

THE BONDS OF PEREKOND

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INT. STACY'S HOUSE.

The door opens, and two figures clad in funeral garb enter. STACY is a teenage girl, with long hair, normal stature, wearing a sad and tormented expression on her face. Her father, JERRY, is a middle aged man in his 50's. He has a tired look in his eyes.

The house seems cold and dark, with the two just standing in the entryway, seeming as if they're not quite sure what to do with themselves. Jerry slowly walks towards the kitchen and lets out a large, depressed sigh.

JERRY

Hey, listen... I think we should talk.

Stacy looks up at Jerry, pain wielded in her eyes.

STACY

I... I can't. I don't want to.
It... It's too soon, for me. I just want some time to myself.

Stacy rushes to her room and closes the door. She is breathing heavily. She stands in her room and falls on her bed, weeping.

INT. STACY'S ROOM.

STACY (IN BETWEEN TEARS)

Mom!

INT. STACY'S HOUSE.

Jerry leans on the counter, his left hand covers his face while his right grips the counter. He removes his hand and stares towards the living room.

INT. STACY'S ROOM.

Stacy stands up and sits at her desk. She wipes her eyes, and turns on her computer screen. The screen glow encapsulates her eyes, and she intently stares at the screen. The screen reveals the name Perekond.

GRAPHICAL
WORMWHOLE
TRANSPORTS US TO
PEREKOND.

EXT. GUILD AREA.

A large man clad in armor, wielding a large sword wanders through a guild hall. In his hand he clutches a large scroll. He seems to be looking for something. Above his head is floating text that says COMMANDER PUNCHY. He sees a young woman is sitting on a bench amongst the bustle. She is wearing a robe, very religious-like. She holds a wand in one hand, while her other is tapping at the desk. Above her head, is floating text, showing her name, LILAC37.

COMMANDER PUNCHY
Hey, Hows it going?

LILAC37
Fine. What's that?

Lilac gestures to the scroll. Punchy grins and unfurls the scroll. It emits a mystic glow.

COMMANDER PUNCHY
This, is the Big one. The biggest,
most important quest I've ever
seen.

LILAC37
So, we've done tons of Quests. What
makes this one so special?

COMMANDER PUNCHY
In this one, we get to beat Zog the
destroyer!

LILAC37
That's it? He's just a late game
boss, we've done quests like these
before.

COMMANDER PUNCHY
I wasn't finished. In this quest,
if you get killed, your character
gets erased!

LILAC37
Whoa, wait, WHAT? What do you mean
erased?

COMMANDER PUNCHY
It means, that everything is gone.
All your loot, your character's
data, your levels, EVERYTHING.

Lilac looks visibly worried.

COMMANDER PUNCHY (CONT'D)
Alright! You see the challenge now
right! So let's get going!

The paper glows in Punchy's hand, and a white light begins to envelop.

LILAC37
WAIT, WAIT!

The two are enveloped in a white light and vanish.

FADE TO: WHITE

EXT. FORREST

Punchy and Lilac are teleported to a dense forest. The air seems cold, and there is a tinge of mystery surrounding the area. Lilac looks around the forest and groans in frustration.

LILAC37
What have you done?

COMMANDER PUNCHY
What, scared of a challenge?

LILAC37
A Challenge? Do you know what this means? It means if one of us dies, we'll never meet again!

COMMANDER PUNCHY
What do you mean?

LILAC37
You do know about the Level interference right? You can only interact with players who have the same level!

Punchy looks around sheepishly, and Lilac lets out a loud sigh.

LILAC37 (CONT'D)
I mean, I know all we have to do is not die, but you really need to think things through.

COMMANDER PUNCHY
Uh... Well don't worry! We can do this! I mean, c'mon! We've done ton's of quests. It'll be fine!

Although Punchy says these things, his voice falters, revealing doubt.

The two begin to walk, and a floating checklist appears (1. Defeat Goblin King. 2. Destroy The Zombie Boxer. 3. Vanquish Zog.)

LILAC37

A boss rush, huh?

The two continue walking until they enter a clearing. In the middle of the clearing stands a short, green man wearing a crown. The man looks grotesque his body is covered with a ragged cloak.

INT. STACY'S ROOM.

Stacy's staring directly at a picture of her mom. She grits her teeth, sighs, and stares back at the screen. Rage and Sadness clouds her eyes which become locked to the screen.

EXT. FORREST

Punchy lifts his sword and roars. He charges straight towards the Goblin King.

LILAC37

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

INT. STACY'S ROOM.

Stacy's face is still staring directly at the screen, but her face is visibly upset. Her eyes are dry from crying and she glances at a picture of her mother

EXT. FORREST

Punchy disregards Lilac's plea and brings his sword straight down onto the Goblin King. The sword hits true and the goblin disappears with a flash. The crown drops to the ground. Punchy turns to Lilac with a grin.

COMMANDER PUNCHY

See! No biggy!

