

Together

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Yuna's been looking for Tidus...but will she ever find him? And if she does, will it be perfect?

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And there she was, sitting alone, watching the sun go down. It was a cold night in the Zanarkand Ruins, where Yuna spent most of her time these days. It's been 3 years since she lost her beloved, and the only place she could get even the smallest of comfort was in the ruins. [br]

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"I remember when we sat here that night. You were so nervous, so scared about the future. You told me that you were so scared to lose me, but I told you that there was no way that that could ever happen.", Yuna thought to herself.[br]

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"I miss you Tidus. You were all I had left, but now you're not here, and I don't know if I can handle life on my own."[br]

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The Next Day.[br]

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"Hey Yunie! Wake up!", said a loud, screechy voice. "It's time to get up, we have SO much to do!"[br]

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"Good morning Rikku, glad to see your bright and cheerful face," said Yuna.[br]

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"Good morning? It's 12 in the afternoon, silly!" said Rikku.[br]

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"12 o'clock?! Oh no! I was supposed to be at the Ruins 4 hours ago!" Yuna said as she quickly jumped out of bed, "I go there every morning at 8, and if I don't, my whole day will be ruined!"[br]

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"Yunie, Yunie! Calm down! It's not like it's the end of the world if you don't go at the same time everyday!", Rikku said as she watched Yuna frantically get ready to leave.[br]

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"Oh Rikku, you're right, Tidus wouldn't want me to act like this, would he?"[br]

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"No, I'm sure he wouldn't, but he would surely understand why you are."[br]

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"Thanks Rikku, I'm going to just take a minute to calm down, but afterwards do you want to come with me to the Ruins?", Yuna asked.[br]

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"Of course, but Paine is gonna wanna come too."[br]

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"Okay, the both of you meet me at Zanarkand Ruins." [br]

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"See ya soon, Yunie."[br]

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Rikku left Yuna's room to go find Paine.[br]

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"Since you've been gone, my life has totally changed. I became a Sphere Hunter, to look for you. Rikku and Paine saw how much help I needed to find all the spheres around Spira, and they've been really helpful. We haven't looked for spheres for so long, but I decided that I want to keep looking for any spheres I can find. I thought that if I could find the spheres and get information of where you might be, then I could one day find you again. I'll never stop looking for you, ever.", Yuna thought to herself.[br]

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"Yunie!", yelled Rikku from across the rubble of the Zanarkand Ruins.[br]

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"Hi Rikku, Hi Paine, it's good to see you." , Yuna said as she made her way to greet her friends.[br]

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"Yuna, how have you been?", said Paine.[br]

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"I've been okay, the occasional bad dreams, but other than that, I've been good.", Yuna replied.[br]

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"Glad to hear it.", Paine said in a dull, low voice, as usual.[br]

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"Well, I was thinking while I was walking here, and I wanted to ask you both for a favor.", Yuna said.[br]

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"What's that Yuna?", asked Rikku.[br]

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"Well, I know you both said you never want part in the Gullwings again, but I have decided to start looking for spheres again. I want to know if you'd come with me on one last adventure to find what I'm looking for.", Yuna bravely said.[br]

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"YUNA! I'm so glad you asked! I've been dying to start sphere hunting again!", said an excited Rikku.[br]

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"Really? You want to look for spheres again?!", asked Yuna excitedly.[br]

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"Come on Dr.P, you know you want to! It will be like old times!" , Rikku said trying to persuade Paine.[br]

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"Hmm, okay. I do miss spending so much time with you two. Plus, there's nothing better to do.", Paine said sarcastically.[br]

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"Then that's it! YRP is back in business!", Rikku announced.[br]

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"Thank you both so much, this means the world to me!", Yuna thanked Rikku and Paine, as she engaged in a group hug.[br]

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"Okay, but where do we begin?", asked Paine.[br]

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"Well, I thought maybe we should visit Wakka and Lulu, because they might know where spheres are, and I know that we can trust them. Plus I haven't seen my baby nephew in so long!", Yuna said.[br]

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"Okay, then Besaid it is!", Rikku shouted. "Oh, and remember Brother and Buddy? Well, they started their own airship business and moved to the Calm Lands. Anyway, they let me keep the Celsius, so now we have a way to travel!", Rikku exclaimed.[br]

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"Great, but where are we going to get a pilot, blondie?", Paine responded.[br]

