

Notes:

I did use a bit of creative liberties to write this in a more clear format (this does include omitting details that are not relevant.), especially in regards to the dialoug at the end. (and lack there-of dialoug anywhere else.)

If there is any concern for "Amy not acting like she normally does" its because I spent a majority of the dream looking at things from her perspective. Every now and then I got to make a choice for her. I was originally going to seperate my thoughts from Amy's, but that honestly sounds really convoluted so I couldn't be bothered with it. (Just pretend Amy is more mature for whatever reason.)

I'm not good at writing dialoug.

The origin isn't explained outright at any point, its just what I would have to guess if anyone were to ask me, feel free to skip it...

Origin: Eggman at the end of Mania creates a machine that teleports Sonic to an alternative future. With Sonic out of the way, Eggman takes his time to create the ultimate robot army to take over the future...and then procceeds to send them to the future alongside all his equipment.

From Amy's perspective:

I lay there on the hammock...I don't know where I am or how I got there...but I feel...different somehow?!

I awake myself more, I take the time to remember what happened and while I can't make it out completely, I remember.

I was out for a bit of a stroll...Old and New Sonic were arguing again, and I wanted to give them some space...its been hard to get to Sonic ever since Tails died.

Ever since then Sonic has gone way out of his way to ensure that the survivors are safe underground from the giant robots...they constantly move around so thus Sonic needs to as well.

One by one I started to remember...

All of my friends...all of sonic's friends are dead. I...him...and the younger Sonic are all that's left.

I don't know why, but sometimes those robots will just appear out of thin air, its always when a party member just went a little away from Sonic that we'd hear a painful yell...as we arrive we'd see our friend dying...before the robot disappears almost like mist.

Vector, Charmy, Rouge, Knuckles, Espio, Shadow...Tails...They're all gone...

And thus I started to remember how I got here...I too fell behind from the group, I vaguely remember attacked but...I blanked out from then. I'm not dead yet...or am I?

Despite not knowing where I am I still feel Sonic's presence, I know where to go to get back. But as I was about to do that I took a second to stop...I would just slow Sonic down/get him stressed out. I haven't found out any new info so I wouldn't help in that regard either...I need to find out where I am and why I escaped getting harm, even at the risk of getting killed...that is my new mission.

Thankfully Sonic's presence isn't the only one I sense...under this hammock, right in this building

I sense someone...no, something else here. However it doesn't feel like Sonic...like not anything like Sonic, it feels a bit like me, except its not me, it can't be.

Confused as I was I didn't really have much choice. This was the only lead I had. I went in...

The room was dark, but nothing really looked abandoned, at least not completely. The further I went in the more glowy things started to look. And soon enough I figured out who was here...

Ghosts...of some sort.

They didn't look human or anthropomorphic but alien like...each one looked different but I could still somehow tell they were all related to one another.

They greeted me, almost as if they expected me...I started to wonder if they brought me here.

I proceeded to explain my situation to them, and they were not hesitant to help out.

They said that despite not knowing all the details they foresaw this moment to happen...almost as if they planned it.

They showed off a device they had which claimed could bring people back from the dead...and they needed me to go out and collect these very special white flowers that would act as the devices power source.

Strangely enough I remember seeing one as I came in...despite the fact I've never seen one in my life. It had a strange feeling to it, a very glowy one, like it called to me as being some sort of "energy" or "food". On top of that when I got close to it, a white orb of energy would come out of the flower and hover on top of it making this weird noise. (I can imagine Sonic must feel something similar whenever he absorbed a Whisp)

On the contrary I started to wonder if these flowers were the equivalent of those flowers that popped out of the ground during World War 1, you know...the whole desperate times calls for desperate measures thing?

Anyways...the machine itself was not that big, they told me I'd need to get 30 or so White Orbs from these flowers in order to revive one person. They made it clear that because of its size, only those who would fit in the machine could be revived.

I took a look myself and it was only slightly bigger than me or Sonic. I figured it ruled out any humans from being revived. (or Big...)

It would take a while to find 30 flowers so I realized I would have to pick carefully who I wanted to revive. (I also couldn't risk bringing Sonic here...it would be better if the robots are distracted by him and don't destroy our one hope of stopping them.)

But there was one catch to all this...

