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Once Alaunus was burned by evil, but like the phoenix it rose from the ashes, whilst the forest and the old castle are untouched, the majority of the Island was converted into a city. The best of the city's children were invited to enrol in the warrior academy, a programme of specialised training, led by Raven, military specialist Rolfe Phillips and former Olympic Gymnast Gemma Stone to become the new warriors of Alaunus to protect the Island from threats the police can't handle. Thus far, no such threats have arisen, until today...

### Scene 1

Warriors Academy, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2033, 08:00 GMT

Raven, Rolfe and Gemma are in the main office

Gemma: You can't be serious!

Raven: I am serious, Gemma. These sightings must be looked into

Rolfe: It's a bunch of quacks seeing ghosts, what do you expect to find?

Raven: If I knew, I would not have to look for it

Rolfe: You should focus here, the missing people tally has risen to nearly 80, we should be finding them

Raven: Aye, it's distressing that no demands have been made. But I trust both of you (He stands tall). May the luck of the Raven's eye be with you (He transforms into a Raven and flies away)

Rolfe: I'll never get used to that

Gemma: Me neither (the computer screen begins displaying noise, slowly turning green)

Riddler: Greetings, insolent scum of Alaunus. I am the Riddler. There are many unfortunate citizens in life or death situations because they were too stupid to notice what was 2 feet in front of them. Only the brightest from the Warrior Academy can save them. Well, I say they can save them, they're the only ones who can try. I'm transmitting a list of co-ordinates for the first 20 hostages to the academy, may the luck of the Raven's eye be with you (he laughs as computers are restored to normal, Rolfe and Gemma look at each other)

Gemma: Mobilise, I'll see the extent of what he's done (she begins typing into her computer)

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8 days later

Rolfe enters the office

Rolfe: You found something?

Gemma: Nothing, the Riddler isn't hacking into these systems, it's like...Like he always had control of them

Rolfe: You think his control was in the infrastructure?

Gemma: Yes, this game's been long in the making. I'll try and isolate the hardware so we can cut him out but in the mean time

Rolfe: Let's bring them out

# *Raven: The Fallen*

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Outside

10 warriors are gathered; Rolfe comes out bringing a case

Rolfe: ATTENTION! (The warriors come to a halt) you are the best 10 warriors in this academy. You are most aware of the crisis that we are facing. The hostages are in traps and will be killed unless warriors like you disarm them. To aid you on this quest, we will provide the ultimate arsenal (He opens the briefcase and shows them 5 potions) each of these potions will have an effect to help you on this journey. Be warned, we will not have more prepared any time soon, so use them wisely. In that end, we have assigned each of these potions to a warrior. They have ultimate say in how that potion is used. Sileb, step forward (Sileb steps forward and collects a vial from Rolfe) yours is the revival potion. Should a warrior fall, administer to him this potion and he will survive. Yvarina, step forward (Yvarina steps forward and collects a potion) yours is the potion of enhancement, it will enhance physical prowess, strength, speed, accuracy, agility and stamina for a limited period. Armsa, step forward (Armsa collects a potion from Rolfe) yours is the potion of invincibility, it will render the drinker temporarily invulnerable. Landrek, step forward (Landrek steps forward and collects a potion) yours is the potion of invisibility, I think its effects speak for themselves. Tregan, step forward (he hands to Tregan the final potion) yours is the wisdom potion, if your wits cannot solve a puzzle, the drinker might be able to push the odds. The Riddler's next hostage is location at the LexCorp building in downtown, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Move out! (The warriors move out)

Weyat: I am nervous about this first trial, as it is our first challenge set by The Riddler and a person's life depends on it.

Armsa: I am not that nervous heading into the quest but I am worried about the trials that rely on strength as I'm not the best with those.

Sileb: I'm feeling rather confident about our first challenge. We've got a great team and we were trained just for situations like these! Our teamwork should see us through!

Worbon: I'm feeling partly nervous about doing a challenge for the first time but also excited to finally get going and hopefully save the hostage.