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"Well, my daddy IS a pilot, I mean he is the one who built the Celsius...so, maybe I can just ask him!", Rikku said.[br]

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"Sounds like a plan!", Yuna said joyfully.[br]

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"He's over in Bevelle, so I guess we'll just go and ask him.", Rikku said.[br]

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"Okay, well I'll meet up with you both in a minute, I'm going to just stay here a while longer.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Alright, we'll see you at "Cid's Wild Rides" workshop. Don't ask, he's a cowboy at heart.", Rikku said jokingly.[br]

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Rikku and Paine faded away as they walked towards they Ruins' exit.[br]

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Yuna, took a seat on a the dirt of Zanarkand's past. She had a feint smile upon her face, as she looked out into the distance. [br]

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"I can feel you, in my heart. I know you're still out there. I'm giving this last adventure everything I have within me. I won't stop looking until I'm in your arms again. Please, just keep waiting for me, I'm coming."[br]

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Yuna got up from where she was sitting, and starting walking towards the city of Bevelle.[br]

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"Hey Yunie! I asked daddy, and he said he'll fly us anywhere and everywhere we want!", Rikku shouted.[br]

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"That's great Rikku!", Yuna said.[br]

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"Howdy ladies! Cid at your service!", said Cid. "Well, where to?"[br]

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"Besaid!", Yuna proclaimed.[br]

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"Besaid it is. Let's get a move on then.", said Cid.[br]

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The four walked into the garage where the Celsius has been for the past 2 years, haven't been flown in much too long. Yuna was the first to walk onto the airship. It was time to start looking for spheres.[br]

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"It's so exciting to finally be back, doing what we do best, isn't it?", said Rikku.[br]

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"Yeah, it is. I'm just glad I don't have to do it on my own!", Yuna replied.[br]

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"Well, thanks to us, you'll have much more help looking for every sphere around Spira.", Paine said.[br]

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Yuna smiled, and just as she did, Cid had announced that they were arriving at Besaid.[br]

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"Well girls, this is the beginning of our adventure.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Let's go see Wakka and Lulu! Oh and the new baby too!", Rikku exclaimed.[br]

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The three walked off the airship and walked into Besaid to see Wakka playing with his son.[br]

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"Wakka!", Yuna shouted.[br]

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"Yuna? Is that you?", Wakka asked.[br]

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Yuna ran up to Wakka and gave him a big hug.[br]

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"Chappu!", Yuna said.[br]

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"Auntie Yuna!", little Chappu said excitedly.[br]

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Lulu walked out of her tent to see what was going on.[br]

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"Yuna. It's good to see you.", Lulu said.[br]

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"Lulu, I've missed you." Yuna said as she gave her sister a hug.[br]

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"We came here to see if you knew anything about any spheres. We're looking again.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Oh, well I've been meaning to show you this for a long time now Yuna, and I think now is the perfect time, ya?", Wakka said. "Come with me. Lu, keep your eyes on Chappu while I'm gone, I love you, Lu. Chappu, son, I love you very much. Be good for mommy, ya?"[br]

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"I will, I love you too.", said Lulu.[br]

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"Bye daddy, I'll miss you.", Chappu said.[br]

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"See ya soon Yunie!", Rikku yelled as she waved goodbye.[br]

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Wakka and Yuna walked into the temple. He led Yuna into one of the chambers where a bright light was shining from. They walked into that bright light.[br]

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"Yuna, I found this sphere when I was with little Chappu. We were taking a walk through the woods to go to the beach, when I saw the most dull light coming from behind a rock. I thought straight away that I should show you first, before I showed anyone."[br]

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Wakka turned the sphere on. It showed a young blonde man being chased by a gigantic dark shadow. The man stopped running, because he saw a light. He then ran over to the light and the dark shadow disappeared. Yuna saw the man say something, it looked like he said, "Yuna, I'm waiting for you", but she wasn't completely sure. The sphere ended.[br]

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"Tidus.", Yuna silently whispered.[br]

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"I think it was him, Yuna. Almost for sure this time, ya?", said Wakka.[br]

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"I think it was too. Did you see what he said? It looked like he said he was-", Yuna stopped. She thought maybe she should keep this to herself. "Like he was looking for something, maybe?"[br]

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"Hmm, maybe, but I think you should hold on to this sphere for now, and keep looking for others like it, ya?"[br]

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"Thank you, Wakka. This is exactly what I was hoping to see when I came to see you and Lulu."[br]

