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Dialogue script

Golden path

Golden path segment 0 - Opening scene

Hasty footsteps and heavy breathing. A loud demonic screech from a dark cave. Izanagi closes the cave entrance and seals it.

Izanami: Izanagi I loved you with all my heart, now I will hate you with all my heart.

Izanagi: You are no more the women I once loved, you are someone, no you are something else.

Izanami: I will destroy every creation of yours that you hold close to your heart.

Izanami starts chanting a ritual inside the cave.

Izanagi walks off to the lake in front of the sealed cave entrance to wash his impurities. Izanagi takes a dip in the lake.

Kagu-Tsuchi rushing towards Izanagi with his weapon drawn out.

Kagu-Tsuchi: How could leave mother behind, you do not deserve to live.

Kagu-Tsuchi strikes with his blade.

A female warrior deflects his blade with a flat river stone and takes a defensive stance. A male warrior flanks Kagu-Tsuchi and kicks him on his rib cage. A second male warrior charges and punches him in the face.

Izanagi: Warriors who are you? On your honor name yourself!

Female warrior: I am Amaterasu, born from your left tear.

1st Male warrior: I am Tsukuyomi, born from your right tear.

2nd Male warrior: I am Susano, born from your nose's tear. Old man talks less, fight more.

Kagu-Tsuchi: Izanagi you should have been the one in there. She did not deserve this; it was all my fault not her. You did not save her; you watched her pass on.

Izanagi: Warriors! Take these weapons and help me withstand this grim time.

Warriors in unison: Yes father!!

Kagu-Tsuchi fills with rage. Charges towards Izanagi.

Kagu-Tsuchi: Izanagi you do not deserve to be a father. (For story board click here)

> *Combat starts* (Tutorial for controls in the game) *Combat ends*

All the warriors panting.

Tsukuyomi: Amaterasu hold the defense line, Susano wait for my mark before attacking.

The sky turns red, and a rift opens next to Kagu-Tsuchi. He gets sucked in the rift and the rift closes.

Izanagi with a tense expression.

Izanagi: That magic! It was from the underworld. It is the cultivation of dark souls.

The sky darkens, the seal to underworld entrance breaks and souls, wraith, impure beings start pouring out in the sky.

Izanagi contains them with all his life force and turns himself into a giant tree covering the underworld entrance.

(Somber music plays)

Izanagi: Children beyond this point in the land of the dead, I am going to block this entrance for as long as I can. You need to defeat the escaped demons before they lay waste to all my creations.

Susano: What will happen to you?

Izanagi: I shall be the barrier holding off the demons inside.

Tsukuyomi: Father, how do you know all this? Who are you exactly?

Izanagi: I am a Kami, the ruler of heavens. Everything you see till the horizon and beyond is my creation. These demons roamed these lands, I and Iza..... I defeated them and sent them to the underworld.

Tsukuyomi: You want us to do the same thing alone? We are not as powerful or experienced as you are.

Susano: Don't worry I am quite sure I can kick these demon asses, just cover my flank.

Izanagi while transforming into a tree

Izanagi: My children work together, help the people of this land and be better than me. Amaterasu takes this.

Izanagi gives the Yasaka beads to Amaterasu. Amaterasu accepts the gift with tears in her eyes.

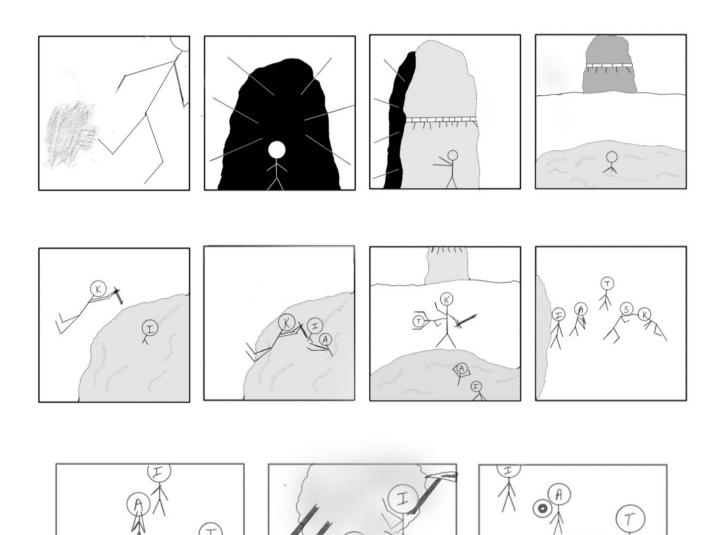
Amaterasu: Fathe.....

Izanagi: Yasaka beads have powerful magic in them, use them wisely. Children give these lands hope when all hope seems lost.

Izanagi solidifies into a tree with a smile on his face.

Izanagi: Protect my creations my dear Mikami.

(Somber music plays and the game title appears on screen.)





Heroes spot a large figure in a crater.

Amaterasu: Who is that?

Susano rushes towards the figure.

Susano: Let's go, it seems strong. I want to test my might against it.

Tsukuyomi: Brother wait....

Susano rushes towards the figure. Amaterasu and Tsukuyomi without an option follow him. The figure attacks heroes.

Combat

Figure: I am Jikokuten, the king of the east.

Amaterasu: I am Amaterasu and these are my younger brothers Tsukuyomi and Susano.

Tsukuyomi: What was the magic?

Amaterasu: Brother, where are your manners? I am sorry king of the east for my brother's dialect.

Jikokuten: It is okay, he is just curious. This magic is from the underworld. We kings are one of the strongest beings of these lands.

Susano: You do pack a mighty punch.

Jikokuten: You yourself are quite strong for a young God. What is your lineage?

Amaterasu: We are the children of Izanagi.

Jikokuten: huh Izanagi? I did not know he took a second wife.

Susano: Do you know my mother?