Laiam: I feel slightly anxious about the upcoming challenge because I want us to do well.

Landrek: At the moment I'm feeling very fairly confident about the challenge that lies in front of us. The team that has been assembled have all of the necessary skills to handle whatever is thrown at us. We are ready and raring for a fight.

Tregan: I'm excited about facing the new challenges and am determined to start off with a positive attitude

Yvarina: It's our first mission, so I'm feeling rather nervous. But I'm ready to do my best! Whatever it may take, my friends and I are going to save the hostage together, and nothing's going to stop us.

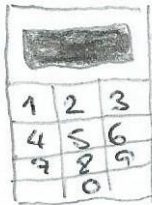
Jedren: I'm excited about the challenge the Riddler poses to us, bring him on, I say!

Rasha: I'm feeling nervous about what's ahead; we have no idea what the Riddler has in store for us

## Scene 2

LexCorp building,

3<sup>rd</sup> floor



### **The First Trial**

The warriors arrive at the location of the hostage

Riddler: So, these are the latest batch the Warrior Academy has sent. I look forward to watching you fail

The hostage is gagged and bound to an electric chair, on the wall is a numeric keypad, the electric chair shocks the hostage

Riddler: Be warned, children. If you give the wrong code, the next shock will kill him. Only a *riddle* can save him now.

The warriors discuss an answer, Armsa suggests the answer is 3333 seeing as they're on the third floor of the building, but the idea is quickly dismissed by his fellow warriors. Weyat notices the slight emphasis the Riddler put on the word "riddle" suggesting it might be a clue to the code

Whilst many of the warriors consider an alpha-numeric code, Jedren suggests that possibly they should consider the idea of letters being under the numbers, suggesting the code 743353 as a possibility for the code, the idea is soon supported by Yvarina

A serious debate begins to spew between the warriors between these ideas but the debate about them using the code Jedren has suggested begins to fall apart when Rasha points out that some devices have different letters under different numbers

The warriors begin to realise that the alpha-numeric code must be the right answer and so begin to input it. 18-9-4-4-12-5 is inputted into the machine by Laiam and the hostage's shackles are released. They ungag the hostage who is supremely grateful for the rescue

Riddler: Congratulations, you've solved my simple puzzle and rescued the first hostage. Best be warned, they get tougher from here.

Sileb: It's a relief to have saved the hostage! We all had a bit of a debate there and we needed to get the code right! I'm just glad the alpha-numeric code was the correct way to go, thank goodness.

Landrek: It's satisfying to know that we have successfully saved the life of a hostage. I will fully admit that we were definitely pensive about the answer is there were a number of possible options, but luckily we managed to produce the correct answer to the combination lock.

Armsa: I'm glad that we managed to rescue the hostage but I think it will get harder from here on out. Thank goodness we didn't go for my idea or else the hostage would have died.

Worbon: I feel so pleased about saving our first hostage because it would've been a bad start if we hadn't. I'm a little more confident now that we've won a challenge.

Yvarina: I'm really, really happy that we were able to save the hostage but I felt a bit useless here, so I really hope I can show my skills to the other warriors so that they don't think I'm dragging them down.

Tregan: I feel great after rescuing the first hostage; it's a positive beginning to our quest.

Jedren: I'm glad we've rescued a hostage but also kind of embarrassed that I put forward an incorrect alternative.

Laiam: I'm glad we rescued the first hostage, I hope we rescue many more

Rasha: It's good that we have one hostage alive, but there are still more out there

Weyat: I feel great about rescuing our first hostage and it was a very good feeling to be 1-0 up on The Riddler.

