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to the unknown



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Аннотация

2070, the time has come for advanced nanotechnology. A team of Japanese scientists, including cyber experts, nanotechnologists, astronomers, geologists and biologists, using their satellite systems, detected the appearance in the middle of the Pacific Ocean in an unknown way to an organically recreated floating Island Shunevo. Azure Avenue Building Company over the past twenty years has been engaged in a secret mission entrusted by the government, namely the development of high quality diving cyber suits from a special nanomaterial obtained during a revolutionary breakthrough in 2050 by a group of experimental scientists. Trained from childhood using the PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) system, six friend's of an already professional group of divers, by the suggestion of Japanese government, gathered at the headquarters of the Azure Avenue Building in Yokohamin to discuss the terms of a mission of special importance level, which only they can fulfill.

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Trained from childhood using the PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) system, six friends of an already professional group of divers, by the suggestion of Japanese government, gathered at the headquarters of the Azure Avenue Building in Yokohamin.

Description of six divers:

Sainami (Ami) – first class professional diver, 23 years old, smart and quite active girl. She accepts compliments from men about her beauty, but categorically disagrees only with the fact that she is perfect, since she knows very well that ideal people do not exist. Knows almost everything related to the underwater world of the ocean. She has long and straight black hair, nice-looking long bangs and charming crystal dark green eyes.

Yutoro (Yuto) – first class professional diver, 24 years old, excellent connoisseur of the water world of our planet. Fabulous

and beautiful man, bright white shoulder-length hair with dark blue braids from the middle of the parietal part of the head. He has lovely, pleasing to other eyes – crystal dark-blue eyes. He has good intuition.

Miumiya (Miya) – first class advanced diver, 22 years old, her main task are to monitor the system functioning and manual control of the Lunniva submarine. The hair, oddly enough, but matched the color of the interior of the submarine – gray, but the shade is much darker – dark gray with the medium-level curly bob structure, and bright gray eyes. She is considered quiet and somewhat shy in life, but in her soul, there is usually a whole storm of various emotions, if she trusts you, then there is always something to talk about.

Kizeto (Kize) – first class advanced diver, 23 years old, no matter how you look at him, he is handsome from all sides, straight long dark scarlet-red hair and dark red keen eyes like an eagle, looks a bit like a demon in the flesh. There are those who treat him with contempt because of informal nature, but from people he does not know, such an opinions is absolutely all the same.

Nayushi (Nayu) – first class advanced diver, 24 years old, she has curly, medium-length, caramel-blond hair and her eyes are black with a yellowish tint. For some reason, usually she does not

talk about her real feelings or experiences directly, sometimes she can only indirectly hint at the truth of her words at certain points, she talks a lot and is inherently frivolous – she is called a man of mystery.

Ryuxaro (Ryux) – first class advanced diver, 22 years old, very cute and stunning person, nature endowed him with black eyes and medium-length straight hair. In appearance, an ordinary person, but in certain actions and tasks, sensitively analyzes situation and knows how to resolve it more simply and correctly. Calmly and accurately reacts to conflicts, does everything possible to avoid them, as he has idea that unnecessary problems are useless and they need to be resolved immediately.

During the meeting at the headquarters, divers will be offered a special task, the main goal of which is the destruction of the repeatedly developing island.

Chapter 1 – Meeting in the conference room

Dr. Otto (dressed in a dark blue formal suit) opens the door to the meeting room, letting six divers in to have a long conversation.

DR. OTTO

Hello and welcome to Yokohamin Azure Avenue Building: Ami, Yuto, Miya, Kize, Nayu, Ryux, please take your seats.

Six divers sit down in their seats. Everyone is dressed immaculately in formal suit's. There are images of black, white and dark-blue waves drawn on the suit's. There are also the rank metal badges of various classes attached to the jackets, which prove their skills and abilities in the duration of various extreme situations.

Among all divers, only Ami, along with Yuto, have the highest professional level with the title of «PADI dive master» and corresponding round metal badges with huge engraved wave in the middle.

Miya, Kize, Nayu, Ryux have advanced levels and round metal badges engraved with a plus and a smaller wave. Each of them stands out only in certain areas of courses with assigned titles:

Kize has – PADI Advanced open water diver, PADI rescue diver, PADI enriched air (Nitrox), PADI peak performance buoyancy, PADI deep diver, PADI drift diver, PADI night diver, PADI Master scuba diver.

Miya has – PADI equipment specialist, PADI emergency first response, PADI dry suit, PADI deep diver, PADI drift diver, PADI night diver, PADI rescue diver, PADI enriched air (Nitrox), PADI peak performance buoyancy.

Nayu has taken the same courses as Miya and Ryux has taken the same courses as Kize, except that Nayu along with Ryux additionally completed a refresher course – PADI Scuba Review (ReActivate).

Five minutes before the start of the main conversation with the divers about the secret operation.

Miya writes down a few secret paragraphs into her notebook, which she wants to tell Ami personally (so that nobody can hear them).

MIYA

(Speaking in a low voice to Ami, and quietly handing her a sheet of notebook with the note)

Take it and read yourself now.

Accepting the sheet of Miya's notes and reading it, Ami's expression suddenly changes from normal to surprise.

Only Dr. Otto notices Ami's expression. With interest and a wide smile on his face, he asks her:

DR. OTTO

Has anything happened to you?

Ami replies with a calm and clear voice.

AMI

(The moment Dr. Otto gets distracted, Ami quietly folds a sheet of paper and hides it in the inside pocket of her jacket)

No, everything is fine.

Dr. Otto, interrupting all unnecessary conversations, slanders into the microphone and announces the beginning of the main secret mission conversation.

DR. OTTO

Well... We've all gathered here to discuss the proposal to carry out the main mission based in the Pacific Ocean. Now I am going to tell you about all the planned stages of the mission, which have been prepared specifically for your group. Each of you is going to be issued with special equipment, which includes the latest cyberwetsuits, cyberfins, masks, buoyancy compensators, belts with sets of weights, scuba gear, gloves, special boots and helmets, depth gauges, underwater watches, as well as underwater personal mini-computers. In addition, you are going to be provided with flashlights, underwater cameras, coils, compasses, special towing vehicles, tubes. The appearance of each wetsuit is made according to your personal preference, based on the available materials. The main and additional equipment will be waiting for you in the submarine Lunniva.

Bored with Dr. Otto's monologue, Kize asks him:

KIZE

Okay, so what about the mission itself? Since you are so accurate at telling us about the equipment... Where are we going to sail on this submarine?

DR. OTTO

Mr. Kize, if you hadn't interrupted me, I would have moved right on to this point... So! Your main task is to sail on the submarine Lunniva to the floating Island Shunevo to study the

Island itself: how it floats on the water and what is in the depths of the ocean... Find the answers to the reasons for the Islands occurrence.

In the middle of Dr. Otto's speech, Yuto asks a counter-question.

YUTO

Well, Dr. Otto, we wanted to ask you something...

We have received information that there is already a separate group of scientists on the Island, and that the Island itself is very unusual: three reunited and huge trees with unusual foliage and outgoing trunks compose the Islands surface. The roots of the trees go far into the depths of the ocean. Is it true?

DR. OTTO

Mr. Yuto, everything you have said is absolutely true and I know who among the staff members reported this information to you. You were called here in order to sail to the Island and study the phenomenon of the origin of it, as you are the only group that can cope with this task. If you have additional questions, you can ask me now.

All six divers negotiate. The doctor hopes that the group don't have any additional questions and are going to sign up for the project. Ten minutes later, to Dr. Otto's disappointment, Nayu

starts talking aloud emotionally.

NAYU

Supposing we have accepted your proposal, we still need to know the exact location of the Island... How can we know it, since the Island itself is ten thousand kilometers away from us!?

DR. OTTO

Good question, in fact, I was waiting for it... There is a person in your group, who has devoted almost his entire life to studying the seas and the oceans, as well as the ways of orienting on the water surface. Am I right, Mr. Ryux? Also, your submarine has a special beacon installed, and a detailed map of the ocean, which will help you to avoid all the possible obstacles on the way of the submarine. You will be able to get to the Island without much difficulty with the help of this special equipment.

Additional questions from Ryux.