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"Okay, well I should get back to Lu and Chappu, but I'm glad you came to see us, and I'm glad you got to see that sphere finally.", said Wakka.[br]

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"Goodbye Wakka, and thank you again.", Yuna said.[br]

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Yuna walked back into town to get Rikku and Paine, and there they were just sitting in front of the temple, waiting. [br]

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"I'm back.", said Yuna. "Thanks for waiting. Are you ready to move on?"[br]

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"Yup Yunie, we're ready!", Rikku said.[br]

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"Could you have been any longer?", Paine said in a somewhat aggravated voice.[br]

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"Wakka was showing me a sphere he had found. Sorry it took so long.", said Yuna.[br]

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"It's fine, let's just get moving.", Paine said.[br]

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The three went back to the airship to start looking for more spheres. Yuna wanted to watch that sphere one more time, so she did. This time, she saw something that she hadn't before. She saw a necklace around the man's neck. Her necklace. The necklace she gave Tidus right before the moment they'd

never see each other again. Yuna's eyes filled with tears. Tears of both happiness and sadness. She now knew that this man, was her man. She finally saw him again after so long. This was it. She had to find every sphere out there. Is there really any way that she could find every sphere in all of Spira? There's no way, is there? Maybe she didn't have to find them all, maybe just a few key ones. This sphere was the only one she truly needed right now. This sphere could get her through her most scary moments. And so, Yuna ran over to Rikku and Paine to tell them what she had found in the sphere, and they were shocked. Yuna had the biggest smile on her face.[br]

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"We have to go and look for more spheres! Right now though, we have to figure out where this sphere was recorded.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Well let's watch it and try to figure that out.", Paine said.[br]

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"Okay! If it makes Yunie happy, then I'm in!", said Rikku.[br]

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The three watched the sphere over and over, until they finally realized that it was recorded in Baaj. Yuna wondered why she didn't think of it before. [br]

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"It's time to go to Baaj. We have to go there.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Yunie, it's not safe there, you know that...", Rikku said.[br]

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"I know that, but I need to help Tidus if he's in trouble. If you don't want to come, then don't, but I'm going.", Yuna proclaimed.[br]

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"Alright, don't get all huffy. We're coming, but we have to be as quick and as safe as possible.", Paine ordered.[br]

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"Good, then let's get going Cid! To Baaj!", Yuna said.[br]

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"Alright then! If that's what you want!", Cid shouted.[br]

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"In Baaj? Why didn't I think that you might be there? I know you're still waiting for me, I know it. I'm coming, no matter what the reason is for you being in Baaj, I'm coming.", Yuna thought to herself.[br]

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"We're here Yuna.", Paine said as she gently woke Yuna up.[br]

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Yuna looked out her window and saw the frightening looking temple, and a shiver when down her back.[br]

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"Let's go." Yuna said to Rikku and Paine.[br]

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The three walked off the airship, and onto the forbidden land of Baaj. The sky was dark, the air was a bitter cold, but Yuna had high hopes that this was the place that she needed to be in order to find Tidus.[br]

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"I'll go in first, I want to be the first one he sees, if I do find him.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Okay, we'll be right behind you Yunie.", said Rikku.[br]

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Yuna walked into the temple. It was dark, but there were a few lit candles. There was nothing left to this place, except broken glass and debris from Sin's attack. She took a few steps forward, and as she did she saw muddy footprints on the floor, that led to an underground cavern. Rikku and Paine followed Yuna into that cavern just to watch over her in case of trouble. They all walked down a long spiral staircase leading into some sort of library, with books all over the floor and in bookcases. It was gloomy and there was dust everywhere, making it seem like there hadn't been anyone there for a hundred years. [br]

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"Would you both mind going back upstairs and wait for me? I kind of wanna search this place alone.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Well, um, okay Yunie, I guess, but only if you promise you'll be okay.", Rikku said cautiously.[br]

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"I promise, I'll be fine.", Yuna replied.[br]

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"Alright, we'll see you soon. Be careful.", said Paine.[br]

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Yuna watched as Rikku and Paine walked up the stairs. Yuna walked over to one of the bookcases and picked a book up that was called, "Life's Great Mysteries". As she lifted it from the bookcase, the wall behind her started to open. She turned around to see a bright room, filled with flower petals, and to her it looked like glowing people. She walked into the room to see hundreds of people floating, just staring at her. She wondered if maybe Tidus was here. All of a sudden, she heard music, it sounded like the song she heard that night with Tidus, that night she'll never forget: their first kiss. [br]

