

(MY BOI, ITS MY BOI!!! LOOK AT HIM!! HE'S THE BEST!! THIS IS MINE!! I LOVE HIM!)



Shuuda/Inanna

Inanna C

Inanna: Let's see... Alright, everything seems ready. Off I go--what the--Nelly!

Shuuda: Pfft.

I: Ah! Oh... Shuuda. Try to not ambush me! You just spooked Nelly! S: What are you on about?It's your fault anyways...

I: W-well, Shuuda, you could have gotten me killed!
What if was actually being attacked?!

S: Relax, Inanna. Sheesh.

I: I can't relax with you popping out of nowhere!

S: (Jump) C'mon! Some mercenary you turned out to be. How long have I been working with you now?

I: ...About two years, right? Guess I should be a bit more used to your antics, huh. Haha...

S: Yeah well... huh...
it's really been that long?
Hmm...
Ever since my last boss left me
for dead at that village in Atheya.

I: Oh, yeah...
Wait, that was three years back, wasn't it?
So we've been together a bit longer than I thought...

S: Aye.

Seems odd for some reason...
I don't normally work with partners for this long.
Guess we are a decent pair, if we've lasted this long.

I: Really?
Well, Shuuda...
You're the only partner
I've ever trusted, you know.

S: Oh?

I: "Oh?"

What's that supposed to mean?

S: Well, you sure didn't trust me when I was 'ambushing' you.(Leaves)

I: H-Hey!(Jump)
Wait for me, Shuuda!

Inanna B

S: Hmm...
sigh...
[CloseEyes]Pfft...
I just need to use my
"Shining Fang" attack...
Hahaha, that'd
be so cool...

I: Ha! What're you doing?

S: [OpenEyes]
Wah!
Oh... I was just thinking out loud.
How much did you hear,
Inanna?!

I: Talking to yourself in the middle of the battlefield?
Why can't you ever concentrate, Shuuda?

S: Yeah, yeah, I can take care of myself. Get off my back already.

I: W-Well, what am I supposed to do?! Shuuda, you had me worried. It's this kind of stuff that gets you in such trouble all the time!

S: Pfft, you were worried?

I: Of course! You're always sleeping, or being distracted by something... You always end up starving and almost dying!
Of course I'm worried about you!

S: Hey, it's not my fault my boss just left me there! You sound like I was trying to die or something...

I: You know that's not what I mean.
And I guess it was for the better...
You've saved me plenty of times, too.
You act all indifferent
about everything, but...
I guess you must care about me
more than you want to admit.

S: Huh, what was that?

I: Don't just disregard what I said! I-I'm going! C'mon Nelly, we've... we've got work to do...(Leaves)

S: Hey, wait! Dammit, Inanna!

Inanna A

I: ...There's someone there! Ah![Erase]

S:Oi! It's just me, Inanna!

I: [Display] Ah! Oh...
Thank goodness it's just you.

S: Um... yeah...

I: Uh...

Uh... Please stay close...

S: What?

I: It's not whatever you think! It's... it's just that I'll be safer with you nearby!

N-nothing else...

S: Right, right!(Jump)

...Argh!

Th-this is no good.

You're distracting!

I... listen Inanna, I've been thinking...

about how I acted last time.

You were right...

I was being too lazy and rude...

I: ...Shuuda?

You... are you alright?

You look like you're gonna collapse...

S: Will you just...

I'm sorry, alright.

There, I said it.

I didn't mean to

hurt you or anything...

Man, that's one weight

finally off my back...

I:Oh, um... it's okay.

Thanks.

I'm sorry for yelling at you...

you didn't deserve it...

S: Heh, you were right.

I mean, we've been together for so long...

I know how you are.

I really think we work well together.

I don't want it to change at all, Inanna.

I: Heh... yeah.

I care about you, Shuuda.

S: Oh!

I-I see...

Well, I'm glad to see

you're happy again...

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S: So uh...\

I: [CloseEyes]Shuuda...

S: Hm?

I: [OpenEyes]I-I love you, you know...

S: (Move)W-waaah!

I: I-I'm sorry...

