

## Dialogue Scene #10 - The Spirit

*(BG is the Spirit itself, inhabiting its mysterious jade tree. Over time, the camera slowly PULLS OUT, revealing how alone the Spirit is. Its suspended within a vast void of spectral darkness and amorphous green shimmers)*

### **SCENE START:**

*This dialogue is accessed after reaching the Spirit itself, deep within its abyss near the end of the game.*

*Clint:*

Hello?

*Clint:*

My name is Clint... Clint Adler

*Clint:*

I think- you're the one that's been talking to me?

*Clint:*

Ever since I got here-

*Clint:*

I've heard voices.

*Clint:*

Seen... memories.

*Clint:*

Memories that aren't mine.

*Clint:*

Whatever you are...

*(PAUSE)*

*Clint:*

Do you hear me?

*Spirit:*

CREATURE

*Spirit:*

I SEE YOU

*Spirit:*

CLEAR, NOW

*Clint:*

Oh my... god.

*Clint:*

I'm... just-

*Clint:*

After everything-

*Clint:*

even at the end...

*Clint:*

I still didn't believe you could be real.

*Clint:*

The murals, the symbols? This whole place?

*Clint:*

Was it all built for you??

*Clint:*

I don't understand...

*Spirit:*

YET-

*Spirit:*

HERE YOU ARE

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

ARE YOU READY?

*Clint:*

W-wait! What? What even are you?!

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

I HAVE BEEN CALLED MANY THINGS

*Spirit:*

A SPIRIT

*Spirit:*

A GHOST

*Spirit:*

A DAUGHTER, TAKEN BY DISEASE

*Spirit:*

A FATHER, LOST TO THE SEA

*Spirit:*

A FADED MEMORY

*Spirit:*

DESIRE

*Spirit:*

REVENGE

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

A FRIEND

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

I AM WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE

*Spirit:*

A WISH

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

ARE YOU READY?

*Clint:*

You keep asking that, but I don't understand!

*Clint:*

What am I ready for?!

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

YOU KNOW NOTHING CREATURE, DO YOU?

*Spirit:*

OF THIS PLACE?

*Spirit:*

OF ALL OF IT?

*Spirit:*

YOU ARE THE FIRST THAT HAS COME  
WITHOUT PURPOSE

*Spirit:*

WITHOUT KNOWING

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

*Clint:*

Audrey.

*Clint:*

My friend.

*Clint:*

She searched for you - this horrible place.

*Clint:*

For answers.

*Clint:*

And now- now she's gone.

*Clint:*

Her mother searched for you.

*Clint:*

And now she's dead.

WHY?

*Clint:*

WHY?!

*Clint:*

Why all of this??

*Clint:*

Why Audrey??

*Clint:*

Why her mom??

*Clint:*

This all comes back to YOU!

*Clint:*

They searched for you and it destroyed them!

*Clint:*

WHY!?

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

I DO NOT KNOW

*Spirit:*

OF THE PEOPLE YOU SPEAK

*Clint:*

H- HOW!?!

*Spirit:*

THINGS HAPPEN WITHOUT MEANING

*Clint:*

Then how did her mom have the artifact!?

*Clint:*

Evidence of this place?! Evidence of you!

*Clint:*

How!?

*Spirit:*

MANY HAVE COME

*Spirit:*

THROUGH THE EONS

*Spirit:*

LONG AFTER THIS VALLEY CRUMBLED

*Spirit:*

THEY ALL TAKE SOMETHING TO  
REMEMBER

*Spirit:*

TO MAKE THEIR SUFFERING MEAN  
SOMETHING

*Spirit:*

BUT IT ONLY BECOMES A THORN

*Spirit:*

A SPLINTER THAT CHIPS AWAY UNTIL  
THERE IS NOTHING LEFT

*Spirit:*

ONCE THEY ARE GONE, IT BECOMES  
NOTHING BUT DEBRIS

*Spirit:*

SCATTERED TO THE WORLD

*Spirit:*

WAITING TO BE FOUND

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

HOW SHE FOUND THIS PART OF ME IS OF  
NO CONSEQUENCE

*Spirit:*

MANY HAVE

*Spirit:*

MANY WILL

*Clint:*

All of that searching, everything. Just tell  
me why?

*Spirit:*

THERE IS NO ANSWER

*Spirit:*

BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING TO ANSWER  
YOU

(PAUSE)

*Clint:*

It was just...

*Clint:*

A waste.

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

YOU SAY AUDREY IS GONE.

*Spirit:*

NOT DEAD.



*Spirit:*

NOT DEAD LIKE HER MOTHER

*Spirit:*

WHY?

*Clint:*

She's - stuck in a coma she may never  
wake up from.

*Spirit:*

DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO HER AGAIN?

(PAUSE)

*Clint:*

Oh my god.

*Clint:*

So it's true...

*Clint:*

All those murals, all that evidence?

*Clint:*

You grant wishes?

*Clint:*

That's what makes you special!

*Clint:*

That's why people come here!

*Clint:*

Ancient people from all over the world-

*Clint:*

This whole valley! All of it! Was it built for your wishes?

(PAUSE)

*Clint:*

Audrey.

*Clint:*

You.. could bring her back?

*Clint:*

Wake her up?!

*Spirit:*

NO

*Clint:*

Then...

*Clint:*

You.. YOU-

(PAUSE)

*Clint:*

Why would you ASK ME??