As they explained the revival process to me, it became clear that it wasn't as literal as I would have hoped. Rather than simply putting their life back in their body...it would essentially give them "new life" or in more simpler terms...replace said individual's will to live with something more artificial...

What this would mean is that after 30 days or so the suspect would start to get very depressed and lose the will to live...thus they would end up killing themselves in the process.

I was in shock when I heard this...not only would I have to keep tabs on how long said person is alive but...would it even be worth it? Do I really want to put anyone through more suffering?

As much as I hated to admit it I didn't have a choice. Who I picked mattered more than ever now,

If we're lucky enough we would only need to revive one person that could help us figure out how to stop these robots...some of our friends died off early, so with the new information we have on these robots, we might stand a chance of getting to the bottom of this...

As for who I'd pick I figured I should worry about getting those orbs first...

As I went out to do that, I actively tried to be sneaky about it. I didn't want to risk dying on any circumstance. I was no longer just fighting for my own survival but everyone else's.

And yet despite this there was very few times I ever saw a Robot pass by...and even when it did it showed no sign to even suspect I was around...

These robots we've been fighting this whole time are smarter than usual, its almost as if they have some sort of advance sentence...as if they are all linked somehow.

As I was finding/collecting these orbs I started to suspect something else...maybe I haven't bumped into these flowers, or these ghosts because I'm already dead. Maybe that's why I've been so lucky to not get spotted by the robots...maybe that's why my movements feel more loose and done by a dream like choice rather than me moving normally.

This feeling only got stronger the more orbs I got...its as if I was absorbing part of them just by being near them.

The sad thing is I had no way of checking if any of this were true, the ghosts were secretive about it and any other method would simply be too risky...Then again if I was dead why would the ghosts need me to collect these orbs, am I a hybrid of sorts?

Regardless I just had to go through with it to the end, if I am dead then things can't really get much worse right? I had a sliver of hope and had to take it.

I got back with the 30 orbs and thus I had to make my choice. I took the time to consider my options...

The first thing that came to mind was Tails, Sonic would be in so much joy to see him come back...but then I remembered the 30 things thing and realized how bad this idea would be. Sonic is already showing signs of depression and seeing Tails kill himself would only make him go over the edge. I can't imagine how he'd get over it...I can't imagine how I would forgive myself!

Knuckles came to mind next...I'm not sure why to be honest. It just seemed like a reasonable option. I realized that while Knuckles is good at guarding the Master Emerald and finding it when its split apart, those skills wouldn't help in this situation...plus he's not the best fighter, there is always Shadow for that...

I thought about Rouge...she's good at figuring out goverment conspiracy stuff and being mischivious with said information...but again, I can't imagine her getting that much of a lead. We already have so much info and still can't figure out how to beat these robots...Rogue didn't die early either so she should still know most of it...I moved to my next option...

Silver...I don't know why but...I just get the feeling like he's somehow dealt with a similar situation before. Despite that I quickly disgarded that idea, I don't know him THAT well but he comes off a bit naive to me, even if he has great telekenisis powers for fighting, it won't do too much good if he uses said powers the wrong way...plus we don't even know how he died...we just saw his body one day despite being from the future...it's weird I know.

I started to consider Rouge and Knuckles a bit until I re-rememberd Shadow...

Not just because he's an excelent fighter who can use chaos powers (if we can somehow manage to find a chaos emerald...they've been mysteriously hard to find for some reason.) but I remembered that he's not just the "ultamie life form" but what that means...he's an ARTIFICIAL life form!

This means...he could be immune to the after effects of orb revival proccess! He could not feel a single bit of change of emotion and thus not die off in 30 days!

While that was all good I started to consider what if that wasn't true? Still...Shadow is used to being depressed so maybe he would take the pain of dying off more easily...I know that sounds really mean and unconsiderate of his feelings...but adding up our odds, I figured he was the best chance we got!

I was about to go get his body but the ghosts told me they already have it! That while I was getting the orbs they went out of there way to get as many bodies that they felt would be worthwile to resurect...I wasn't sure how to feel about this, it only raised my suspicion more that this was all planned...how do they know how my friends are and who's "worthwile"?

