

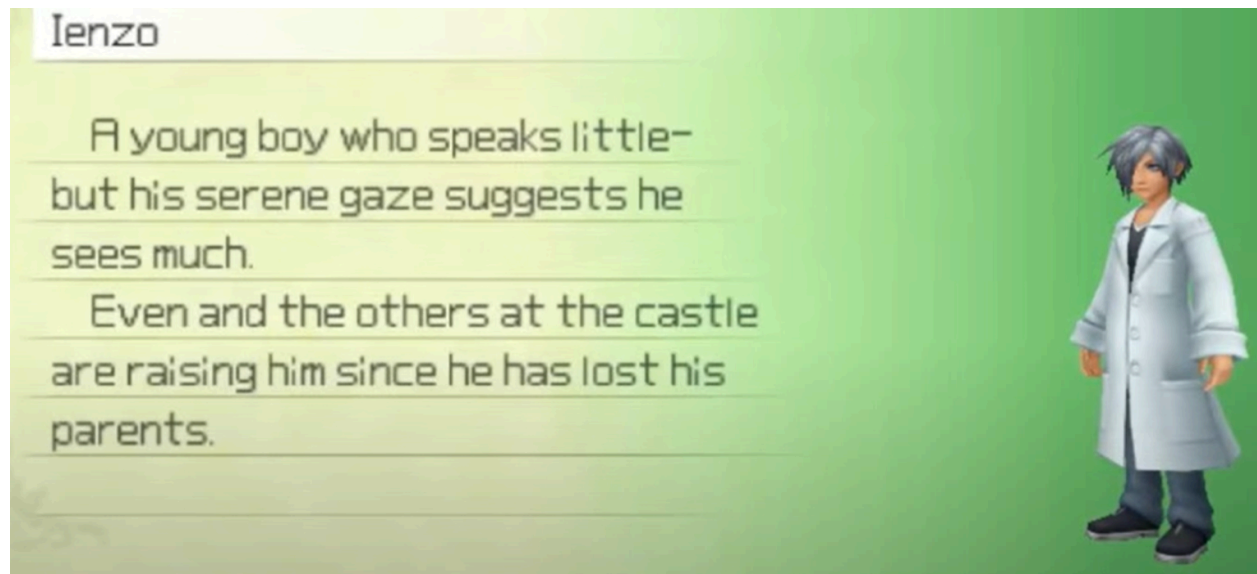
lenzo is MoM or at least, lenzo is a MAJOR player in the long term storyline of Kingdom Hearts.

So I'll start by breaking down the key parts about lenzo at least being a major player in the Kingdom Hearts storyline for a long time now and that role is only going to grow bigger.

But lets start off during BBS.

lenzo is one of the 6 apprentices taken under Ansem The Wise's care. He's the youngest and almost like a surrogate son to all the members but especially for Ansem and Even. He lost his parents sometime prior to the events of BBS.

lenzo's character file from the Ventus' storyline is this:



"A young boy who speaks little- but his serene gaze suggests he sees much."

This stood out to me as well as the fact lenzo has a backstory that to this point still hasn't been built on but keeps being referred to over and over again.

lenzo also can't remember his time before coming to Radiant Garden. This is an extract from his story:

"How many memories remain from my childhood, I wonder. When I think about hearts and memories, my thoughts always wander there. My memories from when I was very young are terribly vague."

To me as well as the many other mentions of lenzo's backstory before radiant garden, has sparked my interest for a long time. Even if we're not being given too much information, it keeps on coming up. From when we're first introduced to him in BBS when Ventus saves him from the unversed, to his character story, to his character files, etc. It just keeps on coming back up. There's also the line that lenzo has the ability to see much more than what's actually there. We're shown repeatedly across the series that both lenzo and Zexion have the ability to see/sense.

I was recently watching all the BBS scenes back and I noticed the first time we see lenzo, he's not acting scared by the Unversed but instead is studying them intently.



He stares intently at Ventus when they first meet and even gets one last glance at him before leaving.



Then there's the scene where we see Lenzo and Ansem the Wise eating icecream together. Lenzo stops and glances back at both Xehanort and Braig, almost like he's aware of what they're both talking about. This yet again is another scene where we're shown there's more to Lenzo than what meets the eye.