Jikokuten: Yes, her name is Izanami. I met her about 100 years ago at a feast.

The three hero's faces light up because they are listening about their mother for the first time.

Jikokuten: Young Gods you have earned this ring, as you have bested me in a fight.

Removes a ring from his right hand first finger and gives it to Amaterasu. Amaterasu keeps it with her.

Amaterasu: We are humbled by your kind gesture.

Amaterasu bows in gratitude and the other two heroes follow.

Jikokuten: I need to help my subjects in need. Keep an eye out for the rest of the kings, they might need your help.

Jikokuten rushes out of the scene.

Amaterasu: Tsukuyomi, Susano where are your manners!? We were addressing a king not any common folk.

Tsukuyomi:

Susano: Take a breather sister he did not mind it and we are Gods as well. Gods are above kings.

Amaterasu: But we treat everyone with respect, remember that or we might have a problem.

Susano: Plan on using the yasaka beads on me? Just because father gave you those beads does not give you the authority to order us around.

Tsukuyomi: Break it, we have important things to deal with.

Heroes spot piles of dead bodies nearby. On the biggest pile a man is sitting on top and flipping a coin in his hand.

The person throws a coin at Susano with enough force to brutally damage him. Tsukuyomi catches this coin and throws it back with equal force at the figure. The figure slightly tilts his neck to dodge the coin. The coin hits a huge rock behind and splits it in half.

Figure: Ha-ha, this will be fun. I have not had a challenge in years.

Combat

A wraith screeches as it leaves the figure's body.

Figure: I am sorry for any harm I have caused. I am Diakokuten.

Diakokuten speaks with a terrified voice.

Diakokuten: All these bodies, did I do this?

Tsukuyomi: We don't know, they were already dead by the time we came here.

Susano: And he was very reluctant about us joining the body count.

Diakokuten: It was not me; the spirit was controlling me. The last thing I remembered was fighting the demons that poured out of the underworld and now here I am.

Tsukuyomi: Do you know a lot about these demons?

Diakokuten: Not much, it has been a while since I last fought a demon before today. The demons have become much more powerful. They could never gain control of a Gods body before.

Amaterasu: Any idea how or why they are stronger?

Diakokuten: I am sure it is because of that witch?

Amaterasu: What witch?

Diakokuten: The mother of demons. A few centuries ago, Izanagi and Izanami descended from heaven to create this world. As they were creating the world, they fell in love with each other. I had never seen a love so pure and true. After their task was accomplished, they decided to stay in the world together. Izanami invited Izanagi to her bed. As this mating ritual was initiated by a woman it was deemed unholy.

Amaterasu: Wait so you mean mother and father created demons?

Diakokuten: No young Goddess, it was not her fault completely. She did not know that it would lead to the birth of demons, they just wanted to start a family. The unholy spawns were demons and they went wandering around the world, destroying everything they would see.

Tsukuyomi: But why are they stronger now?

Diakokuten: It could only be because of Izanami but I am not very sure myself.

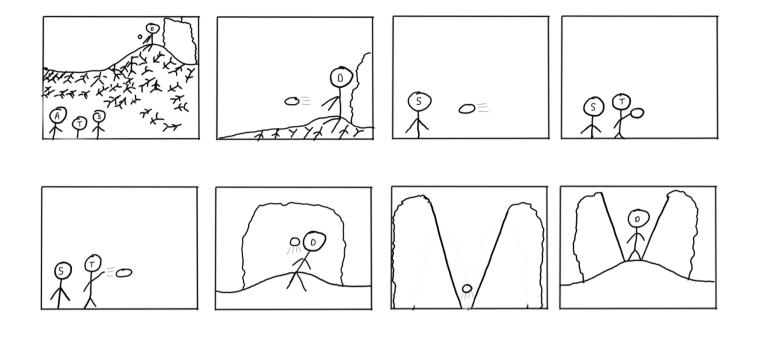
Susano: Could it be that our mother is in danger?

Diakokuten: I haven't meet her in the past 100 years, sorry young God I do not have an answer for that. I shall take your leave; I need to go back to my shrine and treat my wounds.

Amaterasu: Thank you for your help.

Diakokuten: Thank you for saving me. As a token of gratitude have this rooster's feather. It will save you from the gates of death once.

Amaterasu takes the rooster's feather.



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A swordsman with his hand on the swords hilt walks towards the heroes.

Swordsman: Are you the children of Izanagi?

Amaterasu: Who asks?

Swordsman continues to walk towards the heroes.

Amaterasu: Name yourself!

Swordsman unsheathing his sword.

Swordsman: I repeat, are you the children of Izanagi?

Susano and Tsukuyomi take an offensive stance.

Susano: I am the youngest son of Izanagi. Walk any further and I won't pull my punches.

Swordsman smiles.

Swordsman: I am Bishamonten the God of War and I am here to test your might. Face me in battle or stand down.

Amaterasu: I will divert him, Susano attack from his flank.

Susano rushes straight towards the swordsman.

Tsukuyomi while face palming himself.

Tsukuyomi: Why does the hot head never listen; I have a bad feeling about this.

Amaterasu with hesitation.

Amaterasu: Just follow his lead Tsukuyomi.

Combat

The heroes panting. Bishamonten has some bruises on him as well.

Bishamonten: I think that's enough for today, anymore and I won't be able to keep my bloodlust in check.

Susano: I acknowledge your skill.

Tsukuyomi: We would have won if we coordinated our attacks.

Amaterasu: Maybe if you thought of a plan quicker and the hot head brother would listen.

Susano: Says the girl who hesitated more than she punched.

Bishamonten: Enough young Gods, you all have potential in you. Your worshippers are rapidly growing in numbers, so I am here to judge your character and lend you a hand on your journey.

Susano: The demons are growing stronger every passing minute.

Bishamonten: Demons consume the souls of the living and that gives them power. In the last war I helped your father get rid of the demons. I was at the vanguard but there were two who led the front line.