*Spirit:*

I DO NOT CONTROL THE UNIVERSE

*Spirit:*

ONLY THE DREAM

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*  
I HID HERE

*Spirit:*  
MOMENTS AGO

*Spirit:*  
THOUSANDS OF YEARS FOR YOU

*Spirit:*  
AND MOMENTS LATER CREATURES CAME

*Spirit:*  
AFRAID OF THE WORLD

*Spirit:*  
AFRAID OF EACH OTHER

*Spirit:*  
AFRAID OF THE PIT GROWING WITHIN  
THEM

*Spirit:*  
I WATCHED FROM BENEATH THE SANDS

*Spirit:*  
THEY CRIED FOR THEIR GOD

*Spirit:*  
BUT THERE WAS NO GOD LISTENING

*Spirit:*  
NO GOD TO CALL BACK

*Spirit:*  
ONLY ME

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*  
THEY ASKED FOR PURPOSE

*Spirit:*  
MEANING

*Spirit:*  
I GAVE THEM NOTHING

*Spirit:*  
BECAUSE I CAN GIVE NOTHING

*Spirit:*  
BECAUSE IT IS ALL NOTHING

*Spirit:*  
SO INSTEAD, THEY BEG FOR AN ILLUSION

*Spirit:*  
A DREAM

*Spirit:*  
A WISH.

*Clint:*  
Jesus-

*Clint:*  
So all these people...

*Clint:*  
They come here begging

*Clint:*  
But you-

*Clint:*  
You just put them to sleep?

*Clint:*

In a dream they can't escape?!

*Spirit:*

A DREAM THEY ASKED FOR

*Spirit:*

AS REAL AS THEY WISHED IT TO BE

*Spirit:*

UNWAKING, UNDISTURBED

*Spirit:*

TO THEM IT IS AS REAL AS I AM TO YOU.

*Clint:*

It's cruel.

*Spirit:*

CRUEL?

*Spirit:*

MOTHERS WOULD RATHER THEIR  
CHILDREN SURVIVE IN THE DREAM THAN  
DIE OF THIRST

*Spirit:*

FATHERS WOULD RATHER REUNITE WITH  
THEIR DAUGHTERS THAN LEAD  
CRUMBLING NATIONS TO RUIN

*Spirit:*

MY CRUELTY IS NOTHING BUT MERCY

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

SOME FEARED ME

*Spirit:*

SO AFRAID THEY KILLED THOSE WHO  
WISHED TO DREAM

*Spirit:*

SEALED ME HERE AND LOCKED  
THEMSELVES AWAY

*Spirit:*

COWERING FROM MY MERCY

*Clint:*

And what happened to them? The ones  
who feared you?

*Spirit:*

THE DESERT CONSUMED THEM

*Clint:*

Is that what's gonna happen to me?

*Clint:*

Will I be "consumed" by the desert?

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

YOU DO NOT FEAR ME CLINT ADLER

*Spirit:*

YOU WERE NOT DRIVEN HERE BY FEAR

*Spirit:*

NOR HATE

*Spirit:*

YOU VENTURED HERE BECAUSE OF HER

*Spirit:*

BECAUSE YOU CARE

*Spirit:*

BECAUSE SHE IS YOUR FRIEND

*Spirit:*

YOU HAVE COME BECAUSE YOU LISTEN

*Spirit:*

BECAUSE YOU TOO SEE BEYOND THE  
FOREST

*Spirit:*

YOU SEE THE VAST NOTHING

*Spirit:*

YOU CAN'T FACE IT WITHOUT HER

*Spirit:*

SO YOU WILL CHOOSE THE ILLUSION

*Clint:*

She's my best friend... and you're right. I  
do care.

*Clint:*

But this won't bring her back-

*Clint:*

It will just let that pain live on forever-

*Clint:*

just not in me.

*Spirit:*

YOU ARE DUST

*Spirit:*

MADE FROM DUST

*Spirit:*

WE BOTH ARE

*Spirit:*

THE FOREST DOES NOT CARE FOR YOUR  
EXISTENCE

*Spirit:*

IT DOES NOT CARE IF YOU LIVE OR DIE

*Spirit:*

YOU ARE WAITING TO BE DISINTEGRATED

*Spirit:*

CONSUMED BY THE UNIVERSE

*Spirit:*

BUT WITHIN ME...

*Spirit:*

YOU CAN FIND WHAT YOU SEEK

*Clint:*

If I say yes, it would be as if none of this  
ever happened?

*Clint:*

As if Kalahari never existed?

*Spirit:*

YES

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

AND IF YOUR ANSWER IS NO



*Spirit:*

IF YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE

*Spirit:*

YOU WOULD RETURN TO A WORLD  
WHERE AUDREY MAY NEVER WAKE UP

*Spirit:*

WHERE YOU FALL INTO THE PIT

*Spirit:*

INTO THE TEETH

*Spirit:*

A WORLD YOU CANNOT COME BACK  
FROM

*Spirit:*

AND THESE GATES WOULD BE SEALED  
BEHIND YOU FOR ETERNITY

(PAUSE)

*Clint:*

I'm scared...

*Spirit:*

THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR

*Spirit:*

YOU WILL SEE HER SOON

(PAUSE)

*Spirit:*

HAVE YOU CHOSEN?

*Clint:*

Yes.

*Spirit:*

ARE YOU READY?

**(END SCENE)**

*Transition to Final Guitar Flashback Level.*