

## **Sethunya's Questline**

[Introduction, in the Lake of Rot]

*Oh! Greetings, dear Tarnished...*

*I am Sethunya, a... maiden of sorts.*

*I was not expecting company, especially not the company of a Tarnished such as thyself.*

*But... since thou'rt here...*

*Wouldst thou mind helping someone of mine ilk?*

*It is alright if thou dost not want to, I would understand...*

[Deny]

*Ah, very well...*

*I can wait for another...*

[Accept]/"You needed help?" [If you previously denied]

*How kind of thee...*

*Albeit a bit foolish, to be honest.*

*For as I said, I am a maiden of sorts...*

*I seek a warrior to guide into beauty.*

*Dost thou know of someone who could be worthy of such an offer...?*

"No."

*Ahh, as expected. Well, return to me if thou finds someone. I will be waiting here as always.*

"Yes.", if the Dragonkin in the Lake of Rot is not defeated.

*...As in... thee?*

*Aha, I... do not mean to be rude, but I must see if thou'rt truly the warrior I seek.*

*Dost thou mind cleaning up the false dragon within the lake?*

*It... needs to be put out of its misery...*

[Speaking to her again]

*If thou wisheth to become mine warrior, slay the false dragon that lurks beneath the lake.*

"Yes.", if the Dragonkin Soldier is defeated.

*...As in... thee?*

*Aha, I... do not mean to be rude, but I must see if thou'rt truly the warrior I seek.*

*Dost thou mind cleaning up the false dragon within the lake? It... needs to be put out of-*

*What? Thou hast... already felled it?*

*I... I see.*

*Thou'rt more ambitious than I realized. Mine apologies.*

[After defeating Dragonkin Soldier in the Lake of Rot]

*Well done, Tarnished warrior... thou hast proven thyself worthy.*

*I will be thy maiden. On one condition.*

*What are thy thoughts on the scarlet rot? For... I am one of its humble servants.*

*Do not worry, however, for I mean thee no harm.*

"It's disgusting."

> [sigh]... *Of course. Thou may move along, then. The hatred for the rot is all too common in this Age.*

[If the player returns after choosing "It's disgusting." The only option will be "I see its beauty." or backing out of the conversation.]

*...? Hast thou learned more about the wondrous rot? I can teach thee as thine maiden, if thou wishes it.*

"I see its beauty."

*Ahhh, very good, very good indeed! Thine potential rises by the second!*

*However, er, I must inform thee...*

*I cannot accompany thee as easily as others might...*

*So please return to me if mine guidance is needed, dear Tarnished.*

*And here, have this. As a parting gift.*

[Player obtains Rotted Heart]

"I need guidance."

*Ahh, eager, are we? As I expected, aha... The first step in mine guidance of thee is to allow thee to see thine true goal. Go to the blooming Swamp of Aeonia, and retrieve for me the buried seal. It lies among the beautiful geysers.*

[Speaking to her again]

*Go to the blooming Swamp of Aeonia, and retrieve for me the buried seal from among the beautiful geysers. Be cautious, for the rot is unkind to visitors.*

[With Cracked Seal in inventory, found near the grace by the rot geysers.]

*Oh! How wonderful.*

[Sethunya receives Cracked Seal]

*Thou'rt showing true promise, dear Tarnished. I have high hopes for thee. Now, give me some time, and I will have a gift ready for thee.*

[After resting at a grace]

*Ah, Tarnished! I have the reward for thine efforts.*

[Player receives Rotted Seal]

*I must admit... I sent thee on that errand to ensure thou hast the capability to use what I plan to teach thee.*

*Thou'rt planning to become Elden Lord, correct? Yes, yes... Of course. These incantations could prove useful in thine quest, if thou wishes to learn them.*

[Player can now purchase various rot incantations from Sethunya]

[Speaking to her again]

*Ah! Dost thou require mine teachings, dear Tarnished?*

[Opening the shop, then closing without buying]