Bishamonten sits and opens a flash of water to take a sip.

Bishamonten: Your father and mother led the charge of previous demonic war. It ended around 100 years ago. Demons came into existence 200 years ago and they rapidly multiplied. It took all the Gods 100 years to banish them to the underworld. Your parents were leading the army of Gods. They both set an example for the rest of us. I had never seen two souls in such a beautiful yet deadly cohesion. Each one of them attacked but not just to deal damage, to also set up a deadlier attack for the other. Bishamonten: If you three work together you might surpass them someday. I grant you, my blessing. Use it to call me in hour of need and I will be there to aid you.

Amaterasu: Thank you for your kind words.

Bishamonten leaves.

Susano with frustration in his voice.

Susano: Why didn't father tell us that he had help to defeat demons. He didn't mention mother at all.

Amaterasu: Keep faith in Father Susano, he might have a good reason to hide it.

Susano: How can he hide the fact that mother was on the front lines with him?

Tsukuyomi: Siblings I think that demons came into existence by mistake as Diakokuten told us. Maybe mother and father felt guilty for spawning these demons and hence they waged a war against them to lock them in underworld.

Combat ends

As the heroes gain consciousness, monk addresses them.

Monk: Hello! This is Jizo!

Susano with exhaustion and confusion in his voice.

Susano: What was that?

Jizo: That was your Godly awakening. That was a taste of your true potential when you achieve Godhood.

Tsukuyomi: Sorry brother for that attack.

Susano: I am sorry both of you, I could not control my power.

Amaterasu: It's okay, what's done is done.

Jizo: You three remind me of your parents. Though Jizo wishes Izanami was still around.

Susano: What do you mean? Where is she?

Jizo: You do not know? Izanami is dead.

The trio is shocked to their core. Susano in rage says.

Susano: Why wouldn't father tell us this?!

Amaterasu: Father must have his...

Tsukuyomi interrupts her.

Tsukuyomi: He never mentioned mother or about her death.

Jizo: Jizo is sorry young ones, Jizo didn't know that you didn't know of Izanami.

Amaterasu wiping off a tear from her eye.

Amaterasu: We need to keep pushing forward.

Susano: Jizo, please tell me something about my mother.

Jizo is trying to recall his memories.

Jizo: Hmm...she was the kindest person Jizo knew. During the last demonic war Izanami protected everyone who could not protect themselves. She was on equal footing with Izanagi but more compassionate.

Jizo: Jizo remembers during the war Jizo went to Izanagi once to tell him that his fighting method is bringing a lot of destruction. Izanagi chuckled and told Jizo that he will recreate whatever gets destroyed. Jizo was not happy because he did not want anyone to die in the first place. Izanami heard Jizo and assured that the destruction would be minimum. She kept her word and saved many lives.

Tsukuyomi with tears in his eyes and cracking voice asks Jizo

Tsukuyomi: Jizo how did our mother die?

Jizo: Oh, that was one of the saddest days in Jizo's life. As Izanagi and Izanami interloped after the demon war, Izanami got pregnant. She gave birth to a fire God. But the fire God's flame was too intense for any belly to handle. She burned to death in childbirth.

The heroes are shocked and holding back their tears.

Jizo: It's okay if you cry young Gods, you need to let out the grief.

Jizo opens his arms for a hug. The three heroes get into a group hugging Jizo and crying their hearts out for a min.

Amaterasu broke the group hug.

Amaterasu: Brothers get a hold on yourself we must still fight the demons; we can mourn mother after once that is done.

Jizo: You three are brave warriors.

Tsukuyomi with a breaking voice.

Tsukuyomi: What happened to the child?

Jizo: Izanagi blamed the child for Izanami's death. He was devastated and lost. For the first time since they descended from heaven he was all alone. Izanagi abandoned the child and went to search for the entrance of the underworld.

Amaterasu hugs Susano as he is still absorbing the fact that his mother is dead.

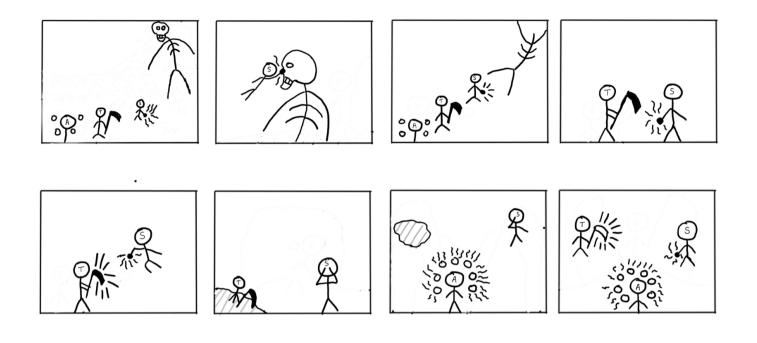
Tsukuyomi: What happened to the child?

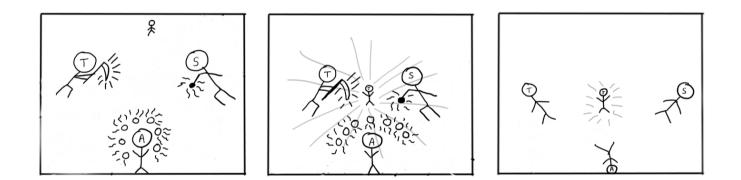
Jizo: Obviously Jizo took care of him. Jizo raised him until he could take care of himself and the day, he was ready to face the world he left Jizo's monastery.

Susano: Thank you Jizo.

Jizo: If you need anything, come talk to me.

Jizo gives a moment to the heroes and sits to meditate on a rock nearby. The three heroes share a moment of silence.





Heroes see a Godly bright aura by a lake. As the trio goes towards the aura, they see that it's coming out of a beautiful Goddess. As soon as the Goddess spots the trio, she approaches them.