RYUX

What is the speed of this fancy submarine and what does it looks like? What is it's difference from the submarines of the previous centuries? I am asking because I want to clarify how long it is going to take us to arrive in the Island, and learn about the advantages of the Lunniva submarine.

DR. OTTO

The normal autonomous speed of the submarine Lunniva is 37,797 knots (70km/h). With full control in the management of the submarine, the maximum speed 70, 1944 knots (130 km/h) can be achieved. Provided you sail at the maximum speed for 10 hours and on an autonomous 14 hours, then...

Ami sharply interrupts the doctor's slander:

AMI

Then we will arrive in about four and a half days, but we will decide on our own how we are going to sail. More important thing is what we are going to expect on the waterway during our voyage... We are aware that the moment we catch the sight of the Island of the Three Trunks, we are going to endure the anomalous zones with whirlpools in different places, as well as with new types of sea creatures. Can my assumption be somehow justified?

Out of the sudden, there is a knock on the conference room door and Dr. Otto's phone starts to ring simultaneously. The doctor hangs up the phone call, gets up from his chair and walks to the door, asking the following:

DR. OTTO

Your code word?

??????? (Unknown person)

A sharp needle of Lunniva's figurehead.

Hearing a familiar female voice and the correct answer, the doctor dials the door code: 737688556. The door opens and the doctor lets the woman in. The woman is in her thirties. She wears a formal black-orange suit (the colors of which refer to her being the CEO of an engineering department). She has beautiful long brown hair pinned up with a large and chic silver barrette.

DR. OTTO

I want to introduce you this woman. Her name is Narva. She is a doctor of technical sciences, the head of the engineering department, which, together with her team, were responsible for the development and the creation of the Lunniva submarine. She will accompany you and answer all of your questions. Please, accept my apologies, but I have to take my leave on some urgent business.

Before the doctor leaves, he tells to Narva the door code.

Chapter 2 – The pearl of the ocean submarine Lunniva

DR. NARVA

Greetings to the six professional divers. Since Dr. Otto has already introduced you, then I propose to proceed to the next stage of our meeting. After that I will ask everyone to leave the conference room and follow me.

Dr. Narva and six divers leave the conference room, descend from the 5th floor and go outside. Next, they head to an alley between two attached offices near the headquarters, where there is a huge metal door with a retinal authentication security system. Doctor, having brought her eye closer to the protection system, opens the door and leads everyone to the Lunniva hangar.

DR. NARVA

Now we are next to a closed-type hangar facility specially created by (JMS) Japanese Marine Shipbuilding Corporation, where the finished version of the Lunniva submarine is located.

After passing through three stages of the security system (retina authentication, fingerprint and voice control), Dr. Narva

opens the main door of the Lunniva hangar.

DR. NARVA

We are now in the only hangar that currently has direct access to the Pacific Ocean via submersible diving. As you can see, the design of the Lunniva submarine is similar to its aerial counterpart, the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird strategic reconnaissance aircraft, namely in its matte black color, perfectly engineered construction from high quality materials, where the main feature is the sharp bow and rear parts of the submarine, which in their own way they look like a silver sickle or a crescent of the moon. The main material of the strong hull of the submarine in connection with the latest technology is made special alloyed cybersteel with the highest yield strength.

Kize asks a counter question about the submarine.

KIZE

Look! On the sides of the submarine, in addition to the windows, you can see several huge bubbles covered with glass and cybersteel, and machine guns stick out of them!?

DR. NARVA

Yes, inside each bubble, you can control a special machine gun with a 180-degree field of view, and instead of a machine gun, you can attach other types of weapons, such as harpoons,

hydorifles and crossbows. Bubbles, as you already understood, are designed for self-defense in case of unforeseen dangers on the way to the Island, of course, in order to use them effectively, you will have to get good at managing to protect yourself and the submarine from unforeseen situations during your mission...

However, I think that you will succeed, and there should not be any special problems in this. Several prototype APS weapons with a decent amount of ammo, as well as 3 weeks of fuel supplies are in a separate submarine mini-storage.

The submarine consists of several compartments where each of them has it's own number, name and a small description in front of the entrance. I don't think I will talk in more detail about each compartment, I'll keep it a secret, you'll see everything for yourself, I wouldn't want to break the whole intrigue for you...

As you already know, or maybe some of you still don't know... In fact, on your way you may meet little-known creatures of the underwater world, which arose as a result of the birth of the Island of the Three Trunks.

It is possible that you will have to protect yourself from these creatures, for this reason, a model of this type of submarine was created. The phenomenon of the rapidly developing and breeding creatures is not exactly known, the Three Trunks appeared quite recently, about a month ago after a water earthquake in the middle of the Pacific ocean.

Judging by the calculations of the latest data sent by a group of scientists, it becomes known that the situation can develop

to the stage of an imminent threat from the water part of our planet. No matter how strange it sounds to you, but the worst possible outcome may be an increase in the water level above the normal, and the advance of multiple tsunamis that can flood an entire part of the continent. The situation is extremely critical and requires immediate intervention. You will need to destroy the Island Shunevo.

Namely, his Three Trunks that have grown deep into the ocean, it is assumed that they are supposed to keep the Island afloat, help it flourish and mutate so fast, this is the only way that should help to destroy the Island itself. In the submarine, you will need to go down to a depth of several thousand meters, and there will also be the smallest thickness of the Three Trunks, they will need to be burned out by the main energy laser of the Lunniva submarine.

More detailed information about the depth of the descent, as well as the final location of the point of the minimum thickness of the Three Trunks will be given to you by Dr. Otto at the time of your departure to the Island. Survive, and do everything right at any cost, based on the remaining time, only your team will be able to do it.

Everything I had to tell you, I told you. It is up to you to agree to the mission or not, the government asked you not to be late with the answer, you have three whole days to think about it.

It is forbidden to disclose all the information anywhere and to anyone at this time, otherwise, as I was informed, serious

problems may arise not only for you, but also for your families, take this seriously. I suggest you go down into the submarine itself and explore it, because it was made just for your group! For my part, I can only wish you good luck and choosing the right solution!

After exploring the submarine Lunniva by six divers, time gradually approached night. No one else had any significant questions.

Dr. Narva escorted everyone back to the headquarters, from where the six friends went to their personal cottage in which they have been living together for about 10 years. In these very three days of reflection, they will have to make a common decision – to agree to this mission or not...

Chapter 3 – Reflections on the way home

AMI

Guys, if we hurry now, then in 10 minutes we will have time to arrive at the Tokashimacho station, and the train itself will arrive in 20 minutes.

NAYU

Sounds good to take the metro today, we will get to the Kishinekaen station in 10 minutes. It was a very stormy emotional day. Today I was so worn out and tired...

Nayu in her mind (exciting surge of emotions):

Ahhhhh, how I want to quickly take off all my clothes and go to my perfect, chic and elegant bathroom, lie down on my bed and forget about everything else...

KIZE

Nayu, you have the same emotion every day – exhausted and tired. Surprisingly, for such a long time together, I heard nothing new from you.

Nayu in an angry state and holding a herring fish plush toy.

NAYU

I'm sorry, but I just didn't understand one important thing, my dear, now someone will get a slap in the face.

A funny scene on the way to the subway – taking out a plush herring fish from her purse, Nayu chases the fleeing Kize down the street to hit him with a bream.

MIYA

Heeeeh, why are you both in such a hurry? Does anybody remember that today is Ryux's birthday? And who will go shopping with me on this occasion, haaaah!?

Ryux, not hearing Miya's words, and, as usual, sitting on the phone with headphones, looks at some messages on the Japanese gaming community site, walking behind everyone. Full of excitement, Miya ran up to Ryux and abruptly grabbed his arm, knocking him out of business and running forward after Nayu and Kize, Yuto and Ami stay behind.

AMI

Well, everyone ran away, Yuto, let's go, we should hurry up and catch up with them now, otherwise we will miss the train.

YUTO

Sure, let's catch up with these clowns.

Yuto and Ami ran after the four to the subway station. With grief in half, all six ran to the metro station on time and boarded the train. Out of breath, all six sat down on a free row of the train.

MIYA

As we leave the station, so who will go shopping with me...
Nayuuuu!?