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Yuna started running towards the music, it felt as if the room were ten thousand feet long, and she felt out of breathe as she was running. The music was getting louder and louder, and she had finally made it to the end of this crowded room. There was a door, a huge door, it looked like it had been there for too long. Yuna grabbed the handle of this door, and as she went to turn it, the floating people around her disappeared, making the room much darker. She opened the door, and saw a single chair with broken chains attached to it. Lying on the chair was a strand of hair, blonde hair. Yuna thought it might be Tidus' hair. There was a map on the wall, slightly falling down. Yuna walked over to look at the map and saw that it was of Spira, and there was an incredible amount of writing and scribbles on it. As she looked there was a small island at the corner of the map, circled, with the words, "This is where you'll find me", on it. Yuna looked in amazement, and felt an incredible feeling, a feeling that he used to give her. She took the map and the strand of hair, and ran out of the long corridor, up the stairs and saw Rikku and Paine waiting there.[br]

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"We have to go, now!", Yuna yelled as she ran out of the temple.[br]

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"Yunie! Wait up!", Rikku called out.[br]

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"I have to get to this island! And fast!", Yuna exclaimed.[br]

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"Why? What is it?", Paine asked.[br]

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"Please, just show Cid this map and tell him I need to get there now! And I need to get there alone.", Yuna said as Rikku grabbed the map from her hands.[br]

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"Okay", said Rikku. "Dad! Yuna has to get here, to this little island, right now!"[br]

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"Got it!", said Cid.[br]

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"Thank you", said Yuna. "Please get me when we're there."[br]

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"Right...", said Rikku.[br]

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Yuna ran to her room on the airship. She got into her bed and just wept. She was so happy, but so scared that she was getting her hopes up. This was it. Her one actual chance of finding Tidus. How could she put every ounce of hope she had into this one moment? Well, it was all she had left. As one last tear fell down her cheek, she fell asleep, into a peaceful sleep. She woke up to Rikku and Paine laughing and jumping around loudly. [br]

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"What's going on?', Yuna asked.[br]

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"Yunie! I'm so glad you're awake! We're almost at your island!", Rikku said. "We're just so happy because we think this time you finally found him!"[br]

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"Really? I'm happy too!", Yuna said. I can't believe that I might actually see him again.[br]

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"We're here!", Cid yelled.[br]

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The airship stopped on the shoreline of an island.[br]

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"I thought you said you wanted to do this alone, so I landed a bit before your island, and thought you could take the canoe right over to your island.", Cid said, hoping Yuna would like the idea.[br]

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"That's great! Thank you!", Yuna said, thankful.[br]

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Yuna jumped off the airship and got into the canoe.[br]

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"Goodbye everyone, thank you for doing this with me. It meant everything to me.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Your welcome Yunie. Will I ever see you again?", Rikku said.[br]

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"I don't know Rikku, but just know that you are one of my best friends.", Yuna said. "Paine, you are my other best friend. You've been here this whole time and I thank you."[br]

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"I know, don't worry about it. I hope I do see you again.", Paine answered.[br]

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"Thank you Cid for taking me here.", Yuna said.[br]

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"Don't worry about it. I love flying airships!", Cid said.[br]

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Yuna started paddling off to the island that she was seeking. She could see Rikku, Paine and Cid in the distance. It was sad for her to leave them, but where she was going was something even better. After a few minutes, Yuna finally got to the island. She made it to the shoreline and stopped paddling. She had no idea where to start, but it wasn't a big island, so looking around was probably the best place to start. She noticed that the sun was going down, and there was not point looking in the dark, so she decided to just sleep until the morning. She laid down on the sand, falling asleep to the sound of the waves crashing, she could feel herself falling asleep, and the last thing she saw was darkness. [br]

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Tonight, Yuna didn't have any dreams. She woke up and felt something around her. Something tight, something warm. She opened her eyes to see him holding her on the sand. She saw that he was asleep, with a smile on his face, his warm breath on her cheek. She kissed his lips, he kissed her back, and she got a shock. He opened his eyes, they just stared at each other and the first thing he said was, "I will always wait for you."[br]

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And as he said those words, they both smiled and closed their eyes, falling into the most peaceful sleep of their lives.[br]

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