Goddess: I am Benzaiten. You three are the children of Izanagi, right?

Susano: Yes.

Benzaiten: I have a favor to ask.

Amaterasu: What is it about?

Benzaiten: I need you to stop the quest you are on.

Susano: Are you out of your mind?

Amaterasu: The world ends if we stop, why would you want the world to end?

Benzaiten: You do not understand. This world needs to be rebuilt. It cannot be rebuilt unless it is destroyed first. You can be a part of this new world. We can create a better world.

Susano draws his sword and takes a step back.

Susano: Tsukuyomi, Amaterasu I feel blood lust from here, be vigilant.

Tsukuyomi being calm, asks.

Tsukuyomi: Why would you side with the demons? Aren't you a God yourself?

Amaterasu: I do not feel a dark aura from here like one of the kings, she is talking this on her own.

Benzaiten: Gods and demons they are all the same at their core. They take whatever they want and cast it aside once used. Izanagi used my dear Izanami to spawn an heir to his lineage but once they spawned demons and the second time it killed her.

Amaterasu: But it was not his fault he didn't know the outcome of it.

Benzaiten: He abandoned her after her death. He promised Izanami while she was burning to death that he will find her in the underworld and they would be together again. But he never found her.

The heroes don't know what to feel anymore as this is revealed.

Amaterasu: Father went ahead to find the entrance of the underworld. In fact, he is there right now, blocking it with his life force to stop more demons from pouring out.

Benzaiten: If that is true why are all the demons coordinating and fighting in an organized manner? In the last demonic war, they would just mindlessly destroy everything in front of them.

Tsukuyomi: You mean mother had something to do with it.

Benzaiten: I knew you were the smart one the moment I saw you, after all I am the Goddess of wisdom. Yes, in fact Izanami is the one controlling the demons from underworld.

Amaterasu charges in rage.

Amaterasu: No, it cannot be!! You must be lying.

Tsukuyomi: Amaterasu wait

Susano with a concerned expression.

Susano: Tsukuyomi it is of no use, we need to support her. She alone won't be able to win this fight. Something tells me that this isn't her final form.

Combat starts

A rock hits the controlled character of the player. The controlled character gets hit and the other two take a combat stance. The third character gets up and picks up their weapon.

A demon comes rushing and announces.

Demon: We are Onihitokuchi. Our lady Izanami has suffered because of your father Izanagi. You shall pay for this debt with your life.

Tsukuyomi: Get ready, this is a big one.

Susano: You don't have to tell me that.

Amaterasu feels panicked on the inside with this threat approaching. She takes a deep breath and speaks.

Amaterasu: Tsukuyomi observe and come up with a plan. Susano crisscross at all times.

Susano: Understood sister. Brother, I trust you with my life don't fail us.

Amaterasu: He won't fail, he is a son of Izanagi after all.

Combat starts

Onihitokuchi is at 1% health.

All the heroes have serious injuries and panting. Onihitokuchi is damaged and panting.

Susano: Tsukuyomi this is your time to shine.

Amaterasu: Brothers get ready he is about to charge again.

Tsukuyomi: I finally see it. Susano charge towards him when he charges. Amaterasu follow directly behind Susano and wait for my mark.

Amaterasu: What is wrong with you that's suicide.

Susano keeps a hand on Amaterasu's shoulder.

Susano: Trust in him, I know he won't let us die.

Tsukuyomi: Susano on my mark stop the attack, dodge left and keep the flat side of your sword ready with all your might. Amaterasu do not block his swing, roll right and hit his left leg.

Susano and Amaterasu: Got it.

Onihitokuchi starts charging towards the heroes with an intense dark red aura around him.

Onihitokuchi: They are fools if they think they can block our charge.

Click here to check out the attack on the story board.

Combat ends

Onihitokuchi: You are the first one in centuries to find a flaw in our attack. You three are the greater warriors.

Tsukuyomi with a grim expression.

Tsukuyomi: Any last words demon?

Onihitokuchi: We are not wrong.

Tsukuyomi tightens his blade on Onihitokuchi's throat.

Onihitokuchi: We were never wanted since the moment of our creation, so we went on rampage and for that we were sealed in a dark place for a long time. Lady Izanami..... yes Lady Izanami was kind to us. After years of being confined in darkness, Lady Izanami was the one who made the underworld a nicer place by joining us.

Susano in rage.

Susano: Don't you dare speak ill of her!!

Amaterasu holds Susano back.

Onihitokuchi: We do not speak ill of our Lady. She taught us how to use our power to make things. She taught us how to be good to each other. She made us feel wanted.

Tsukuyomi: Choose your words carefully demon.

Onihitokuchi: Listen wise one Lady Izanami only starved waiting for her love to come. We offered her food and water of the underworld. For 100 years she waited without eating and drinking in the underworld for her love to take her back to the land of living. But he never came that Izanagi.....

Amaterasu attacks with yasaka beads and cuts the demon into half diagonally.

Tsukuyomi in frustration.

Tsukuyomi: What is your problem sister?!

Amaterasu: I won't let a demon spoil our father's name.

Tsukuyomi: He could have told us something useful.

Susano: Demon or not, he was a great warrior and he deserved to say his last words. You have stained your honor by not giving a warrior his last rights.

Amaterasu: A demon deserves no honor or rights.

Tsukuyomi cuts two horns from Onihitokuchi head and gives one to Susano.

Tsukuyomi: These horns will carry his memories forever. Susano and I shall carry his pride.

Susano: Let these horns remind you Amaterasu of what you have done to a warrior's last rights.

Amaterasu: I am not filthy enough to carry around demonic horns.

Tsukuyomi: Pride blinds you sister.

Susano: You need to understand sister that father is not the man you think he is. He has flaws as well.

Amaterasu draws magic from yasaka beads.