NAYU

I'm not... I'm already exhausted, it will be amazing if I reach the house on my own legs... Kize, maybe you don't mind carrying me in your arms to our house?

KIZE

No, why should I do this? But I can help by pushing you towards the house, thereby increasing your walking speed.

NAYU

Wha... Wha... What... You don't care about women at all...
You will remain one bachelor in this life, hm...

AMI

Miya, when we get off the train, I can go with you,
at the same time I still have a few questions for you.

MIYA

Well, finally, at least someone listened to my requests.
Ami, you are the best!

YUTO

I can also go with you and help with the shopping. In addition,
I think that it will be safer with me at night. Kize will come with
us, I managed to ask Ryux, he doesn't mind going home with
Nayu.

Having made a common decision, not even 10 minutes had
passed before the train reached the Kishinekaen station. Leaving
the train, the six went in different directions along their intended
path. Nayu and Ryux went home to # 2220034 Kenagawa,
Yokohamin, Kohokus Ward, Kishinecho and arrived there in 10
minutes – between Nayu and Ryux at this time, a conversation
is being held about the memories from 7 years ago.

NAYU

You know, it turned out that I just remembered how we rode
the waves about 7 years ago and you had a chic black longboard (a
kind of surfboard) with a print in the middle in the form of dark-
blue waves. You had an incredible talent for this, you performed

spectacularly not only basic, but also some difficult tricks, and I on my malibu (a kind of surfboard) even the basic ones could be difficult to complete and always fell and in these situations looked stupid. Besides this, in all our life in hard professional diving training, I never remember anything more fun than those moments in time, and not that I complain about anything, but to be honest, I would like more time free rest... It seems as if I missed something important in my life...

RYUX

One can agree with your train of thought, if only we had more free time in the past like other ordinary people, perhaps there would be much more pleasant and good memories. Although we rarely had weekends, we were instilled with a love for our work, and for this reason, I can say that I do not regret at all about the possibly missed moments... You can't regret what didn't happen or notions that things could have turned out differently. Much is yet to come, besides, for such a long time we have got as many as three days of free time, and we can spend them in the most unforgettable way for us.

NAYU

Ahahah, how quickly this time has flown by, and how much everything has changed, that now they want to send us to explore the underwater part of the ocean, although, as for me, this is a rather difficult and tedious task...

RYUX

As for the study of the underwater part of the ocean, for my part, I am very curious to find out about the mysterious appearance of the underwater tree of the Three Trunks and about the living creature that surround it. If you remember, we were sent on several missions to explore the ocean, and each time we went down lower and lower on a different prototype submarine, while collecting all the necessary information and handing over to the scientists all the reports required from us.

Nevertheless, this mission is different from all the previous ones, it is individual and listed at the level of a special task. According to the reports of Dr. Otto and Dr. Narva, the branches of the tree of the Three Trunks are growing and developing at a high speed, underwater disasters and earthquakes have become more frequent recently, that if this dangerous zone is not explored and appropriate measures are not taken, the situation can take a fatal turn. In the worst case, stormy streams of water will flood not only part of the worlds Islands, but also a separate part of the mainland.

In addition, we did not have such equipment and suit's yet, and it was not without reason that we were entrusted with this task, since we are the only group that is able to operate new equipment and explore the underwater world of the Pacific Ocean and the Island of the Three Trunks formed as a result. Hah, and if you think about it, the future of a separate part of humanity will

depend on our reporting and actions...

At the same time, the action taking place from the other side – Ami, Miya, Yuto and Kize exited the train and headed to the shop for shopping on the night of Ryux's birthday.

AMI

The first thing we need to do is go to Ueno for sushi, but the store closes in 15 minutes, we will have time to go in 3-4 minutes. I already managed to make an order on the train about half an hour ago, also with a small surcharge I was able to agree to pick up all the sets with us.

MIYA

Great, and then we'll definitely go to the nearest 7-eleven store and stock up on the rest of the goods we need. This week I also managed to realize that tonight it will be possible to find a chic handmade «Sea smooth surface» cake. Yuto and Kize – you will carry all the food packages while we are rich today, we will buy the best and tastiest as much as possible so that for the next two-three days we will exist as wonderfully, beautifully and perfectly as never before.

As Miya talks about what she plans to buy at 7-eleven, Ami enters Ueno sushi and asks the staff for orders. Meanwhile, Yuto and Kize are watching her actions through the window.

YUTO

Got it, Miya, but while you're talking we're already waiting for Ami to ask the staff about sushi.

KIZE

Look! She's already paid the price.

Ami goes to the restaurants exit door, opens it, and calls Yuto along with Kize to pick up the bags of sushi sets. Everyone left the building. It began to rain heavily, Ami and Miya opened their huge transparent umbrellas, and the four hurried to the 7-eleven store.

MIYA

Phew, such a rainy hail with huge drops makes me perplexed that the umbrellas have not yet been perforated...

AMI

Our men, please, take these umbrellas and wait for us outside the store.

Ami and Miya handed over their umbrellas and entered the 7-eleven store. From the window of the shop, Yuto, along with Kize, watching the actions of the ladies simultaneously while holding huge umbrellas a little conversation starts between them.

YUTO

Today is such a good day, regardless of the weather, I look out the window of the store and my heart is so free and calm...

From Yuto and Kize side can be seen Miya, who abruptly grabbed Ami's hand and with surprised and happy face, points her index finger at a huge blue cake «Sea smooth surface» behind display case. Ami was stunned by the fact that she was abruptly dragged somewhere by Miya, but when realized, she laughed and hugged her. Inadvertently, both ladies looked out the window of the store and saw how their men were looking at them – they smiled at them and waved their hands. In response to their emotions, the men also smiled sweetly. After this moment, Miya calls the cashier and decides to buy a cake, and asks to leave it at cashier for 5 minutes, while holding a grocery list in hand, goes to another part of the store with Ami and collects other products that group needs.

KIZE

I agree with you, there is a festive mood on this street, so today is also the first day of the spring equinox! By the way, judging by the forecast for tomorrow – weather is beautiful and sunny.

On the other way, in the store a conversation is struck up between Ami and Miya.

AMI

I remembered that I wanted to ask you about what you wrote to me at the conference then. I also had the feeling that everything was somehow suspicious and the case might not be clean...

MIYA

Yes, other day I met a strange type, he ran out from behind the corner of the house and with his right cheek scratched as if from someone's nails. He told me that there was only deceit everywhere and they wanted to set you up, I was terribly scared for my part, I thought to knock him down with a bag, but his eyes were drooping and I realized that he would not do me any harm, he had practically didn't have any strength to do anything...

He repeated the same words for 3 minutes, there was not a single person in the area, although it was a normal day, after which this person lost consciousness and I had to call an ambulance.

AMI

Have you been able to figure out who this person is?

MIYA

No, he was immediately taken away in an ambulance, I wanted to find him after he wakes up to ask him a couple of questions. Having asked brigade about which hospital they were taking him

to, they told me the address, and it is advisable to come to this hospital tomorrow. Nonetheless, after I arrived and described that person, the man at the reception told me that such a person was not brought to them. I repeatedly asked about him, but there was no record of his arrival anywhere.

AMI

Did you end up finding out anything about him?

MIYA

I decided to continue searching, I had only one evidence that I was able to take a picture of this man when he was already unconscious. My familiar friend works at the police station, I told him about what happened and he agreed to help with this case. A day later, I received an answer, it turned out that this person worked as a professional cleaner in the Azure Avenue Building on certain floors, and I already thought that was all, I could find him in this city. To my regret, judging by database, this person migrated from the country, and it was no longer possible to find out exactly where.

AMI

Meanwhile, I'm still tormented by doubts about fact that someone can actually deceive us, maybe even this is connected with our mission, although in Azure Avenue Building, all employees and specialists in their fields of activity are time-

tested and are under special control. Mission itself is listed only for a limited circle of people, control of all actions was at the highest level, so we can conclude that any betrayals are unlikely...

MIYA

I think we need to leave it and put aside extraneous thoughts, anyway we can't find any answers right now. If you took everything you need, then we go to the cashier, pay and leave, otherwise our guys are waiting for us...

After paying and leaving store, all four went home.