For years now I thought it was due to him being aware Terra was Xehanort but, what if there's more to it. What if he can also see through Braig as well? This moment is important and I'll bring it up again later so keep it in mind.

Following the events of BBS, we know from Ansem's secret reports that lenzo was the one to suggest experiments on Xehanort.

"Spurred on by my youngest apprentice, lenzo, I constructed a massive laboratory in the basement of my castle."

Unbeknownst to me, my six apprentices then began collecting a large number of subjects on which to perform dangerous experiments into the "darkness of the heart."

This is probably spurred on by the scene above and while lenzo says he was tricked and misled, he at the same time takes sole responsibility for all the events that happened during Radiant Gardens.

"Even now, the memories of my time in those radiant gardens are vividly clear. For this reason, my betrayal could never be excused. But that was a lie."

Now, for the sole purpose of atonement—I live on." - lenzo's story character file

Also quick side note but see what I mean by lenzo has clear memories of his time in Radiant Gardens but no memory prior to coming there? You'd think he'd remember the death of his parents. This is actually a trait shared with a lot of characters at this point especially ones who seem to have come from Union X timeline.

But one thing we know for sure is lenzo plays a big part in setting the things needed in motion for the creation of Xemnas and the reforming of Kingdom Hearts.

Then this leads to yet another moment we're shown a specific point in lenzo's storyline.



The scene in which he fades away in Dream Drop Distance. This stands out to me because we're not really shown anyone in this scene other than lenzo, Even, Braig and Xehanort. While there's not something MASSIVELY to break down here, this is another key scene in which lenzo is shown in relation to Braig and Xehanort. The other apprentices (apart from Even, lenzo's main carer) are absent from this scene despite them reappearing again later on.

Now we're onto the time as Zexion. There's A LOT of keypoints to get through here about Zexion's character and him as a nobody that I'm afraid I'll miss key information out so bare with. But from the get go Zexion is an interesting character.

His title is the Cloaked Schemer, jjs ability is illusions and his weapon is a book called the Book of Retribution that's able to create illusions and he has the ability of the "scent". Which allows him to know where everyone is and what they're up to in the castle. His seems a little more powerful than Riku's because he's able to track multiple characters throughout and knows almost instantly when they've been defeated.

Zexion's personality seems stoic at first but boy is this guy SASSY AS FUCK towards everyone. Like almost every time we see him he sasses at least once.



But let's start with a scene that has stood out to me MASSIVELY for years. It's the scene in Kingdom Hearts 2 the Final Mix where Xigbar fills in Zexion about Xemnas' plans at Castle Oblivion and then asks Zexion to tell him about Xemnas' secret. It's better known as the scene before Xemnas walks down steps for literally 5 minutes without saying anything.

This is yet again, a scene that includes Xigbar (Braig) and Zexion (lenzo) while talking about INCREDIBLY KEY POINTS in the story and discussing Xemnas. This has for years bugged me as to WHY it was included. Zexion has no other role in Kingdom Hearts 2, he's faded. But yet they included this VERY SPECIFIC SCENE with Xigbar.

I'll try to summarise quickly but I recommend you guys giving it a rewatch. It's such an out of the blue scene but now we know Braig is Luxu, the significance to me has skyrocketed.

But the scene starts with Vexen looking for Xemnas, to which Zexion replies he's in his usual spot at the Chamber of Repose. Vexen gets frustrated and speeds off before it's revealed that Xigbar was eavesdropping on the entire conversation.



