

[Mage and Machine theme song plays.]

[A cheap trailer at the archaeological digsite. Kai is watching a cheaply-made video on a laptop.]

KAILIRA: (muttering to herself) Okay, let's see how much they get wrong.

[Cheesy music from the video.]

BREELEY: (in video) (cheesy educational film type narration) Hello and welcome to the archaeological dig at the North Portreeve Ruins!

KAILIRA: (to herself) You mean Kosara.

BREELEY: (in video) This video is to give our first-time visitors and volunteers an introduction to the mysteries and discoveries right here beneath our feet. (beat) Our research suggests that before the massive volcanic eruption that destroyed Senexia's capital and buried most of the country in ash, North Portreeve was a bustling city.

KAILIRA: (to herself, irritated) Its name is Kosara.

BREELEY: (in video) Estimates suggest almost fifty thousand Senexians once called this city home.

KAILIRA: Try two hundred thousand.

BREELEY: (in video) We are still working to ascertain the purpose of the buildings we've uncovered. So far we've identified several residences, part of a market, an artificer, and what appears to be a temple or meeting hall.

KAILIRA: (growing exasperation) That's a warehouse!

BREELEY: (in video) Several long dock-like structures have been uncovered, but their purpose remains uncertain.

KAILIRA: They're docks!

BREELEY: (in video) After all, North Portreeve is nowhere near the sea.

KAILIRA: (shouting at the screen) That's because the volcano moved the coastline! Did you even *look* at the geology?

BREELEY: (in video) (cheesy chuckle) But don't worry, our knowledge of Senexian culture grows with every new discovery. With assistance from the history department at the University of Hallamere, our research could be the key to understanding these ancient and mysterious people.

KAILIRA: (totally exasperated) We're *not* ... we-we weren't ... ugh!

[KAILIRA slams the laptop shut, stopping the video]

KAILIRA: (to herself, bitterly) Watch the video, Cassia said. Get some perspective, she said. (beat) Yeah well my (mocking Chandley's accent) *perspective* is that this country is full of idiots! Ugh. (beat) I need some air.

[KAILIRA storms out of the room and slams the door.]

[Mage and Machine theme plays.]

Featuring the voice talents of:

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