

Cutscene text

Major Characters:

Lara, Captain Graves, Priestess Villette, Blackbeard

Minor characters:

Col Pettigrew, Milady Dominique, Winston, McAlister

Library cutscene

Croft Manor

While Lara is reorganising her library with her new butler, she discovers a peculiar looking book.

Lara: "What's this?"

McAlister the butler: "Perhaps ma'am...it would be better if you leave this work to me."

Lara is already too engrossed with the book to notice her butler.

Lara: "It's one of father's old books...the 'Order of Lamia'."

Lara (reading from the book): "Three ancient markers...one is rumoured to be located at the old San Pablo mission in Texas along with the lost journal of...Ponce de León..."

Lara(excited): "The lost journal of Ponce de León! McAlister! Do you know what this means?"

McAlister the butler: "I dare not imagine...ma'am."

Lara(excited): "The legend of the fountain of youth is real!"

Winston comes in with the Tea as Lara rushes out of the door.

Winston: "Miss Croft, I have arranged...miss Croft?"

Lara(excited): "Winston! I'm off on another adventure. Don't wait around lads."

Winston: "But your Library...leave it to us miss Croft."

New Orleans Cutscene

New Orleans

French Quarter

Show a view of the area then start cutscene then moves to Lara talking to Captain Graves in the club.

Captain Graves: "Your reputation precedes you. Great to meet a fellow adventurer and compatriot!"

Lara: "Thank you Captain, I've read about some of your discoveries, quite impressive but where is Priestess Villette? I thought she would be here to meet us?"

Captain Graves: “That's the thing...I have not seen her for a day or two. But I'm sure she's bound to turn up.”

Lara: “In that case what can you tell me about the Journal of Ponce de León?”

Captain Graves(jesting): “Competing against me for the journal, Lara old girl? No matter, we can pull our resources together!”

Captain Graves: “At first, Priestess Villette was reluctant to give me any information on the subject. She was concerned that the power could be used for evil but she did say the famed Voodoo Queen, Marie Laveau discovered the journal and concealed it under the generator which was disguised as the nearby statue of a colonial dignitary.”

Lara: “I saw that statue on my way here. It appears that two special keys are needed to unlock its secrets.”

Captain Graves: “Yes and power up the second of the three generators.”

Lara: “Well, thank you Captain. I think I'll ask around about the Priestess.”

Captain Graves: “Before you go, you had better take this stone tablet I found. I believe that it may be of more use to you. Happy hunting.”

Camera pans back to the statue.

Level 2: Bourbon street blues

Lara: “Priestess Villette! I'm relieved that you are okay. ”

Priestess Villette: “Thanks...a few years ago this powerful witch doctor named Milosh took over and forced me into hiding. He has spies everywhere and he knows about the fountain...and you.”

Lara (sarcastic): “Great, just what I need.”

Lara: “As you know I'm looking for the lost journal which should help me in my search for the fabled Fountain of youth.”

Priestess Villette: “I know about this journal you speak of and I have heard the legends surrounding the fountain but I cannot help you. Some things are better left...”

Lara (interrupting): “I understand the danger! Many have spent all their lives searching for the elusive Fountain but I'm so close to finally uncovering it's secrets and that's an opportunity I cannot pass. Priestess Villette, If I don't learn it's mysteries, other more unscrupulous parties may do so one day and use it's power for evil.”

Priestess Villette: “I still think that this quest of yours is foolish but there is truth in what you speak. Marie Laveau hid the journal so that the power of the fountain would not fall into the wrong hands, yet, that may happen soon through Milosh. One is in the nearby Cathedral, deep within it's vaults and the other can be found at the old Pettigrew mansion.”

Lara(deep in thought): “Interesting...but access to both appears to be blocked.”

Priestess Villette: “There's a secret route to the docks which leads past the mansion but according to Captain Graves, Milosh has hid the key somewhere in his club.”

Lara: “And the Cathedral?”

Priestess Villette: “The monks sealed the only way in with a powerful ward. I believe that the stone fragment the Captain found is needed to open it's door.”

Lara: “Thank you. Well, I guess there is no time like the present.”

Priestess Villette: “Not so fast Lara! Milosh has spread his evil to both the cathedral and the Pettigrew mansion, anyone who has ever gone near has disappeared without a trace.

Lara: “Don't worry, I'm always well prepared.”

Level 3: Hall of secrets

Col Pettigrew: “The name's Pettigrew ma'am, Colonel T Pettigrew. I've been watching you and I'm impressed.”

Lara: “I...”

Col Pettigrew: “Time's short, so I'll be brief. Milady Dominique, a creature of evil, has taken over my mansion and I cannot rest until she is driven out. To defeat her you'll have to destroy at least three of her four sacrificial alters. You'll have to be careful though, her power is strong and she can drain your energy real fast.”

Lara: “Thank you Colonel.”

Before Lara can reply the spirit of the Colonel vanishes.

Milady Dominique: “Welcome to my domain my child” *Laughs evilly*

Ambushed cutscene

After spending much of the day examining the journal, Lara receives word from Priestess Villette who urgently wants to meet up with her. Despite sensing a trap, the headstrong Lara races to aid her friend.

Priestess Villette: “I don't understand. Your message claimed that the journal was a fake!

Lara: “I sent no such message. The Captain said...”

Priestess Villette: “Yes...the Captain...we've both been deceived, but for what purpose?”

Lara: “Wait! Someone is approaching.”

Milosh enters and soon Lara and the priestess find themselves surrounded.

Captain Graves: "Sorry but...I believe you have something of ours, the journal?"

