Draconic Echoes Dialogue Sample 2

Context: After learning that her twin brother, Prince Gaius, has been captured by the enemy during his mission, the player character, Crown Princess Vendra Thetis, returns to the fort that she and her father's army just took in enemy territory. She, along with her party, Jones and Lyrra, is led into the command room by sorrowful Aurelius, a knight of the army. This game uses a western fantasy setting.

Aurelius: I... I found him like this when I came in this morning.

(The body of the king lies cold and lifeless on the floor.)

Lyrra: Oh, no... I thought I changed this…

Jones: He was a good man.

(Vendra swiftly approaches her father's corpse.)

Vendra: Father?

(Vendra falls to her knees and wails with her hands on her temples.)

Vendra: Father! FATHER!!! Wake up! Father!

Jones: Vendra, it's no use.

(Vendra turns to Lyrra [who knows healing magic].)

Vendra: Lyrra! Lyrra, you can bring him back, right?! Right?!

Lyrra: I... I'm sorry. Resurrection magic has a very short time limit. It's far too late if he died sometime last night.

(Vendra turns back to her father's corpse and weeps.)

Vendra: No! Father! Father... Don't leave me…

Aurelius: It's horrible. It doesn't look like he drew his sword. He didn't even have the chance to fight back. One slash to his throat, and it was over... It's... It's our fault.

Aurelius: We should have had tighter security around him. I should have been there. I'm truly sorry. Um, Queen Thetis.

(Vendra whips herself around to Aurelius.)

Vendra: Don't call me that! I don't want to be queen!

(Vendra buries her face in her hands, overflowing with tears, as she kneels over the corpse of her father.)

Vendra: I... I never wanted to be queen. I only decided to keep the crown princess title for a little while to show Gaius what it was like for me all that time. I... I was going to give him the right to the throne after this war.

Vendra: I wanted to be friends with my brother again. I want my brother! I want my mother! I want my father! But they've all been taken away from me! Give me back my family! You gods damned Malhepteon!

Aurelius: My... My apologies, Vendra.

Vendra: Mother was murdered as a mere experiment to kill the rest of us! Gaius' life is in the hands of a maniac! Now Father's gone too! I would gladly die today... I would gladly die today if it brought just one of them back.

Vendra: This pain... This pain at the bottom of my throat, suffocating me. This pain in my chest, stabbing me with every beat of my heart. This pain in my head, carving this very moment into my memory forever. It's all too familiar.

Vendra: It's the same sting as back then... back when Mother died. Even after twelve years... After twelve long years, it doesn't get any easier to lose a parent.

Lyrra: There's... There's no need to think that way. Gaius is still alive. We can still save him!

(Vendra hugs Lyrra for a long while.)

Vendra: You're right, and you're still with me. I'm not alone.

(Vendra takes a deep breath.)

Vendra: I need some time. You three may stay or go as you please. Inform everyone in the fort, but allow no one else up here. I will be taking over this campaign as queen as soon as I'm emotionally fit to do so.

Aurelius: I'll... go spread word.

Jones: I'll help out with that.

Lyrra: I would like to stay and mourn a bit longer.

Vendra: You have my gratitude. And Aurelius, I apologize for snapping at you like that.

Aurelius: I understand. Shall we go, Jones?

Jones: Yeah. I think it would be best if these two were left alone for a while.

(Aurelius and Jones leave as the screen fades to black.)

Narration on black screen: And so, Vendra wept and grieved for her father well into the night.