Amaterasu: Don't you dare say anything wrong about father.

Susano draws his sword.

Susano: You really want to do this.

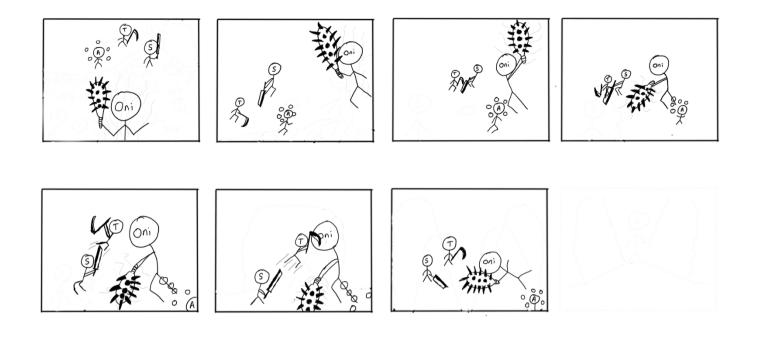
Tsukuyomi walks and stands next to Susano and summons his scythe.

Tsukuyomi: Susano is right. You can't take on both of us.

Amaterasu: We can settle this after the demons are defeated.

Susano sheaths his sword and turns his back around.

Susano: Let's go, we still have work to do.



The heroes approach a maiden. Tsukuyomi calls her out.

Tsukuyomi: Parden my intrusion, are you Suijin?

Suijin: Yes, I am and you must be Tsukuyomi.

Tsukuyomi: How do you know that?

Suijin: Jizo told me about you and your siblings. He said you need to go through the purification ritual. I will help you.

Susano: That's perfect what do we do?

Suijin: We need to travel north to the ritual alter. I need a demon's heart and each one of you should have a demon's horn. Not just any demon, for the ritual to be successful I need a demon's horn that is powerful than you.

Amaterasu: Why do we need these things? We are Gods, why can't we go ahead and perform the ritual.

Suijin: You need to dip into the blood fresh from a demon's heart. As the demon's blood flows down your skin it will take away all the impurities from your body. The demon's horn signifies that you have overcome a being of great strength and you are powerful enough to wield your awakening.

Suijin: Come talk to me when you have these items.

After player has completed golden path segment 4 and 6.

Susano: Suijin, we have the items to you asked for.

Suijin: Amaterasu where is your demon's horn?

Susano: She did not deserve one.

Amaterasu: Say that again and I will make you regret it.

Tsukuyomi: It is the truth sister. Suijin, Susano and I will continue to the ritual sight and sister can accompany us if she wants to. Please lead the way Suijin.

Amaterasu starts walking in an aggressive manner.

As the heroes are walking towards the alter Suijin asks with concerning voice.

Suijin: Where is Izanagi? He has descended to the underworld weeks ago and now this. I am concerned about him.

Susano: Wow father went to the underworld.

Amaterasu: We did not know that father had ever visited underworld. He is at the entrance of the underworld right now. Blocking it so that the demons don't come to the land of living.

After reaching the alter sight

Suijin draws a symbol on the ground with her magical water.



Suijin: Stand on each of the smaller circles Susano and Tsukuyomi.

Suijin takes out the demon heart and starts chanting.

Suddenly there is a loud crash and the alter is filled with dust clouds.

Suijin: What was that?!

Tsukuyomi: Suijin please take cover, Susano I will back you up.

Susano: Brother he is different from the others he is on par with Onihitokuchi, might be a stronger than him.

Amaterasu: Brothers be on guard.

Susano: Amaterasu we need to put our differences aside to kill this one.

Amaterasu: I agree.

Figure:.....Onihito was my son. I shall destroy you in the name of lady Izanami and avenge my son.

Amaterasu launches an attack with yasaka-beads.

*Combat *

The three heroes are heavily panting and fall on the ground. Suijin rushes out of the water.

Suijin: I will heal you young Gods.

Amaterasu is barely able to stand up.

Amaterasu: I was wrong brothers; demons are worth our recognition. I would not have been able to defeat him alone.

Tsukuyomi: Finally, you understand!

Susano with a tired expression.

Susano: Can we please go ahead with the ritual.

Suijin: Right away, step in the smaller circles please.

Suijin chants a ritual in Japanese.

不聖な血は弱さを取り除きます、 新しい魂として生まれ、 若い神々が昇る、 それらの中の天国への門を開いてください。

> Unholy blood takes away the weakness, Be born as a new soul,

The young Gods ascend, Open the gate within them to heavens.

A dragon comes out from the sea. The heroes are astonished.

Dragon: What is it Suijin?

Suijin: Ryujin these young Gods are children of Izanagi, they need your blessing to gain their heavenly awakening.

Ryujin observes the heroes with a keen eye.

Ryujin: You have my blessing young Gods.

The trio bows in respect to the dragon.

The player has unlocked heavenly strikes for all three characters

Ryujin: I would like to test your might sometime. If you defeat me, I will aid you in your quest. I will take all three of you together to keep the fight fair.

Heroes bow and take an offensive stance. The tree that Izanagi turned into falls and the sky turns red with souls bursting into the sky from the underworld entrance.

The sky is read and the tree at the underground entrance is half burnt. Izanagi is barely holding onto the entrance of the underworld with his life force. Kagu-Tsuchi is attacking Izanagi's back with fireballs coming out of his hands.

Amaterasu: Kagu-Tsuchi stop it!!

Kagu-Tsuchi exclaims.

Kagu-Tsuchi: Who dare commands me!?

Amaterasu: Draws out the power of all 8 Yaska-beads.

Susano and Tsukuyomi join Amaterasu by her side.

Kagu-Tsuchi: Ah so my dear siblings have undergone Godly purification. Doesn't the awakened power under your skin feels amazing siblings?

Heroes are shocked by this reveal. Tsukuyomi in astonishment.