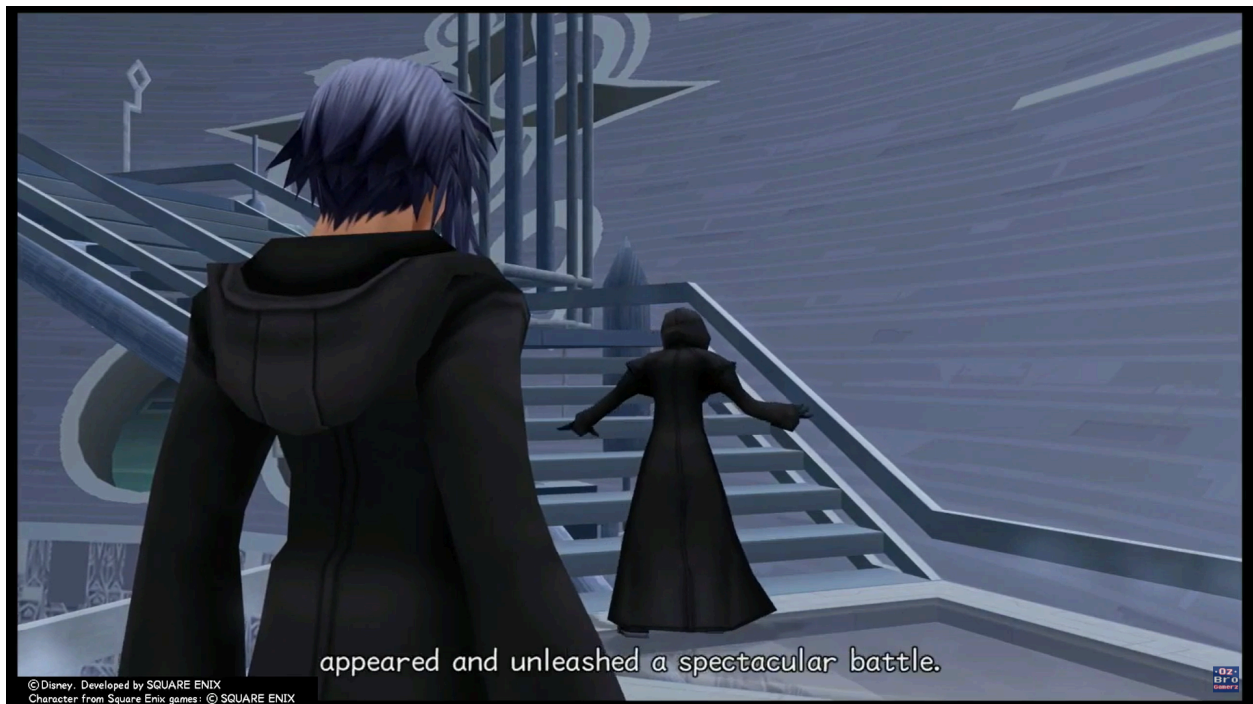
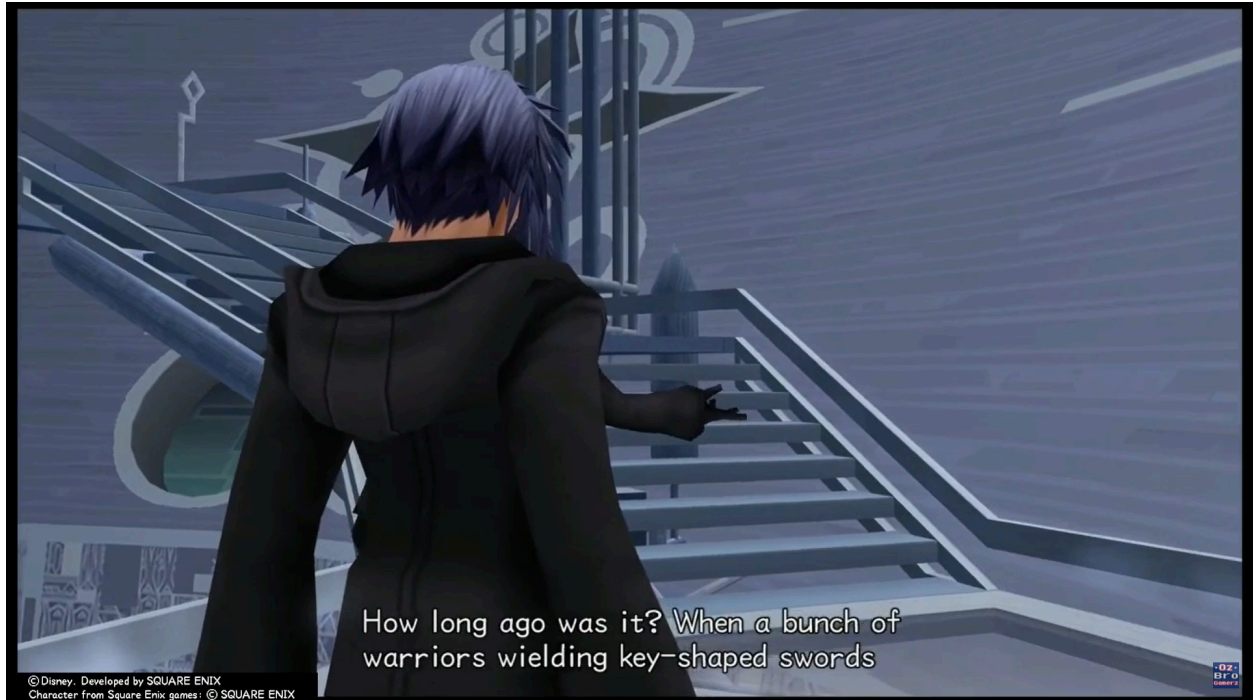
Zexion asks Xigbar why he's here given he's tasked to recruit more people to the organisation. Xigbar replies that since he's been working SOOO hard and that he's recently recruited Marluxia, he's passed his job onto Lexeus while he relaxes. Zexion tries to leave when Xigbar stops him.