Lara(shouting): "Damn it Graves! Both of you step back or I'll shoot!"

Milosh's mask is removed.

Milosh: "Don't ye recognise me?!"

Milosh(original): "Don't you recognise me?!"

Lara: "Certainly not."

Blackbeard: "I'm Blackbeard! Terror o' th' seas in ages past 'n soon I'll be much more then that."

Blackbeard(original): "I'm Blackbeard! Terror of the seas in ages past and soon I'll be much more then that."

Priestess Villette: "Watch it Lara! You're weapons will have no effect on him for he's no longer a mortal man, but a cursed being, the lord of the vampires!"

Blackbeard: "That's correct! 'twould be amusin' t' watch ye try as others did in th' past but time be short 'n me destiny awaits on the Isle o' youth! However, afore I go, I shall show ye an example o' me power!"

Blackbeard(original): "That's correct! It would be amusing to watch you try as others did in the past but my time is short and my destiny awaits on the Isle of youth! However, before I go, I shall show you an example of my power!"

Lara is struck down and cursed while the priestess uses all her power to resist. Some minutes later Lara is awoken by the priestess.

Lara(stunned): "Wha...what happened...my head...I feel."

Priestess Villette: "Take it easy Lara, I tried to warn you that there would be a cost in your search for the Fountain. Milosh...no Blackbeard, has placed a vampiric curse on you!"

Lara: "You...must be joking. He attacked both of us...you seem unharmed."

Priestess Villette: "I never joke about such matters. I managed to resist his curse with all my power but you had no such protection. I have done what I can to delay it but you will have to defeat him to overcome the curse. If Blackbeard gains the knowledge of the sacred Fountain then I fear his powers will be too great and even you would not be able to stand against him!"

Lara: "Then I must get going...as soon as possible before they leave for the Fountain."

Priestess Villette: "No, you are too weak and he has more guards around, not to mention the Captain. You wouldn't stand a chance."

Lara: "I can't believe I was tricked by Captain Graves...I might be getting a little too old for this."

Priestess Villette: "Thanks to his deception we have lost the diary and with it the location of the Fountain."

Lara: "All is not lost, I remember the coordinates. Now, I don't suppose you have a boat and diving

equipment handy?”

Camera pans out

Level 8: Dark omen

After Lara opens the portal to the fountain, Captain graves appears waving.

Captain Graves: “Lara! I'll hold off these rogues. Godspeed!”

Later, Lara confronts the dreaded vampire pirate, Blackbeard.

Blackbeard: “When me 'n me scallywags first set foot on this isle a long time ago we were mere mortals only aft supplies. At th' time, I didn' truly understand wha' we had discovered. 'twas nah long afore we were attacked by th' locals who were hostile since thar first encounter wit' outsiders.”

Blackbeard(original): “When me and my men first set foot on this isle a long time ago we were mere mortals only after supplies. At the time, I didn't truly understand what we had discovered. It was not long before we were attacked by the locals who were hostile since their first encounter with outsiders.”

Lara: “That would be the expedition lead by Juan Ponce de León.”

Blackbeard: “Aye, but eventually they learned t' 'accommodate' us. Initially we were only interested in wee trinkets but when we discovered th' healin' properties o' th' water, I became obsessed wit' findin' th' source.”

Blackbeard(original): “Aye, but eventually they learned to 'accommodate' us. Initially we were only interested in small trinkets but when we discovered the healing properties of the water, I became obsessed with finding the source.”

Lara: “At the centre of the fountain.”

Blackbeard: “In time, I learned o' a life enhancin' ceremony preformed on th' wisest tribal elders, so thar knowledge wouldna be lost. Wha' a waste! Jus' reckon o' wha' a man could do wit' such power!”

Blackbeard(original): “In time, I learned of a life enhancing ceremony preformed on the wisest tribal elders, so their knowledge would not be lost. What a waste! Just think of what a man could do with such power!”

Lara: “You managed to coerce the natives into preforming their sacred ceremony but they cursed you and your men instead.”

Blackbeard(bitter): “'twas only half complete! Me life was extended but thar were limitations.”

Blackbeard(original): “It was only half complete! My life was extended but there were limitations.”

Lara: “Essentially, you became a vampire.”

Blackbeard(Angry): “Aye, but now I be back t' finish wha' I started! Ye can have a portion o' that power too.”

Blackbeard(original): “Aye, but now I'm back to finish what I started! You can have a portion of that power too.”

Lara: “You're delusional and you're time has long past!”

Blackbeard: “Pity fer ye be a spirited Lass. T' Davy Jones's locker wit' ye!”

Blackbeard(original): “Pity for you are a spirited Lass. To Davy Jones's locker with you!”

Lara: “No thanks, I've already been there!”

Lara battles Blackbeard and is victorious.

Lara finds both Priestess Villette and Baron Samedi mysteriously present where they offer her a way off the island. There is certainly more going on than meets the eye but since the Priestess has the cure for her curse, she believes that some things are better left a secret...

Lara: “Priestess Villette! How did you get here?”

Priestess Villette: “I sense that you were victorious over the arch vampire Blackbeard.”

Lara: “Your senses are sharp Priestess, the powers of the fountain will not be misused.”

Priestess Villette: “The native islander's spirits can now be at rest. Did you find what you were looking for?”

Lara: “I believe so and now I truly understand why the fountain must remain a secret, but how...”

Priestess Villette: “Hush, Lara you poor dear, it's time for us to remove that curse.”

Lara: “There's more going on here than meets the eye.”

Priestess Villette (enigmatically): “Yes there is, but like you said, some things are better left a mystery...”