

**THE GULLWINGS**

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The Tidus Sphere Saga  
Part I:

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## PROLOGUE

EXT. ABANDONNED TEMPLE - DAY

A beautifully kept ancient temple shines amongst the high levels of sky. Clouds pass through it and the ancient rubble below. It's peaceful and tranquil -

- until RIPPING THROUGH THE FLOOR is a a huge CRAB LIKE CREATURE!

A figure of a teenage girl is suddenly RUNNING away from it. Long blonde hair tied back in long ponytails and flailing behind her at speed. This is RIKKU, 17, and running for her life.

RIKKU  
(shrieks)  
AAAAAAIIIIIIIEEEE!!!

A claw STRIKES downwards, and Rikku JUMPS and rolls out of the way. The claw ripping through the stone ground.

Rikku looks behind her and draws out two SMALL DAGGERS in a single movement. She scrambles to her feet and begins running away - her face terrified.

RIKKU (CONT'D)  
(shouting)  
YOU CAN INTERVENE NOW!

The fiend goes for ANOTHER strike -

- but a FLASH and a clanging sound fills the screen as a one handed blade comes from nowhere! Striking the claw and knocking both the mystery assailant and the fiend back!

Rikku runs to her comrade, this is PAINÉ (18) and she's all in black with silver spiky hair. She's helped to her feet by Rikku and grabs her sword.

They both begin to RUN as fast as they can away from the old temple, JUMPING down onto some broken stone columns.

Painé looks around and the fiend has picked up the chase again! Both girls run faster.

PAINÉ  
(grits teeth)  
Hurry up!

RIKKU  
I'm going as fast as I-

-A series of EXPLOSIONS occur behind them! They duck for cover and turn to see the fiend RECOILING backwards.

Rikku and Painé then turn the other way...

Two smoking gun barrels walk towards the frame, the holder's face is blurred, but they walk closer...

It's YUNA! Clad in a nice white top and shorts with short brown hair.

She holds the guns outwards without flinching, her expression determined.

She FIRES the guns. Synchronising each blast with one step forward. Each gun shot weakening the outer shell of the fiend's hard skin.

She walks past Paine and Rikku, not even acknowledging them as her pace quickens.

Paine and Rikku look at each other and get to their feet. Paine takes a breath, looking at Yuna in a strange mixture of 'I'm Impressed' and 'What The?'

Yuna's onslaught continues, but stops as the fiend back up against a wall - the outer shell of the crustacean-like creature is cracked.

YUNA  
(gaze not wavering)  
Paine...

Paine stands next to Yuna, shaking her head.

PAINÉ  
(shaking head)  
You crazy b-

YUNA  
NOW!

Paine rolls her eyes and runs up to the fiend, holding the sword upwards.

PAINÉ  
Remove all unfair advantage!

It's struck by some sort of red energy and it GLOWS as she swings it around low and JUMPS towards it! Striking it's shell in a dark red flash of energy.

The fiend convulses as Paine just backwards and the outer shell EXPLODES!

Paine rolls out of any debris next to Rikku, who looks at the creature with slight queasiness. With good reason as the insides of the creature can NOW BE SEEN. It's a blue mess of organs that are too complicated to figure out.

PAINÉ (CONT'D)  
It's your turn Ms. Thief  
extrordinaire.

RIKKU  
(unsure)  
Okie.  
(beat)  
I have to stop volunteering  
myself for these things.

She takes a deep breath and walks towards the fiend. It's not moving but she's still quite scared.

As she begins to get closer, it's clear what she's after - a shiny round SPHERE that's in the blue entrails of the creature.

She stealthily gets closer, she gets to a certain range and suddenly holds her nose and begins to HEAVE. She takes a few breaths and gets closer, extending her arm outwards.

After a few moments she gets close, and grabs the sphere, her arm having to dig into the inside of the fiend.

Fighting the urge to throw up, Rikku pulls out the sphere and begins to run back to the other two girls, holding her nose.

RIKKU (CONT'D)  
(holding nose)  
Well I think that's over with!

She throws it to Paine, who just about catches it - and suddenly catches the smell and covers her mouth.

PAINÉ  
(through palm)  
That smells disgusting.

Yuna has to cover her mouth as well when the smell hits her.

YUNA  
I have to agree there...

RIKKU  
Paine can do the icky work next  
time!

PAINÉ  
What? Ooooh no, I'm not doing any-

Suddenly crackling distortion is heard.

BROTHER (FILTERED)  
GullWings? Is everyone all right?  
Is Yuna hurt?

Paine rolls her eyes at this comment.

YUNA  
We're fine, Brother. Three to be-

The creature LUNGES BACK TO LIFE!

The girl move into position, and Yuna cocks her guns,  
raising an eyebrow

YUNA (CONT'D)  
Let's go girls!

She pulls the trigger, then:

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND BEACH - MIDDAY

CLOSE UP: Yuna's face.

She's asleep. It looks as if she's floating - and she's  
definitely not still.

SUBTITLE: Two Months Ago...

YUNA (V.O.)  
This is my story.

Yuna OPENS HER EYES.

YUNA'S POV: The cloudless sky.

ANGLE YUNA. Her face isn't exactly happy. The frame zooms  
outwards to reveal that she's on her back FLOATING in the  
sea!

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
Lady Yuna. Former summoner of  
Yevon. A 'hero'.

She slowly closes her eyes again.

FADE TO WHITE.

FADE IN:

EXT. MACALANIA FOREST - NIGHT

FLASHES of images flicker across the screen as we see a younger looking Yuna with long hair locked in a romantic kiss with a young blonde-haired guy: TIDUS.

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND BEACH - MIDDAY

Yuna opens her eyes again, she looks sad.

YUNA (V.O.)  
Two years. Directionless.

YUNA'S POV: It's the cloudless sky again.

But a RED SHIP flies past!

Yuna suddenly sits up, revealing her hair to be all tied back, and watches the ship manoeuvre around the trees effortless and land on the water!

