

Borealis

Chell was free. Finally after years of trying to escape the insane robot, GLaDOS. She stepped out of the elevator and into the warm outside, which surrounded the exit of the science facility. This was the first time Chell had seen wheat. In fact, had she seen wheat before than she would have known something was off. It glowed as though it were a ray of light. That wasn't the only strange thing, a door handle, which seemed to float in mid-air, tried its hardest to blend in with the sky. It was at that moment that Chell realized that she was not free, but rather in one of the many Environment Emulation rooms in the establishment.

Somewhere in the freezing climate of the Arctic, a Dr Gordon Freeman was exploring an abandoned icebreaker called the Borealis. The cold temperatures and deadly blizzard would have killed Gordon but his orange Hazardous Environment Suit protected him like an exoskeleton. The Borealis was a mysterious ship which supposedly disappeared from the Aperture Research Facility. Gordon knew this was the right ship as the empty containers on the ship all read "Aperture Science" on the side. The ship disappeared for a reason and Freeman believed that whatever reason that was it would help his cause. The world was under the control of dangerous forces and he was apart of the Resistance in stopping it.

Chell stepped out of the Enviroment Emulation room into a corroding concrete corridor. She was in no way pleased to find that she would have to walk through the facility again. This part of the building was not taken care of and most people would think it was a deathtrap. This was most likely the reason why GLaDOS sent Chell here, to die. Chell wondered around the grey and endless corridors in an attempt to get out. After what felt like an eternity, she found a very peculiar door. All the previous doors which she had come across in the facility were wooden and painted a sterile white. This new door on the other hand was a very out of place, rusty, silver, bulk head hatch, much like that which you would find on a ship. Chell used all her strength to spin the lock and open the door. Stepping through the hatchway, Chell was suddenly hit with disbelief. What she had found was a dry dock, thousands of miles underground.

Prior to exploring the Borealis, Gordon Freeman had no maritime experience. Despite this he was fairly certain that an icebreaker, like the Borealis, would need some kind of

engine to run. Dr Freeman's PhD, in theoretical physics, was paying off for him. The ship was bare inside. There was no sign of anything, let alone something which could prevent a planet destroying force. If Gordon Freeman wasn't an absolute mute than he would probably have made a noise to express his discontent. He did not.

In the dry dock was a large control panel with an array of coloured buttons. Any sane person would take the time to meticulously study the buttons and their purpose. Chell instantly pressed every button she could press. This childlike behaviour could be blamed on a very minor case of serious brain damage, which she had developed through years of being the subject of many tests in the facility. Some of the buttons which Chell had pressed were labelled "Borealis", "Teleport", and "Silent Alarm". Less important buttons which Chell had pressed included "Execute Party Bot", "Disable Droid Redemption Line", and "Print Clipboard". Oddly enough, the one button she did not press was labelled "Open Emergency Exit". Even if she did analyze the buttons it would not of helped her as she was illiterate. Chell than witnessed a huge ship begin to be teleported into the dry dock. A printer, next to the control panel, printed an image of a clipboard.

The Borealis began to shake violently. This was enough of an excuse for Gordon Freeman to run to the highest deck of the ship. He very quickly realized that the world around the ship was changing. What was once a very cold Arctic environment was now the dry dock thousands of miles underground in the Aperture Research Facility. The ship, just having teleported a very far distance, began to topple over and Freeman fell off of the ship and onto the dry dock floor.

Chell jumped out of the way of the toppling ship, which crushed the control panel. She ran over to the damaged body of Dr Gordon Freeman who was limp on the dry dock floor. The voice of the deranged robot, GLaDOS, came onto the loudspeakers in the dry dock. The epic sound which came from the speakers vibrated the bones of Chell and Gordon. "What have you done?" In the attosecond it took for GLaDOS to process her next sentence all of the exits to the dry dock locked themselves. "You don't understand what things are about to happen out there!" Gordon knew what "things" GLaDOS was talking about. "This facility is safe from what is out there. I can not let the facility be breached like this." GLaDOS was surprised, that Chell didn't kill herself already. GLaDOS decided to finally finish the job by releasing a gas known as the Aperture Science Deadly Neurotoxin into the dry dock. The green coloured gas began to choke

Chell and Gordon. They both died the second the Deadly Neurotoxin got into their bloodstream.

Had Gordon Freeman not died that day, the Earth may have survived the evil forces which dictated over all of humanity. Humanity died.