

MORDIN'S PET

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Note: This script is based off of Bioware's *Mass Effect 2* and includes two branching paths and different mission outcomes based on one choice.

GETH OUTPOST - DAY

The Normandy touches down in a canyon.

IN GAME:

Commander SHEPARD, MORDIN, and TALİ survey the land. The rock walls are striated in purples, yellows, and greens. Far beyond is a base, barely visible through the haze. There's something running around in the distance.

**CUTSCENE:**

SHEPARD

This should be the last holdout.

TALI

You should have destroyed the heretic station when you had the chance, Shepard. I don't like the idea of even one rogue Geth helping the Reapers.

MORDIN

Inevitable. Nature finds a way. Even machines, that is. No virus is perfect. (Sadly) Know this all too well.

SHEPARD

Just because they're Geth doesn't mean they deserve to die, Tali. Legion's been a real help around the Normandy.

TALI

I don't trust him. The Geth are killing machines, Shepard. It's in their code. Let's just get this over with.

A DOG--or rather, an alien creature that somewhat resembles a dog--approaches the group. Tali aims her pistol to take it down but Shepard stops her. Mordin approaches the dog and inspects it.

MORDIN

Quite remarkable specimen. Healthy hind legs. Moderate intelligence. Well-trained. Thought they were extinct. Used to have a pet like this. Father experimented with it. Disappeared one day. Where did it go, I asked. Science is your pet, Mordin. Fetch some test tubes.

He turns to Shepard.

MORDIN (CONT'D)

It's a good luck sign. Sure of it. Absolutely. Commander Shepard...can we keep it?

#### **SHEPARD DIALOGUE CHOICES**

- A) Sure, we could use a four-legged friend.
- B) No, it'll just get in the way.

#### **CHOICE A DIALOGUE**

SHEPARD

Sure, we could use a four-legged friend.

TALI

Now you want to keep a stray animal? I'm starting to wonder whether you should have taken a leave of absence after the Collectors. This...thing could give away our position.

SHEPARD

It'll be fine, Tali. You worry too much.

TALI

Worrying keeps you alive, Shepard.

#### **CHOICE B DIALOGUE**

SHEPARD

No, it'll just get in the way.

TALI

I agree, Shepard.

Suddenly Tali SHOOTs the dog.

Mordin runs to the fallen animal, checking its pulse.

MORDIN  
Vital signs failing. Breath  
shortening. Hind legs twitching.

He turns to Shepard sadly.

MORDIN (CONT'D)  
It's dead, Shepard.

SHEPARD  
Tali, what were you thinking?

TALI  
I won't have an animal risk this  
mission. It's too important.

Mordin's still staring at the dog.

MORDIN  
Didn't have to end like this. Good  
specimen. Good. Could have kept on  
the Normandy. Extermination not the  
answer...

#### **CHOICE A PATH**

EXT. CANYON - DAY

#### **IN GAME:**

Shepard, Tali, and Mordin make their way through the canyon, fighting Geth. Sometimes, the dog barks, causing the Geth to start firing on the party. Occasionally, however, the dog's barking will hint at hidden paths that allow the team to get the jump on the Geth.

#### **CUTSCENE:**

Once the field is clear the three continue on, the base in sight.

SHEPARD  
I used to have a dog. It ran away  
when the colony was attacked. Tali,  
did you ever have a pet?

TALI  
Quarians don't really have pets,  
Shepard.

(MORE)

TALI (CONT'D)

During a pilgrimage, there's no time to take care of animals. Then we spend all of our lives with the fleet. They're a luxury we can't afford. It's always been like that.

MORDIN

Not entirely true. Not always. Twisting facts. Obscuring secrets. Quarians were masters...

SHEPARD

What are you trying to say, Mordin?

Tali's staring at Mordin. He notices and looks down at his feet.

MORDIN

Quarians had pets. Metal pets. Quarians were masters. Made pets that fetched the paper. Worked in factories. Went to war. Loyal. Obedient. Then pets became sentient. Fought against Quarians. Pets became masters.

SHEPARD

Is that true, Tali? Did the Quarians ever see the Geth as pets?

TALI

I'm not sure, Shepard. It's accurate to say that we were the Geths' masters. At first. But they were machines. Still...I heard that in the early days, before the Geth changed, some Quarians had personal Geth servants living with them. Perhaps it's not so different. I'd have to look into it.

EXT. GETH BASE

Shepard, Tali, and Mordin press against the wall, about to take the Geth base head on. Suddenly, the dog runs into the base, slobbering and barking. Two GETH guards run up to the dog and pet it awkwardly.

GETH

It's back. The beast is back.

GETH 2

I thought I'd never see it. Is this  
the feeling of joy that humans  
speak of?

GETH

Our shift is almost over. Let us  
teach it this fetching.

The two Geth run off. Shepard shares a knowing glance with  
Tali.

SHEPARD

The coast is clear. Guess that dog  
was lucky.

TALI

Shepard, if we can hack into the  
station terminal, I could  
deactivate the Geth all at once.

SHEPARD

Could they be reprogrammed?

TALI

It's possible. Shepard, I'm sorry I  
didn't trust you before. What's  
that earth saying? A man's best  
friend?

**IN GAME:**

They sneak into the reactor and hack into the system. All the  
Geth collapse.

**CUTSCENE:**

As the group is leaving, the dog returns with an amazing  
looking PISTOL in its mouth. It drops the pistol at Tali's  
feet, then looks to her for affection. Tali pets the dog  
hesitantly.

TALI (CONT'D)

...thank you...

The dog runs to Mordin, who bends down, smiling.

MORDIN

Good specimen. Very good specimen.

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**CHOICE B PATH**

EXT. CANYON - DAY

**IN GAME:**

Shepard, Tali, and Mordin make their way through the canyon, fighting Geth, who only notice the party if they get too close. Finally, they approach a base.

**CUTSCENE:**

In the aftermath, Shepard starts to press on, but Mordin is clearly depressed.

SHEPARD

What's wrong?

MORDIN

Hard to fight when life is extinguished so easily. Got me thinking. Choices we make. War. What is it good for? Synthetic, machine, biological. Life is precious. All life.

TALI

The Geth are different. They're not like us.

MORDIN

I disagree. Such thinking gets us nowhere. Perhaps to the Geth, Quarians are just dogs.

TALI

That's ridiculous. We made the Geth. They're...

SHEPARD

Come on you two--the base is up ahead. We can settle this later.

EXT. GETH BASE

**IN GAME**

The three storm the base, engaging in a heavy fire fight. After all the Geth have been cleared, Shepard walks past a smoking Geth frame. There's a holograph playing repeatedly of the Geth and the dog playing catch.

**CUTSCENE:**

SHEPARD (CONT'D)

Professor, have you ever heard of  
the Geth having pets?

MORDIN

No. Never. But possible? Yes.  
Machines evolved. A.I., DNA not so  
different from code. Emotions  
necessary for species stability.  
Hate, love, happiness, sadness. All  
tools for survival.

TALI

I'm sorry, Mordin. You're right. I  
shouldn't have killed it. I wasn't  
thinking clearly. It won't happen  
again.

Mordin picks up the holograph.

MORDIN

I'd like to keep this, Commander.  
To remind me.

SHEPARD

Of what?

MORDIN

Life. Survival. Happiness. What  
we're fighting for.

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