She begins to swim towards the ship as fast as she can.

As she gets closer to it, the rear opens and walking out we see RIKKU looking around. She spies Yuna and waves to her.

RIKKU  
(shouts)  
Yunie!

Yuna looks up and smiles at her cousin. She takes breath and then carries on swimming.

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND BEACH - MOMENTS LATER

Yuna is on dry land, still a bit wet but she's drying up while Rikku is talking about something, making overexaggerated hand gestures as she talks.

RIKKU  
(excitedly)  
...and then Brother swoops in,  
beams us out and the cave  
explodes!

Yuna laughs lightly.

YUNA  
Being a Sphere sounds exciting!

RIKKU  
(weakly)  
Yeah, it is...

She takes a deep breath, there's something she's having trouble saying.

RIKKU (CONT'D)  
Yunie, there's another reason I came to visit.

She fishes something out of her back pocket, it's a turquoise looking SPHERE.

RIKKU (CONT'D)  
Me and a colleague found this submerged in some very weak caverns by Mushroom Rock.

Yuna takes it and looks at it, confused.

YUNA  
What's on it?

RIKKU  
(serious)  
Something you'd never expect.

Yuna holds the Sphere up close, watching as it begins to change colour.

YUNA (V.O.)  
She was right.

CUT TO:

EXT. ABANDONNED TEMPLE - DAY

Yuna FIRES at the creature, which feels the attacks even more in it's weakened state.

Above them the red ship seen earlier flies above them.

BROTHER (FILTERED)  
Don't worry! I'll save you Yuna

Suddenly PAINE vanishes in a vertical whisp of light, followed by Rikku.

Yuna just fires at the fiend again as it limps towards her.

BROTHER (FILTERED) (CONT'D)  
(to someone else)  
YOU LEFT YUNA!

Yuna glances up to see the ship swoop down low -  
- and she finally vanishes in the flash of light.

CUT TO:

INT. CELSIUS BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Yuna appears in a flash of white light on a small landing. She suddenly runs and JUMPS over to the main deck passing a small boy (SHINRA) at a console up to Paine and Rikku. Seated in the pilot seat is a shirtless man with a bald head (bar a blonde mohican) and strange goggles (BROTHER) and at his left there's a tall black man with goggles at a seat on the lower left (BUDDY).

BUDDY  
Sorry about that Yuna!

YUNA  
No worries.

Brother shakes his head.

BROTHER  
Never endanger Yuna again!

PAINE  
Just get us out of here, Baldie.

Brother salutes.

BROTHER  
Zicd mayja ed du dra aqband  
Bemud!  
(translated)  
Just leave it to the expert  
Pilot!

RIKKU  
Cied crufehk uvv!  
(translated)  
Quit showing off!

Brother rolls his eyes and begins to push some buttons, but the ship suddenly SHAKES and everyone lurches forward.

BROTHER  
Ahvmysat Kuyd'c BAHEC!

CUT TO:

EXT. ABANDONED TEMPLE - CONTINUOUS

The Creature has somehow GRABBED onto the end of the Celsius with some sort of second wind!

INT. CELSIUS BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Rikku runs to a small compartment to the lower right of Brother and jumps into a nice seat, activated some holographic screens in front of her.

RIKKU  
Ol' Crabby's latched onto us!

Brother pulls back on some levers and grits his teeth.

BROTHER  
(shouting)  
SHINRA!

Behind everyone else, a boy with a gas mask peeks up from his seat.

SHINRA (FILTERED)  
I'm setting up emergency  
boosters!

BUDDY  
You girl's better hold on to  
something tight!

Yuna and Paine nod to each other and scramble towards a railing and hold on tight.

SHINRA (FILTERED)  
They're ready!

Brother smirks.

BROTHER  
(screeching)  
GULLWINGS AWAAAAAAY!

He pushes a button and pushes two levers forward:

CUT TO:

EXT. ABANDONED TEMPLE - CONTINUOUS

The Celsius's engines ROAR with HUGE AMOUNTS of FLAMES which blast towards the creature, burning it instantly!

The ship then flies off into the sky at an amazing speed, leaving a trailing of white smoke behind it!

CUT TO:

INT. CELSIUS BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

BROTHER  
(over excited)  
YEEE-HAW! Good job GullWings!

Behind them, Yuna and Paine sit to the ground, out of breath.

Paine lifts up the Sphere that's still in her hand and nods to Yuna.

YUNA (V.O.)  
This is my life now.

They both stand up, and Rikku walks up to them.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
I'm a Sphere Hunter.

They walk up to Shinra, and Paine throws the Sphere to Yuna, who catches it easily.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
And it all began...when I saw  
this Sphere of you.

Yuna looks at the Sphere, a faint glimpse of hope in her eye.

ZOOM INTO the Sphere, and as it encompasses the frame:

FADE TO WHITE.

**END PROLOGUE**

**MISSION BEGIN!**

ACT I

INT. CELSIUS BRIDGE - LATER

Yuna, Rikku, Paine and Brother are gathered around Shinra's console, looking at the screen that Shinra is working on. He's huffing and wheezing through his gas mask.

SHINRA (FILTERED)

Primary analysis of the Sphere found at the temple shows that it doesn't contain any salvageable audio or visual data.

PAINE

A dud sphere?

Rikku looks flabbergasted, sniffing her hands.

RIKKU

It better not be! I still smell of the fiend that ate it.

SHINRA (FILTERED)

No need to worry. No audio or visual data usually means there is textual data on here. As well as graphical.

BROTHER

(confused)

Yes. Well. We...err...what are you meaning?

It should be noted by Brother's speech is that English is not his native language. Bless him.

SHINRA (FILTERED)

There's frequencies and graphs that point to a strange sphere on Spira.

Brother SMILES.

BROTHER

Good. Good! Nice job GullWings!

Yuna leans in reads the screen.

YUNA

How come there are several frequencies for one Sphere?

