

"The Awakening of Thorus"

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FADE IN:

**OVER BLACK**

CHYRON: At the edge of the Zio galaxy, in the orbit of planet Thorus, 07:34 AM

**INT./EXT. SPACESHIP - 07:34 AM**

ZAP. Spaceship exits warp. ERRO sits in a flight deck, overlooking planet Thorus. A multi-function display shows current speed of 8645 km/h, distance of 36,549 km from the planet and status in pilot mode. A navigation display shows a waypoint to the middle of the planet. An engine indicator shows normal data for fuel temperature and flow, the electrical system and flight deck's temperature and pressure.

ERRO

(relieved, satisfied)

Ahh, finally! Told you I will find it.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

I never doubted you, sir.

ERRO

(doubtful)

Do not lie, Ethan. I can hear mistrust in your voice.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

You did not program me to lie, sir. I do not have such abilities.

An engine indicator unexpectedly starts to light up red.

ERRO

(uncertain)

I also described you "extremely talented" in your name, so you never know.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Actually, I do, sir. I'm looking at my settings and a chance of uncertainty is currently at 0.0004683492647...

ERRO

(interrupting, annoyed)

Alright, alright, I get it. Stop with the numbers.

An engine indicator more intensively lights red.

ERRO

(curiously)

The planet looks beautiful from here. Calm as well. Never a good sign.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

I am detecting a high intensity of ray crystals in the middle of the planet, sir, just as we expected. The waypoint is already set.

ERRO

(excited at first, suddenly suspicious)

Then let me show you the proper way of landing. You just watch, I'm pretty sure I can do better than... Wait... Why is that red light blinking so much?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

That would be the engine indicator, sir.

ERRO

(nervously)

And what does the engine indicator tell us, Ethan?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

It shows data for fuel temperature and flow, the electrical system and flight deck's temperature and pressure, sir.

ERRO

(slightly panicked)

And what happens if it blinks rapidly like it does right now?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
That would mean something is wrong with  
the engine, sir. Would you like me to  
check for possible issues?

The multi-function and navigation display also start to  
disfunction. Camera gradually starts to shake.

ERRO

(panicking)  
PLEASE DO!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
It would seem we are losing power and  
pressure due to inaccurate variables we  
currently have for the engine system,  
sir. I believe the fall of this space  
vessel is inevitable.

The camera starts to shake intensively.

ERRO

(insulted and panicking)  
HEY! FIRST OF ALL, IT IS A SPACESHIP!  
SECOND OF ALL, WHY DID YOU NOT NOTICE  
THIS BEFORE?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
It was your wish to fly this time, sir.  
You had to manually input the power  
variables when you entered the pilot  
mode. That was also when I lost all  
contact and control over the engine  
system.

ERRO

(terrified)  
ETHANNNNNN!!!

The camera's field of view shrinks, and the spaceship  
quickly crashes into the planet's forest area.

FADE OUT:

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**OVER BLACK**

CHYRON: The forest of planet Thorus, 10:58 AM

EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (CRASH POINT) - 10:58 AM

Erro manages to get out of crashed spaceship. It seems E.T.H.A.N. successfully activated security protocols just in time. The spaceship is heavily damaged but is still able to fly short distances.

ERRO

(overwhelmed, relieved)

Phew, that was fun. Told you I know how to land.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Sir, we crashed.

ERRO

(relaxed)

Please, Ethan. We are both alive and the engine light doesn't even blink anymore. Now, what's our status?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Security protocols managed to protect almost all main systems, but the engine was damaged sufficiently. We will need to fix it if we want to fly again. I'll run an analysis of your suit's functions, sir.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Your boosters seem operative. Try reaching these rocks. (Press Space once to jump or twice to double jump)

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Your teleporter sustained some damage, but should work, nonetheless. Try reaching the rocks outside the boosters' range. (Aim with the marker and press and/or hold E to teleport)

ERRO

(thoughtful, excited)

Hmm, it will be hard to find spare parts in this wilderness. Wait... We are here for the ray crystals, right? If processed, they contain enough energy to make a jump. The engine doesn't need to work, we just connect them to its core.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Our ship is not built for it, but theoretically we could use ray crystals' energy to make short jumps. The Atmos Station is not that far way. We could resupply there.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Your suit is online and functioning, sir. Remember, you can use your boosters and teleport at the same time. (Press and/or hold E mid-air to reach far-fetching places)

ERRO

(excited)

See, our plans almost didn't change at all - we get the crystals for the Acquisitor and get some extra for our trip. If we fail, at least he won't be able to kill us since we'll be stuck here forever! Now, set the waypoint, and let's find some crystals, shall we?

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (FIRST ENEMY LOCATION) - LATER

A robotic drone from the gang called Onyx Razors suddenly passes through in front of Erro. Erro recognizes their notorious black and red equipment colours.

