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Chapter 1 - Pilot

"This snow is so deep," I said as me & Michal were going through the forest in the dead of winter. "Stop whining David! Soon we will be at the stand," Michal replied. I felt like the snow was slowly eating me and my hands were turning into pure ice. "We should've taken the ATV," I said, breaking the silence. When we got there I reached for my bottle of water to take a sip. As I was climbing the ladder, I saw something that looked like a deer. But it also looked like a human. I told Michal about it, but he just said I was hallucinating. We were there for hours. "Still no deer," I said while looking through the scope of my hunting rifle. "Maybe we should go back." As I stopped looking through the scope to glance my eyes at Michal, he wasn't there... I was confused, was this some type of dream?! I went down the ladder and out of the stand, and I went to look behind me. There was nothing. So I walked that path. And the only thing I could hear was the heavy stomps of my feet until I heard the sound of a stick snapping behind me. Then there was the sound of heavy breathing. I looked behind me and- *Bonk*

Chapter 2 - Lost

I opened my eyes with a moan. When I got up, I was in the middle of nowhere. "Where am I?" I was lost. All I had was my rifle. I went through the unknown land until I saw a tree with an ax and a note.

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Hello. If you are reading this, you're lost in an unnamed forest. I left this ax for you to aid you. But whatever you do, don't trust them.

I was confused, who are "they"? I took the ax out of the dead tree. "I need to make a plan," I said. First, I need a base. So I cut down some trees for logs to use for my base. While I was cutting a big tree down, I saw Michal. I looked through the scope of my rifle to get a closer look. He was waving at me, he was doing it in a way that means "follow me;" but when I went closer, he disappeared into thin air. So I ignored it since I could be hallucinating again. When I found a spot to build my base, I immediately got to work. It was hard to build a base in this harsh environment, but I had grit. I knew I could do it. When I was finally done, I sat down in the snow to take a nap. The night was long, and the air was cold. The air was so cold in fact, that it woke me up. I decided to go to my new base to sleep, and I think that was a good idea.

Dream Journal entry #1: Tonight's dream was weird. I was in the same forest right now, but I was with Michal. I did everything the same up until the part when I was cutting down that huge tree, instead of seeing Michal, I

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saw a strange figure just standing there. I went up to it and then I woke up. What does this mean?

Chapter 3 - Investigation

Today I will get to the bottom of this. I got everything planned out so I don't get into any type of situation. So I grabbed my ax and got started on my investigation. At first, I was going in random directions until I found a map pinned on a tree. Then I know where to go. I kept on walking until I saw a cave. I was scared to go inside because I didn't know what was in there. So I decided to just take a peek inside the cave. When I went for that peek, I saw some sort of cult doing a ritual. Then I saw a scroll about the cult. When I read it, I figured out that they were praising a god named Nix. I also saw what they were doing. They got a body of someone who froze to death, drained out the blood and put it in a wine glass and put it next to "The Coffin of Nix" as supposedly wine for the god. This was a weird ritual and I wanted to run away. But my impulses kept on making me want to sneak in. But I could control them. So I ran away, struggling in the deep snow. Now I was safe. My investigation was complete.

Sub Chapter 1

It was ten days after my investigation, and I was still scarred from learning about that ritual. I've been having nightmares about being the victim of the ritual. But I try

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to keep myself from thinking about it. I do a lot of stuff to keep myself from thinking about the ritual or the cult. For example, I like to go search for food. I didn't like just eating the same meat and berries. I've been trying to make a fishing rod to catch fish since I kinda like fish. But I've been struggling with making one. *Maybe I can make a day just for prepping a bit more...*

Chapter 4 - Prep Day

I woke up knowing I have a big day today. If I was still at home, I would've made a cup of coffee and drunk it all up by now. But I just drank some water from the rough cup I made a few days ago. Now I need to make a fishing rod. But I knew I couldn't. So I walked around thinking what I have to do. I kept on walking and walking until I stumbled upon a pond, left to be forgotten. I decided to explore for a little while, and when I was examining the trees, I found an old fishing rod. Finally! The fishing rod was still in decent shape. Now that I got a fishing rod, I need to get everything else done. So I went back to my base. Then I planned out everything else I needed to do. I decided to take a break and do the rest in the afternoon. But one important thing I need to do; is make a campfire...