SHINRA (FILTERED)

Because it's in several fragments. It's unclear how many, but they could be all over the world.

RIKKU  
 (excitedly)  
 Looks as if we're going to go all  
 around the world!

PAINE  
 Again.

She walks off, Rikku watches her leaving and just shrugs.  
 Yuna just looks at the screen.

YUNA (V.O.)  
 We hunt Spheres for a living.  
 Some do it for fun. Some do it to  
 get paid. Some do it to help  
 Spira learn more about it's  
 history.

BUDDY (O.S.)  
 Yuna?

Yuna snaps out of her gaze, and glances over to Buddy.

BUDDY (CONT'D)  
 One of them is on Besaid Island.  
 Looks as if you're going home.

Yuna smiles.

YUNA (V.O.)  
 I do it...for another reason.

RIKKU  
 Yunie's going home!

YUNA  
 I can't wait.

A smile begins to fade from her face.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 Although, the homecoming is  
 bittersweet - as it's where I  
 also first met you.

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAIID ISLAND VILLAGE - DAY

A very primitive but homey looking village is crowded with  
 people standing outside a huge stone building with long  
 cloths with symbols wrapped around the top of an entrance  
 way.

The door to the temple opens - and out walk two people, the one is a huge seven foot tall purple creature that's half lion and half human (KIMARHI) and the other a shorter dark woman with long black hair and a long Gothic dress (LULU).

Finally a third figure walks out, holding a staff and wearing a long white dress - it's YUNA. Looking younger with long hair. She stumbles out of the temple, Kimarhi going down instantly to help her up.

She gets to her feet and SMILES to the crowd - who suddenly ERUPT in cheer.

SUBTITLE: Two Years Ago...

She stands up tall, looking at the crowd.

YUNA

I've done it! I'm now a summoner!

The cheers get LOUDER, she smiles as a personal triumph is achieved.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Following in my father's footsteps, I would go on a pilgrimage across Spira to defeat Sin.

Yuna stops looking around, and sees a stranger in the crowd. Tall with blonde hair. This is TIDUS.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

But you. You appeared out of nowhere.

She stares at him, intrigued. He's returning the look. Off Yuna's smile:

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND FOREST - DAY

A waterfall is seen in the background as the figures of Yuna, Rikku and Paine appear suddenly as they are teleported onto a stoney pathway. Immediately Rikku looks around excitedly.

RIKKU

Oh I love this place!

YUNA

As do I.

Paine looks at the waterfall, and closes her eyes. She breathes in the fresh air.

PAINÉ  
It's...peaceful.

Yuna looks slightly nervous. Paine turns to her, cocking an eyebrow.

PAINÉ (CONT'D)  
Would've thought you'd be as  
excited as Ms. Caffine.

She indicates Rikku, who's currently watching some small birds flying through the air.

YUNA  
(quietly)  
Well, I'm slightly nervous.

RIKKU  
You did take off without a word  
to anyone.

PAINÉ  
(mockingly)  
High summoner Yuna. You  
disappoint me.

Yuna looks away from them, a slight frustrated expression on her face.

YUNA (V.O.)  
In my defense - I wasn't exactly  
thinking rationally.

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAIÐ ISLAND BEACH - DAY

It's the pony-tailed Yuna, and Yuna and Rikku are in similar positions as seen earlier - but Yuna is holding the sphere in her hand with a shocked (and distant) expression on her face.

RIKKU  
I couldn't believe it when I saw  
it. I'm sure Kimarhi also made  
some vowel sounds. It looks like  
him.

Yuna says nothing, staring into the distance, the camera fixes onto her expression.

RIKKU (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Yunie?

YUNA (V.O.)  
I couldn't believe it when I saw  
it. It was-

Yuna snaps out of it.

YUNA (CONT'D)  
There's possibly more of these?

Rikku nods.

YUNA (CONT'D)  
Then let's go then.

Rikku is surprised.

RIKKU  
That was quick. You sure you  
don't want to think it ov-

YUNA  
(adamant)  
Lets. Go.

Rikku sighs.

RIKKU  
You sure?

Yuna just stares at her, Rikku holds her hands in defeat.  
She then flicks a small radio.

RIKKU (CONT'D)  
Brother! Dfu du pays ib!  
(translated)  
Brother! Two to beam up!

BROTHER (FILTERED)  
DFU? Fryd eh dra cruubivv'c  
lntyheis yna oui uh ypuid?  
(translated)  
TWO? What in the shoopuff's  
cranium are you on about?

RIKKU  
E's pnehkehk Yunie ypuynt, fa'na  
kaddehk y haf dayssyda.  
(translated)  
I'm bringing Yunie aboard, we're  
getting a new teammate.

BROTHER (FILTERED)  
Y-Yuna?

Rikku rolls her eyes.

RIKKU  
Zicd vilgehk tu ed!

She shakes her head.

RIKKU (CONT'D)  
 Brother's still the same idiot he  
 always was.  
 (beat)  
 Are you sure you want to go now?  
 You don't want to speak to Wakka  
 or Lulu?

YUNA  
 They'll understand.

Rikku gives up.

RIKKU  
 Okies. Welcome to the GullWings  
 Yuna!

They are slowly teleported off the beach.

CUT TO:

EXT. OUTSIDE BESAID VILLAGE - DAY

It's the short haired Yuna, and Rikku and Paine are following her towards the entrance to Besaid Village through a stone archway.

Yuna turns around, looking nervous.

YUNA  
 Hmm - I wonder if everyone will  
 be mad.

She looks uneasy.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 I felt like a runaway finally  
 returning home.  
 (beat)  
 Whether it was a good thing, I  
 never did figure that bit out.

She takes deep breath of courage when-

WAKKA (O.S.)  
 You said it!

Yuna turns around and sees WAKKA leaning against one of the sides of the archway. He's clad in yellow clothes with a dark yellow vest with a lot of metal jewelry lined against it. He also has red hair with the HUGEST quiff at the front.