Accelerating and quickly walking to their cottage-villa, friends unpacked all products and put in the right places. Ami and Yuto walked a little further and noticed in the next room how Ryux and Nayu fell asleep. Miya abruptly ran up to them along with Kize. Ami quietly speaking shhhh-shhhh, made it clear that couple had fallen asleep... Miya covered her mouth with her hands in surprise and Kize almost laughed. A general decision was made and everyone went to bed until next day.

Chapter 4 – Feelings of gleeful moments and deepest disappointments

It's morning, the alarm clock rings next to the sofa where Ryux sleeps. Turning off the alarm, and lying on the sofa a couple more minutes, he notices that Nayu is not in the room. Then he gets up, dresses and leaves that room.

Ryux sees that everyone in the other rooms is still asleep. After going through main hall to kitchen, he meets Nayu, who is cooking something from some huge recipe book.

NAYU

I see you're already awake...

RYUX

How delicious it smells... Like baked apples!

Are you baking something?

NAYU

For now, I won't tell you anything, just yesterday I noticed that after 2 houses from us there is a separate area of common trash bins, so be kind – take out these three bags of garbage. Go ahead and to the right through two houses.

RYUX

Won't you give me even a glimpse?

While Ryux is saying this phrase, Nayu picking up a small apple from the table, managed to quickly and cutely stuff it into his mouth in one second and give 3 bags of garbage, turning his body 180 degrees slightly pushing and at the same time saying – go ahead, my wild robber. Forcing a smile on his face, with a happy look and dripping saliva from his mouth next to apple, he resigned himself and left to throw out garbage. After a couple of minutes, due to unclear noises in kitchen, everyone else gradually wakes up. Third person to enter kitchen was Miya.

MIYA

Sensational! Why does it smell delicious of baked apples?

Ah, yeah, I understand, so that's who was busy in the kitchen all morning! I even know for whom, ahah. Only one apple maniac lives with us, whose birthday we celebrate today. Am I right Nayu!?

NAYU

Well, why are you buzzing me here like a bee under my ear, it would be better if you help me to set our table in the yard and do rest of cooking.

After a couple of minutes, the fourth person to enter kitchen is Ami.

AMI

A surprisingly pleasant smell of baked apples spread throughout kitchen...

NAYU

Ohhh, yes, yes, yes... By the way, you are the third person who is talking about this! Since this is the case, ladies come up to me and I will show you what kind of apple pie I've got, we need to have time to hide it before Ryux comes.

AMI

Looks perfect! I didn't know that you have a talent for cooking, I can't even wait to try it, because judging by the level of complexity of the recipe, making Tatin French apple pie is not easy task... After reviewing step-by-step instructions in book, I realized that this is not just an ordinary pie, it should turn out juicy and tasty, uuuuh I can't wait to try it...

MIYA

Today is not only Ryux's birthday, but also our common one, as this is the only good day for all long time that our team has had... Let's have a good rest! This is all wonderful, but ladies, I see through the window that Ryux is already approaching the

cottage!

NAYU

Oh no, things take a different turn, Ami, help me hide this pie! Miya, you can distract him for now, but then come back and help with the rest of the cases.

Ami and Nayu managed to hide the pie in a secluded place. After that, Ami called two of them back to kitchen, and four continued to prepare for upcoming feast. Meanwhile, on the other side, Yuto and Kize are walking around on the second floor of cottage and having an unusual kind of conversation.

YUTO

Kize, I received a message this morning from Dr. Otto that Lunniva submarine is being upgraded. A prototype of a huge underwater burning laser was replaced on forward bow side, each charge is energetically restored every half hour after the shot. Due to hyper-growth of Island and influx of new underwater creatures, number of cataclysms has increased, and in half a month, judging by the forecasts, a huge wave will cover floor of mainland, situation is deteriorating. Tomorrow morning, according to plan, we will have to set off on our way to Island of the Three Trunks. Already in half a day, we need to send a reply regarding our readiness to go on a mission... I have looked on a message with one eye so far, but we need to read it to the

end. Now I will send you this message, and I will forward it to others as well.

Yuto forwarded this message to all the divers in their group.

KIZE

Yes, I found point where we left off, I re-read and understood one important thing that huge laser was not installed without a reason. Our most important task will be to get to the Island and go down to a depth of almost seven thousand meters, because that is where the smallest point of the thickness of the Three Trunks is located. Higher or lower – the greater the thickness, so we will need to cut three barrel with a laser to stop hyper-development of the Island, prevent cataclysm and coming catastrophe. Engineers also partially upgraded our suit's and the very structure of submarine so that we could keep up with pressure of such a depth. I think, initially now it's time for us to go downstairs to our guys, they also wrote me a message that four of them are in courtyard of cottage.

Yuto and Kize went down to the first floor, came to courtyard, and met with everyone else.

YUTO

What a delightful splendid feast arranged! Before we can rest, I need to tell you a couple more things about our mission. An

additional secondary task will be diving on the surface behind branches of the Island. It means, that our diving skills will also be needed to study flora of an unidentified object, collecting all kinds of cell samples from trees and surrounding creatures, all this will need to be done.

KIZE

If you think about it, for all the time that we devoted to our trainings, they will not find such a level of professionals as we are in diving and underwater equipment management. It is clear that a lot depends on our actions, I think that we should agree to this mission.

AMI

I'll tell you more, I received a message from chief engineer Dr. Narva, it says that already tonight we will be called to take to the hangar of Azure Avenue Building and prepare us for morning sailing. Doctor also wrote that the company was spying on us, and no one will be able to leave just like that.

RYUX

Well, threat, they won't give us much choice to think about refusal... And you can't say that this has given rise to a greater desire to believe anything now, but they are trying to convince us with all their might. Withal, I'm attracted to the fact, that we can use our own suit's on a secondary task, this is where my interest

is definitely present...

MIYA

Ryux, I wouldn't agree with you if it weren't for the fact that you can use your suit's on surface. To be honest with you, my craving for this kind of adventure is now at it's highest, so I completely agree with you.

NAYU

As I understand it, morally everyone has already made final decision. Let's spend this half day on the best vacation we've ever had, because while we're talking about this, there will be less and less time... Let's have fun!

Judging by facial expressions after Nayu's words, for a while, almost everyone in their souls was somewhat saddened, but pulling themselves together, guys have fun and relax until very night. During this time, Miya opens an incredibly beautiful and large «Sea smooth surface» cake, and Nayu brings her huge Tatin apple pie out of cottage, thus making Ryux one of the happiest at this day. Inflamed holiday forced six divers forget about their affairs for whole time from noon to night. Night fell and three black jeeps drove up to cottage, in two of them Azure Avenue agents are sitting, in third jeep you can see Dr. Narva, and in the first one, along with the agents – Dr. Otto himself. Getting out of cars along with six power agents, they give the six divers time

to get ready.

DR. NARVA

Well, the time has come!

It's time to take you all with us.

DR. OTTO

I'll ask you all to hurry up, but look for yourself, faster we do everything – more time you will have to sleep, since you will get up early in the morning, most likely at 5 am, and by 10 am you will already sail from the port of Yokohamin.

Everyone gathered their belongings, including diving suit's and accessories, after which they were picked up and taken to Azure Avenue hangar, along the way, having discussed the rest of the additional details of the mission, the agents provided the divers with temporary accommodation in the hangar. From the very morning, six divers prepare and set off on their special adventure, on the most important mission to save part of humanity from imminent disaster.

Chapter 5 – Everything is just beginning

At half past five in the morning, in the laboratory department, which is located next to the hangar, Dr. Otto is engaged in certain studies of biocomponents from which cybersuit's are created for the final recheck of their performance. Results showed 97% success in usability and 99% protection against water pressure. Several armed agents are standing at the entrances to the laboratory, the Azure Avenue office and the hangar, their appearance makes it clear that objects are strictly guarded. It's a quarter to five, Dr. Narva is sit's in the office operations department of hangar, simultaneously conducting a remote recheck of submarine, starting from the performance of it's individual parts and ending with the study of additional functionality.

DR. NARVA

Great, the submarine is working perfectly, all I have to do is install a sound system in the hangar to delightfully wake up a group of divers.

Dr. Narva turns on the sound system, for a moment a loud

sound is abruptly heard in the hangar.