Tsukuyomi: You are the child Jizo mentioned?

Kagu-Tsuchi: Yes, I am the first born of Izanami and Izanagi. Izanagi blamed me for mother's death and abandoned me to die. If not for Jizo I would have never survived the wild on my own.

Amaterasu: How dare you call father's name?! You will address him with respect.

Kagu-Tsuchi: Address who this person?

Kagu-Tsuchi shoots another fireball at Izanagi. Izanagi groans in pain. The heroes are concerned.

Kagu-Tsuchi: He does not deserve to live. He abandons people on his convenience. He blamed me for killing mother in childbirth and then abandoned me. He went to the depths of underworld to fund mother.

Tsukuyomi: Yes, we know and he never found her, so he is now stopping the demons from coming to the land of the living.

Kagu-Tsuchi: Brother you are being a fool, you do not know the truth.

Amaterasu shouts aggressively.

Amaterasu: Stop! I won't listen to any lies against father.

Kagu-Tsuchi: My dear I speak nothing but the truth. Izanagi went to the underworld and found mother. He stayed there for a night and mother agreed to come back to the land of living with him. But when he saw mother, he ran away. Mother didn't look the same anymore. She spent 100 years in the underworld and her face deformed. Izanagi abandoned mother because she did not look beautiful anymore.

Tsukuyomi and Susano are furious after listening to this. Susano shouts in frustration. Susano: Father is this true?!

Tsukuyomi: Father how could you hide this from us?

Amaterasu with killing intent and focuses her eyes on Kagu-Tsuchi.

Amaterasu: I will not forgive you for insulting father, he may be wrong but he is still our father.

Amaterasu draws magic from the yasaka beads.

Kagu-Tsuchi: Ah so we are going to fight I assume. I met mother in the underworld and she granted me a new power, let me give you a taste it.

Kagu-Tsuchi takes a sumo stance and lets out fire from his mouth that covers everything around him.

Amaterasu attacks with her yasaka beads but they get deflected by the fire surrounding Kagu-Tsuchi.

Kagu-Tsuchi comes out of the fire surrounding his body. Kagu-Tsuchi has now transformed into a fire demon, his fire has become much brighter and stronger.

Susano and Tsukuyomi ready themselves for battle alongside Amaterasu.

Kagu-Tsuchi: Mother is coming back to the land of living. I am going to finally reunite with her again. I will not let father or his children stop this from happening.

Combat starts

Segment 8 combat ends

The decaying tree in the background is fully burnt, the air is filled with burning fumes and ash. Izanagi falls unconscious on the ground.

Kagu-Tsuchi laughs.

Kagu-Tsuchi: She is finally here.

The female figure has a warn feeling in her aura, but she looks demonic.

A female figure walks out of the cave entrance. She walks towards Izanagi who is lying unconscious. She kisses him and tears burst out of her eyes.

Female figure: You promised we would always be together, why did you make me do this.

As she says this Izanagi's lip corrode a bit where she had kissed him. She turns around wipes her tears and opens her arms towards Kagu-Tsuchi.

Female figure: Come here my child.

Kagu-Tsuchi happily runs towards his mother and hugs her.

The heroes are shocked and overwhelmed as this is the first time, they are seeing their mother Izanami.

Izanami embraces Kagu-Tsuchi in a warm hug.

Izanami: You made me proud son; I love you.

Kagu-Tsuchi's joy is beyond any imagination as this is the first time, he is feeling a mother's love. Suddenly he coughs blood and feels uneasy. Kagu-Tsuchi takes a step back and puts his hand on his stomach and sees blood gushing out. He coughs again and more blood splatters out, his vision starts to blur. Kagu-Tsuchi with a trembling voice asks

Kagu-Tsuchi: Mother why?

Izanami with a tear in her eye says

Izanami: My deepest apologies my dear child but I vowed to destroy every memento of my love. Though you are my child, you are still a memento of my love as well.

Kagu-Tsuchi falls on ground and feels his life essence slowly fading out of him.

Izanami turns around and walks towards the entrance of the cave. She spawns a huge magic circle and starts chanting a ritual.

Amaterasu, Tsukuyomi and Susano rush towards Izanagi and Kagu-Tsuchi.

Izanagi gains conscious and sees Amaterasu as he opens his eyes.

Izanagi: My brave daughter take me to Kagu-Tsuchi.

Amaterasu: Father you shouldn't move your condition will worsen.

Susano and Tsukuyomi are trying to heal Kagu-Tsuchi wounds, but nothing is helping him as his body degrades.

Amaterasu holds Izanagi and gets him next to Kagu-Tsuchi. She helps him sit on the ground. Izanagi struggles and takes Kagu-Tsuchi head in his lap.

Izanagi: Forgive me my child, I have wronged you. It was never you fault.

Izanagi burst into tears.

Izanagi: It was never your fault to what happened to your mother. I failed to protect you and her. I cannot repent for my crimes and the difficulties you went through.

Izanagi struggles to breath.

Izanagi: You were correct son I do not deserve to live but you do. I give you the very last of my life essence. Continue to live Kagu-Tsuchi.

Amaterasu hold Izanagi tightly.

Amaterasu: Father no!

Susano shouts.

Susano: Father there must be some other way.

Tsukuyomi holding back his tears says with a sadden voice.

Tsukuyomi: There is no other way.....

Izanagi uses last of his life magic and gives it to Kagu-Tsuchi.

Kagu-Tsuchi's would heals and he lays unconscious on the ground.

Izanagi's body starts fading away into particles towards the heaven in sky. He looks at Amaterasu, Tsukuyomi, Susano and speaks

Izanagi: Children please save this world, it is a memento of the love your mother and I share.

The magic circle Izanami was casting expands and breaks. Demons start gushing out of the cave and into the sky.

Izanami turns towards the heroes.

Izanami screams towards Izanagi.