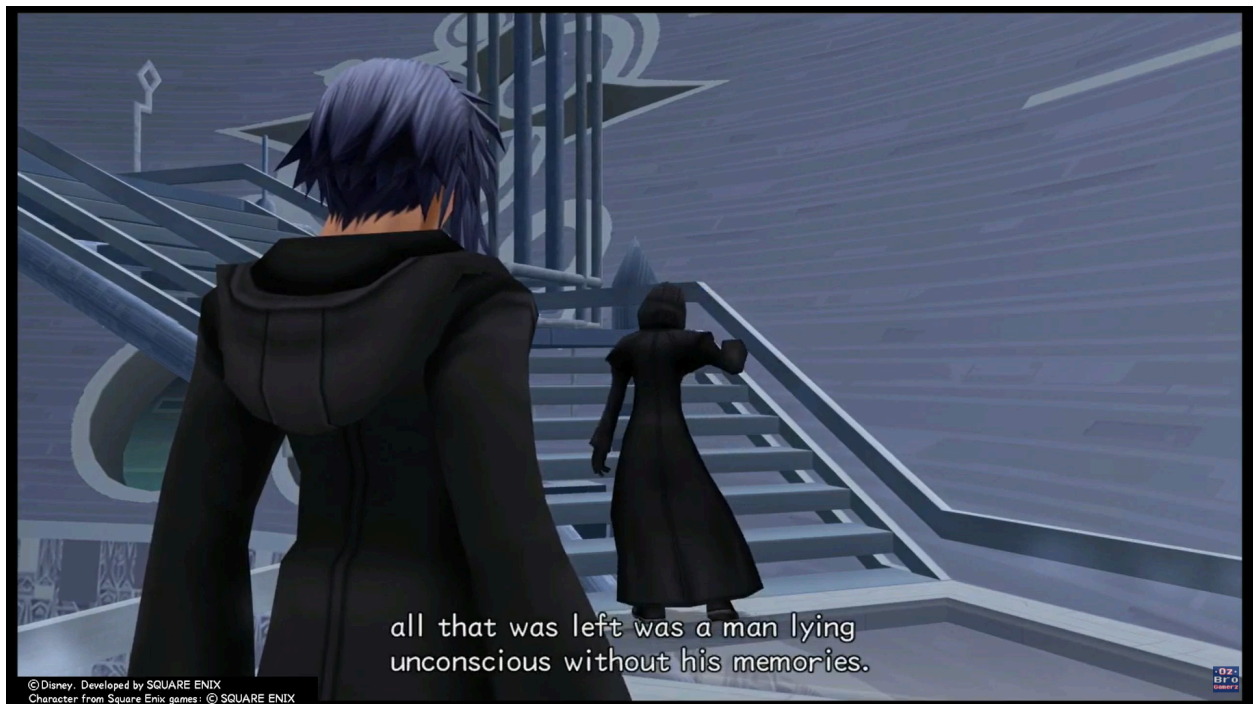


He then asks Zexion if he would finally tell him what Xemnas' secret is.