DR. NARVA

Ehm, ehm... I think you can hear me well! Everyone, wakeeey-wakeeey, it's time for you to pack up and clean up.

Each of the divers had their own reaction to such an extraordinary exit from sleep...

AMI

Bloody hell...

MIYA

Ohhhh god...

NAYU

I don't wanna...

AMI

Girl's, but we need to stand up, you understand, right?

MIYA

Ahhhh, yes, but no...

NAYU

Still I don't wanna...

From men side, reaction was not much different.

YUTO

What the hell is that!!!! My ears...

KIZE

Yuto, you want to say – our ears...

RYUX

Our ears got to painfully crying inside us...

Barely getting up, divers began to gather and put themselves in order at the same time, not realizing what was happening around them now, but they notice that compared to yesterday, atmosphere has become more wary.

DR. NARVA

I will not apologize, because this is the only thing that some of the higher personalities did not have enough money and time to buy a normal sound system... Well, it doesn't matter anymore... Listen to me carefully!

Men and women, you are in different rooms, I think you don't quite understand why you were divided by gender, everything is extremely simple, this was done only because of parameters of your body. Now you need to know that you will also move to

other rooms, since yesterday evening you have noticed that there are two more huge iron doors in your rooms. One of them leads to room where your diving cybersuits are located in unique cabins.

Each suit is signed, made according to your parameters, inside cabins you will notice not only suit, but also additionally distributed equipment based on your rank in accordance with your abilities and capabilities. Initially, I will give you access to this room only when you are ready, and in order for me to understand that everyone is ready, you need to press white lever, which is located at one of the doors under the steel box that I just unlocked. Don't touch the bronze box next to the second door for now, though you still won't be able to do anything with it. You have no more than 20 minutes for everything.

The men were first to arrive even before the appointed time, Yuto pressed the white lever and trio entered the suit room. A little later, the women on their side did the same.

DR. NARVA

I see that everyone has already entered the room with the suits. I ask you to immediately change into them, take with you everything you need, as well as your equipment, and return to previous room. I will say right away that

I opened access to the bronze box, and under it there is already a black lever, this door leads straight to the hangar with direct access to Lunniva submarine, there you will meet with me, Dr.

Otto and a group of agents who will check your condition and readiness to dust, well, in turn, I'm leaving to wait for you already in the hangar itself, I advice you to hurry up, you have about 20 minutes for everything, see you!

While changing clothes, a conversation began between the divers.

AMI

Needless to say, our cybersuit's look truly amazing.

NAYU

Ami, I agree with you, even the outer part of the suit looks sharply designed and pretty modern.

MIYA

I also liked the main costume, I would say that it looks nice, this black fabric is very pleasant to touch.

When Ami synchronizing with the main costume, she reads information of appeared digital field in the front of her chest.

AMI

Before entering the outer suit, which is designed for temporary diving to great depths, it is necessary to put on the main suit, and this, in turn, will allow you to maintain a state of balance while

at great depths.

During analysis of the suit's by women, on part of men, the conversation continues further.

YUTO

External suit will allow you to withdraw easily water pressure, it has it's own atmosphere system, pocket compartments are attached to the sides of the suit for collecting small DNA samples, as well as small objects, in case of finding or transferring a larger cargo, the rear inflatable compartment made of the most durable material is built-in, but it takes a certain amount of time to activate it, about 10 minutes.

KIZE

In the case of a possible attack in the danger zone, you can additionally take cyberweapons to suit's, large and small harpoons will help protect you, the large one's must be taken with you and attached to the special hooks on the sides of the outer suit, and the small one's are already built into the suit and are called through digital field of the inner suit. But keep in mind that the number of weapons is limited, but can be modified and increased by upgrading with the tools that are on Lunniva submarine itself, there you can get more detailed information. Sounds intimidating, I hope we don't need all those weapons while diving...

RYUX

In any case, we will sail in the indicated direction, and the chance of getting into the danger zone is small, unless something unexpected happens... By the way, it is also described in digital field that an underwater fan system is built into the legs of our outer suit's, with it's help it is easier to move in the water, we have encountered similar things during the exercises, very interested in how it will work this time!

The conversation continues from the women side.

AMI

Now it's not necessary to wear an external suit, just take it with us and hang it in the loading bay on the Lunniva submarine, I'm ready to go to meet Dr. Narva and Dr. Otto.

All the divers changed into the main suit's and went to meet the doctors.

DR. NARVA

I am very glad to see you right now in the main suit's, no matter who you look at, my eyes rejoice... All suit's fit amazingly on you, and there is so much more to learn in functionality of the main costume, so don't think that you've learned everything right now, but you'll understand every little thing when you sit in the

submarine.

DR. OTTO

Some of you might think that there will be only one suit, and there will be no external additional one, since the main one protects body from pressure, but here is the answer: the protection depth of the main suit is still limited and you can only be in such a suit at a depth of up to one thousand meters outside submarine, if you go below this indicator, then after a couple of meters the decomposition of the outer layer of special biocomponents will begin, and then the destruction of the main protective layers of the suit. As a result, this will lead to inevitable death due to water pressure. For this reason, if the situation howbeit arises of entering the water at lower depths, you will definitely have to wear external suit's.

DR. NARVA

If there are no questions, then you need to act now and hit the road, because every minute the situation is only getting worse, so only you can resolve this full-scale problem.

At this moment, one of Dr. Otto's subordinate agents run into the main hangar of Lunniva.

AGENT

Doctor, we have problems. Since yesterday, someone has

spread rumors about the secret operation Lunniva, and they have already managed to reach the press, which is important, there are about a hundred people standing near the building, among them a huge number of journalists, it is further reported that several special detachments of the armed forces are already practically nearby, the authorities are withal interested in this issue, there are more and more people, all entrances and exit's are blocked, but most strive to enter through the main entrance of the Azure Avenue Building, sooner or later everyone will reach the hangar, you must understand that for a long time we will not be able to control the situation.

DR. OTTO

Only without panic, in any case, we are not doing anything illegal, the operation was agreed with the highest authorities, in particular, signed by the Prime Minister during at a closed meeting.

KIZE

Even stranger, too many people seem to have come from nowhere at such an early time...

DR. OTTO

We don't have much time, there is total chaos and confusion outside, all this will gradually come here, we need to go immediately and right now, there are no other options. But how

did it come to this, who could betray us, easily tell everything and crank it out to public, we are definitely missing a high-level spy in our ranks somewhere, it's ruefully that our high-level defense failed, in this case, I need to contact my old acquaintance, I must transfer this case to the 9th department.

In connection with the current situation, Dr. Narva promptly escorted the entire group of divers to Lunniva submarine. At the same time, Dr. Otto dealt with the situation by discussing information about the maximum possible crowd delay on the way to the hangar. After which the doctor manages to free himself and run up to the submarine to give the divers a self-updating information cartridge with recorded information, which contains a detailed description of the safe waterway to Shunevo Island, indicating the danger zones, encountered along the way. After transferring cartridge to Yuto's hands, submarine's access hatch closes and divers set off.

Chapter 6 – Shine of a pearl by moonlight in the darkness

Having broken away from the hangar mounts, and leaving behind the city of Yokohamin, submarine slowly plunged to its first depth of 100 meters, and sails strictly along the course trajectory set by diver in the system. Some time passes, in the control bay Miya turns on all the additional functions of the submarine that she thinks are necessary. Lunniva shone with its light lamps, some parts of it lit up so brightly, just like a pearl illuminated by moonlight.

Inside the submarine, almost every compartment is lit with light, and in place's you can see signs of architecture, for example, a small hypostyle hall serves as a transition between the control punt and the meeting bay, and in the rest compartment ceiling can be seen in the form of an apse. The fuel and kitchen compartments contain various technical gadgets, for example, automatically opening doors, buttons and levers, smart tools. Only the diving compartment looks simpler, it contains all the external diving suit's, as well as a man-sized intermediate bay with a hatch to enter the water. In each of the six bays and in the intermediate hall of the hypostyle there are combat bladders made of the strongest mother-of-pearl glass, called up using

buttons, with the function of attaching air rifles, harpoons, crossbows and hydropneumatic guns to them. All six divers are in different compartments and are busy with their own affairs. Miya and Ami are in the control bay and they start a conversation.

