

Memory 1: Panel 1

INT. KALIN'S HOUSE, WEST PAX-TERA - DUSK

WE OPEN on KALIN (Player, 10) in their bedroom, having just finished having dinner with their parents, MOTHER (41) and FATHER (44). Sunlight comes through the window of the bedroom. On a desk in the room are old homework assignments proudly displaying KALIN's name. On the bed is a dog stuffed animal and a colorful, well-worn blanket. Hanging on the wall is a calendar displaying May 2032, with the first 19 days checked off.

KALIN

(TO SELF)

That's enough homework for now, I should see if I can get some money for ice cream from Mama or Dad.

In the living room, MOTHER is cleaning dishes and FATHER is sitting on a couch. On the TV, a news anchor covers a story on *Pax-Tera v Havis* and the ensuing courthouse protests. KALIN, wanting some ice cream, leaves their room to talk to MOTHER and FATHER in the living room.

NOTE: All characters in this scene are speaking Matollan, different languages are indicated visually through different fonts.

FATHER INTERACTION

KALIN WALKS up beside the couch where FATHER (44) is sitting. He is engrossed in the news report and doesn't notice KALIN's presence.

KALIN

(Watches TV)

THE PLAYER camera is directed towards the TV, where the news anchor standing before the memorial can be heard describing a court case.

NEWS ANCHOR

Tonight, we bring you exclusive details on the vandalism of a peace memorial honoring the great heroes who sacrificed their lives in the war. The suspect who defaced the monument has been identified as Leoni Havis. This blatant act of terrorism comes at a time of heightened tension in Pax-Tera. Reports of violent incidents are reaching record highs, resulting from Matollans and Azulians crossing into each other's neighborhoods. Havis will stand trial in the coming weeks. More on this at 10.

THE HEADLINE on the news switches from this story and now displays "STRAY DOG POPULATION REACHES RECORD HIGH".

KALIN

1. [What's the Memorial?](#)
2. [What's happening?](#)

(1) MONUMENT

FATHER NOTICES KALIN standing near the couch and rushes to turn off the TV.

FATHER

It's a statue that our people built to honor our fallen soldiers.

KALIN

1. [Who were the soldiers?](#)
2. [Why did they ruin the statue?](#)

(1A) SOLDIERS

FATHER, HESITANT to answer the question, shakes his head.

FATHER

(Playfully) When did you get so curious, huh?

FATHER PAUSES for a second.

FATHER

They were our people's heroes. They fought for us against some very evil, very dangerous people. And they sacrificed their lives to make sure we would be safe from them.

FATHER QUICKLY glances at the TV again, then back to KALIN.

Jump to [GET PERMISSION \(FATHER\)](#)

(1B) STATUE

FATHER SHAKES his head in frustration.

FATHER

Cause that's the way those people act. They're all dangerous.

Jump to [GET PERMISSION \(FATHER\)](#)

(2) HAPPENING

FATHER

It's just angry people lashing out about the war in a stupid way.

FATHER PAUSES for a second.

FATHER

The monument was built to honor the heroes of our people. They fought for us during the war and now the monument has been vandalized by those who view the war differently.

Jump to [GET PERMISSION \(FATHER\)](#)

***** GET PERMISSION (FATHER) *****

KALIN TURNS to look at FATHER.

FATHER

Look Kalin...you have to be safe out there, ok? What's our rule?

KALIN SPEAKS back to FATHER in an annoyed tone, as if this is the millionth time saying their rule.

KALIN

Stay on this side of the river and stay away from people I don't know.

FATHER

Why?

KALIN

Because they will hurt me or take me.

FATHER

Good answer. Remember, you can never trust those people on the other side of the river. And besides, we have better ice cream over here, huh?

[if **TALKED TO MOTHER FIRST**]

KALIN

Speaking of which...Mama told me to ask you if I could get ice cream.

FATHER

Is it ok with her?

KALIN

Yep! I just asked.

FATHER

Then it's ok with me. On one condition... You have to bring me back some Berry Hazard if Cylo still has any left.

KALIN runs towards the door. When KALIN gets close to the door, FATHER yells.

FATHER

(Shouting) Don't be out too late.....And stay away from strays!

[if **TALKED TO FATHER FIRST**]

KALIN

Speaking of which...Can I go get ice cream from Cylo's?

FATHER

If it's ok with your Mama it's ok with me. Go check with her.

FATHER TURNS back towards the TV, dismissing KALIN.

ARTIFACT: THE NEWSPAPER

A NEWSPAPER, with the headline "Suspect Arrested in Peace Memorial Vandalism Case", sits on the coffee table in the living room. If KALIN picks up the NEWSPAPER, FATHER begins talking to KALIN.

FATHER

Well, look at you reading the paper!

FATHER SMILES and turns back towards the TV. KALIN continues about their business.

ARTIFACT ONBOARDING BEGINS.

MOTHER INTERACTION

KALIN WALKS up to MOTHER (41), who is in the middle of cleaning dishes and pots from dinner. She is hunched over the sink in concentration, scrubbing out some grease from a pan. She acknowledges KALIN warmly without turning around.

MOTHER

Hey there Kay, what do you need?

KALIN

Can I go get some ice cream from Cylo?

MOTHER TURNS to KALIN, smiling.

MOTHER

Before you go, can you gather up all the trash for me?

KALIN RECEIVES the TRASH DAY quest.

WHEN TRASH DAY is finished.

MOTHER

All done? Who knew my little helper was so fast?

KALIN

Mama, I'm not that little anymore.

MOTHER

(Smiling) Whatever you say little one.

KALIN

Now can I go get ice cream? Pleeesease?

[if **TALK TO MOTHER FIRST**]

MOTHER STOPS whatever she is doing, and turns to KALIN with a smirk. She fishes into her pocket and produces 10 Qip. She takes KALIN's hand and presses the coins into it.

MOTHER

Make sure you check with your father
before you leave.

KALIN

I will. Thanks mama!

[if **TALK TO FATHER FIRST**]

MOTHER

What did your father say?

KALIN

He said I could!

MOTHER STOPS whatever she is doing, and turns to KALIN with a smirk. She fishes into her pocket and produces 10 Qip. She takes KALIN's hand and presses the coins into it.

MOTHER

I expect to see you back here by sundown.
And tell Cylo I say hi!

KALIN

Thank you!

KALIN QUICKLY runs towards the door.

MOTHER

(Shouting) Don't wander off too far. I
don't want you getting caught in the
wrong part of the city! And stay away
from strays!

KALIN PAUSES briefly before running out the door.

KALIN TRIES TO LEAVE THE HOUSE WITHOUT TALKING TO BOTH PARENTS

KALIN

(TO SELF)
I'll get in big trouble if I leave
without asking.

END