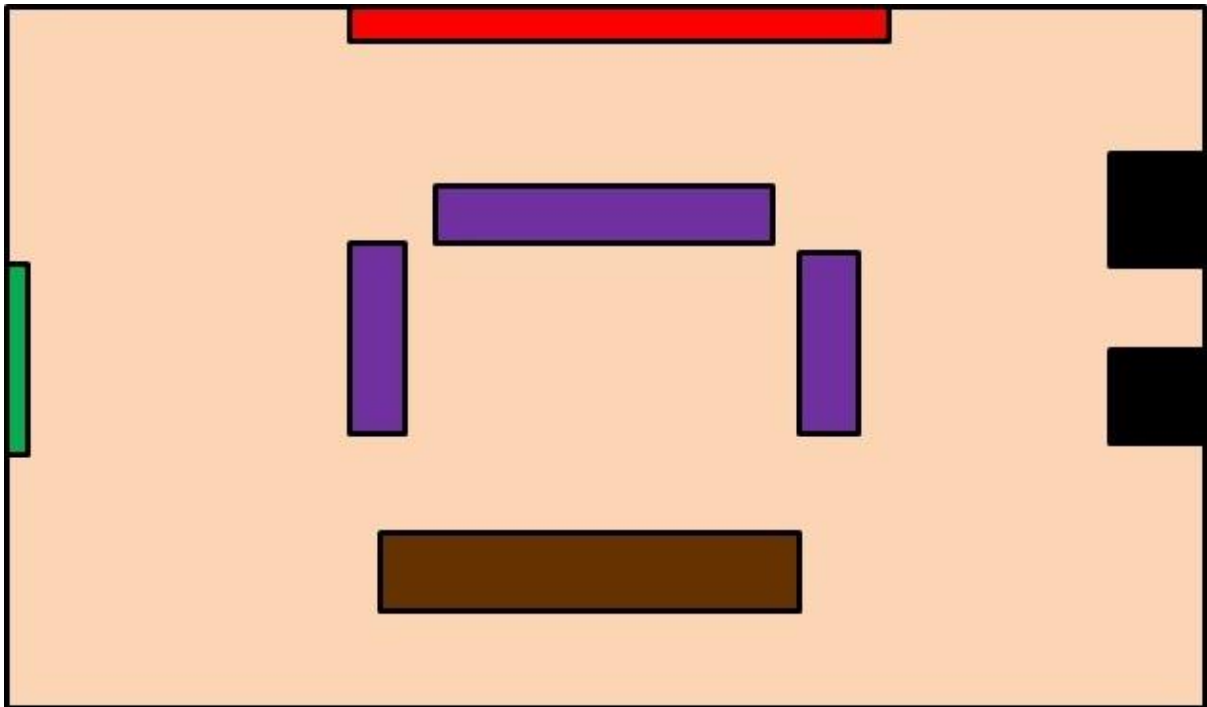
The warriors lead the rescued hostage down the building's staircase

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Ground floor – reception area



**Ambush**



Key:

Green: Staircase exit

Red: Entrance

Brown: Reception desk

Purple: Sofas

Black: Vending machines

The warriors reach the reception area but several of the Riddler's Thugs have broken in

Riddler: I'm afraid I can't have you leave quite yet

The hostage quickly hides behind the reception desk as the warriors are ready to face up against the incoming Thugs. Landrek sneaks away as the others try and keep the Thug's attention. The remaining warriors split into teams.

Armsa, Sileb, Worbon, Jedren, Rasha and Laiam gather together to watch each other's backs, the thugs focus their attention on this larger group and attack them. These warriors use their agility to their advantage, largely defensively at this stage.

Laiam is proving particularly useful, able to dodge multiple strikes at once and helping place the thugs in positions so that Weyat, Tregan and Yvarina can strike at them. Landrek uses the sofas as cover. He spots a thug amongst the others, searching for him. When his back is turned, Landrek strikes, using a choking hold to knock him unconscious.

Landrek returns to cover, this time behind a vending machine before anyone else notices him. Weyat, Tregan and Yvarina strike at a pair of thugs the other team had put together. Yvarina manages to knock one out whilst Weyat and Tregan use their combined strength to knock out the other.

As the fight ensues many of the warriors begin to get tired. Tregan especially is showing the strain, but Laiam, Jedren and Worbon are also beginning to tire. Yvarina knocks out another enemy with a hard punch whilst Landrek strikes at another enemy from the shadows.