Zexion does not answer but Xigbar continues, going off on one about the keyblade wielders who showed up and unleashed a spectacular battle. And when it was all over they found Xehanort.



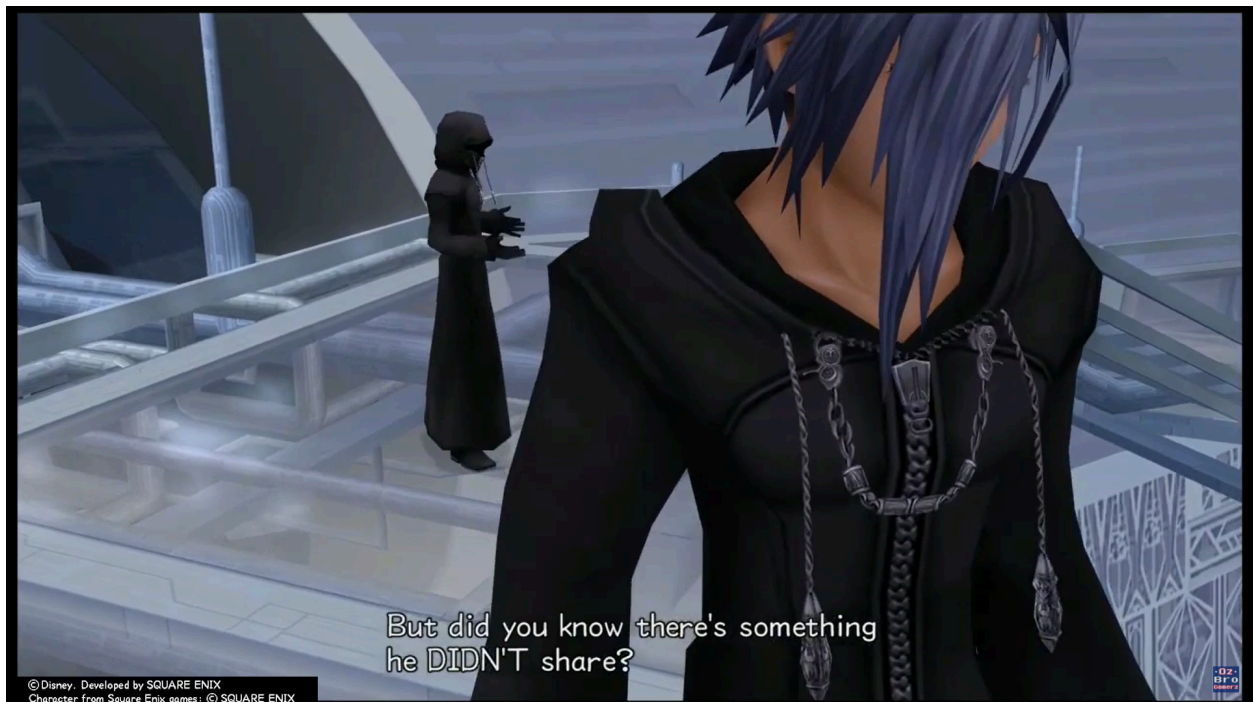


He then talks about how the Chamber of Repose was built by the apprentices and that it was sealed by Ansem the Wise. The first thing Xemnas did was undo that seal. He now hauls himself up in that room to talk to someone. Zexion scolds him on eavesdropping once again before Xigbar replies that he wasn't eavesdropping and that he's still dying to know. He asks

Zexion if he knows anything about it.



Zexion dodges the question by saying he'd rather much be focusing on his own tasks and that Xigbar should do the same. That the new facility is being prepared and they're going to need more members since they only have 11. Xigbar asks what Xemnas' is planning to do with Castle Oblivion which Zexion replies he's already share his intentions. Xigbar says that there's something Xemnas DIDN'T share with them.



He then shares that the Chamber of Repose is part of a pair. That the Chamber of Waking is the other graveyard constructed by someone other than Xemnas. That's where Xemnas will find his other "friend."

This scene has always stood out to me even back during KH2: Final Mix because WHY was it Xigbar and Zexion. We later find out that Xemnas is Terra, Aqua's armour is who he's talking to and Ventus is in the Chamber of Waking and we know Xigbar as Braig had scenes with Terra/Terranort. But why Zexion? Why couldn't it have been any other of the apprentices that Xigbar delved this information to?



