Wake the Dead: Zombie Horror

In the Choices *story* Wake the Dead, *you play as a young adult surviving in the zombie apocalypse. After fleeing from your compound, your sister is injured, and as zombies surround the cabin you're holed up in, you have to leave her behind.*

INT. CABIN BASEMENT - NEUTRAL

Event: Down a set of rickety wooden stairs, you find Brynn sitting hunched against the wall, Dirk and Shannon beside her.
Dirk: The others are already down the tunnel, but she wouldn't go.
Brynn [SAD]: Not without… hhhnnnnnn... Ash...
Troy [SURPRISED]: Well the gang's all here now, and we really ought to make our dramatic exit.
Shannon [SURPRISED]: Yes, please. Ash, help me get her up...
Event: Shannon offers her arm, but Brynn shakes her head, pushing it away. Instead, she painfully shrugs out of her pack, nudging it toward Eli.
Brynn [SAD]: Take it... it shouldn't go to waste.
Ash [SURPRISED]: What are you talking about?
Event: Brynn gives Dirk a significant look. Without a word, he scoops up her pack, and ushers the others a few feet down the tunnel.
Brynn: Ash... come here.
Event: You move to kneel beside her, glancing nervously at the creaking floorboards above. Brynn pulls you closer and rests her forehead against yours. Her skin is clammy, and she seems to struggle for every breath.
Brynn [SAD]: You have... to go, Ash.
Ash [SURPRISED]: *What?* No... No, Brynn, I'm not leaving you. We'll take them all out. Together.
Brynn [SAD]: Don't be... hhnnnn... stupid. Even if we made it out of this... I wouldn't... last more than a couple days.
Event: She straightens a little, showing you the fresh red stains blooming across her bandaged abdomen. Angry, hopeless tears burn in your eyes.
Ash [SAD]: But... Shannon said she fixed you up! That was all for nothing?
Brynn [SAD]: Not... nothing... because of her... I can help you escape... and... and I can say goodbye...
Event: Brynn gasps, grasping your hand, squeezing hard.

Brynn [SAD]: The others need you. You have... to go with them. You have to survive. Promise me...
Ash [SAD]: I promise, but--
Brynn [SAD]: I love you, Ash. I'm sorry... for not telling you the truth sooner... for not doing more...
Ash [SAD]: I love you too, Brynn, *please*--
Event: You jump as a hideous roar seems to shake the whole cabin. You hear something huge crash through the front door and start circling, seeking...
Event: The trapdoor shudders as something slams into it. Bits of dirt and wood trickle down the stairs. Wheezing, Brynn turns to look at the others.
Brynn [SAD]: Dirk... Take {her}.
Ash [SURPRISED]: What?! No!
Dirk [SAD]: ...Come on, Ash, we're leaving.
Event: He grabs hold of your arm, pulling you away from Brynn...

CHOICE MENU: I have to…

Stay with her.	Leave her.
Event: You dig in your heels, fighting desperately against Dirk's grip like a trapped animal. You can't just leave her here. You *can't*.	**Event:** You manage to back up a few inches... but it's like steel hooks are gripping your heart, and each step threatens to tear it from your body.

Ash [SURPRISED]: No!
Event: Eli looks Brynn in the eyes, and an understanding seems to pass between them.
Eli: Thank you.
Troy [SAD]: We'll look after Ash. I promise.
Shannon [SAD]: Me too. I... I'm so sorry I couldn't do more.
Event: Brynn nods, and Eli turns to grab your other arm. You struggle wildly as you're dragged away, into the tunnel.
Ash [ANGRY]: No! Let go of me! We're not leaving her! *WE'RE NOT LEAVING MY SISTER!*
Event: You catch one last glimpse of Brynn, raising her pistol in shaking hands, eyes locked on the trapdoor as it starts to splinter.
Brynn [ANGRY]: Alright... you bastards... let's see what you've got.
Event: You let out a wordless scream as Eli throws a lever, and the ceiling of the tunnel collapses behind you.