He starts to walk towards them, his face and tone deadly serious.

WAKKA (CONT'D)  
 You caused quite a fuss young  
 lady!

Yuna GULPS.

YUNA  
 S-sorry.

WAKKA  
 Running away without saying  
 goodbye.  
 (mock tutting)  
 I blame the guardians.

A slight relieving smile appears on Yuna's face.

YUNA  
 Hello Wakka.

WAKKA  
 Hey. Good to see that you're not  
 fiend dinner.  
 (beat)  
 You know, I wasn't too worried. I  
 said to myself, "Yuna can take  
 care of herself".

He spies Rikku.

WAKKA (CONT'D)  
 Although, seeing your company - I  
 maybe still a little worried.

RIKKU  
 Hey!  
 (rollseyes)  
 Tubby!

Wakka looks shocked.

WAKKA  
 Woah! Gotta keep my body frame,  
 ya know? What with the baby  
 coming an' all.

He smiles, and glances at Paine.

WAKKA (CONT'D)  
 Your friend?

Yuna glances towards Paine, standing there with an  
 indifferent expression on her face.

YUNA  
 Yes. This is Paine. We hunt  
 Sphere's together.

WAKKA

So you are a Sphere Hunter now. I heard the rumours.

He scratches the back of his head.

WAKKA (CONT'D)

And uhh...don't forget to say hi to Lu. She's been even more worried than me, ya know? Can't be too good for the baby.

RIKKU

Aww, when's it going to be born?

WAKKA

We don't know yet. Soon. I think.

Rikku glances at Yuna.

RIKKU

Well let's go and meet the mother-to-be!

She walks off with Wakka into the village, and Paine walks next to Yuna.

PAINE

One of your guardians?

Yuna nods.

YUNA

He helped defeat Sin.

Paine smiles and shakes her head in a private joke and heads into the village, leaving Yuna on her own.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Wakka's always been there.

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND VILLAGE - NIGHT

There's a huge fire in the distance, and the long-haired Yuna is on the side of Besaid Temple, looking out to the sea. A million things running through her mind.

She looks to her left, and Wakka stands there, giving her a comforting smile.

YUNA

What did you tell him?

WAKKA

Only the basics. Poor guy, he doesn't seem to remember where he is.

He looks over to the fire, and it's easy to tell they are on about Tidus, who's sitting alone, staring into the fire.

WAKKA (CONT'D)

Toxins of Sin got him, ya know? He says he's from Zanarkand.

YUNA

(curious)  
Zanarkand?

Wakka LAUGHS lightly.

WAKKA

Ya. He's pretty crazy. I think. Remind me to never get that close to Sin, there's still stuff I wanna remember.

YUNA

(distant)  
Sir Jecht said he was from Zanarkand as well.

Wakka's expression changes.

WAKKA

He did?  
(scratches head)  
I dunno...maybe he's a gift from Yevon, ya? Our atonement for our sins?

Yuna turns to face Tidus, her face emotionless and deep in thought.

CUT TO:

INT. LULU AND WAKKA'S HUT - DAY

Yuna, Rikku and Paine walk into a small hut, full of beautifully crafted home furniture. At the end of the hut is a pregnant woman in a long black Gothic dress. She looks up, and her face is white with black make-up. This is LULU. Yuna walks towards her with Rikku, while Paine leans against a wall of the hut in deep thought.

LULU

Well, the prodigal daughter of Besaid finally returns.

There's a small wry smile hidden behind black hair covering half of her face.

YUNA  
Hey Lulu.

RIKKU  
So. Wakka Jr's gonna be born soon, right?

Lulu CHUCKLES.

LULU  
Hmm...not yet. Wakka's getting a little ahead of himself.

RIKKU  
Yf, pissan.  
(translated)  
Aw, bummer.

Rikku sighs and sits on a chair.

LULU  
Care to go for a walk?

YUNA  
Can you?

LULU  
I could use the exercise.

RIKKU  
I'll come to!

Yuna glances to Paine.

YUNA  
What about you?

PAINE  
I'm going to get some rest.

Yuna nods as Lulu gets to her feet.

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND FOREST - MOMENTS LATER

Yuna, Rikku and Lulu are near a stone monument with many names on them, but it's too far to distinguish the names individually.

Lulu walks next to Yuna, while Rikku is a few feet in front.

LULU  
So, what would be powerful enough  
to drive Yuna away without a  
word?

YUNA  
This.

She PULLS out a sphere - the same one that Rikku showed her  
two months ago.

LULU  
Ahh. The sphere. Kimarhi told  
Wakka about it.

Yuna passes it to Lulu, and she looks into it as the screen-

FADE TO BLUE.

FADE IN:

INT. ??? - ???

The image is fuzzy. Blurry. Ancient.

There is no sound - but the image is getting closer to an  
image.

A person.

A male.

With Blonde hair.

He RUNS towards the camera - it's TIDUS! Or is it? He's  
shouting towards the camera, banging fists against what  
appear to be bars. But there is still no sound at all.

The image begins to flicker again - and the image gets  
distorted...

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND FOREST - DAY

Lulu hands the sphere back to Yuna, her expression one of  
confusion and thought.

LULU  
It does look like him.

YUNA  
I know.

She looks into the sphere.

LULU  
Have you found anything else?

Yuna looks to Lulu, and shakes her head. She then looks into the sphere.

YUNA  
There are many places we haven't looked.

Her gaze is fixed on the sphere.

YUNA (CONT'D)  
And there will be more.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
All I could think about, was our first meeting.

Off her gaze:

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND VILLAGE - NIGHT

Tidus is standing at the fire, staring into it - a million miles away.

Around the fire, long-haired-Yuna is seated, looking at him.

After a few moments, she gets to her feet and walks towards him.

OLD LADY (O.S.)  
Lady Yuna! Be careful!

Yuna just laughs and shakes her head, walking up to Tidus.

