

Edward Richtofen and Tank Dempsey - Crossfire

Dempsey: So, Richtofen, with all this mayhem unfolding around us, have you formulated a new plan?

Richtofen: Yes, Dempsey, my plan is to live through this day. If we can do that, then we still have a chance.

Dempsey: Those kids in the House, they're actually us? Created from our souls in the Summoning Key?

Richtofen: Ja, Dempsey, the children are us. But they are free of the confusion and delusion that has shaped our existence.

Dempsey: So this Dr. Monty, what do you actually know about him? Was he another Group 935 scientist or something?

Richtofen: (chuckles) Oh, no. He may call himself a Doctor, but Monty is so much more than that.

Dempsey: How do I know this isn't what you wanted all along, Richtofen? I mean, throwing the whole universe into perpetual chaos seems like exactly the kind of thing you'd do.

Richtofen: You are wrong, Dempsey. Just as Dr. Monty explained, this is not the future we had sought to secure. Something has gone terribly, terribly wrong.

Dempsey: So, answer me honestly, how much of this chaos is your fault? Did our little trip to Alcatraz have anything to do with it?

Richtofen: Be quiet, Dempsey! I told you, that's our little secret.

Edward Richtofen and Nikolai Belinski - Crossfire

Richtofen: I know you're not particularly fond of me, Nikolai, but I promise you: I'm really trying hard.

Nikolai: (sighs) You should try harder.

Nikolai: The children in the house... they are us? Are we to believe that they are vessels for our eternal soul?

Richtofen: Ja, Nikolai, that is exactly what they are: Vessels for our eternal souls.

Nikolai: What of these bodies that we currently inhabit? What becomes of us when the battle is over?

Richtofen: You will see, Nikolai, and one day, you will thank me.

Nikolai: Your plan forced me to relive painful memories I would rather have left in the past! I am not sure I should thank you for that.

Richtofen: You misunderstand me, Nikolai. I'm referring to the future, not the past.

Nikolai: I fear that our future will soon be upon us. Our journey's end is rapidly approaching.

Richtofen: Let us just agree to disagree, Nikolai. I have every intention of living a long and eventful life.

Edward Richtofen and Takeo Masaki - Crossfire

Takeo: We have travelled far, Richtofen. But what do you know of our true destination?

Richtofen: We have to focus on restoring order to this universe, Takeo. Which means doing the kind of things we usually do.

Takeo: Questions remain unanswered, Richtofen. What of the children? The Monty Doctor seemed to imply that they are us?

Richtofen: They are what we could be, had we lived in a world unsullied by the evils that have punctuated each and every moment of our existence.

Takeo: If the children are us... then what of **us**? The bodies we now inhabit, what becomes of them when order is restored?

Richtofen: That question has been on my mind for a long time, Takeo. I believe the answer is not one that would bring you any comfort.

Takeo: Are you returning to your old, duplicitous ways, Richtofen? Do you have another agenda that we are unaware of?

Richtofen: I promise you, Takeo, I will make this right... with or without the help of Dr. Monty.

Takeo: You have kept your word. As you had promised, I was shown the truth, by my own misguided path.

Richtofen: Have faith, Takeo. Other than all the times I betrayed, tortured, or tried to kill you, have I ever let you down?

Tank Dempsey and Nikolai Belinski - Crossfire

Dempsey: You still seem real mad at Richtofen. You having second thoughts, Nikolai?

Nikolai: Second thoughts? My opinion of the German has barely wavered, but I believe we are serving a higher purpose.

Dempsey: So do you think this Dr. Monty is the real deal?

Nikolai: I see no other explanation, Dempsey. But as for how closely his goals are aligned to Richtofen's, is something that remains to be seen.

Dempsey: I know, and you put up a bigger fight than the rest of us. You think your gut feeling about Richtofen was right all along?

Nikolai: Each of us have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of Richtofen's plan. We have hunted down and extinguished our other selves.

Dempsey: We'll fight side by side, back to back... even if it's for the last time, Nikolai.

Nikolai: Though I fear the end approaches, I believe Richtofen holds cards he has yet to play.

Tank Dempsey and Takeo Masaki - Crossfire

Dempsey: So, Tak, you notice anything off when we bagged Nikolai's soul in Stalingrad?

Takeo: Many things were "off" on our last mission, Dempsey, but I believe I know what perplexes you.

Dempsey: The big beam of light that came out of the Summoning Fucker... it shot right up into the sky and I saw figures in it. You, me, Nikolai-

Takeo: But no Richtofen. An intriguing realization. An unlikely revelation.

Dempsey: I'll tell you what I think, I think our pal Richtofen ain't got a soul. Not sure if he ever did.

Takeo: If our memory of Stalingrad is correct, why do you think we saw only three figures?

Dempsey: Exactly! I'm starting to see a flaw in this plan, specifically that we don't seem to feature.

Takeo: Hmm... If our souls are truly within the children, then what is left of us?

Dempsey: I ain't sure I like the sound of that. What if I don't want to be a fucking kid? What if I just want to be me?

Takeo: Perhaps when the battle is over, our spirits will join in unity, ascending to another plane of existence.

Nikolai Belinski and Takeo Masaki - Crossfire

Takeo: You know that this journey has changed us all, Nikolai.

Nikolai: However much I would wish it to be otherwise, I know that my past is gone forever.

Takeo: Would you welcome a fresh start? For your soul. The chance to live a new life, far from this realm of violence and fear.

Nikolai: I do not believe the survival of our eternal souls is the real driving force behind Richtofen's agenda. He is a... selfish creature.

Takeo: I think you are mistaken. I believe this Richtofen has sacrificed more than we may ever know.

Nikolai: Tell me, Takeo, what do you believe in?

Takeo: My beliefs have changed greatly. But I will tell you one thing I know for sure, Nikolai: Even though we are bound by destiny, in our hearts, we are a team.

Nikolai: I cannot dispute that. The fact that I allowed myself to do what I did proves that.

Takeo: What do you believe in, Nikolai?

Nikolai: I believe in a higher power. I believe this Dr. Monty may well offer us our best hope for the future, whatever it may be.