MIYA

Ami, I want to share with you my feelings that I am so pleased with the functionality and the number of additions in the control compartment. It is so great, I could not resist myself and decided to feel all the additions, at least in some way the joy in our current situation I was able to find for myself. At such a depth, the boat shone with a bright light.

AMI

I was surprised by this sudden light, I felt as if we were in the center of universe, there was only emptiness everywhere, and we were in this abyss of water, cut off from the outside world, being on the verge of sleep and reality... I won't hide it, at that moment I got specific goosebumps on my body. I understand that you decided to take this chance, since in a day on the course we will be near a partially dangerous zone, where such an opportunity will not turn up further... On the other hand, I especially liked the other bays, I was surprised that such a unique submarine could be recreated in Yokohamin.

MIYA

I agree with you, even though this huge submarine inside is dark gray almost everywhere, but even in this case, you can change some bays according to our preference, I already told Kize to take the boxes with the decor from the diving compartment so he could take something decent from there and decorate our hypostyle hall, lounge and kitchen.

Nayu joins the conversation entering the control bay.

NAYU

Meanwhile, I was the first one to enter this diving bay. On this pile of boxes was a sealed letter with the logo of our submarine, and in it was written – all of this for your wonderful six, and remember that the contents are not only for entertainment, but also for survival. To everything, they added our beautiful old photo from diving competitions in Polynesia, we all came out so cute here...

MIYA

What!? Nayu, why didn't you show us this before?

AMI

Ahaaaa! We need to take a look at this...

Nayu shows them the letter along with a photo.

AMI

Whoooooaaaa, Miya, look how sweet we are...

MIYA

Ohhh, geeeee, Kize looks kinda sleepy, ahahah

NAYU

And look at Ryux, he is so funny, but at the same time sexy.

AMI

And Yuto, what a wonderful handsome man he was, he remained so...

NAYU

While we are distracted by the photo, on the way to our control compartment, I saw a creature the size of a man, the front of head like a shark, but with sagging gills and huge teeth, and it's lower part is just like a mermaid's tail, this creature for sure not cute, but it quickly swam away, fortunately...

MIYA

I saw an unidentified object approaching us on the radar, but according to the structural analysis of the creature, I figured out and realized that this slug-gill detective fish does not pose any danger to us. I transmitted the information to everyone by radio, but for some reason, before you Nayu signal didn't come. We

need to send Kize to check the communication problems in the diving bay. In the first three days on our way everything should be in order, I put the submarine on auto-mode on the course, the system will warn us about the possible approach of unidentified objects.

AMI

I went to the rest bay, would you like to go there together?

NAYU

I agree, I've only been there once.

MIYA

Okay, then I'll go get something tasty in the kitchen bay.

On her way to the rest bay, Miya turns into the kitchen bay. Ami and Nayu continue moving to the rest bay and meet out Yuto on the way out of the fuel bay, who heads towards Ryux in the kitchen bay carrying a toolbox.

AMI

Oh, hello Yuto, how will you be free, come with us to the rest compartment?

YUTO

Today I will not be able to come to the compartment during

the day, only at night and for rest, I am in a hurry, I need to help Ryux with the breakdown of several appliances in the kitchen, but by tomorrow, I think that we will finish this business, so bye-bye.

Blowing a kiss, Yuto quickly left for another compartment.

AMI

Well, that's okay. I think that if we meet up with Kize, we can help him with unpacking and decorating compartments.

Upon reaching the rest bay, Ami and Nayu meet Kize, who is dragging huge boxes from the diving bay.

KIZE

Hello, by the way, we have at our disposal all these six huge boxes with all sorts of different things. Our personal belongings can be right there, we can hide the excess in that built-in basement, throw it into this bottomless ocean, which is not desirable. Alternatively, dispose of and save for additional fuel.

NAYU

What a smart man you are, well, how can I not help here...

AMI

I agree with you, I really like unpacking, it's my passion to

some extent, as well as putting things in the right way so that everything is perfect. Moreover, if possible, find some of my personal things that I'm interested in...

While Ami, Nayu and Kize unpack the boxes, on the other hand, Miya pick's up microwave-heated food in containers, passes some energy drinks to Ryux and Yuto, warning them that she left cooked pot of rice and chicken in the fridge and wishes them good luck in fixing broken dishwasher. Miya meets Ami, Nayu and Kize in the rest bay, suggesting that everyone take a break for the rest of the day, and take their time to deal with all the remaining household and work matters in the next couple of days, everyone agreed with this statement.

Chapter 7 – Hidden robber incident

On the other hand, there is a conversation going on between Yuto and Ryux for now.

YUTO

It doesn't look that bad, I thought the breakdown would be much worse.

RYUX

Of course, your positive attitude is very pleasant to me, but everything is not so good, look over there! It is not known how, but the lower block of sprayers cracked, and the drainage hose also broke.

YUTO

You won't get far if you don't have a positive attitude. Then let's start patching up all those cracks. More importantly, I want to ask you, have you been recently in the fuel bay?

RYUX

Yes, but what are you up to?

YUTO

Have you counted the number of fuel tanks in the attached safe, which is located on the right corner of the compartment? There were 16 of them in total.

RYUX

Yes, I also counted and I remember that there were exactly 16 of them.

YUTO

So, after I left you, returning back to the compartment, I noticed that as many as four tanks had disappeared somewhere... The safe after the exit of one of the two of us always automatically closes, after which we also double-check whether it is closed. What is more interesting – no one except us has access to it. When an outsider enters, the system automatically notifies someone else's interference.

RYUX

This is a very big problem, we need to report this to Miya, it is necessary that she view the video recording of what is happening in this compartment over the past twelve hours.

AMI

I heard everything, for the sake of safety, in every compartment there is a sound system, it means that I can listen to any conversation. I move out into the meeting bay, there is

a chamber point in it and there we can find out everything we need. I will ask the unoccupied Kize now to go there with me, and preferably Yuto.

Three divers immediately moved into the meeting bay.

AMI

Well, all of us are now in the right place, judging by the rewind of the video, someone managed to pick up four tanks, bypassing all the protection systems. A man in an invisible camouflage, but how is this possible and is it a man at all?

YUTO

Let's fast-forward the camera footage of what or whoever it is carrying tanks into the diving bay.

KIZE

How did the kidnapper manage to adapt to us and transfer them almost right in front of our noses, for what?

AMI

He moved four tanks, bypassing the protection system in the diving compartment, he put two tanks in a hydrobag and two more in another, after which he opened the hatch and threw these bags with tanks into the water. Look, the robber turned off the invisible camouflage!

KIZE

What? It's just a normal male robot model, isn't it?

After the robot threw off all the tanks, he silently stood for about 5 minutes looking at the corner of room where the camera was secretly installed, raising his hand and tapping with his index finger on the corner of the room, and then showing the circle symbol with his hand clenched in a fist. After that, robot opens the hatch after passing the diving system, and goes overboard into the open ocean floor.

YUTO

All this is very strange, robot did not touch anything superfluous, but threw off four tanks and went out into the ocean, a deliberate suicide, and obviously, someone controlled it.

KIZE

Nevertheless, how do we figure out who behind all this?

AMI

We have no leads at all, the main targets are destroyed, it is unlikely that we will be able to reach the main manager, but if we scan robot model, we can assume that it was created in Yokohamin, most likely in the engineering department in Azure Avenue Building. Kize go check out the diving bay and Yuto go

to the fuel bay, if you see anything else suspicious then report it right away, if you don't find anything, we'll have to take it as an accident. Miya, due to this situation, you need to write a report on the incident, and send it to Dr. Otto on his encrypted personal mail.

A little later, after inspecting the compartments, nothing more suspicious was found by divers. The situation returned to normal, Miya sent a report to Dr. Otto about what happened. After some time, each of the divers continued to go about their personal business.

Chapter 8 – His charming melody

It's been two days since the hidden robber incident, during this time in the city of Yokohamin, Dr. Otto conducts an internal secret investigation, a corresponding operation to identify traitors with the support of his old acquaintances from the security department. On the other hand, by the third day, the cybersubmarine descended to three thousand meters, at 11 o'clock in the afternoon, a warning is heard in the control compartment about entering the high-risk zone, where several underwater craters were formed due to the cataclysms, and also aggressive unidentified subjects were computed.