Izanami: Then why did you run away after seeing my form in the underworld. We could have been together in the underworld if you had not decided to run away the moment you saw my face. You did not allow me to explain what had happened. I waited a century for you in the depths of the underworld.

With pain in her voice, she continues.

Izanami: I waited and starved but you never came. I counted days and kept my hope alive. A century passed and I lost all hope. I became this because of you Izanagi. As I heard your voice my hope was reignited and for the first time in years, I felt something. But you ran the moment you saw me and betrayed our love. Was my beauty the only. As your love has destroyed me, I will destroy everything we created together.

Izanagi with his final breath says

Izanagi: Iza I truly loved you and I will always love you.

Izanagi while smiling fades away to heaven.

Amaterasu burst into tears. Tsukuyomi and Susano each shed tears as well. Tsukuyomi and Susano stand up and lift their weapons.

Izanami walks towards the heroes.

Susano: Sister father had a final request we shall honor it.

Susano and Tsukuyomi take an offensive stance.

Tsukuyomi: Honor the warrior our father was and get up Amaterasu.

Amaterasu stops sobbing, wipes her tears and get up. She draws magic from her Yasaka beads and joins the other two in an offensive stance.

Izanami continues to walk towards the heroes. She speaks with a heavy voice.

Izanami: Children I am your mother. Sorry you got caught in this, you deserve better. I wish we had a chance to be a family, but you need to move aside.

Heroes tighten the grip on their weapons.

Izanami with tears flowing down her eyes says

Izanami: Stand down children!! I do not wish to fight you. Make this easier for all of us.

Heroes ready their heavenly strikes.

Izanami wipes of her tears and continues to walk towards the heroes.

Izanami: You are after all Izanagi's children; you will make a stand when something important in on the line. Very well we shall let our blades talk.

Combat starts

Golden path segment 10

Izanami at 80% of her max health

Izanami exclaims.

Izanami: Children stop please!! Make this easy for me.

Susano replies in a calm voice.

Susano: We cannot let you destroy the world mother. Father gave us the responsibility to protect it.

Tsukuyomi: Mother we can find another way, let us help you.

Izanami: No one can help me. The only thing that will heal the pain your father has caused is destruction of these lands.

Izanami's face comes up with a stone-cold expression.

Izanami: I have warned you enough children. From here on you will face my wrath, I am done holding back.

Izanami exerts the underworld magic to maximum level she can. Her aura turns from purple to pure black and she charges towards the heroes.

Amaterasu draws magic from all her yasaka beads and barely manages to change the trajectory of rushing Izanami.

Amaterasu: Stay vigilant I can't deflect these charges for a long time.

Izanami: Ah so Izanagi gave you his life magic with those yasaka beads. I will enjoy tearing them apart.

Combat continues *Izanami at 50% of her max health*

The heroes are bruised and out of breath.

Tsukuyomi: Mother, father has already ascended to heaven. Father wronged you by leaving you in the underworld. Why are you punishing the world for it?

Izanami: Tsukuyomi you do not understand the pain Izanagi has caused me. I loved him with all my heart and soul for centuries. I trusted him with everything. He promised me that he would save me from the underworld and that made my final moments easy because I trusted he will come.

Susano: Mother you have been through a lot but destroying the world will not fix what has already happened.

Izanami with a maniac like smile.

Izanami: Yes, my dear Susano it won't fix what happened, but it will fix me. It will fix my heart and my soul. I will destroy everything and rebuild it for the better. These lands will be a sacred sanctuary free of all suffering.

Amaterasu exclaims.

Amaterasu: How are you any different than father then? Jizo said during the last demonic war he had the same ideology.

Izanami: The difference is I care about the things I create Amaterasu. Unlike your father I do not abandon my creations.

Izanami smiles with a killing intent and speaks

Izanami: I will recreate all four of my children again. You four can finally have the childhood and love you deserve. Only if you bend knee now, the next time you open your eyes you will be in the perfect world where no suffering exists. My sanctuary will be the perfect world that had I imagined this world to be.

Amaterasu: Mother that will be your world, this is our world.

Tsukuyomi: This is the world you and father created together, even though it is not perfect it is still the everlasting memento of your love and we have the responsibility to protect it.

Susano: We will honor father's last wish.

The heroes charge up their heavenly strikes and form the same attack formation they used to kill Onihitokuchi. The heroes move ahead to use this attack.

As the heroes use this attack on Izanami she smiles, breaks through this formation and cancels counter's all their heavenly strikes.

Izanami looks with killing intend to the heroes and speaks

Izanami: Children your father and I were the ones who created the dead lock formation. You are far too inexperienced to use this on me.

The heroes are severely injured and fall on their knee.

Izanami exclaims.

Izanami: Know despair!!

Combat continues *Izanami at 25% of her max health*

Izanami shouts out of frustration and anger

Izanami: How can this be? Why won't you give up. Stay down!!

Amaterasu: We will never give up because we are fighting for the sake of these lands and its people.

Susano: Mother you are almost at your limit as well. Stop this madness.

Izanami: You think this is my limit? This isn't even my final form.

Tsukuyomi: Amaterasu, Susano fall back!!

Izanami chants a magical spell. Souls come flying out of gates of underworld to Izanami and start merging with her aura.

Izanami: I never thought I would need to use this unless I was against one of the generals from the imperial court of heaven.

Izanami transforms into her true demonic form after consuming all the souls. Izanami's voice now reverbs as if three people are talking together.

Izanami: This is the end of the road children. With this I have left my last bit of Godhood behind and embraced my death.

Susano with concern asks

Susano: Tsukuyomi this form looks unstable, how long do you think she can maintain it?

Tsukuyomi: I do not know brother I have never seen anything like it.

Amaterasu: Brothers we fight for as long as it takes. We put our honor and life on the line.