*Nothing catches thine eye, then...? How disappointing... Well, thou knows where I reside if thou warms up to the idea.*

[After buying an incantation]

*Good, good... The strength of the rot is now within thee, mine Tarnished. May it guide thee into beauty.*

[After purchasing all available incantations]

*My my, thou seemeth very fond of rot incantations. This is... good. Tell me, Tarnished, when thou sees the scarlet rot, art thou drawn to its decay... or its rebirth?*

"Decay"

*Hm. I am afraid mine teachings have been lost on thee. But no matter... There are more chances for me to teach thee. Now, my next instruction for thee is quite the task, and... I am not sure if thou'rt quite up to it. Art thou certain thou'rt prepared?*

"Rebirth"

*Ahhh, yes! The beauty of the blooms is wonderful, is it not? I knew my teachings would get through to thee eventually... Now, my next instruction for thee is quite the task, and... I am not sure if thou'rt quite up to it. Art thou certain thou'rt prepared?*

"No."

*> Ah, right. Well, feel free to stay here for as long as thou wants to. I will wait patiently for thine ambition to rise to the occasion.*

"Yes."/"I am ready." (If you previously chose no.)

*Oh, how ambitious...! Now... it pains me to ask this of thee but it is very important. I need thee to visit the fabled Haligtree. The key to the lift has been hidden, but I am certain thou'rt capable of finding a way inside. Prithee, it is all I ask...*

[Speaking to her again]

*Visit the Haligtree, dear Tarnished... I will meet thee there, where we shall discuss the fate of the scarlet goddess.*

"The scarlet goddess?"

*Oh... Thou'rt not aware? The Empyrean Malenia, daughter of the Queen Marika and Radagon, the second Elden Lord. Dear Malenia was blessed by the wondrous rot at birth, and is destined to bloom into a scarlet goddess...*

*She hast already bloomed once. Twice more and she shall become a true goddess... But, I am getting ahead of myself. We shall discuss this further within the Haligtree.*

[Speaking to her again]

"How will you get in?"

*Worry not, dear Tarnished... I have my ways. Unfortunately, I cannot bring thee with me if I were to go now.*

[Speaking to her again]

*Hm? Hast thou found the way into the Haligtree? No...? Simply visiting, then... Aha. Well, stay as long as thou wouldst like. The world is not kind to thee, I am sure rest is needed every once in a while.*

[Speaking to her again from here on without the Haligtree medallion]

*Oh, greetings, dear Tarnished.*

[Speaking to her after acquiring both halves of the Haligtree Secret Medallion]

*Greetings, Tarnished... Oh? Thou hast found the medallion...! Incredible work, I must commend thee. When thou reaches the Haligtree, I shall meet thee there.*

[After resting at a grace at this point, Sethunya moves to the Haligtree, at the grace right before Malenia's boss fight. This also happens as soon as you enter the portal to the Haligtree given you have purchased all her incantations.]

[Speaking to her in the Haligtree]

*Ah! Righteous Tarnished, it is good to see that thou hast made it. Just beyond this point is where the scarlet goddess rests...*

*Now, I must tell thee something of great importance. Heresy, to some within the rot... I wouldst like thee to end the poor Empyrean's suffering. She is destined to become mine goddess, yes... But it was not a fate she was ever prepared for. An unwilling goddess is worse than having no goddess at all...*

*Dost thou accept mine offer? I understand if thou wouldst refuse. She is a formidable warrior, after all. I only wish to end her suffering, so that the rot may flourish in a new way...*

"No."

*...I understand. It was a foolish request, really. But... if thou changes thy mind, prithee... tell me.*

"Yes."/ "I am ready." [If you previously chose no]

*Really...? Ambitious, then... Again, I apologize for putting such a burden upon thee, but I assure thee I have a plan for the scarlet rot to thrive anew if thou accomplishes this task. After this, I will only have one task left for thee...*

[Speaking to her again while Malenia is still alive]

*Ah, this fight will not be easy, loyal Tarnished. But thou can succeed... for the sake of the scarlet blooms. For the sake of the brood. For... for my sake.*

[After Malenia dies, Sethunya will disappear. After resting at a grace, Malenia's stagnant bloom will appear, and Sethunya will be kneeling in front of it.]