ERRO

(surprised)

What the heck! What are Onyx Razors' drones doing here?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Their high technology must have concealed them from our initial scans. Now would be the time to test out your blaster, sir. Also, be mindful of your shield and its regeneration rate, don't let it fall too low. (Press LMB to fire and R to reload)

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (PRAYER SPACE) - LATER

Erro finds an area which resembles to a place of worship. The ancient mask, coins and candle are objects that stand out the most.

ERRO

(curious)

Whoa, what is that? Ethan, scan it for me.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

It seems like some sort of a place of worship, sir. There are legends describing a highly religious ancient civilization which lived here many years ago. But to whom they bowed, is just one of many mysteries we will stumble upon here.

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (GRAVE LOCATION) - LATER

Erro notices two spears pinned into the ground, forming a letter x. In front of the spears, the ground is slightly heightened, resembling to a grave. Next to the grave, a ring and an earring stand out the most.

ERRO

(curious)

Look at that Ethan. It looks like a grave. Why is all this jewellery around here?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Perhaps it was a part of the tradition among the ancient civilization which occupied these lands, sir. Leaving objects of value for the fallen souls could mean they believed a certain force would protect them in return. Or maybe it was just to mark the grave.

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EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (RELIGIOUS RUINS) - LATER

Erro finds an ancient ruin. Its structure resembles to a temple. The object that stands out the most is a light cover, half-way pinned into the ground.

ERRO

(curious)

Thorus' habitants were quite the builders, weren't they? I wonder what happened to them.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

With a lot of data missing, sir, we can only guess what truly happened to life on Thorus. Hopefully, its end was swift and merciful. But then again, that's rarely the case.



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EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (ARENA RUINS ENTRANCE) - LATER

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Watch out, sir. I am detecting a high frequency of unknown signals in front of us.

ERRO

(challenged)

Huh, cheeky Razors, still using their defensive force field to catch intruders off guard. We'll have to destroy their drones in the area to lower it back down.

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (ARENA RUINS EXIT) - LATER

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
I believe that was the last of them, sir.

ERRO

(happy with himself)

Woo-hoo! Did you see that, Ethan? I was on fire!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Truly marvelous, sir. I managed to interrupt one of the drones' audio messages.

ERRO

(interested)

A great catch, Ethan! Let's hear it.

COMMANDER (V.O.)

(dissatisfied, angry)

I do not care what it takes! I will bring the whole damn gang if I must, but I am getting that artifact.

ERRO

(intrigued, amused)

Whoa! She sounds furious. Just imagine how the Acquisitor would be impressed with us if we brought him an ancient alien artifact? I can already see the look on his face!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Sir, we really need those ray crystals. Let's find them first.

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EXT. THORUS' RIVER AREA (NEAR THE FIRST CAMP) - 2:14 PM

Erro descends down the valley and finds a river. He can see the smoke from a nearby camp. As he approaches closer, he hears a certain sound.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Careful, sir. Onyx Razor's drones are nearby.

ERRO

(curious)

They have ground drones now?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

I'm detecting a high electric energy from their cores. We should avoid colliding with them.

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' RIVER AREA (THE FIRST CAMP) - 2:36 PM

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
It seems like Onyx Razors are here for the ray crystals as well. They have already set up camps for their refinement.

ERRO

(excited, surprised)  
This might be the easiest job in my life. Let's grab some! This is for that loot on Vendore, you mother-truckers! (Press F near collectibles to pick them up)

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' RIVER AREA (AFTER THE SECOND CAMP) - 3:15 PM

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
This amount of processed ray crystals should suffice for our trip, and the deal we have with the Acquisitor.

ERRO

(curious)  
Wonderful! I'd say we have some extra time for checking out that artifact. Can you search for more Onyx Razors' signals?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
The scans show more signals ahead, just behind that cave, but it seems the entrance is blocked.

ERRO

(satisfied, excited)

Say no more! Remember that job on Zanawei? I have one of their special handmade bombs. We only need to place it between the rocks and then shoot it. It will be spectacular! (Press E near the cave entrance and press LMB to shoot it)

(Zanawei, read Za-na-way)

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' CAVE AREA - 3:59 PM

Erro enters the cave. It illuminates with strange lights. Ray crystals are glowing throughout the cave.

ERRO

(curious)

So, what's so special about these ray crystals, Ethan? The only reason I know they are used for space travel is because of that guy from Necarro, who tried to sell them to me. I don't trust people who wear scarfs.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Their cores are filled with pure energy - a new type of substance which, if processed, is ten times stronger than normal fuel, sir. No wonder a dealer like Acquisitor wants his hands on them. They are worth quite a lot these days.

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' CAVE AREA - LATER

Erro reaches the deeper part of the cave. He is surrounded by floating rocks.

ERRO

(confused)

Are those rocks... floating? I have a bad fee-... Nope, not gonna say it.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Although I'm receiving signals of unknown energy, they seems stable, sir. For now, at least.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

EXT. THORUS' CAVE AREA (NEAR THE EXIT) - LATER

Erro reaches the end of the cave. Glowing green light attracts his attention.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

We are approaching the end of the cave. Onyx Razors' signals are multiplying. Be on your guard, sir. We've got company on the other side.