MIYA

Listen to me everyone, we have an emergency, I increase the speed of our Lunniva to the highest, now everyone needs to quickly scatter around the compartments and take the positions of combat bubbles, it looks like we have uninvited guests. Most likely, we will have to take the fight, do everything possible to repel these creatures from us, if there is an attack, then you need to try to kill them, because judging by the structural analysis, we will have to oh how not good...

AMI

Understood, I'll run to pick up additional weapon, since it's not quite my style to shoot with a harpoon, I prefer a hydrorifle...

MIYA

I am passing on the information to everyone that all additional weapons are in the diving compartment, one of the bubbles is also located there, someone will have to stay there, so hurry up, we literally have 15 minutes for everything...

YUTO

Ami, you still have the perfect choice, no one can compare with you in long-range shooting, well, except for me, of course. I'm also going for a hydrorifle.

AMI

Let's see how you will sing to me while the hidden monsters of the ocean swim towards you...

YUTO

Ooooh, I'll sing you the most charming melody that you have never heard anywhere in your life, it will be nowhere more beautiful...

AMI

Nayu, now you're running with me to the diving bay, that's where I'm assigning you to the battle bubble position. I'll take a

hydrorifle, run into the hypostyle hall and enter the battle bubble.

NAYU

Perfectly get it, go ahead!

YUTO

Ryux and Kize, you also run with me to the diving bay, Ryux you can take an additional hydrocrossbow, and Kize can get a hydromachine gun. According to your abilities, weapons suitable for you are selected. Each battle bubble already contains harpoons, but you may also need additional weapons. I'm taking over the fuel bay, Ruyx, you'll have the meeting bay, Kize, you'll have a rest section, but also a larger coverage of territory, next to you is a kitchen bay that does not have a battle bubble, watch out, protection can be more difficult from this side...

RYUX

I agree with you, Yuto.

KIZE

Go ahead, we need to run faster than our ladies, our compartments are farther than the rest, it is contraindicated to delay!

After picking up additional equipment and taking their positions, the five divers await further information from Miya.

MIYA

I scanned these creatures, and each of them has it's own weak points, it is better to use multi-shot harpoons against electric eels, also a herd of swirling fish is approaching us, they need to be shot first, because if they surround our sub, with their speed they can spin us, we can get out of order, again I will try to bypass them, immediately shoot at those approaching from a long distance! A couple of stone sharks are also approaching us, if they start attacking, their only weak point is their huge eyes, try not to miss such a whopper... For my part, I turn on the lanterns illuminating each battle bubble, the submarine to full radiance and push all the hidden lanterns from the walls of Lunniva upon request. I turn on the maximum speed mode, and begin to sail forward, I wish the whole team good luck!

Lunniva accelerated to highest speed with the help of cyberboosters called by Miya through the control system. The creatures advanced directly to the submarine, the divers began a fierce battle, which, due to external cataclysms, could not be bypassed, the path lay only straight through a crowd of swarming creatures. The first creatures that cross the path are the aggressive swirling fish.

KIZE

I take these fish on myself, without a hydromachine gun you

can't cope with them...

There was a rumble of a machine gun, and an incomparable phrase was heard from Kize.

KIZE

Holy spirit, raaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaargh, let's go bananas!

RYUX

Ahahah, heck yeah! That's more like it!

The second creatures that immediately swam up to the submarine from two sides were electric eels and stone sharks.

MIYA

Be extremely careful and tactful in your actions, electric eels and stone sharks are approaching us, it is advisable to shoot at both with harpoons, crossbows, and hydrorifles, do not let them close to Lunniva!

Hydrorifles are equipped with the function of night vision, as well as harpoons along with crossbows. Divers are focused on active combat based on their abilities, not a single creature manages to swim close to a submarine.

AMI

Boom! And I'm the cream of the crop!

YUTO

Wooooah, this mighty killer, she's like the apple of my eye...

Bang! And perfect kill like two birds with one stone!

RYUX

Nayu, you scream like crazy, how are you doing?

NAYU

God dammit, Ryux! The proof is in the pudding!

RYUX

Bawahahahahah! I see, let's go, go nuts!

The battle lasts six hours, the divers deftly manage to fend off the creatures, subsequently Lunniva suffered minimal damage, after a while the group successfully sails through the danger zone.

MIYA

You must be kidding me... We did it! Congratulations to all of us, we have passed the danger zone, damage is minimal, everything went much better than expected!

Divers run up to each other and meet in the hypostyle hall with open arms, some with tears in their eyes, and some can hardly

stand on their feet.

AMI

Babe, I miss you so much, I was just like six hours in hell...

MIYA

Oh god, I miss you too!

NAYU

Tin... I was worried when I thought about the possibility of not seeing all of you anymore... I am such a fool... My besties, I love you so much, I don't want to lose you...

After the women's meeting, men ran out from their compartments to meet them. One woman nearly passed out from excitement but the man happened to catch her before the accident could happen. After hugging, Yuto, Ryux and Kize went to the rest rooms with their women. After this, exhausted, but having reached their beds, they instantly fell asleep with relief.

Chapter 9 – While in cyberspace, time do not flow the way you thought it would, but you want to know why? It's simple, because it doesn't have to

Time passes, and the submarine continues its journey on a given course to the mysterious Island of Shunevo. All divers wake up part of the time from a heavy battle, a huge number of underwater unusual-looking harmless creatures, plants, shrubs and trees are shown along the way, which illuminated the ocean so well throughout the entire territory that if you look closely, you can notice long way to the bottom of the ocean. Due to external sounds and bright lights, divers wake up one by one.

YUTO

You must be joking! It's hard to believe until you see it with your own eyes...

AMI

You're pulling my leg, aren't you?..
It's too good to be true!

NAYU

This view is partly terrifying, it feels like we are on top of the largest skyscraper in the world, and below us are several thousand meters in height.

MIYA

Only the difference is in a few thousand cubic meters of water. Nayu, wake up Kize and Ryux, otherwise they will oversleep everything. Right now we are in the far underwater zone of Shunevo Island, this can be understood from the analysis of the environment, it's time for a sortie to collect primary biomaterial. In about a couple of hours we will be at the three trunks of Shunevo Island, we will stop submarine for a while, today we will make our first outing into the ocean. But before that, I will analyze the area at the control compartment, you understand perfectly well what kind of creatures this lovely place can teem with.

Miya goes to the control bay to take a closer look at the environment.

YUTO

I think that everything is very clear, I suggest that we divide into groups of two people to collect biomaterials in different parts of the area we have outlined.

AMI

I agree with you, at the same time we will cope with everything faster.

YUTO

I will swim with Ami, Ryux with Nayu, Kize with Miya. Does everyone agree?

RYUX

I agree, I think that this is the right decision to put a man and a woman in pairs.

KIZE

So yes, in case of possible danger, we can protect our beautiful ladies.

Miya arrives in the rest bay with notes on the final environmental tests.

MIYA

We should not expect anything particularly terrible at the exit in this area, only some types of small aggressive fish are possible, I also marked which biomaterials we need to collect. I give you my information notes on this matter, for convenience, I suggest loading them into our external suit's output screen as we'll be in the diving bay, but don't forget to do this before entering the suit.

After passing the information about the division into groups to Miya, the divers moved to the diving bay.

RYUX

We need to take harpoons with us just in case, because even if the probability is small, the danger is always unexpected...

After agreeing all the information about the environment, divers enter their external suit's, synchronize with the main suit and create the necessary atmosphere. Next, divers enter the intermediate hatch and pushed out into the water with a help of a pressure system.

Based on general awareness, divers spread out in their guided suit's in three different directions. Kize and Miya swam to the very thick of algae, which at first glance seemed suspicious to Miya, as if this thick is hiding something, protecting something inside it's outer shell. Synchronizing with the help of contact, and explaining this moment to Kize, he takes out a cutlass from the outer suit and begins to cut through huge layers of seaweed. Having cut open the protection of the algae cocoon and reached the middle inside, there was a plant with a very beautiful, large flower of reddish-violet color.