Combat continues with Izanami in berserk mode for the rest of the fight *Izanami at 1% of her max health*

The heroes are drenched in blood. Izanami is at the limit of her magical energy.

Izanami gathers all that remains of her magic at tip of her index finger in right hand. Huge wind gushes inwardly towards Izanami's fingertip as she creates a small but intensely dense amount of magic in her attack.

Izanami: You make me proud children. You crossed blades with me at the peak of my powers and stood your ground. This is my last trump card, with this you three shall die and the world will end. See you soon in my sanctuary.

Tsukuyomi cannot lift his scythe. Susano is on his knees and his sword in on the ground. Amaterasu is in front of her brothers and stands up.

Amaterasu: Brothers stand up!! This is what we have been fighting for, we have come far. Do not give up now.

Tsukuyomi: We did our best Amaterasu; this power is mother's heavenly strike. We do not stand a chance against it.

Susano uses all his might to stand up with the help of his sword.

Susano gives a hand to Tsukuyomi.

Susano: We have no other option but to make a stand. If we die, we die trying.

Amaterasu helps Tsukuyomi stand up as well. Amaterasu with a light smile on her face says

Amaterasu: All the adventures with you both were the most precious moments of my life.

Susano: We can talk about it after we defeat mother.

Tsukuyomi: Amaterasu, Susano once again we use our trump card, our heavenly strikes in sync. It is the only chance we have against this attack.

Izanami is almost done charging her attack. A small yet intense ball of black colored magic is at her fingertip now.

Izanami: See you soon children.

The heroes charge in the three-way deadlock formation with their heavenly strikes towards Izanami.

Izanami is ready to launch her heavenly strike on her children. As she sees them charging towards her, she catches a glimpse of herself and Izanagi fighting side by side in the last demonic war. She is reminded of the best part of her life with Izanagi in that moment.

In that moment Izanami's century of hatred was overwhelmed by her centuries of love. She hesitated for a second.

The heroes go ahead to capitalize on this moment and put an end to this fight.

Izanami spots a thin bright beam of light coming down from clouds. She shouts.

Izanami: NO!!!

Izanami launches her heavenly strike at the beam of light instead of heroes. The heroes unaware of this light, go ahead in the heat of the moment and to hit Izanami.

Izanami stops Amaterasu and Susano's attack with each of her hand. Tsukuyomi's attack hits her leg and makes her incapable of moving.

The heroes are stunned by this development. They were confused that why would their mother suddenly change the trajectory of her attack towards the sky.

Heroes turn around. The bright beam of light is now very close to where the fight is taking place. The beam that seemed thin is very large now. Heroes turn around and they see six figures standing in the light. Out of these six figures they recognize one as Ryujin.

Izanami has a shocked and terrified expression on her face.

Izanami: All six of you descending together, no wonder my heavenly strike did not damage.

As Izanami says this one of the figures throw a bright lance at Izanami that pierces her chest.

As the heroes turn their face towards Izanami, they see her coughing blood.

Izanami with a sadden expression says.

Izanami: In the end it I could not defy the will of Heaven.

The three heroes are shocked and overwhelmed by this development.

Izanami with difficulty in breathing says

Izanami: Children they are generals from imperial court of Heaven.

Izanami suffers as from intense amount of pain as she cannot die. Gathering all her strength she says

Izanami: Amaterasu, Tsukuyomi, Susano you are better than Izanagi and me. Walk a different path than us, make your own destiny. Do not bend to the will of heaven like we did. Trust on one except Ryujin.

One of the figures in the light makes a hand sign and starts chanting a spell. The gates to the underworld begin collapsing due to this spell.

Izanami starts to fade away into an aura that flows into the gates of the underworld. As the gate's collapses, Izanami's body faints away faster.

The heroes look towards the figures in the bright light walking towards them.

Izanami with her last breath says

Izanami: I am proud of you my dear Mikami.

(Somber music plays) *End credits roll up*

Free roam

During combat

(Assume the player is playing as Amaterasu)

Enemies behind

- 1. Tsukuyomi: Sister behind you.
- 2. Tsukuyomi: Watch out for demons behind you.
- 3. Susano: So now I must kill demons and protect your back.
- 4. Susano: Don't go dying on me sister look behind.

(Assume the player is playing as Tsukuyomi)

Health low

- 1. Amaterasu: You do not look well; I shall support you with all my might.
- 2. Amaterasu: Back up, I will cover you.
- 3. Susano: Fall back and recover I can take care of these demons by myself.
- 4. Susano: If you die, I will be stuck with Amaterasu alone, please heal.

(Assume the player is playing as Susano)

Health drops to zero

- 1. Amaterasu: I shall kill these demons in your name Susano.
- 2. Amaterasu: Ah look how the mighty has fallen.
- 3. Tsukuyomi: Sorry my tactics failed; I shall avenge you.
- 4. Tsukuyomi: Susano please can you follow the plan for a change.

Character revives Susano

- 1. Amaterasu: We need our hard hitter, get your head back in the game.
- 2. Amaterasu: Stand strong brother.

- 3. Tsukuyomi: I cannot let my only brother die.
- 4. Tsukuyomi: Follow the plan this time, please!

While exploration

(Assume the player is playing as Amaterasu)

Interest points near by

- 1. Tsukuyomi: Sister, I think we should explore that cave.
- 2. Tsukuyomi: I have a bad feeling about that cave.
- 3. Susano: Stay vigilant, I sense danger.
- 4. Susano: Looks like that cave might have a good challenge, I am itching for a fight.

(Assume the player is playing as Tsukuyomi)

(Lore dialogues are triggered via location irrespective of the player character chosen) Lore dialogue near by

- 1. Amaterasu: Tsukuyomi a moment please.
- 2. Amaterasu: Need your advice on an idea, can we talk for a min?
- 3. Susano: Lets rest here, I am tired.
- 4. Susano: Brother, I am bored, can we chat for a bit?

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