YUNA  
I'm Yuna.  
(beat)  
I want to thank you for your help within the temple. I heard that you tried to help me.

TIDUS  
I'm sorry. 'Bout that.  
(beat)  
Wasn't that...wasn't I supposed to...some kind of rule? I...over reacted.

YUNA  
Oh no. I was over-confident.

TIDUS  
They say you are a summoner.

YUNA  
I am.  
(pauses)  
At least, I hope to be.

TIDUS  
That's amazing.

YUNA  
(hopeful)  
Really? Do you think I can become  
High summoner?

Tidus nods.

TIDUS  
Anyone can become anything.

A kid suddenly runs to Yuna, pulling on her dress.

SMALL KID  
Lady Yuna! Come play with us  
more!

Yuna nods, and turns back to face Tidus.

YUNA  
So. Tomorrow then.

TIDUS  
Tomorrow?

YUNA  
We're going on the same boat to  
Kilika, aren't we?

TIDUS  
Really?

YUNA  
We can talk more.

She begins to walk off. She stops, and turns back.

YUNA (CONT'D)  
You can tell me more about  
Zanarkand!

She smiles and walks off, leaving Tidus to watch her  
go...with a mournful look creeping on his face.

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND BEACH - DAY

Yuna, Lulu and Rikku are looking at the stone monument seen earlier, standing in silence.

LULU

It must be fun. Being able to go around the world. Going where you please.

Yuna smiles to herself.

YUNA

It is fun. I never expected a journey quite like this.

LULU

Myself, Wakka, Kimarhi. We're not there, so you can spread your wings.

YUNA

Maybe.

Lulu emits another low chuckle.

LULU

I see you have. But never forget just *who you are*.

Yuna shoots her a puzzled look.

LULU (CONT'D)

You are the summoner that defeated Sin.

(pauses)

There are those that will use that Yuna.

YUNA

I'll be all right. I won't let myself be used anymore not by anyo-

There's a COUGH from behind them, and Paine stands there.

PAINÉ

Sorry to spoil the reunion, but we have a Sphere Fragment to find.

LULU

I guess I should leave you to it. Do you know where to look?

PAINÉ

Commander Incompetent radioed me earlier and pin-pointed it's location. Some sort of cave.

YUNA

I think I know where it is.

RIKKU

Let's go then!

LULU

Good luck.

The three of them head DEEPER into the forest, and Lulu watches them, her expression worrying and cold.

CUT TO:

INT. CELSIUS BRIDGE - DAY

Pony-tail-Yuna appears on the Bridge of the Celsius with Rikku. Rikku jumps over a small barrier and lands in the center of the bridge.

RIKKU

(loudly)

Everybody! This is Yuna!

There's a collective wave as Paine, Buddy and Shin-Ra look at her.

Brother turns on his seat and nearly falls off.

Rikku just rolls her eyes.

RIKKU (CONT'D)

You've met the idiot in charge.

She points to Buddy.

RIKKU (CONT'D)

That's Buddy, he's the co-pilot and one who finds the Spheres.

Rikku and Yuna turn to Paine, who suddenly WALKS off the bridge.

RIKKU (CONT'D)

That's Paine, another Sphere Hunter.

(beat)

And you've also been introduced to her good mood as well.

Rikku takes Yuna to Shinra's station.

RIKKU (CONT'D)  
 And this is Shinra. Ten years old  
 and probably the smartest person  
 here.

Shinra turns around and faces Yuna.

YUNA  
 Tee-hee-hee. He's cute.

SHINRA (FILTERED)  
 I know everything.

He suddenly turns back around on his seat.

RIKKU  
 That's no lie. Probably.

Yuna looks the Sphere in her hand.

YUNA  
 So why do you search for these?

SHINRA (FILTERED)  
 Easy...

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND CAVE ENTRANCE - DAY

It's short-haired-Yuna as she walks up to a cave entrance with Paine and Rikku. Yuna smiles and Rikku gets herself reading to go into the cave. Paine is a little apprehensive, looking slight scared to go into it.

The dialogue is following on from the last scene.

SHINRA (V.O.) (FILTERED)  
 Around fourteen months ago the  
then Maester of Yevon, Tromell  
 created a division in the main  
 church of Bevelle dedicated to  
 finding things out about the  
 history of Spira.

The three girls nod and begin to walk into the cave.

SHINRA (V.O.) (FILTERED) (CONT'D)  
 Naturally they offered rewards to  
 those that can bring in Spheres  
 with data of the past, like video  
 or audio. Then the Sphere Hunters  
 came about. It was a respected  
 job for a few months - before  
 some did it for fun.

The girls walk into the mouth as the scene decides to:

CUT TO:

INT. BESAID ISLAND CAVE - DAY

And the three girls venture down the cave, Rikku leading the way, with Yuna in the middle, and Paine at the back.

RIKKU (V.O.)  
Sphere's send out some sort of  
signal -

BUDDY (V.O.)  
Sphere Waves, and we go out to  
find them. And then we get paid.

SHINRA (V.O.) (FILTERED)  
Sometimes we learn a lot about  
the past. Or other things. Like  
your friend in that Sphere you  
are holding.

Yuna STOPS, and pulls out a gun.

YUNA  
You hear that?

PAINE  
Nope.

But Paine is anxious, drawing out her sword and looking upwards.

RIKKU (O.S.)  
Hey!

Yuna and Paine catch up to her...and submerged in rubble - the SPHERE FRAGMENT is just about sticking out.

YUNA  
Well, score one for the  
GullWings!

Rikku PULLS it out. It looks like a piece of cracked curved ceramic.

PAINE  
Good. We can leave.

RIKKU  
Is Paine in a rush?

Paine shoots her a TERRIFYING look.

PAINÉ

Never call me that again.

(beat)

I just don't like caves.

RIKKU

Well sorry miss moody that I-

A loud ROAR is heard in the distance.

RIKKU (CONT'D)

Uh-oh...