S: Huh?
Sorry?
Don't be crazy!
Man, you surprised me though.
It's like you read my mind...
There goes the other
weight off my back.
After all,
now I don't have to say it!

I: (Jump) Huh?
You mean, you...?!

S: H-hey, you know I'm no good at sentimental stuff, right?
But yeah, I really like you.
You're a great partner.
(Move)
In fact, I was hoping
we could always be partners...

I: Shuuda...
I'd love to!
You, me, and Nelly...
partners forever!

S: N-Nelly too? Well, I... I suppose... Though I was thinking, like, after this war...

I: We'll be the best mercenary team ever, won't we?
I'm so happy...
Come on, Shuuda!
We've got to keep building
a name for ourselves! Don't fall too behind, okay? (Leaves)
S: Hah...

What a joke...
She probably "loves" me in the same way she "loves" her Pegasus.
Well, I guess that's good enough for now.
As long as I don't get left behind!



Shuuda/Corben

Corben C

Shuuda: (Jump) Ha! (Move)

There we go!

Corben: Hmph...I can do better...

S:Huh?

You say something?

C: Me?
Not really.
I was just looking at your sword swings...
They could still use some work was all I was thinking.

S: Whaaaaat?! You actually have the nerve to say that?

C: I'm practically on the level of a knight, Shuuda.
I was taught how to use a sword and spear by Siegfried himself.
I'm afraid that compared to that, your technique...

S: Oh, you cocky little horse-rider...
See if you can keep up with me on the battlefield, then!

Corben B

S: Ha...

You get pretty far pretty fast, thanks to that horse of yours.
But when it comes to fighting, you can't match my speed or power.

C: Is that... a challenge?

S: Corben, you're the one who started this with your arrogant self...

C: I'm more experienced. It's just that simple. That's a fact, not a challenge.

S: ...Alright, that's it!

The next time we talk, we're settling this!
C: Fine with me, Shuuda!

Corben A

S: I hope you're ready, Corben!

C: I don't need to be ready!

S: Heh...

Arrogant as always.

C: You too, Shuuda. It's been a while since someone's brought out this side of me. You're competitive and stubborn, I'll give you that.

S: Same to you.

C: Heh...

Well then, here's how it works.
From here on out, we'll count
every opponent we defeat.
Whoever defeats the most people will
be ruled the best fighter between us.

And to make it fair, the other person has to see it, or else it doesn't count.

S: What?! That's crap! That means I'll have to spend even more time around you...

C: I'm not exactly thrilled either, but I don't see you coming up with any better ideas, Shuuda.

S: Bah... Whatever. Stupid rules will just get me even more fired up!

C: Don't make me laugh!
This'll only teach you just how much of a difference there is between us!



Shuuda/Noah

Noah C

Noah: Noah the benevolent, at your side.
How's it going,
my fellow mercenary?

Shuuda: Heh, good enough. Yourself?

N: All is well in the eyes of the benevolent. I'm putting my body to use... that's all I can ask for.

S: Heh, you think so? I'm sure I could think of lots more things to ask for.

Noah B

S: So Noah, I was wondering--don't you have enough fellow mercenaries? I thought there were at least a couple with you before...

N: Ah, yes--they've joined some of the lower ranks.
Of course, being the leader,
I had to share my benevolence with the main group, and grant you my radiant aid.

S: Hm, sounds reasonable. So, you got any good moves?

N: Moves?
As in, techniques?

S: Yeah, any techniques that you've named, what are they? I mean, you're an experienced mercenary, right? Surely your "benevolent" self must have some.

N: Heh, I don't have a need for such a thing.
I swing my blade with passion and pride.
I suppose you could say every slash is like a named move, but the name is just implied: "this is for justice!".

S: "This is for justice"? That's not a name, that's more like a catch-phrase. You've gotta think of a name, man. Got it?

Noah A

S: So, any luck thinking of some new technique names?

N: No, not really. I haven't put much thought into it.

S: That's boring... there's no competition if you don't even bother to think more seriously about your own sword techniques.

N: ...Think about my techniques? Of course I do that. I just don't name them. After all, there's no need.

S: What do you mean "there's no need"? How else will you be remembered? How will your techniques be passed down if not named?