EXT. CABIN - NIGHT

Event: Outside, you can still hear the sound of Brynn's gunshots, alternating with the shrieks of falling zombies. You struggle against Eli and Dirk, vision blurred by tears.
Ash [SAD]: *Please!* We have to go back! We have to save her, we--
Event: A sharp scream, Brynn's scream, nearly stops you all in your tracks.
Event: Then a final gunshot echoes into the night…
Ash [SAD]: *Brynn!!!*

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INT. RUNDOWN WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

Event: The zombies hit just as you hear something from inside... *a loud clang* followed by a scream.
Shannon [SURPRISED]: Aaaaaaahhahhh!
Eli [ANGRY]: Go! We've got this!
Event: You hesitate for a split second, then duck under the arm of an attacking zombie and sprint back into the warehouse...
Ash [SURPRISED]: Shannon! Minna!
Event: You switch on your night vision goggles, the twisted shapes of drones leaping into focus. Beyond them you quickly spot Minna, swinging wildly with a crowbar as a half-dozen zombies back her into a corner.
Minna [ANGRY]: Could use some help over here!
Event: She brings the crowbar down on a drone's head, caving in the skull with a wet crunch.
Drone4 [SAD]: Glllrrrchhhh...
Event: Another drone lunges in from the side, its claws sneaking past Minna's guard and slashing across her leg!
Minna [SURPRISED]: Aaaaahhhh!
Ash [SURPRISED]: Just hold on! I'll be right--
Shannon [SAD]: HELP! SOMEBODY!
Event: You whirl around to see Shannon at the opposite end of the room, surrounded by three more drones! One of them makes a grab for her, and she screams, diving into a metal cabinet and slamming the door!
Drone2 [HAPPY]: AAAAAGGHHH! GRRRLLLAAAHHH!
Event: Claws screech horribly on the metal walls of the cabinet as the zombies continue to attack, pounding on the door and rocking it from side to side!
Shannon [SURPRISED]: Aaaaiiiieeeee!
Event: Frantically, you look from the trapped Shannon to the wounded and desperate Minna...
Ash [SAD]: (Minna's holding her own... but not for much longer. That cabinet will hold for a while, but Shannon's so scared... what do I do?!)

CHOICE MENU: I have to help…

Shannon!	Minna!
Go to branchSaveShannon.	**Go to branchSaveMinna.**

branchSave Shannon

Ash [SURPRISED]: Hold on, Minna! I'll be right there!
Event: Without waiting for a response, you make a break for Shannon.

CHOICE MENU: I have to…

Attack!	Draw them away!	Throw something!
Event: Before the drones can react, you slice one across the back of the knees! Rotten tendons pop beneath your blade, and the drone crumples to the ground with an angry screech! **Drone2 [ANGRY]:** Krrreeeaaaahhhh! **Event:** You've already moved on, kicking the second drone in the chest so it topples backward, gurgling as it falls straight onto a piece of rusted rebar! **Drone1 [SURPRISED]:** Rllleeeeuuuughhh! **Ash [ANGRY]:** Yaaaaaahhhh! **Event:** You launch yourself into the air, bringing the blade	**Ash [SURPRISED]:** Hey! Ugly! Over here! **Event:** You run right past the drones, waving your arms to get their attention. **Drone2:** Hrrrrr... **Ash [ANGRY]:** Yeah, I'm talking to you! Tasty human right over here! Come get me! **Event:** The drones break into a shuffling run, abandoning their attack to pursue you instead. **Drone3 [ANGRY]:** Rrrr-rah! Rahhhhh! **Event:** You run to the end of the wall, then	**Event:** Without slowing down, you bend to snatch up two fist-sized hunks of concrete. **Ash [ANGRY]:** Heads up! Event: Your first piece of concrete hits a drone in the chest, causing it to stumble and impale itself on a sharp piece of rebar sticking out of the wall! **Drone1 [SURPRISED]:** Rllleeeeuuuughhh! **Event:** The second chunk hits a drone in the knees, leg-bones snapping like wet twigs as it collapses with an angry shriek! **Drone2 [ANGRY]:** Krrreeeaaaahhhh! **Event:** As you near the final drone, you scoop up a chunk of