Rumbling gets louder.

Something is heading TOWARDS the GullWings.

Yuna braces herself as she looks ahead-

- and a DRAGON JUMPS OUT!

CUT TO BLACK.

**END OF ACT I**

ACT II

EXT. S.S. WINNO - DAY

Tidus is on the edge of a huge cruise-liner like ship, looking out to the horizon.

YUNA (O.S.)  
You're a blitzball player. From Zanarkand?

Tidus snaps out of his trance and turns to see the Yuna (long hair) smiling at him.

TIDUS  
Hmm?  
(realises)  
Oh. Yeah. I don't think that Wakka believes me though.

YUNA  
I believe you.

She leans on the hand rail next to him.

YUNA (CONT'D)  
I've heard, that in Zanarkand, there's a huge stadium - all lit up at night.

Tidus looks shocked.

TIDUS  
How'd you know that?

YUNA  
A man named Jecht told me.

Tidus suddenly lets go of the rail and looks shocked.

TIDUS  
What?

YUNA  
(concerned)  
Are you okay?

Tidus shakes his head.

TIDUS  
(shocked)  
It's okay. My father. It's just...his name was Jecht.

Yuna's eyes light up, she suddenly appears excited.

YUNA  
 Amazing! This meeting must be a  
 blessing from Yevon!

TIDUS  
 Hmm...

He looks unsure.

When the boat suddenly begins to ROCK.

A sharp force strikes UPWARDS as water flies in the air!

The boat begins to tip over, and Yuna begins to slide down  
 the deck of the ship -

- when Tidus GRABS her hand.

TIDUS (CONT'D)  
 Hold...on!

SAILOR (O.S.)  
 (shouting)  
 SIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIN!

A loud ROAR is heard and Tidus looks to see a HUGE GREY FIN  
 appear in the sea.

TIDUS  
 Oh. Great.

CUT TO:

INT. BESAID ISLAND CAVE - DAY

The dragon LUNGES towards the girls, but they quickly run  
 to the side of the cave walls, scrambling down the sides of  
 it.

It TURNS sharply, swinging it's tail. Yuna and Rikku jump  
 to the floor quickly, looking up to see Paine running  
 towards them.

YUNA  
 (fearful)  
 Watch out!

Paine glances behind her and JUMPS as the dragon BREATHS  
 fire at her. She grasps her sword and RUNS towards the  
 dragon, swinging at it's skin.

The sword SCRAPES across it, barely doing any noticeable  
 damage to the skin. Paine jumps back as the Dragon goes to  
 breathe another breathe of fire towards them.

Yuna and Paine roll to one side, and Rikku the other. Rikku  
 suddenly LEAPS upwards, landing on the DRAGON'S BACK.

Twirling her daggers around, she DRIVES them down into the skin -

- but nothing happens.

RIKKU

Oh shoot.

The Dragon BOUNCES and Rikku FLIES off the back of the dragon, flying through the air and SMACKING into the wall, falling unconscious. The dragon turning to face the conscious girl.

YUNA

(urgently)

Rikku!

She goes to run -

- but Paine grabs her arm, stopping her.

PAINE

Wait!

(moments thought)

We need a plan.

Yuna grits her teeth, and then nods.

YUNA

Got one. I'll distract it. You'll-

PAINE

-think of something.

Yuna nods and runs closer to the dragon, suddenly reaching to a small rectangle-shaped object on her belt - and touching a small dark blue sphere.

CUT TO:

INT. CELSIUS BRIDGE - DAY

Pony-Tail-Yuna CATCHES the small oblong object that's thrown at her. She looks at it with confusion.

YUNA

What's this?

RIKKU

It's a Garment Grid. Shinra created them.

YUNA

What do they do?

SHINRA (FILTERED)

They save your life in battle.

Off Yuna's curious expression:

CUT TO:

INT. BESAID ISLAND CAVE - DAY

Short-Haired-Yuna is suddenly SURROUNDED in blue light. Her dress becomes shorter - and EXPLODES in a flash of light. She holds both guns in her hands and SLAMS them together.

SHINRA (V.O.) (FILTERED)

The Garment Grids hold Dress-spheres in them. If you need to in battle, you can switch dress-spheres to give you different abilities.

The guns MORPH into a long brown staff. Yuna twirls it around as she herself begins to spin as a blue overcoat surrounds her, and a long light brown pointy hat appears on her head.

She's a Black Mage.

SHINRA (V.O.) (FILTERED) (CONT'D)

Dress-spheres we have at the moment include Gunners, Knights, Thieves, White Mages and Black Mages.

Yuna's transformation is complete, and she looks to the Dragon.

YUNA

Okay!

She nods to Paine, who holds her sword outwards - a crack of lightning suddenly emits from the blade as it begins to glow a dark yellow.

Yuna runs past the dragon, over to where Rikku is lying, noticing that she's beginning to stir.

Yuna faces the Dragon, who snarls at Yuna.

Yuna's eyes narrow as she swings the staff around.

YUNA (CONT'D)

(chanting)

Quench your thirst!

A final swing downwards - and JETS OF WATER suddenly STRIKE the Dragon!

The force is huge, as the Dragon suddenly is PUSHED to the cave wall, shaking the whole cave on impact.

Rikku comes to, and darts to her legs as fast as possible.

Paine's blade is now glowing completely yellow now, seeing her chance - she darts forward, STRIKING the underbelly of the Dragon, SLICING the skin open!

The Dragon ROARS in pain as the water begins to die down, a claw strike outwards - CATCHING PAINE in the side and throwing her to the wall. The impact WORSE than Rikku's.

SHINRA (V.O.)(FILTERED)

The Black Mage can control the elements for offensive means, while the White Mage controls mystical properties to help heal allies.

Yuna and Rikku nod as Rikku suddenly touches HER Garment Grid and her clothes start to grow longer as she's surrounded in a white light. White robes begin to fall down A small hood going over her head and a wand appearing in her hands.