LILAC37

I mean... we usually come up with a plan...

As the two stare at each other, a goblin without a crown walks towards the fallen crown.

COMMANDER PUNCHY

Well... It doesn't matter now!
What's next!

Punchy checks his quest check box. The part to slay the Goblin King is still unchecked. A goblin hand reaches for the crown.

COMMANDER PUNCHY (CONT'D)

What the -

Punchy is smacked towards Lilac at a maximum speed. Punchy slams into Lilac and they crash in a heap on the ground. Punchy's health goes down by 1/3rd. They both groan in unison and get up slowly.

LILAC37

Huh. Well that just happened.

Lilac heals herself and Punchy back up to full health.

LILAC37 (CONT'D)

Be careful I can't-

Punchy rushes into battle before Lilac can finish her sentence.

LILAC37 (CONT'D)

-heal you forever.

Punchy runs back up to the Goblin and cleaves it down. This time, he's on alert. Another Goblin walks up to the crown. The second it puts it on, Punchy cleaves it into the ground.

COMMANDER PUNCHY (FRUSTRATED)

What the heck! Is this a glitch?

Lilac approaches cautiously as Punchy cleaves at a new Goblin King every few seconds.

LILAC37

It's not going to help us if you
continue to rush in like that.

Punchy doesn't respond, continuing to swing. The goblin cries out in pain. Lilac looks at Punchy with concern.

LILAC37 (CONT'D)

You're never like this? What's up?

Punchy turns to face Lilac.

COMMANDER PUNCHY

Look, I'm fine. I just got a bit carried away.

He turns to hit the next Goblin. Lilac looks at the carnage inquisitively. The next Goblin walks up and the text above its head changes from Goblin to Goblin King the second it puts the Crown on it's head. Punchy slices the goblin and the crown falls to the floor.

LILAC37

Wait a second... Hey, try breaking that crown.

Punchy's eyes widen in realization. He grins, and brings his sword down onto the crown. The crown shatters, and the check list appears, checking off.

COMMANDER PUNCHY

You Genius! I never would of thought of that!

Lilac grins.

LILAC37

Well, you did good in beating them down until I figured it out.

The two are enveloped in a white light. But then it turns to black.

INT. STACY'S ROOM.

The screen of Stacy's computer goes black, and a red error pops up, notifying her that there is no internet.

STACY

What?! Really?? Right now?!

Stacy storms out of her room, heading straight to the router. Jerry is already at the router, attempting to restart it. He sees Stacy barging in and gives a reassuring smile.

JERRY

Don't worry, Stacy, I think I've got it.

STACY

Oh, Ok.

The two stand there in awkward silence. Jerry looks back at the router, then back to Stacy.

JERRY

Stacy... uh, I really think we need to talk about Mom...

Stacy looks away. Jerry sighs.

JERRY (CONT'D)

Look, I know it's hard. But I also know that keeping it up inside...

The router beeps, signaling that it is turned on again.

STACY

I have to go, I have something I'm doing.

Stacy runs back to her room. Jerry puts his hand over his head, then turns towards the couch. She slams the door, and is breathing extremely heavily. She runs over to her computer, and luckily turns back into Commander Punchy.

EXT. TUNNEL

Punchy's eyes open, and he sees Lilac checking out the exterior of the tunnel.

LILAC37

You should warn me if you're just gonna turn off like that.

COMMANDER PUNCHY

Yeah... sorry about that.

Punchy and Lilac look around cautiously. A light thumping sound can be heard. A gurgling moaning echos from the cave. Lilac and Punchy peer in through the tunnel. A figure dripping blood is thumping two boxing gloves together.

LILAC37

Ok. So we should go in slowly to see what we're up against-

Punchy runs in screaming, leading with his sword. He charges directly at the Z.B. and swings, but it does nothing. Z.B. Punches him directly in the stomach, the Z.B then follows up with another stomach Punch sending Punchy flying back through the tunnel. Punchy lands right outside the entrance, his health at 1/8th.

COMMANDER PUNCHY (GRITTING TEETH)

Ow...

Lilac quickly heals Punchy, extremely flustered. His health bar begins to slowly rise.

LILAC37

Again, are you serious!? Punchy, what's wrong with you!?

COMMANDER PUNCHY

Uh... I mean...

The Zombie appears at the entrance of the tunnel and taunts the two adventurers at the gateway, smacking it's gloves.

LILAC37

Do you want to die?! You've been acting way too recklessly this whole quest!

COMMANDER PUNCHY

No... I just...

LILAC37

Do you just not want to play anymore? What's going on?

COMMANDER PUNCHY

Sorry, I just thought I could handle it... I'm... I'm not done playing. Seriously. Right now, this means more than anything to me.

Lilac stares at Punchy, a wave of sadness rushing over her face.

LILAC37

Look, why don't we talk about this. I promise that you'll feel better.

Punchy locks eyes with Lilac and smiles.

