

Sidequests

Act I

None.

Act II

1- x

2- x

“That Paris really comes in handy.” Eskandar says “He’s weird, though! This morning, I saw him rubbing cinnamon on his face.” Ahmad says “It’s certainly looks like stubble. Do you think perhaps he can’t grow a beard?” Dara says “That would explain it. Well, let’s go.”

3- Mikhail the Georgian Spy

A man with an improperly-fitting turban is trying to buy a piece of fruit. He gives the merchant too much money. The merchant says “Sir, you gave me ten; the price was only two.” The man apologizes and takes his change. If party engages him, he says “What do you want? I was just preoccupied.” Firuz says “I wasn’t...” as man walks away. If player follows him, he walks around a corner then runs. If player pursues him as stays close enough, the party will catch him in an alley. The man drops to his knees and says “Please let me go!” Dara asks “Why did you run? What are you guilty of?” The man says “I— I’m a Georgian spy! Please, show mercy!” Firuz says “A Georgian? What reason do you have to spy on us?” The Georgian says “We are allies of the Mongols. The army I belong to is a day’s journey outside the city, coming to avenge our capitol, Tiflis.” Paris says “Revenge! [scoffs] This again! What’s your name?” The Georgian gets up and says “Private 1st Class Mikhail. Please do not send me to your authorities! I did not want to be a soldier!” Paris says “We can’t take you to our authorities. None of us are Arabs.” Dara says “Nonetheless, we would like to apologize for Georgia’s loss when Tiflis was sacked.” Mikhail says “So you are not going to kill me? But I was taught that the peoples of the Middle East cannot be trusted.” Firuz says “No peoples can, really. My king is also an ally of the Mongols. We are here to stop him.” Mikhail says “Then let me join you. Maybe we can work together to bring peace for all.” Eskandar says “Will you fight against your own countrymen?” Mikhail shakes his head, then says “I do not know how they break the sixth commandment without care, but I cannot. I will heal you, I will protect you. That is how I shall help bring peace.” Mikhail joins the party as an NPC.

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Act III

1- Paris’ Past

Eskandar says “After this is all over I’m gonna rebuild Town4 and build a shrine to uncle. Do you have a home? You’re always traveling.” Paris says “I don’t want to talk

about it; it's too personal." Eskandar says "You came into my house and held a sword over my head. What's 'personal?'" Paris pauses, then says "I'm looking for my family."

Flashback

Narration: "I lived in Shahr-e-Ray as a child. When the Mongols came our city was already in ruin from infighting. When we heard the naccara beating from beyond the hills, many civilians fled to nearby Tehran. Paris' mother says "Go with Gulzar. He'll help you get to safety." Paris says "Mommy, why are you holding your side?" Paris' mother says "Just go. Your father will take care of me." Paris says "No! I want to stay with you!" Gulzar says "I have to leave now!" Paris' father says "Go with Gulzar. We'll see you again in Tehran." Paris says "No! Don't make me go!" Paris' father says "Now!" He grabs Paris and carries him over to Gulzar who puts him in the back of the wagon. Narration: "I was screaming the entire time. " After the wagon moves off-screen, Paris' father says "Let me see the wound." She removes her hand and it is covered in blood. She asks "How does it look?" He replies "Not good. We must pray that the doctor can heal you." The building shakes and dust falls from the ceiling. He carries her off-screen. Narration: "Of course, I never saw them again." Scene switches to the streets. "I kept looking." Paris shouts "Father! Mother!" Transitions to mountains. Narration: "And looking." End flashback.

"I guess I never stopped. I was told many times that they were probably dead but I never stopped traveling, forever searching for them." Eskandar says "That's awful!" Paris says "It is what it is. Life goes on." Eskandar says "I feel your pain. To be a child, losing both his parents." Paris says "Even though I never found them, do you know what I did find?" Eskandar says "No." Paris answers "A new family. Firuz, Dara, Mikhail, you." Eskandar says "You think of us as family?" Paris says "The closest I'll ever have. But tell this to no one. I don't want people to think I've turned mushy." Eskandar laughs and says "Deal. Speaking of the others, what are they up to?" Paris says "They're also on their way to Firuz in TownE. I hope that we are not too late."