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' SWAMP AREA - 4:36 PM

Erro leaves the cave and enters a swamp. As he walks in the mud and feels a couple of drops of sweat down his neck, he clutches his fingers around the pistol's handle.

ERRO

(whispering, excited)

There are so many of them, they must be regrouping. And that means they found something. We are on the right track, Ethan!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Wait, sir... I'm detecting a...

ERRO

(whispering, excited)

Psst, Ethan... I'm trying to surprise them!

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

EXT. THORUS' SWAMP AREA - LATER

Erro defeats Onyx Razors' drones. He notices a strange breeze and illuminating lights in the air.

ERRO

(excited, proud)

Pfft! Razors' scum is no match for me!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Well done, sir... Now, if I may...

ERRO

(excited, lost in thought)

Wait, wait... Do you feel that?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Sir, artificial intelligence cannot...

ERRO

(excited, lost in thought)

Exactly, I feel it too. We need to look around. These are not normal fireflies. Let's find out where they are coming from.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

EXT. THORUS' SWAMP AREA (BEFORE THE BOSS) - LATER

Erro encounters a big obstacle in a form of a creature which seems to be guarding the entrance to the temple in the cave.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Sir, I found something quite strange.. Our scans do not have any readings for this area.

ERRO

(excited)

Something could be blocking them. Something hidden away.. Oh my, we're so close I can almost taste it!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Not hidden, sir. Just not awake.

ERRO

(surprised, frightened)

This is it, Ethan! He must be guarding the artifact. Hey, big guy - I challenge you to a duel! Prepare yourself 'cause here I come!

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

EXT. THORUS' SWAMP AREA (AFTER THE BOSS) - LATER

Erro is exhausted after battling against the guardian of the hidden temple.

ERRO

(exhausted, happy, excited)

That... was... awesome! They shall write stories about my triumph here. How does "Erro, the champion of Thorus" sound to you?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

Truly remarkable work, sir. But we still need to find the artifact, if there is one in the first place.

ERRO

(excited)

Have faith, Ethan! We are on the brink of finding it. Let's see what lies behind the creature's lair.

FADE OUT:

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EXT. THORUS' TEMPLE AREA - 6:17 PM

Erro finds an entrance to a hidden temple.

ERRO

(excited)

I knew it! A secret temple for a secret artifact. Oh, I bet Onyx Razors will be infuriated when they find out I took the artifact under their noses!

FADE OUT:



FADE IN:

EXT. THORUS' TEMPLE AREA - LATER

Erro finds an entrance to a hidden temple.

ERRO

(excited)

At last! Look at that, Ethan. It's extraordinary. Do you think I should touch it? I think I should touch it.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Sir, let me scan it for--

ERRO

(excited)

I'm gonna touch it.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Sir, I implore you--

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

EXT. THORUS' FOREST AREA (CRASH POINT) - 8:24 AM

Erro and Ethan prepare for a lift-off.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
How do you feel, sir?

ERRO

(in pain)

Ugh, like I put my hand in an electric circuit.

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
It might as well be just like that, sir. The artifact possesses an unidentified energy. It was surely designed to protect the artifact from the hands of curious entities.

ERRO

(content)

Even so, it was worth it. Now tell me, how are we progressing with the ray crystals?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

I managed to connect the containers to the engine's core. The only thing left to do is press the release button. I left that honor to you, sir.

ERRO

(glad, appreciative)

Ah, Ethan, you know me so well. What would I do without you?

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)

You would certainly become a better pilot, sir. What are you planning to do with the artifact? Sell it to the Acquisitor?

ERRO

(cheeky)

Perhaps. Perhaps not. Let's see where the stars take us!

FADE OUT:

THE END

Additional Lines

COMBAT LINES

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Watch out, sir!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Careful, sir!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Your ammo is getting low!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Your shield is low, sir!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Keep going, sir!

E.T.H.A.N.

(blank, restrained, impassive)  
Hang on, sir!

ERRO

(excited, energetic)  
Ouch!

ERRO

(excited, energetic)  
Hey, that hurts!

ERRO

(excited, energetic)  
How rude of you!

ERRO

(excited, energetic)  
Not today, Razors' scum!

ERRO

(excited, energetic)  
Try to dodge this!

ERRO  
(excited, energetic)  
Should I slow down for you?

ERRO  
(excited, energetic)  
Didn't see that one coming, did you?

ERRO  
(excited, energetic)  
You better run away!

ERRO  
(excited, energetic)  
This is not a good day for you, is it?

#### CHARACTER SOUNDS

ERRO  
(energetic)  
Jump sound. Ugh?

ERRO  
(energetic)  
Dodge sound. Whoa?

ERRO  
(energetic)  
Breathing sound. Inhale/exhale? Out of  
breath? Running?

ERRO  
(energetic)  
Whistle. Humming.