of your machete scything down onto the final drone's skull. **Drone3 [SURPRISED]:** Hk-k-k-k... **Event:** Your blade splits the drone's head from scalp to nostrils. Greenish-black fluid gushes from its face as you yank the weapon free, letting the creature collapse in a twitching heap. **Drone3 [SAD]:** Heeehhhhh...	duck suddenly behind a pillar. **Drone1:** Aaaaarrrr... **Event:** The drones lumber past, sniffing the air hungrily. A second later you leave your hiding place and hurry back to Shannon's hiding place. **Ash [SAD]:** (They'll be back soon, better hurry...)	rusted metal, flinging it like a frisbee! **Ash [ANGRY]:** Catch! **Event:** The sharp edge of the metal *thunks* into the final drone's face, splitting it diagonally from cheek to temple. **Drone3 [SURPRISED]:** Hk-k-k-k... **Event:** Greenish-black fluid oozes around the edges of the wound as the creature collapses in a twitching heap. **Drone3 [SAD]:** Heeehhhhh...

Event: You make it to the metal cabinet just as Shannon opens the door a crack.
Shannon [SAD]: Ash! Oh, thank goodness...
Event: She stumbles out of hiding, flinging her arms around you in a tight hug.
Shannon [SAD]: You saved me... *again.*
Ash [HAPPY]: Always. Now, we need to go help--
Minna [SAD]: AAAAAAHHHHHH!
Event: You and Shannon break into a sprint, just as Troy, Angel, and Eli burst in through the door, converging on Minna's pained screams.
Drone1 [HAPPY]: Krrrlllrrraaahhh!
Event: An arrow takes out one of the drones, Angel leaping in after it to smash her wrench into a drone's face.
Event: By the time you and Shannon arrive, there's a pile of dead drones surrounding Minna… who is staring in horror at the mangled bite mark on her hand.
Minna [SAD]: *No no no no...*
Angel [SAD]: Oh god... What do we do?
Eli [SAD]: You know what we have to do. We--
Shannon [ANGRY]: Eli! Shut up and give me your belt, *now!*
Event: Eli immediately removes his belt and passes it to Shannon, who wraps it around Minna's arm just below the shoulder.
Shannon: Ash, I dropped my axe right over there. If we can amputate the arm before the parasite has a chance to spread...

Ash [SURPRISED]: You... want me to *cut off her arm?!*
Troy [SAD]: Better than Eli's plan.
Shannon [SAD]: It's her only chance... but we have to do it *now.*
Event: You stare helplessly at Minna. Her eyes are rimmed with tears, but her voice is iron.
Minna: Do it.
Event: You heft the axe above your head and swing, aiming just below the makeshift tourniquet.
Minna [SURPRISED]: AHHHHHHH!
Event: Blood spurts from the wound, soaking into Minna's clothes and coating the floor. She sobs, curling into a ball as Shannon applies pressure to the wound.
Event: You turn away, axe falling from your limp fingers.

branchSaveMinna

Ash [SURPRISED]: Just hold on, Shannon!
Event: Without waiting for a response, you make a break for the cluster of drones surrounding Minna.

