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A telltale crunch gives away Lamar’s position. From the irregularity in his steps and his muffled breathing, you can tell his mask is on.

“Lamar,” you say, just loud enough to reach him. His footsteps are replaced by silence.

“At last. Lamar was starting to worry.” The fear in his voice is barely contained by his usually carefree demeanour. “Haven’t found either of the others yet.”

Harrison was still in his dream above, watching over the dreaming-within-dreaming bodies of yourself, Lamar, and the other two women. “Hopefully they found one another,” you murmur.

Together, you and Lamar begin to scour the endless forest. Ideally, the four of you would have quickly met up at the Somnus device and entered the next level as soon as possible, but Cthulhu’s insidious, growing presence would make that harder and harder as you dreamed deeper and deeper. *You’re only dreaming your doom.*

Lamar suddenly stops as he reaches one of the trunks. “Death,” he says. “Do you hear that?”

“It’s the wind,” you assure him. “Try to ignore it.” But as you stop and listen for yourself, you notice words beginning to form in its whisper...



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familiarise aioli modifier uproot civilising freelancer battlement quittance malpractice

liquidising staff manticore tactful curiosity projection incorrigible

fiji oblivion armistice defraud disciplining bikini lodestone infamy maestro glimmer

parasitic lyric intricacies kinship rafting junior throttle thespian

dignitaries jovial reanimation whirligig master drift magician primitive princess

fission roadside sprint execute diminishing wrestler falsetto amphitheatre emptiness