N: I don't need those.
All I need is to do good deeds for people, and I shall live on in their memories.
After all, I'm sure I introduce myself as "Noah the Benevolent" quite enough for people to remember it, don't you think?

S: Hahahahaha, I suppose you've got a point.
I know I sure as heck can't get that line out of my head.
Heck, you might as well call me "Shuuda the Benevolent".

N: I'm sorry, Shuuda, but such a title can only be worn by those who have struggled in the name of righteousness. You'll have to learn much more before you can bear it!

S: Huh? You can't be serious... Come on, I don't even want-

N: No buts! The benevolent

don't make excuses! Now onward, and with a smile, Shuuda! (Leaves)

S: Ahahaha, this guy's noble, but he's a joke, too.
Not that I don't like jokes...
This might be fun.



Shuuda/Storm

Storm C

Shuuda: Hey Storm, how are things holding up?[A]

Storm: I'm holding. Yourself?[A]

Shuuda: Heh, you know me.
I pull through every time.[A]
You're pretty impressive, though.
Your name fits you well.[A]

Storm: Heh, I get that a lot.[A] The meaning it has is likely different from what you think, though.[A]

Storm B

Shuuda: So tell me about your name, then?[A] Is it a sort of codename someone gave you, or your real name?[A]

Storm: Ha, it's more or less my real name.[A]
But you probably think "Storm" has something to do with raining[A] down arrows on the foe, or charging through violently, am I wrong?[A]

Shuuda: Nah, you hit the nail

right on the head.[A]
In fact, I was thinking about
naming one of my sword attacks[A]
after you and your archery.[A]
I'd call it the "Storm Strike".
Rolls off the tongue nicely, huh?

Storm: You... name your attacks? Is that normal?[A]

Shuuda:It's normal for me.[A]

Storm: ...Right then.[A] So how does this "Storm Strike" work?[A]

Shuuda: Ah, well, I haven't actually tried to use it or anything,[A] but I figured it'd be a sort of quick thrust attack or something.[A] Kind of like how your arrows fly in a straight path,[A] shooting at high speeds and piercing through the enemy.[A]

Storm: Well, it sounds interesting enough. I suppose you'll need to practice it.[A]

Shuuda: Heh, damn straight I do.[A]

Storm A

Storm: So how did the move go?[A]

Shuuda:Not so dandy, Storm. I left myself so wide open,[A] the enemy almost sliced me clean in two.[A]

Storm: Hm, well, that doesn't sound like fun at all.[A]

Shuuda: That reminds me...[A] You never did tell me the meaning of your name.[A]

Storm: I thought you'd never ask.[A] Have you ever heard the sound of a drum?[A]

Shuuda: Well, yeah, sure...[A]
I mean, we've heard it in
this war plenty of times.[A]
(The drums of war are beating, build an army, trust no one)

Storm: Then, let me ask you...[A] Have you ever really took a moment to listen to its sound?[A]

Shudaa: I'm not one to sit around and watch flowers grow, Storm.[A] Why would I sit around and listen to some drum?[A]

Storm: Because, the beating of the drum singles the forthcoming of a storm.[A] And personally, I love that sound. I love many sounds, in fact.[A] My parents were both musicians, the only ones in the Phora.[A] Of course, the Phora pride themselves on their fighting skills,[A] but not all of us want to live out our lives so simply.[A] Chief Haas, our leader, was the first to think this way.[A] No one really thought about anything besides survival.[A] But now, our culture is changing, and things like hobbies[A] and acts of self-expression are starting to surface.[A] My father is a sort of leader of this movement,[A] sharing his music with others.[A] And I, his son, am like the storm that comes after,[A] that which the drum has been calling for.[A] ...Does this make any sense, or is it a bit too much?[A]

Shuuda: I, uh...
I think I get it.[A]
Emphasis on the "think" part...
I'm not really sure...[A]

Storm: Times are changing, and I'm supposed to be[A] a sort of leader for the Phora in this time of change.[A] Of course, the true leader is Chief Haas, but I'm[A] slowly learning by staying at his side and being his right-hand man.[A] If that still doesn't make sense, just think of it this way.[A] A storm will always cause things to change.[A]

Shuuda: O-oh, yeah, I get it.[A]
So you're the storm
of the Phora, huh?[A]
I wish my name had such deep meaning.
I'm just plain ol' Shuuda...[A]

Storm: For what it's worth, I don't think you're very plain.[A]

Shuuda: Ha, well, you DO know all about plains...[A]
I guess I'll just have to take your word for it.[A]

Storm: Heheh. (Man, that was a terrible pun, Shuuda...)