They continue to whittle down the numbers, soon the number of thugs is equal to the number of warriors, the warriors instantly react, each selecting a target and striking. Yvarina punches one thug unconscious and after multiple strikes, Weyat and Tregan also knock out a thug each.

Laiam manages to dodge an attack and gets into a position where he can use the pressure points on the thug's neck to knock him out, and he does so. Rasha jump kicks an enemy in the face, achieving the same result. Jedren manages to repeat the pressure point attack Laiam did. Worbon slides to avoid a strike, tripping up the thug and knocking him to the ground so he can be knocked out.

Sileb strikes his thug in the side after evading an attack, with the enemy off balance he kicks him in the back knocking him to the ground and unconscious. Armsa strikes a number of small blows that knock his thug off balance allowing him to perform the same weak point strike Laiam and Jedren did. Landrek strikes at the final standing thug, knocking him unconscious with a choking hold

Riddler: Hitting them and knocking them out, I hope you don't think I'll be playing you this easily too often. The was just a simple distraction as I finished preparing other riddles across the Island.

Sileb: Those thugs were pretty standard, but it feels like we're being played here. If the Riddler is going to start making things tougher from here on out, then I'm a little uneasy about facing more thugs.

Landrek: I'm almost certain that the future encounters with the Riddler's cronies will be much more difficult in comparison with this encounter, but I'm still fairly confident that we can get the better of them regardless of the situation.

Armsa: I like to think that we did well and we shouldn't be worried but I know the Riddler has to have better men.

Worbon: I'm proud of our work against the thugs because we managed to dispose of them safely and quickly, so I think our tactics paid off.

Yvarina: We did great to take them out so well, but they were unarmed, meaning we'll have a much harder time in the future.

Tregan: I am worried about meeting more of the Riddler's men. Our strategy was good, but we need to improve, in my opinion

Jedren: Whilst it's good we've managed to knock them out, there are likely more to come and we'll have to be ready for them

Laiam: I'm glad we're free of them but I hope we don't have to face too many of them

Rasha: The Riddler was merely distracting us with the hostages, we didn't accomplish anything more with that battle.

Weyat: After what happened in the tower, I am worried about another encounter because we all know they are going to get a lot stronger in the future and we may have fewer warriors for new encounters.

### Scene 3

Warrior Academy, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2033, 11:00 UTC

Gemma is still trying to isolate the Riddler, she gets unlucky

Gemma: Dammit!

Rolfe: How does an Olympic athlete have computing skills like you?

Gemma: I broke my leg once, was out of action aside from rehab for 8 months, I needed something to alleviate the boredom. It's no use, we need access to the Riddler's systems before we can track him down.

Rolfe: All in due time (the printer begins to print something) did you order something to print

Gemma: No, it's him (a piece of paper comes out) it's in binary code (They eye the only line in English 'For warriors use only') I'll print a translation guide for them



### **Tracking**

The warriors arrive from their mission, Rolfe steps to them.

Rolfe: The Riddler's left us a new clue, it's up to you to decipher it. It's likely there's a lead to another hostage so don't screw it up (he hands them a copy of the code and a translation guide)

### The Code

01010100 01101000 01100101 00100000 01101110 01100101 01111000 01110100  
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 00100000 01101001 01110011 00100000 01101100 01101111 01100011 01100001  
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### Translation guide

|   | Binary Code |   | Binary Code |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| A | 01000001    | a | 01100001    |
| B | 01000010    | b | 01100010    |
| C | 01000011    | c | 01100011    |
| D | 01000100    | d | 01100100    |
| E | 01000101    | e | 01100101    |
| F | 01000110    | f | 01100110    |
| G | 01000111    | g | 01100111    |
| H | 01001000    | h | 01101000    |
| I | 01001001    | i | 01101001    |
| J | 01001010    | j | 01101010    |
| K | 01001011    | k | 01101011    |
| L | 01001100    | l | 01101100    |
| M | 01001101    | m | 01101101    |
| N | 01001110    | n | 01101110    |
| O | 01001111    | o | 01101111    |
| P | 01010000    | p | 01110000    |
| Q | 01010001    | q | 01110001    |
| R | 01010010    | r | 01110010    |
| S | 01010011    | s | 01110011    |
| T | 01010100    | t | 01110100    |
| U | 01010101    | u | 01110101    |
| V | 01010110    | v | 01110110    |
| W | 01010111    | w | 01110111    |
| X | 01011000    | x | 01111000    |
| Y | 01011001    | y | 01111001    |
| Z | 01011010    | z | 01111010    |



