they aren’t dreaming anymore, commit unspeakable acts of violence they would never do in reality. Society is teetering on the brink of chaos and order, where no one quite knows whether what they see, feel, hear, and touch is real or just another cryo-dream.

# 3. What is the player doing and feeling?

The player will explore the temple of Icidious searching for documents or other texts that could link the church and Icidious to the hallucination and dream epidemic. The player should feel like they are surrounded at all times by some larger presence, and they should feel suspicious of the church of Icidious and its true motives.

# 4. What experience are they supposed to have? What emotions?

The player should experience the basic essence of the god as they explore the temple: he is all around, he is everywhere, and he is cold. The player should have feelings of dread and a dangerous cold, as well as feeling small and insignificant before the god.