

Amai: The Messenger of Life

Backstory for the video game *Amai*, currently in production

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Amai is a young wolf who belongs to the most ancient tribe on Earth. In a ceremony officiated by the tribe elders, he has been selected among many other young wolves to go on a crucial mission: he must face Mother Earth and plead to her to avoid the destruction of all living things.

But he's not ready to go just yet. Before he can go on this holy quest, Amai must go through an intensive training, where he'll learn about the three essential Truths. Only after having seen these Truths will he be able to become the Messenger of Life.

1. Earth's beauty

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Amai is taken into the peak of a mountain where his training will start. At the edge of a cliff he sees a door, and he's led into it by one of the elders. As he walks through the door, he closes his eyes, and a deep Voice welcomes him.

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Immediately, his eyes are open again and he realizes he's been taken on a flight above the Earth's surface. He sees the majesty and splendor of the planet. Crystal waterfalls, floating mountains, bright blue rivers. He can see past and present at the same time. He's overwhelmed by the beauty of all living things. As he floats above the colorful landscape, he listens to the Voice teaching him about his ancestors and about how it was all created. Amai realizes how Mother Earth cares for all living things.

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As he continues his flight, everything starts slowly becoming blurry, and he feels like he's drifting away into sleep.

2. Earth's spirit

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Slowly, Amai opens his eyes and realizes he's in a different place now. It feels like a dream. But he knows he's awake. Everything around him glows with a blueish hue. He can see hills and streams of water, but there is silence.

Only a soft wind blows in the distance. He's disoriented and a bit scared, not knowing what this place is.

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In front of him he sees an ancient figure. He doesn't know what it is, but he feels like he's seen it before. And somehow, within the uncertainty, he feels peace inside. The figure seems to be a religious altar of some kind.

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Very slowly he approaches it and, as he does, two flares of green light come out of it and fly away into the sky.

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Amai stands perplexed as he watches the glowing shapes in the distance, slowly joining together and forming one enormous shape. He suddenly realizes it's the face of his Mother. He cries.

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Amai breathes deeply, as he feels the connection amongst all living things, past and present...

3. Earth's pain

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Suddenly, as the beautiful shape dissipates into the horizon, a huge black cloud starts to cover everything.

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Amai feels that same beautiful, calm, caring Earth, now full of wrath, as he hears an even deeper Voice asking him for retribution. He doesn't understand what the Voice means. The dark cloud now turns towards him.

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Amai trembles with fear and starts running towards what seems to be a forest of dead trees. A huge wind starts blowing and lightning strikes the ground as the huge cloud chases Amai.

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He enters the forest, and immediately he has to duck, as an old tree branch just hit by lightning flies by his head. For a second he can't see the big cloud anymore, but he keeps running. As he runs, he avoids the lightning striking behind him.

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He now sees the details of this Forest of Death. Besides the dead trees he can also see huge destroyed buildings, old and new, sick animals covered in oil...

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He hears thunder and feels lightning hitting very close to him as he sees the cloud again, now bigger, and darker.

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He finally makes it out of the forest and into a huge clear valley. He keeps running and feels like he's almost escaped. He can see a huge cliff in front of him, but he keeps running. As he runs, he can hear that huge deep Voice again as it screams: "Heeeeeelp!!!!!"

He feels freedom and he's not scared anymore. He can see that after the cliff there is a blue light, and he thinks it's a river, but he's not sure...

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He jumps.

The Message

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Immediately, Amai finds himself in that blue place that seemed like a dream. But now it feels different. There is no uncertainty. He can see clearly... He now knows that everything is connected. That throughout the Times, as we have enjoyed all the beauty that the Mother has to offer, we have forgotten the Truths. We have been careless and, unknowingly, we have deeply harmed our Mother. He's sad, but hopeful.

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He now understands that his mission is not only about saving all living things, but about saving Earth herself.

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Amai is now ready...