I believe as we saw back during BBS, Ienzo has the ability to see what others can not. And this is shared with Zexion as his scent. This yet again IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT and I promise you guys this is leading a great conclusion.

I'll speed through the next few key moments. But as we know, Zexion goes to Castle Oblivion. One by one the other nobodies there are taken out until it's only Zexion and Axel. Zexion heads

off to challenge Riku and disguises himself as Sora to attack him.



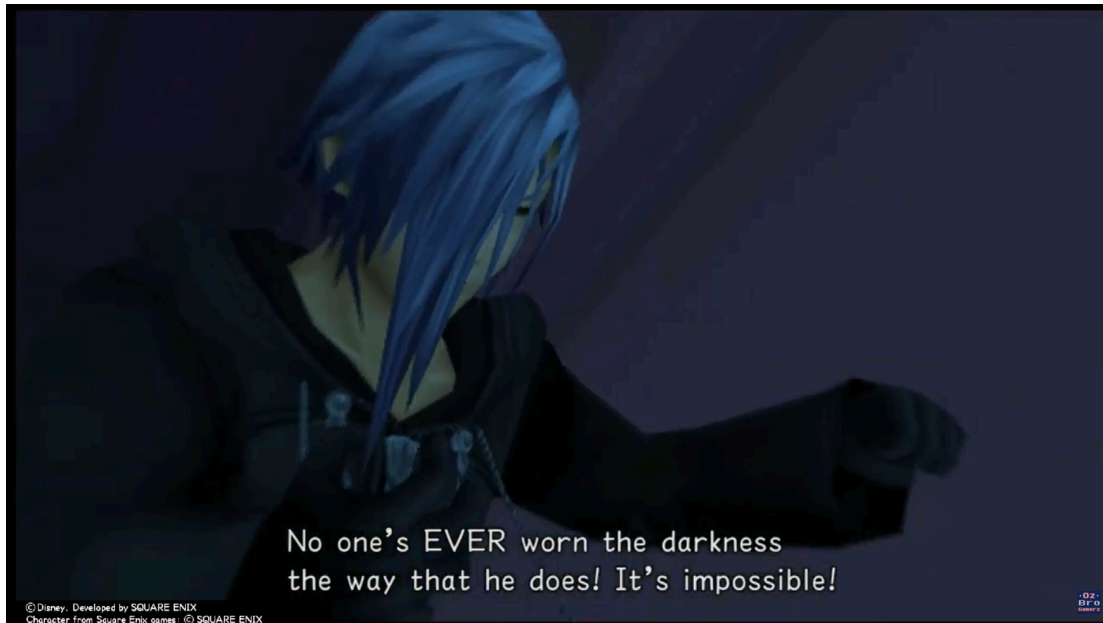
As Sora, Zexion uses the power of light to trap Riku in light and wound him. When Riku breaks out of it thanks to Namine, Zexion asks how he could of found him in the light, suggesting it was real light. Riku replies that Zexion reeks of the darkness and even light can't block the smell.





Riku defeats Zexion after a battle where Zexion summons multiple versions of his Lexicon with one only being the real Book of Retributions. Zexion retreats and asks how Riku can wear the

darkness like that given it's impossible.



Axel appears with Replica Riku and says if Repliku wants to become a real person separate from the real Riku he's going to need powers which Riku doesn't have. So Replica Riku absorbs Zexion's powers and Zexion disappears.

And you'd think there wouldn't be more to say because Zexion is dead and is only alive for the first quarter of 358/2 days. But OH NO you'd be wrong. There's two key scenes we see that happen in 358/2 days that I feel need to be mentioned.

First on day 72 after Axel's return after the events of Castle Oblivion. Saix comes to his room. They discuss the events such as if Axel found the chamber of waking, Marluxia being a traitor and Namine escaping. Saix says he simply rounded up people who needed to be disposed of. Axel jokingly asks if he was one of those. Saix then goes to leave when Axel SPECIFICALLY only names Zexion. Why was none of the others mentioned? Axel disposed of Vexen as well as

Zexion but Zexion is the only character mentioned. This has always been odd to me.