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|-------|----------|---|----------|
| 0     | 00110000 | 1 | 00110001 |
| 2     | 00110010 | 3 | 00110011 |
| 4     | 00110100 | 5 | 00110101 |
| 6     | 00110110 | 7 | 00110111 |
| 8     | 00111000 | 9 | 00111001 |
| space | 00100000 | , | 00100111 |
| .     | 00101110 | - | 00101101 |
| ?     | 00111111 | : | 00111010 |
| '     | 00100111 |   |          |

The warriors read the binary code and most begin work in translating it immediately off the bat, Laiam and Rasha are the most stumped by it as the code looks long and complex, this slows their translation progress significantly.

Sileb and Landrek are making great progress and whilst Armsa, Worbon, Weyat and Jedren's efforts have begun to slow they have made it past the half way point of translating the code with Tregan and Yvarina not far behind.

Without delay they have managed to pass the written segment and are now focusing solely on translating the numbers. Sileb claims to have finished his first but in his hurry he had missed off one of the numbers. Landrek finishes his and they check each other's to verify, with both wishing for further verification.

Yvarina completes a translation but notices an error she'd made and proceeds to correct it. Tregan finishes her translation and gets the same result as Landrek, Yvarina's translation leads to the same result. With 4 warriors having each produced the same result, the others are satisfied in being the correct one and call an end to the challenge

"The next hostage is located in the forest of dawn time. Co-ordinates 0001145-1234595-001234"

Rolfe: Are you sure of that translation? (The warriors nod) Then we shall enter the map room and find out where that is

Sileb: I think we were pretty effective in our translations. We all decided to translate it ourselves and reveal our results. I'm just glad the other pointed out the number I missed, that could have been bad. But we couldn't take too much time, since we needed to reach our next hostage.

Landrek: It certainly helped some of us experience that form of decoding, so the task was slightly easier than anticipated. I think running the code past to the other members of the team was a worthwhile move, as it eased the pressure a little bit.

Armsa: I was slow figuring out which letters should go where hence why I was slow. I do think we could have worked it out quicker if we worked as a team.

Worbon: I think it was fine that we did the code individually because some of us were really quick and once a few people had finished we were able to check if our answers matched.

Yvarina: I feel that after we worked out what the code for 'space' was, we could have coordinated a few of us to work on separate word translations.

Weyat: We used a good strategy for the decryption test, although I think it would be better if we had all focused on translating together instead of separately.

Laiam: We could've done the translation faster, but we succeeded and that's what matters now, I just hope it's not too late for the hostage.

Jedren: It may not have been our finest group effort but we succeeded and now we have the location of another hostage.

Rasha: Our strategy worked, we got the message translation and we have a potential location for our next hostage.

Tregan: Our method of decoding the binary worked well; I think it was useful to have warriors checking each other's work to eliminate mistakes, but perhaps there was a faster way we could have done it.

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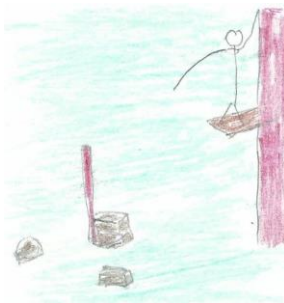
The map room

Rolfe takes the warriors to the map room where they look up the forgotten

Rolfe: It seems the location is just outside the city limits. Go! (He gives them the map, marked with an x where the hostage is) good luck. (The warriors leave as he falls to his knees) what am I sending these guys into?