Kize almost immediately wanted to cut it off, but Miya hardly

had time to grab him by the hand, and tell him, after passing on the result of the tests, that the flower is dangerous. You can't take it by the trunk, especially by the petals, only the roots of the flower are safe and they must be cut in the correct order, otherwise you can damage the flower itself. Kize entrusted the pruning of the flower to Miya, everything went as planned, the flower was placed in a special biotank without damaging the root system, no external threats were observed, the first group completed their task and returned to the submarine.

The second group of Ryux and Nayu swam to the stone underwater cave afloat, it was impossible not to pay attention to it. Huge corals of different colors grew in the cave, a rainbow reflection of light was visible in the distance, it was a huge shell, playing with the light emanating from the corals. Ryux and Nayu swam up and wanted to take it with them as a biomaterial, but out of nowhere a whole flock of aggressive swirling fish swims past the cave, the divers had no choice but to disguise themselves, hiding in a cave and wait out the influx.

The third group, Yuto and Ami, swam straight into an underwater forest of intertwined huge tree branches growing from the very bottom of the ocean. The forest stood out from everything else, there were many underwater plants and fireflies that illuminated it. Wonderful silvery fish swam inside the forest, both divers noticed them and hoped to catch them as a new

unexplored creature. The silverfish was not aggressive, but most of these fish swim in groups in a circle in a certain area, as if guarding something or someone inside. Yuto and Ami decide to scare away flock of fish in order to understand what or whom they surround.

As it turned out, inside was a huge and luxurious fish with elegant aquamarine-purple fins, a reddish head and a pinkish body. The divers decide to split up and try to catch the queen fish in two different places where the silverfish are circling. Ami missed and failed to catch, Yuto as well fails to catch her, so they decided to work on a certain strategy that supposedly should work, and it consisted in placing an unusual trap.

The fish always returned to certain areas after some time, the reason for this was the convenience of the location, since almost the entire forest is covered with branches, and only occasionally came across an open area. After the next attack of the net, the fish swam again in different directions and not one of them was caught, but at the same time, Yuto understood the schematics of the movement of the flock of fish and found a weak point in the protection of the queen fish hiding inside. Having cut the rope of the trap in time, the net slips between the gap of crossing flock and catches the queen fish. After some time, the group manages to catch three more of the same queen fish, placing them in a biotank, the team copes with the task and returns to

the submarine.

MIYA

We were the first to get into the submarine, Kize, I'm shattered too, but we need to keep an eye on the rest of our team, stay in the diving bay for now, situations can be different, we need to make everything as safe as possible, I'm heading to the control bay for more details. Get ready and be on the alert, in any case, you will need to help those who have arrived back.

KIZE

I got it!

After 15 minutes, the submarine's control system detects two more divers.

MIYA

Judging by the sensors, Yuto and Ami swim up to the sub, you need to meet them.

Yuto and Ami swim through the hatch of the sub and enter the diving bay. Yuto passes biotanks containing the queen fishes to Kize. Yuto and Ami's outer suit's become desynchronized, and the divers exit the outer suit.

AMI

Yuto! We did it...

But I'm tired to the bone...

YUTO

Exactly! Like kill them with success and bury them with a smile.

MIYA

I am very glad that you are safe, Kize, if you don't mind, take the biomaterials with the creatures to the meeting bay, we have special tanks for plants and creatures there, each biotank is marked. Ami, you'd better come to me in the control bay, and Yuto, please, stay in the diving compartment, the news is not good, it's been quite a while, Ryux and Nayu are still gone, we sail out to the impending underwater cave, judging by the separation, they should be there.

KIZE

Yep, I can handle this.

YUTO

I see, I'm stay in the diving bay!

AMI

Beyond all doubt, I'm on my way to the control bay.

Sailing on the Lunniva to the impending underwater cave, divers noticed that a huge flock of aggressive swirling fish was swimming next to it, the control system detected Ryux and Nayu in the camouflage mode of external suit's.

MIYA

I found them, they are both inside the cave now in disguise mode.

Kize successfully completes placing the creatures in the required tanks, leaves the conference bay and enters the control bay.

AMI

I have an idea, the entrance to the cave is huge, let's try to carefully sail there in our submarine in camouflage mode. If I'm not mistaken, Lunniva has this function, it's time to use it, if everything goes smoothly, then we can send the necessary signal to Ryux and Nayu. Our task now is not only to find them, but either to prepare for the meeting. And I, during this rescue operation, will take the place of the lower battle bubble in the diving bay.

KIZE

I partially listened to your conversation. The idea is good, albeit somewhat dangerous, but there are no other options, we

need to act this very minute.

MIYA

I share your opinion, then let's do it! And get our team out of this predicament!

AMI

Then I left, Miya and Kize, go ahead and good luck! I will pass all this information on to Yuto if our conversation has not reached him.

The rescue operation has begun, Miya activates Lunniva's camouflage mode, almost imperceptibly and cautiously the submarine enters the cave, sailing a little ahead, the cave is divided into three paths. Miya sends a special signal to the disguised divers, based on the response from the other side, she understands where to sail next. At the end of the cave there is an exit, a whole horde of dangerous swirling fish swims a little further from it. Among the sparkling corals, two divers can be seen with the naked eye in a camouflage mode, slowly moving from one place to another. Miya manages to connect with Ryux and Nayu on a voice signal, after which negotiations begin.

MIYA

A-Yo! What's crack-a-lackin'?

NAYU

Oh thank god, my dear, we're in a bit of a quandary here...

RYUX

Yeah, it means we need to make it like a tree and leaf, but way faster!

MIYA

Listen to me carefully, you are swimming at full speed of the outer cybersuit to the entrance hatch of the submarine. In order to activate the speed functions of both the outer suit's and the submarine, we will need to turn off the camouflages, in any case, it will turn off by itself in a couple of minutes. It will be a little nervous, but be patient, Ami also guards you, she is now on the battle bubble. This subspecies of dangerous fish does not smell, but has perfect eyesight and swims quickly. On the count of three, you take off your disguise, then quickly swim to the hatch, and to hell with this place, we have to sail ahead...

RYUX

Hmm, all right, fair enough.

NAYU

God dammit, let's do it already or my heart will explode now.

MIYA

Three, two, one!

There was an agonizing anxiety hidden in them. They knew that the operation had taken a different turn, but everyone tried to keep a positive attitude. After a moment, the divers abruptly turn off the camouflage systems and begin to swim towards the submarine with all possible speed. And Miya, for her part, brought Lunniva as close as possible to her partners. Meanwhile, an immediately sighted flock of swirling fish began to move towards the divers, Ami began underwater shelling. A minute later, the divers manage to get to the hatch, open it and seemingly successfully enter, but a couple of fish that escaped Ami's gaze manage to grab Ryux by the left leg, and Nayu by the right hand, loud screams were heard, but no one hears them except themselves...

Pulling out his cutlasses, Ryux with an effort manages to cut through the fish, and successfully enter the hatch with Nayu. Miya receives a signal about the opening and closing hatch and the presence of subjects inside the sub, based on which she concludes that two are already in the diving bay, after which she sails at maximum speed into the gap. As a result, a flock of fish lags behind the sub, and Miya puts Lunniva on auto mode on the course. Everyone runs to the diving bay with the hope of a good outcome.

After desynchronization, Ryux and Nayu were able to get out of the external suit's, but, bleeding, Nayu passes out, and Ryux, having managed to catch her in his arms, falls with her. Completely exhausted, he waits for help.

The four run into the diving compartment, seeing the whole situation, they immediately begin to act. Yuto having previously bandaged the wounds visible to him, picks up Nayu and carefully brings her into the rest bay. Kize and Ami help the almost passed out Ryux to reach the same place. Arriving in the compartment, Ryux also loses consciousness. Miya brings the appropriate medicines, the divers begin to treat and bandage the wounds of their partners. Everyone was terribly tired after what happened. Each of the four saviors, having assisting their partners, silently falls asleep.

A day later, a weak signal is heard in the control bay. Ami, Miya, Yuto and Kize decide to go there together and notice in the distance the huge and brightly luminous Three Trunks, endlessly rising up and occupying a huge area.

MIYA

Is this what I'm thinking right now?

KIZE

100%, it can't be real...

YUTO

Yes, we sailed to the very Island we were supposed to go to!

AMI

Shunevo Island...