COMMANDER PUNCHY

Thank you, but not yet. First, let's finish this quest.

Lilac smiles, then looks over to the Zombie Boxer, and notices that it is purposefully still in the shade.

LILAC37

Hey, wait a minute. Punchy I think I know how to beat this Guy! Try getting it into sunlight!

Punchy nods, then rushes towards the boxer. Punchy then grabs the Z.B.

The boxer growls, and throws a fist straight into Punchy's gut. Punchy's health drops by half. But then he pulls the Z.B into the light. The Z.B groans in pain and explodes, leaving only the gloves.

Punchy grins at Lilac, and the two fist bump. A white light begins to envelop them. The two are transported from the cave to an empty field.

EXT. FIELD.

The two adventurers land. The field seems to wide and never ending. Across from the two adventurers stands a man clad in simple clothes. Above his head reads simply, Zog. Unlike the Zombie, he has a health bar.

LILAC37

Doesn't look like there's any puzzle to beat this guy.

COMMANDER PUNCHY

Okay, let's stick together this time.

LILAC37

I thought you'd never-

Zog rushes the two with blinding speed and goes immediately for Lilac. Punchy jumps in the way, but the two are sent flying back, Punchy's health dropping by a third. Lilac begins to heal as Zog charges the two again, this time with a Mongolian chop. This time, Punchy's ready, and counters with a strike, Zog's health drops a sixth, but Punchy is hit again, his health dropping back down to a 4th.

Lilac hurriedly heals, him, and looks desperately at Zog, then back to Punchy.

LILAC37 (CONT'D)

I'm almost out of magic! Try not to get hit again!

Zog rushes Punchy, but Punchy sidesteps him and brings his sword down, bringing Zog's health down to one half. Zog side kicks Punchy, knocking him back. Bringing his health down to a quarter again.

COMMANDER PUNCHY (COUGHING)

Easier said than done.

Punchy faces down Zog. Zog glares at him. Lilac waves her wand, healing Punchy again. Zog hits Punchy again, sending him backwards.

LILAC37

I'm so glad this guy doesn't have a healer.

Zog downs a Red liquid in a vial. His health bar goes back up.

BOTH

Seriously?!

INT. STACY'S ROOM.

Stacy's eyes are locked onto her computer screen. Her fingers are moving rapidly over her keyboard. Time passes and Stacy is still at her computer.

STACY

Come on! We can do this!

INT. LIVING ROOM.

Jerry looks up briefly from his computer, hearing the commotion from Stacy's room.

EXT. FIELD.

Punchy and Lilac are breathing heavily. Punchy's health bar is really low. He collapses on to one knee. Zog's health is also extremely low. Lilac looks extremely distressed and exhausted at Punchy. She flicks her wand, but nothing happens.

LILAC37

I'm out of healing spells. It's up to you now.

Punchy groans and looks at Lilac.

COMMANDER PUNCHY

That's gonna be hard, considering he's way faster than me. I think this it.

Punchy sighs and stands up. He looks at Lilac. He grins. Zog begins to charge at Punchy

COMMANDER PUNCHY (CONT'D)

Thanks for playing Perekond with me. You really helped me out. Sorry for dragging us into this mess.

Zog runs right at Punchy, winding up for a Chop. Punchy lifts his sword, but it seems useless. Zog is right in front of Punchy about to swing. Lilac jumps in front of the chop and takes it. Punchy swings his sword down in rage and cleaves Zog! Zog steps backward, with his health dropping to 0. Lilac's health bar also drops down to 0. Punchy runs over to Lilac but she fades out of existence . She gives Punchy a smile.

COMMANDER PUNCHY (CONT'D)

No no no no.

INT. STACY'S ROOM.

Stacy grabs her screen and looks at it, tears beginning to form in her eyes.

STACY

Thank you... Lilac.

The door opens and Jerry walks in, with a tired look in his face.

JERRY

Hey. How are you feeling?

Stacy looks up at her dad.

STACY

I'm not sure... I lost someone else today as well.

JERRY

Oh god, what happened?

STACY

I just made a mistake, I decided to do a stupid quest in a video game, and I won't be able to play with my friend anymore.

Jerry looks over to the computer, and sees Perekond, and Stacy's character.

JERRY

Wait a minute, is this Perekond?

STACY

Huh, yeah... How do you know what this is?

JERRY

Your name is Commander Punchy?

STACY

What, yes, I mean, it's just something I came up with a while ago.

Jerry looks up at Stacy with a smile, with some excitement in his eyes.

JERRY

You beat Zog! You did it!

Stacy looks at her dad, and her eyes widen as she realizes who Jerry is.

STACY

You know, now that I beat the game, I really don't have much to do with that character anymore. So I was wondering if you wanted to maybe start over again?

Jerry smiles.

JERRY

Of course. I would love that.

Jerry and Stacy hug, and the Computer Screen fades to black.

FADE TO BLACK.

FIN.