On Day 276, Roxas ends up at Destiny Islands where he has flashbacks of Sora and Kairi. When he sees Xion in the distance. He chases after her when she removes her hood and- randomly becomes Zexion.



The scene from Chain of Memories in which Zexion battles Riku plays out while Roxas turns into Xion who turns into Riku who turns into Sora. It's revealed actually this was probably Xion the whole time and she was having a nightmare but yet again out of the blue, we have a Zexion scene with no context. Xion wakes up in Riku's arms and the scene ends.

These scenes that keep happening randomly with little to no context exactly why they've been included, are why I believe constantly across the games Ienzo and Zexion is being highlighted as a character we have to be keeping our eyes on.

After these events we are still shown Zexion/Ienzo as a big game player but there's nothing more too noteworthy. He's recreated in Dream Drop Distance, talks to Axel about finding Saix then becomes one of the big helpers to Sora during KH3 in reCompleting those who have no bodies through making replicas.

Oh! I'm not sure where to exactly slot this in but Zexion's grave is the only grave destroyed in Proof of Existence. This was done to conceal his weapon, a book, from being discovered. Again another important bit of information.

So how does this all lead to MoM? We're on page 16 and I've only briefly touched on it. Well there's one thing I feel is a strong potential tie and some that are more of a stretch and I'll admit that.

But remember when I said that lenzo/Zexion having important scenes with Braig/Xigbar? Who we know is Luxu? Well it's to do with Luxu's role, the black box and the special edition of the book of prophecies that's inside.

At the very least I believe the theory that lenzo is in possession of a book of prophecies. Whether it's the one in the black box or one of the foretellers, is still a bit of a guess. But from the scenes with Braig, I'm betting more that it's the one from the box. Master of Master's mentions to Luxu that he'll see why, which means Luxu personally does get to see what's in the box sooner or later.

And why would someone go to the lengths to conceal why Zexion's weapon is a book?

Oh! And it's worth mentioning because Isa and Lea are both able to summon their own nobody weapons, it's likely that lenzo is still in possession of the Book of Retribution. So at least I have an inclination lenzo has a book of prophecy. And it's possible it's the one Luxu had in the box.

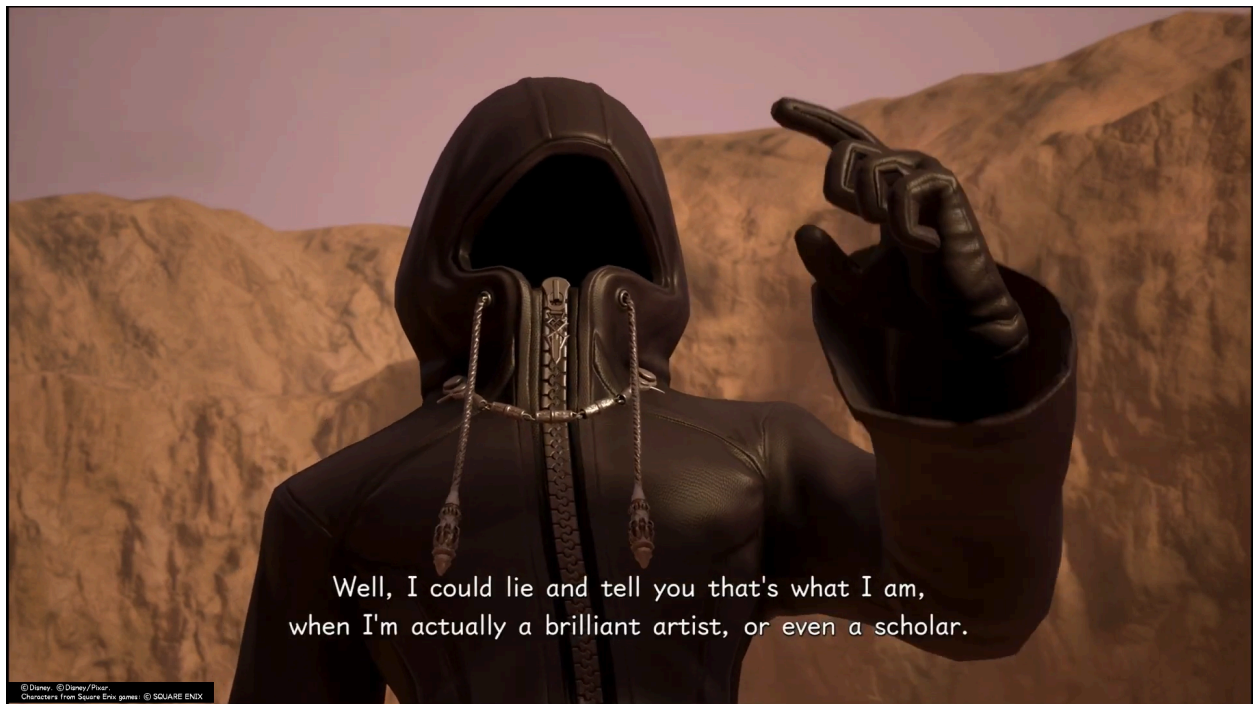
Now this is where I begin tying things back around and some of them will be stretches. But bare with me.