(For some reason their name and portraits swap with each other halfway through this conversation)





Eduardo C

Eduardo: Shuuda, you lack the will of fire! Without it, your charge forward will reach only a fraction of its potential! Shuuda: Heh, I dunno about that, I've got a pretty strong will.
You think you're tougher than me?
Or braver, maybe?

E: If I come back from my frontal assault, we shall discuss this again!
Until then!
CHARGE!

Eduardo B

E: Not bad, Shuuda, but you could never become a knight. After all, knights must have valor beyond the normal man. We must always-

S: That's enough, Eduardo.
Keep going, and I'll have to
use my new, special move on you.
I call it the "Silencer".
It's a one-hit KO move...
Get hit, and you'll never make another charge again.
E: Alas, mere threats cannot stop
my inevitable ride forward!
Action, and only action,
is my course of action!
ACTION IT IS!(Charges Away)

S: I can't tell if he's dumb, or brave to a fault...

Eduardo A

S: Urgh, I give up, man. You win, alright? I've tried to keep up with your shenanigans as much as humanly possible, but this has become more of a 24/7 suicide mission than a friendly competition of strength...

E: A break may indeed be needed for one as young as you, Shuuda.

But for me, I must keep going, for the moment I stop, I may lose that which carries me in the first place!

S: H-hey, wait! Eduardo! If you keep going at full speed all the time, you'll kill yourself! Haven't you heard of pacing, man? Slow and steady wins the race?

E: ...But this isn't really a race, is it, Shuuda? Peoples' lives are at stake... This is a duel. A duel between two groups, and the one which rests too long, will end up too unprepared for the one which awakes early. I must keep going forward, because the moment I stop, I do not lose the race--rather, the race itself ends. and I would have wished that I had only kept going! S: Huh... that... that actually... That actually kind of sounds logical... Woah, you're not just a crazy bastard after all?!

E: Perhaps crazy, but I would like to think I have not lost all my wit!
For Valencia, I will give it my all, lest I lose that which I have to give!
Better now than never!
I would rather risk it all than regret leaving something unrisked!
That is all, my friend, Shuuda.
If you wish to stand with me, then by all means, let us go!
Full power!(Presumably Charges away)

S: Ha... this guy really is crazy...

But here I am, nonchalantly following in his footsteps, throwing my little life away.

Looks like stupidity's contagious.



Shuuda/Mark

Mark C

Shuuda: Hey, Mark. Good to see you.

Mark: Ah, Shuuda. You seem well.

S: Yeah, I'm feeling good. My body is Reggie ready.

M: Ready? What do you mean, "ready"?

S: To fight, of course. It's gotta be ready. Today, it's just a little more ready than usual.

M: Hah, is that so? I suppose I need to get my body ready too, then.

Mark B

M: Hey, Shuuda. How is being a mercenary?

S: It's fine, nothing special. You work jobs, get paid, buy food, go broke... Rinse and repeat. Why do you ask? M: I used to think it'd be good to be a mercenary, back in the day. I was just wondering what it was really like, from a real one.

S: Heh, well, I'm not exactly the most typical mercenary. Besides the fact that I'm strong, I only work with one partner. There's no big mercenary guild or organization or anything. Just me and Inanna.

M: Hm... I suppose that does make you unique.
Well, thank you for answering anyway.
I appreciate your honesty, Shuuda.

S: Don't mention it.

Mark A

M: Hm...

S: Something on your mind, Mark?

M: Always is, Shuuda. Care to know what?

S: Heh, well played. Yeah, knock me out.

M: I had a few friends who became mercenaries...
You know, back in Valencia, in my old village and all.
They died on a dangerous job... left their families behind.
I didn't really understand it, and even now, I'm not sure I do. But, you're not exactly that kind of mercenary, so I know you can't really help me here.