Yuna stares at the Dragon and touches her Garment Grid again, begin to run towards the dragon.

The long blue overcoat begins to DISSOLVE away as she runs, revealing the clothes she wore previously. Her staff SHRINKS into two gun shaped objects.

She stops suddenly, cocking the guns at the dragon's exposed weak spot.

She mutters some words underneath her breath and taps the guns together. Suddenly dark green energy crackles from the weapons as Yuna suddenly FIRES at the dragon.

The bullets are sharp green bolts of energy, firing FAST into the dragon. A LOUD WAIL of pain suddenly echoes through the cave as the dragon limps weakly...and then dies.

There's a brief pause, and Yuna lowers the guns - breathing a sigh of relief.

She turns to see Rikku in full White Mage gear standing over Paine. She waves the wand - and Paine is covered in a light green gentle arrangement of falling stars.

Yuna walks up to them, watching as these stars are absorbed into Paine's body -

- and she opens her eyes SUDDENLY.

PAINE

(shouting)

WATCH OUT!

She sits up, breathing heavily and sharply. She looks around to see the other two girls staring at her.

Paine then notices the Dragon, and breathes a sigh of relief.

YUNA  
Are you okay?

Paine nods.

PAINÉ  
(getting her bearings)  
Yeah.  
(beat)  
I just don't like caves.

Yuna helps her to feet.

RIKKU  
Aww. Why?

Paine gives her a look.

PAINÉ  
Don't want to talk about it.

Rikku just shrugs and touches her Garment Grid. The robe flies off into non-existence and the clothes she was wearing before come back.

SHINRA (V.O.)(FILTERED)  
Paine chooses to be a knight as her default dress-sphere, while Rikku is a thief.

RIKKU (V.O.)  
Hey!

Yuna looks at the dragon, and puts her guns away.

SHINRA (V.O.)(FILTERED)  
And it appears that you've become accustomed to being a gunner.

Paine stands next to Yuna, looking at the dragon.

PAINÉ  
Well High Summoner.  
(taps her back)  
Looks like you dealt with this one easily enough.

YUNA  
I've faced worse.

YUNA (V.O.)  
Much worse.

On that:

CUT TO:

EXT. S.S. WINNO - NIGHT

A LOUD CRASHING WAVE STRIKES the side of the ship, rocking it, and it almost capsizes!

TIDUS slides down the deck, struggling against strong waves over his head. He LUNGES and grabs a piece of metal sticking out of a cabin door and PULLS himself up. The boat rocks to the OTHER direction and his eyes WIDEN in fear.

SIN ROARS. It's huge grey mouth opening and unleashing a powerful war cry.

Tidus looks around and sees YUNA standing still, her eyes closed and seemingly unaffected by the rhythm of the rocking.

TIDUS  
 (shouting)  
 YUNA!

She doesn't hear him. She suddenly waves her arms and she's SURROUNDED in a HUGE amount of golden feathers.

Tidus watches in amazement as suddenly LIGHTNING cracks and the clouds OPEN up to reveal a GOLDEN BIRD fly through the air. This is the Aeon VALEFOR. It's tail glistens in all colours and it CHARGES at sin.

TIDUS (CONT'D)  
 What? The?

It STOPS, kicks back and swings it's head around. Opening it's beak, energy begins to form within it's mouth. Pushing forward, a huge ENERGY RAY is BLASTED towards Sin.

The energy STRIKES Sin, knocking it BACK against the water. Valefor shoots upwards to avoid tidal waves.

Tidus smiles and laughs.

TIDUS (CONT'D)  
 WHOO-HOO! Go get him Yuna!

He looks in amazement at Valefor-

- when Sin LEAPS UP and STRIKES the Aeon! Sending it SMACKING across the Winno, and knocking Yuna's concentration.

Sin ROARS AGAIN and begins to SHAKE, firing small arrow-like beings from it's skin.

Valefor begins to dissipate into energy as Yuna falls to the ground. The arrow like beings drop onto the ship and small little creatures resembling deformed Scorpions leap out.

Tidus grits his teeth and pulls out a long blue sword...and RUNS towards Yuna.

HE STRIKES through one of them, and JUMPS to the side as another snaps at him. He FORCES the sword into another's stomach and swings it out into another -

- but one leaps to his face!

But a BALL strikes it and knocks it off the boat!

Tidus glances and sees the Ball fall back into Wakka's hands, who nods and runs next to him.

Tidus picks up Yuna, and they both nod to show they're okay. The Trio look ahead to see Sin heading towards land.

SAILOR (O.S.)  
We've failed! It's heading  
towards KILIKA!

Tidus and Yuna look at each other as they run to the end of the ship.

CUT TO:

EXT. KILIKA ISLAND BEACH - CONTINUOUS

Sin CHARGES towards Kilika beach, and the town can be seen in the background. Huge tidal waves being carried along with the beast.

EXT. KILIKA TOWN - CONTINUOUS

Villagers run out of their homes and see into the distance that Sin is heading for a huge river that runs exactly in the center of the Town.

Several villagers begin to run and shout as Sin gets closer.

It HITS the wooden docks and carries on with ease.

Ripping through the make-shift bridges and waves crushing on primitive houses.

Innocent people. Old. Young. Are WASHED away with the water, smashing against the ground or being lifted to huge heights in the air.

Sin pops out of the water again and ROARS loudly, FLYING upwards into the air and carried debris with him.

He hits a certain height, and the debris and people begin to fall back down to the land...

FADE TO:

EXT. S.S. WINNO - LATER

The boat is just out from Kilika Island, and there's a group of people looking on the bow at what's left of Kilika.

At the front, Yuna stands alone - staring at the carnage and mess that's left.

YUNA  
 (to herself)  
 I must defeat Sin.  
 (breath)  
 I will defeat Sin.

YUNA (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 Back then, I never knew the cost.

CUT TO:

EXT. BESAID ISLAND VILLAGE - DAY

Yuna HUGS Lulu briefly, finally pulling away.