[Speaking to her]

*Righteous Tarnished... [Sethunya is partly crying as she speaks] The beloved Empyrean... She truly hast been felled. May her soul find peace from her endless suffering...*

*[Clears her throat]*

*But, thou hast truly proven thyself. Now for thine final test... Tell me, Tarnished, wouldst thou carry the burden of bringing the scarlet rot into a new Age? No mindless suffering, only blooms and rebirth... Decay only for the damned, to repeat the neverending cycle...*

"No."

*But... Then why...? What was thine purpose in all this? The glory of battle? I... I do not understand.*

*[Speaking again after saying "No."]*

*I do not understand thee, Tarnished...*

"Yes."/ "I have changed my mind." *[If you previously said no]*

*...! Truly, then? This is... wonderful. The rot shall infest the Lands Between... Its blooms shall spread. Now... take mine hand. My final act... I shall make this right. For the brood, for the suffering...*

*[The Tarnished takes Sethunya's hand, and the screen turns black. Sethunya cries out in pain, and the screen turns back to normal. Her body has gone limp against the aeonia, and it is covered in scarlet flowers, with a mending rune sprouting from her back.]*

*[Interacting with her body gives the player the Mending Rune of Rot.]*

*If the player attacks Sethunya without her being their maiden.*

*(Warning)*

*> Ah! I mean thee no harm, Tarnished!*

*(Combat)*

*> Thou'rt a wretched trespasser, then? A pity... May the rot claim thy body.*

Sethunya's model is replaced with the same transformation given by the Rotten Heart, her name is shown as "Sethunya, Maiden of Rot". Her moveset is similar to the normal Kindred of Rot enemy, but its attacks can inflict scarlet rot, and it gains the rot spit attack that Cleanrots have. Upon death, she drops 10000 runes, and the Rotted Heart if the player hasn't claimed it yet.

*(At 50% health or lower)*

*> Thou'rt... stronger than I would like as an enemy. It is a shame thou couldst not be more reasonable...*

(On player kill)

> *Rest well. May the rot allow thee to be reborn anew.*

(On death)

> *No... I can't... not yet... I'm... sorry...*

If the player attacks Sethunya while she is their maiden.

(Warning)

> *Ah! Tarnished, what art thou doing!?*

(Combat)

> *I... did not want it to happen this way. A maiden should not have to kill her warrior.*

(At 50% or lower)

> *Please... Thou'rt too strong for me, I fear... What did I do wrong, dear Tarnished?*

(On player kill)

> *I'm sorry... I should not have trusted thee...*

(On death)

> *But... why wouldst thou...? I only wished... to....*

If the player has accepted the Frenzied Flame, and attempts to speak to Sethunya.

> *O-Oh... Greetings Tarnished. I mean no harm... Please leave me be...*

If the player accepts the Frenzied Flame after accepting Sethunya as their maiden.

> *Greetings, Tarnished-... Thou... what hast thou done? I... I have tried to guide thee... Why wouldst thou ally with the accursed frenzy? Begone with thee. I am ashamed of thee.*

Speaking with her again

> *I was not jesting. Leave, before I must cleanse the world of thine mistake myself.*

If the player speaks to her again, combat will initiate with her.

> *So be it. I thought thou showed promise, but clearly I was mistaken...*

(At 50% or lower)

> *I will not allow the flame to consume the world. All must be allowed to be reborn anew.*

(On player kill)

*> Good riddance. The rot perseveres...*

(On death)

*> No... I will not allow...*

If the player rids themselves of the Frenzied Flame with Miquella's Needle before entering combat with Sethunya.

*> I told thee to-... H...How didst thou...? I... I see thou art aware of thine mistake, then. It is good to see how devoted thou art.*