S: Hey, do I really have to be?

I can't really speak for your friends, but I think in general, if they loved their families, they'd be willing to put their lives on the line for them. And it was probably just as hard for them to do so as you imagine.

M: They couldn't take a safer job?
Become a farmer, or a carpenter like me... there are other jobs.
I don't get it...
Not sure I'm supposed to get it.

S: I dunno, Mark, but everyone has a sort of pride in what they do.

Maybe it was just that pride that spurred them on.

It probably wasn't about weighing their pride against their family, though.

M: They'd want to keep both their pride AND their family, you mean?
That's... stupid. [CloseEyes]Asking for too much...
S: Heh, well, I'm stupid myself, so I definitely can't help you there.
But I fight for what I believe in, and I don't leave any regrets.
That's the least I can expect of myself.

M: Then I won't wait for it to dawn on me any longer. I have to live my life without regrets, too.

S: That's the spirit, Mark. Let's do this.

M: Aye, Shuuda.



Shuuda/Alice

Alice C

Alice: So you're Inanna's mercenary partner, is that true?

Shuuda: Yeah, that's true. What of it?

A: Don't tell me she hasn't told you about me...

S: Hm...
Could you be one of her sisters?

A: Bingo!
I'm the oldest sister
of us pegasus sisters.
The name's Alice.
Nice to meet you.

S: Y-yeah, nice to meet you as well. Well then, I'll be off. (Leaves)

A: Huh? He sure was in a rush...

Alice B

A: Hey, Shuuda...
Are you ignoring me?

S: Huh? (Jump)
No, not at all.(Move)
That's silly! Almost crazy!
Why would you think that, ma'am?

A: Well, it seems like you're always turning away, and... Did I... do something? It's rude, you know.

S: N-no, not at all. Really, it's nothing. I'm uh... just a bit shy. I'm sorry.

A: Oh, I didn't know...
I'm sorry, I misjudged you.
I won't bother you, then.
Take care of yourself.

S: Y-yeah, you too...(Leaves)

A: ...That's a lie.
I've seen him talk to others.
He's energetic and always looking to compete with others...
Something's up, and I'm going to figure out what...

(Was spelled energic in game script)

Alice A

A: Shuuda, I think I've figured out why you're avoiding me.

S: D-didn't we discuss this before, Alice, ma'am?

A: Ma'am? Do you normally call people that?
It seems like it's only ever me...
S: I, uh... yeah, sure!(Jump)
I call EVERYONE Ma'am!

A: That's enough, Shuuda.
I've figured it out.
You're worried about me being overprotective of Inanna, and that I might get in the way of you and her.
Is that true?

S:

Yeah, you got me...
I... I'm afraid you'll
hold me to anything I do.
You are her sibling,
after all...

A: Well, you're being rude, and it's not necessary.
I heard rumors...
Rumors that you love her.
Is that true?

S: Wait, WHAT?!
Okay, I think this is
a big misunderstanding.
Inanna's a great partner,
but we're not like-

A: Heheh, I'm just kidding! Lighten up, Shuuda. Listen. I'm Inanna's older sister. But I'm also me. And more importantly, you're you, and Inanna is Inanna. Meaning that it's not my place to get in the way of your relationship with Inanna, or let that interfere with ours. I mean, can't we just act like normal comrades and friends? Inanna is old enough to take care of herself, and I trust that you'll also take care of her, and never do anything to harm her. So I'm not worried, and I'm not going to bug you about her or anything. Does that make any sense, or am I just blabbing?

S: N-no, that made perfect sense.
I guess you're right,
I was scared.
She always said that you
and Lirin were always so
protective of her, and that she
was a sort of burden on you guys.
So I didn't want her to feel bad,
either, by having you get involved...

A: Oh... I see... Well, I suppose it can't be helped--Inanna's pretty fragile. We used to have to bribe her just to get her to eat her meals. Anyhow, the misunderstanding's been cleared, right?

S: Yeah, everything's good. Sorry for the trouble.

A: It's alright.
But about you and Inanna...
Is it true you love her?

S: (Joke) P-please, stop! Even as a joke...