CHOICE MENU: I have to…

Attack!	Distract them!	Find a weapon!
Event: Before the drones can react, you slice one across the back of the knees! Rotten tendons pop beneath your blade, and the drone crumples to the ground with an angry screech! **Drone2 [ANGRY]:** Krrreeeaaaahhhh! **Event:** You shove the crippled drone toward a pile of debris, and it falls stomach-first onto a long piece of rusted rebar.	**Ash [SURPRISED]:** Hey! Ugly! Over here! **Event:** You kick one of the drones in the back. It stumbles into another zombie, which whirls and snaps at it. **Drone2 [ANGRY]:** Hrrrrr... **Ash [ANGRY]:** Five on one isn't too fair, why don't you give me a try? **Event:** Both drones turn their blank eyes on you, baring	**Event:** Without slowing down, you bend to snatch up a melon-sized hunk of concrete. **Ash [ANGRY]:** Heads up! **Event:** You heave the concrete with all your strength, and it hits a drone in the knees, leg-bones snapping like wet twigs as it collapses with an angry shriek! **Drone2 [ANGRY]:** Krrreeeaaaahhhh!

Drone2 [SURPRISED]: Rllleeeeuuuughhh! **Ash [ANGRY]:** Who's next? **Event:** Another drone turns away from Minna to look at you, baring its long, dripping fangs... **Drone4 [HAPPY]:** Shhhrraaahhhh... **Event:** ...But as the drone prepares to attack, you're already bringing the blade of your machete scything down onto its skull. **Drone4 [SURPRISED]:** Hk-k-k-k... **Event:** Your blade splits the drone's head from scalp to nostrils. Greenish-black fluid gushes from its face as you yank the weapon free, letting the creature collapse in a twitching heap. **Drone4 [SAD]:** Heeehhhhh...	mouths full of dark, dripping teeth. **Drone3 [ANGRY]:** Rrrr-rah! Rahhhhh! **Event:** You scoop up a couple small chunks of concrete, throwing them at the drones as you draw them away from their original target. **Ash [ANGRY]:** What's the matter? You scared? Come at me! **Drone2 [ANGRY]:** Raaaahhh! **Event:** The first drone is preparing to lunge, but suddenly crumples as a heavy crowbar smashes down on its head.	**Event:** Kicking the drone aside, you snatch up a piece of rebar, concrete clinging to the end like the head of a mace. **Event:** You swing your makeshift club into another drone's face, caving it in completely. **Drone4 [SURPRISED]:** Hk-k-k-k... **Event:** Greenish-black fluid oozes around the edges of the wound as the creature collapses in a twitching heap. **Drone4 [SAD]:** Heeehhhhh...

Minna [ANGRY]: Hrrrraahhh!

Event: Minna swings her crowbar like a baseball bat, splitting open the last drone's head in a burst of bloody brain chunks.

Minna [SAD]: Hff... thanks... was starting to lose steam...

Ash: Of course. Now come on, we need to help--

Shannon [SAD]: AAAAAAHHHHHH!

Event: Your heart stops as Shannon's scream pierces the air, followed by a heavy *crash!*

Ash [SURPRISED]: *Shannon! We're coming!*

Event: You break into a sprint, Minna limping along behind. The outer door bursts open, Eli, Angel, and Troy rushing inside, all of you converging on Shannon's panicked screams.

Event: An arrow takes out one of the drones, and Angel leaps in after it to smash her wrench into a drone's face.
Drone3 [SAD]: Geeehhhhhh...
Event: The drones are all dead by the time you reach Shannon's hiding place. The cabinet's been tipped over, its walls scored with claw marks. Deep, ragged sobs echo from inside.
Ash [SAD]: Shannon, it's okay! We're here, we're going to get you out!
Event: Slowly, you turn the handle and open the door to see Shannon curled in a tight, trembling ball. As the cabinet opens her head whips around, and she stares out at you with wild eyes.
Shannon [SURPRISED]: NO! GET AWAY FROM ME! NOOOOO!
Event: She lashes out, fingers curled into claws, striking desperately with both hands until you manage to get a hold of her wrists.
Ash [SURPRISED]: Shannon, stop! It's Ash! You're okay! It's over...
Event: Shannon's struggles slowly wind down, her eyes finally focusing on you.
Shannon [SURPRISED]: It... it was so dark. They nearly got in, they--
Event: An anguished sob tears loose from Shannon's chest, her whole body shaking. You pull her into a gentle hug, letting her cry into your shoulder!