The rivival proccess went by really smootly, blue mist surronded shadow as his body's wounds began to heal...after the process Shadow opened his eyes and very quickly got out of the machine "up and about."

"Wait Shadow...you know what happened? How are yo---"

"This is the third time I've been awaked after what I thought was my death...I'm used to it by now."

Things were already going better than I thought...

I took the time to explain to him the whole situation, including how he was revived and what we knew about the robot crisis since he died.

"Damn. Why would the robots be so quick to finish me off when I'm off gaurd but not Sonic? You'd think it be the other way around!"

"I don't know! Maybe..."

"Maybe these robots aren't after Sonic...I'm certain Eggman is behind this, he must have programmed the robots to make Sonic suffer little by little..."

"You...you really think so?"

"Why else do you think they were killed off one by one, why else do you think they killed tails last?!"

"Well I mean..."

"Why else would they keep YOU alive!?"

"..."

"..."

"But...last time I checked you and Sonic don't get along that well."

"The only reason I was killed off was cause I was all alone, Eggman knew I was onto him and thus saw me as a threat...you though...I don't expect you to defeat one of those robots anytime soon."

I needed a moment to think about what just happened...this was a lot coming from a guy who's been dead for who knows how long now. I was genuinely surprised by how quickly he was catching on to all this info. Where was he getting it from...did those...ghost things give Shadow an info dump on his brain as they revived him? That blue smoke did go to his head...though that could just be a coincidence.

"Anyways...I need you to promise me something."

"What is it Shadow?"

"As soon as you get another set of orbs to revive someone else, I need you to IMMEDIATELY revive Rouge"

"But wh---"

"DON'T ASK!"

"But...she could end up killing herself if you do, is that worth it?"

"I don't care! I need to see her again at least one more time...its the closest I can get to seeing...to seeing...nevermind! Just revive her no questions asked you got it?!"

"Yeah...but if you want me to gather more orbs now, what are you going to do?"

"What you guys should have done from the start...with that new info you gave me, I know exactly what to do!"

"What? Really!?"

"Yes...You've all been too focused on trying to destroy the robots and running away from them to notice the real problem...you mentioned that there is a mysterious forcefield you guys found that blocks off a certain area."

"Yeah..."

"And that there tends to be more robot apperances there than other places...possibly up to what seems like an infinite scale"

"Yeah..."

"Well that's obviously where the robots are teleporting to after recieving battle damage to heal themselves...there could be a whole factory in there for all we know. If I could get myself inside one of those things, and make it think I'm not there...I could get inside there and stop whatever is controlling those robots! If they all are linked to one another...there must be a source to that link!"

"...But...but don't you think your acting a bit to hasty? Shouldn't you think this through a bit."

"I don't have time for that, I know what I'm doing. Those robots have already destroyed far too much and I can't let them do more damage!"

"But...BUT SONIC DOESN'T KNOW, YOU SHOULD TELL HIM ABO--"

"Me tell Sonic all this...Hah! I don't think that's happening."

"..."

"I'm gonna use Sonic as bait, if he doesn't know that I'm gonna infiltrate those robots into Eggmans base, then those robots won't know either...I don't trust Sonic to keep his act together if he knew all this."

"What makes you think those robots are linked to Sonic?"

"Remember that time we all had to distract Metal Sonic so that Sonic could give the final blow to him in his Super Form? I don't suspect that this is any different...given how these robots came from an alternate timeline, Eggman has had all the time he needs to perfect these robots beyond what we've ever seen before."

"But..."

"I can't discuss this further, I'm going now and I'm not coming back till all those robots are dead!"

"WAIT...I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION!"

"..."

"Why...I mean...how do you know all this stuff?"

"I've seen things none of you have ever seen"

"Huh?"

"*sigh*...Let's just say that just like those robots...I'm not from this timeline either. I don't know exactly what's in that force field...but I have a pretty good idea and its nothing I can't handle."

"..."

"Take care Amy...just don't get yourself killed...not that...I mean...nevermind I'm going."

I didn't take my eyes off as Shadow dashed off into the horizon on the outside...I was worried I'm not going to lie...but I was also hopeful, because for the first time in forever, I felt like we stood a chance!

I don't like his hasty behavior, but I'm going to trust Shadow...even if it means keeping Sonic in the dark.

Dream end.