### Scene 5

Forest of Dawn Time



### **Scramble**

The warriors reach the location of the next hostage, at the top of the hill in the forest. The hostage is gagged and suspended from the tree, there is a noose around her neck attached to the tree with the ropes bounding her set to release in about 10 minutes

Riddler: Well, it seems you've shown an inkling of initiative and found your way here, but you'll have to reach new heights in order to save this one

The warriors notice some stones at the bottom of the hill and can tell that if they can form them at the top of the hill, they can construct a path to get high enough to untie the noose before the hostage is released.

Yvarina has a plan, Landrek and Tregan are sent to the bottom of the hill to begin sorting the pieces, Laiam, Yvarina, Worbon, Weyat and Rasha head to the bottom of the hill and begin to climb the hill with the pieces the sorters had laid out for them. It then becomes the task of Armsa, Sileb and Jedren to begin assembling the puzzle

The plan initially seems to work, but the magnitude of the puzzle begins to show, Yvarina brings up his 4th piece whilst Worbon is struggling to pull up his third with Weyat only slightly ahead. The rope keeping the hostage suspended is slowly creaking away, it could give way at any second.

Landrek and Tregan finish sorting the puzzle at the bottom of the hill and decide to give aid by helping transfer the pieces to the top of the hill, this speeds up the process as Armsa, Sileb and Jedren are all comfortably assembling the pieces that had been brought to them.

The last few runs with the final pieces they have are proving exhausting for the warriors, progress has slowed to an absolute crawl at this point. Yvarina, who had already brought up her final piece tries to help by coming down and taking Worbon's piece as he was the furthest behind, making the climb back up easier for him.

Unfortunately, time comes back to bite them and the rope releases, the woman is hanged and the warriors are forced to watch in horror as the hostage they had set out to rescue dies.

Riddler: Now do you see that I'm better than you? I'd kill you right now, but I want you to wallow in that despair.

Tregan: I feel absolutely awful we didn't manage to save the second hostage. I'm not sure why our strategy didn't work, but we obviously need better strategies for future challenges.

Weyat: When I saw the hostage die, I got very upset and very nervous because there were a lot more of these challenges ahead. I personally think I would have been better trying to build the stairway to the hostage as I don't have much speed or stamina, so it was hard for me bringing the pieces up the slope.

Landrek: It's definitely aggravating knowing that we were very close to saving the hostage, only to lose it at the last moment. I'll be honest I feel as though I would have been better suited at the puzzle solving section of the task as opposed to the transferring portion of the task as I'm stronger mentally than physically. But hopefully the next time something like this comes around, we should be better prepared for when that happens.

Armsa: Dang it! If only we worked quicker! I don't think I could have worked much quicker but even so...

Worbon: It was a complete change from the first challenge and I feel really guilty for not being able to save the hostage in time. I wish we could go back and

rethink our strategy but we just have to move on. It just makes me more determined to fight the Riddler now that we've seen what sort of stuff he's capable of.

Yvarina: I've failed to prove my capabilities to my friends again, by not thinking the plan through perfectly. I should have placed different people in different roles, but I couldn't come up with a better layout than what I did.

Sileb: Oh god... that poor woman. Things just went really wrong here. While I personally felt I was doing well where I was, some of the other warriors were running out of stamina getting the puzzle pieces up here. We've made a fatal error and we need to make sure we don't screw this up again.

Rasha: It was horrible seeing that woman die the way she did, but this has only strengthened my resolve to track him down.

Jedren: We failed, but we can't let that failure completely get to us... We can't

Laiam: I'm horrified to see the hostage die, and in such a horrific manner. The Riddler will pay for this.

The warriors move back towards the academy

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In the trees, 4 hours later

Raven has been conversing with some other ravens, as the night falls they all fly away, Raven spots a white demon and flies in pursuit, he sees the demon join the ranks of hundreds of others, he flies away and lands some distance away, he activates an earpiece

Raven: I've found something, and it is not looking good