

The Wandering Blade - Opening Cutscene "Knights and  
Demons"

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FADE IN:

EXT. ZAI FOREST - NIGHT

A thick mist settles over the mountain forest, obscuring the shine of the full moon. A eagle flying over the forest, spotting a trail of lights in the mist. As it flies closer to the lights and the treeline, it is shot down by an arrow.

Looking closer at trail of lights, it is revealed to be a small force of about 500 KNIGHTS carrying torches and magic flames riding through the forest on horseback. The knights are riding towards the capital city KIYODA past the forest. At the head of the cavalcade of knights a older man in heavy armor, CAPTAIN KISHI SATO, is shouting orders.

CAPTAIN KISHI

Come on men! We are not stopping  
until we reach Kiyoda!

KNIGHT

S-sir, can't we rest? We have  
been riding since dawn.

CAPTAIN KISHI

And abandon the people, the women  
and children, we swore to protect  
in their time of need?!

(beat)

We will be there once past this  
forest. Ride at your own pace if  
you must, but we have no time to  
wait.

Captain Kishi rears his horse and leads the Knights through the misty forest. They follow behind riding in a measured pace.

One knight in particular, named SAMAYOI YAIBA, is riding harder then the others trying to reach the head of the column. A fellow knight, named ASAHI, calls out to him from behind.

ASAHI

Hey, Samayoi! Slow down!

Samayoi looks over his shoulder, and slows down his horse to a normal pace, allowing Asahi to catch up. Samayoi and Asahi ride next to each and the column of knights.

ASAHI (CONT'D)

What's got you so riled up? You aren't one to ride so recklessly in the fog. One wrong turn around these trees and...

SAMAYOI

(Looking Forward)

What do you need, Asahi? I need to get the front.

ASAHI

Oh my, so brusque. How unlike you.

SAMAYOI

(Looking down)

Sorry.

ASAHI

No need. Anyway, If you're foregoing your usual politeness it must be real serious.

SAMAYOI

I need to talk to the Captain before we arrive. I have a bad feeling.

ASAHI

(smirks)

That all? Didn't we Thoroughly discuss our plans with the Cap yesterday. You're gonna bore him to death with all your pestering.

SAMAYOI

This isn't a laughing matter Asahi. We have faced demons before but not like this. If we don't hurry, Zai and our home could be will be lost!

ASAHI

Now now, calm down. Trust in the Captain, he knows what he is doing.

SAMAYOI

(Sigh)

Sorry, It is just... I am really worried about the Kingdom and everyone.

Three knights from the column, AKIRA ISHII, NORIKO MAEDA, and RYOTA TAKAHASHI, steer their horses and ride up closer to Samayoi and Asahi.

NORIKO

You two are always so loud with your little arguments! You need to take things more in stride Samayoi, and Asahi stop teasing him so much!

AKIRA

Ah ease up Nori, its just some banter between comrades.

NORIKO

you're also annoyed watching their constant back and forth right? On the eve of battle too.

AKIRA

Yeah...

(To Samayoi)

Sam, you really should listen to her. If you're so worried when we enter the field of battle your going to get your self killed.

SAMAYOI

Right, Sorry about all that.

ASAHI

You don't have worry about us. Old Sammy here and I know how to take care of our selves in a fight.

RYOTA

HA! You're haven't even been him in a single duel.

AKIRA

Anyways Sam, what are you so worried about anyways? We are the strongest order of knights in the kingdom! We Eagles Knights can handle some mere demons.

Ryota raises his fist in the air.

RYOTA

On our honor as knights, no demons will stand in our way!

AKIRA AND NORIKO

Hear, hear!

SAMAYOI

Well You're all lively... Just keep in mind lives are at risk.

AKIRA

As long as I stand, I won't allow single person to be harmed.

RYOTA

Man, now I'm itching gut some of those demon dastards!

NORIKO

Hey, want to make things interesting?

(beat)

Let's make a bet on how many demons we can slay.

RYOTA

Count me in!

AKIRA

There's no way you two could defeat more then me with my superior sword skills.

Before they can keep talking, the sounds of horns echo around the whole forest around the cavalcade of knights. All of the knights go alert at the sudden sound, looking around them.

Another sound like that of bowstrings goes off in the distant, and arrows fly from the trees high into the air towards the knights.

KNIGHT

AMBUSH!

Samayoi, Asahi, and all the knights go on the defensive, drawing their weapons. A swarm of arrows rain down upon them and DEMON SOLDIERS emerge from the forest to attack them.

The demons shoot magical balls of fire at the knights, setting the forest on fire, and attack them up close.

SAMAYOI

HIIYAAA!

Samayoi attacks and defends himself from the demons on horseback. Suddenly, A demon shoots a fireball that hits close to his horse, startling it. Samayoi's horse begins to run off into the forest out of Samayoi's control.

SAMAYOI (CONT'D)

Wha- Wait! Whoa, whoa! Stop, girl!

ASAHI

Samayoi!

EXT. ZAI FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Samayoi decides to jump off the horse after failing to stop it from running away.

SAMAYOI

Here goes nothing... Hiyup!

Samayoi jumps off the horse, and rolls along the forest floor. He gets up groaning, but isn't any worse for wear.

His next thoughts are interrupted when demons that followed him appear and surround him. Samayoi surveys the situation, and goes into a fighting stance.

SAMAYOI (CONT'D)

Let's do this.

FADE OUT.

THE END