YUNA  
 Contact the ship if you need anything, okay?

LULU  
 I will.

Wakka is standing next to Lulu, his smile fades.

WAKKA  
 And uhh...don't leave it a long while without contacting us, ya?

YUNA  
 I won't.

Lulu takes one last serious look at Yuna.

LULU  
 And remember Yuna. Remember just who you are.

Behind them, Rikku and Paine are waiting for Yuna, Paine twirling the Sphere Fragment within her hands.

PAINÉ  
She's incredibly protective of  
her.

RIKKU  
Yeah.

Yuna waves goodbye to her former guardians and walks  
towards Rikku and Paine.

CUT TO:

INT. CELSIUS BRIDGE - EVENING

It's pony-haired Yuna, and she's standing behind Shinra  
with Rikku and Paine as Buddy is leaning forward, reading  
the screen. He turns around to face the girls.

BUDDY  
Ready for your first mission  
Yuna.

Yuna nods.

YUNA  
I'll try my best.

Buddy SMILES.

BUDDY  
That's good.  
(back to screen)  
Shinra's managed to isolate some  
Sphere waves down at the ruins of  
Baaj temple.

SHINRA  
We can't pinpoint a location  
exactly, but I think some  
scavaging wouldn't hurt.

VOICE (O.S.)  
Wud mish Yuna like shomething to  
eat?

Yuna turns around to see a Hypello walking onto the Bridge.  
This is BARKEEP. He's just about taller than Shinra, blue  
and looks similar to a fish.

YUNA  
No thanks.

RIKKU  
That's Barkeep. He looks after  
the ship.

YUNA

Nice to meet you Barkeep. I'm fine thanks.

Barkeep smiles and nods before walking out.

YUNA (CONT'D)

Barkeep's an...unusual name for a Hypello.

BUDDY

We don't know his actual name. Brother saved his life a year ago and he works here. Brother called him it.

YUNA

Oh.

She looks back to the screen.

YUNA (CONT'D)

So. Baaj temple...

CUT TO:

INT. CELSIUS BRIDGE - DAY

The short-haired-Yuna sits on the steps on the Bridge, watching as Buddy and Shinra look at the boy's console.

Rikku and Paine are talking about something on the other side of the Bridge, while Brother is in the pilot seat. Barkeep is cleaning the hand rails behind Yuna.

YUNA (O.S.)

Most days are like this. Waiting for Sphere Waves to be picked up.

SHINRA

We're getting more information about other parts of the Sphere.

(beat)

Ahh.

Yuna stands up, curious.

YUNA

What?

Buddy glances back to where Brother is.

BUDDY

It's in...

(whispers)

...Bikanel.

BROTHER  
 (loudly)  
 Bikanel? Fru cyet Bikanel?  
 (translated)  
 Bikanel? Who said Bikanel?

Buddy SIGHS.

BUDDY  
 It's where the next sphere is.

Brother mutters something under his breath.

BROTHER  
 Fine. We go to Bikanel.

He ACCELERATES.

CUT TO:

EXT. KILIKA TEMPLE - DAY

It's long haired Yuna walking up steps with Wakka, Lulu, Kimarhi and Tidus behind her.

As she walks, Lulu is constantly looking towards Tidus' direction, her expression becoming ever more agitated.

Eventually she stops.

LULU  
 Yuna!

Yuna turns around.

YUNA  
 Lulu?

Lulu turns to Tidus, who looks confused.

LULU  
He cannot come any further into the temple. He is not a guardian.

TIDUS  
 Wha? Huh?

Yuna looks at him.

YUNA  
 I want him to come with me.

Lulu looks offended, looking towards Wakka for support.

He just shrugs.

Kimarhi makes no movement or sound at all.

YUNA (CONT'D)  
 If not as a guardian. Then I  
 still want him nearby.

She turns around and continues walking, as does everyone else. Lulu stands and her eyes watch Tidus cautiously as he walks past.

He stops and looks at her.

TIDUS  
 What's the problem, Lulu?

LULU  
 Don't get too close.

This catches him off guard.

LULU (CONT'D)  
 And don't fall in love with her.

This catches Tidus off guard even more, and before he can reply Lulu's darted off.

Tidus shakes his head and follows them.

CUT TO:

EXT. BIKANEL DESERT - MIDDAY

It's a huge and vast desert with lots of yellow sand and hot boiling sun.

Wind blows as six figures begin to appear as faint blue lights appear, and gradually the six members of the GullWings appear.

Immediately Brother is anxious, looking around far too quickly. He's on edge.

BROTHER  
 (distracted)  
 Make this quick!

Rikku raises an eyebrow.

RIKKU  
 What's gotten into him?

PAINE  
 You have to ask that?

BROTHER  
 Just find the sphere!

RIKKU  
 (shakes head)  
 Fine!

Rikku walks over to Yuna and Shinra.

RIKKU (CONT'D)  
 Found it yet?

SHINRA  
 It's in this vicinity.  
 (off Brother)  
 Seems tense.

RIKKU  
 I don't know what's gotten into  
 him. He loves this pla-

CLICK.

Suddenly MACHINA GUNS train their sights around THEM all.  
 Many Al Bhed have surrounded them.

Brother panics and turns to see someone standing in front  
 of them, wearing a mixture of silver and purple. He's got  
 an eye-patch over his right eye and has extremely spiky  
 blond hair.

This is GIPPAL.

GIPPAL  
 Yrr...Brother, zicd dra bancuh E  
 fyhdat du caa.  
 (translated)  
 Ahh...Brother, just the person I  
 wanted to see.

Brother SLAPS his forehead with his palm.

BROTHER  
 Vilgedo vilg milg tilg silgedo  
 vilgehkh vilg VILG VILG!

PAINE  
 Well I guess that was why, then.

Off that:

FADE TO BLACK.

**END OF ACT II**

**TO BE CONTINUED...**