First off I want to say I believe the MoM's personality is a bit of a red herring. Remember when everyone thought he was Xigbar only for it to be revealed Xigbar was the more naive Luxu? Red herring. And I believe the same is being done with MoM which is why you have to take every detail about him with a question mark? He's meant to be chaotic and misleading on purpose. But something repeatedly shown is that he's a man of science and research as shown by his room in Back Story.





Then there's also the moment when talking to Xehanort



He is shown to be a scholarly person in the past, a man of science, someone who's driven by the pursuit of knowledge. Which is why he wants to see what happens after the war.

But we also know from MoM that he was a child during the keyblade war and that the fight between light and darkness started. Which sounds a bit odd because we know when the keyblade war started when Ava and Luxu's keyblades met at the battle field.

But remember that I mentioned lenzo is a child, who lost his parents, has no memory prior to coming to Radiant Gardens? Suspicious right?

But the Master's of Master is also able to wield both light and darkness. Something we've seen with Zexion who while may of been an illusion, used the light to harm Riku in Chain of Memories. We're also shown that MoM is a highly intelligent schemer when he set his foretellers up against each other but remember Zexion's title? The Cloaked Schemer?

And how lenzo is the one who put the events in motion for Kingdom Hearts to be summoned by Xemnas when he suggested the creation of the lab to experiment on Xehanort?



And remember all the times I mentioned lenzo and Zexion ability to “see”/”sense” people’s truths? That he’s referenced and shown to see what’s going on?



And I'll leave this little extra as a finishing bit. But half of Xigbar's character story sounds like he's explaining everything to another person, a younger Masters of Masters, possibly?
"It was a long, long time ago.

People all over the world lived peacefully, bathed in a warm light. But before they knew it, a battle broke out over the light. As a result, everything returned to nothing. However...

It was so long ago that no one even knows how long ago it was. But maybe this story is happening in the present? Or is it that distant past?

Your face tells me you have no idea what I'm talking about. It's all right, you don't need to understand it yet. It makes no difference to me.

You know it's the height of stupidity to judge a person based on appearances, right? Well, maybe the box is the same way. Is the black box really black? What kind of black? Is it even black at all? The simpletons are just looking for a regular black box. They don't understand what kind of box it is or what's in it. There's a major difference between "knowing" and "understanding".

So, the box. I guess you wanna know how I ended up losing it, huh? What do you wanna know? Well, I say that, but I've already said as much as I can about all that. You know, the stuff about knowing versus understanding and all that jazz. And of course, it's possible that the contents are a secret no one knows about. You could even say it's a surprise. You'll see.

How about a thought experiment? Say you were told this world was ending tomorrow. Would you just give in and wait for the end? Or would you get all fired up to do something about it? Think back to the black box. What kind of black is it? No one knows. And the end of the world? How would you expect anyone to know how that pans out either?

Think back to when the man called Xemnas originally opened the door to this world's Kingdom Hearts. When and where was that, exactly? How long have you thought that the flow of time, from then to now, was continuous?

Is time really continuous in the first place?

Ah, now you look like you don't believe me.

But how else would you explain it?

And so, I've always watched over you guys—or rather, watched over the Keyblade. I just played the part of a fool who wanted the power of the Keyblade for myself.

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ANYWAY thanks for reading this and please do share your thoughts.