

# FLOATING WORLDS

## BATTLESHIP OCEANIA

It is almost midday, in the central port of the capital. Lieutenant commander David Smith is standing by the dock, staring with great admiration, the flagship of his country's navy. One of the most technologically sophisticated warships in the world's naval history is docked in front of him. Like a sleeping mythical creature of the sea, made with iron. Battleship "Oceania"...

A sudden message from navy's headquarters, is forcing the crew of "Oceania" to prepare immediately for departure, as a civilian ship that is sailing in the country's territory, according to governmental secret agents information, is believed to carry armed terrorists, pretending to be civilians.

The mission is to sink the passenger ship, in order to prevent a possible terrorist attack, but it seems that everybody on board is in doubt about the accuracy of this information. However, the orders are clear and in the army, soldiers carry out orders which are not to be judged or questioned. You just execute, what you are ordered to do. How possible could it be for civilians to be a threat, to the country that Oceania's crew swore to protect?

The civilian ship gets sunk by the torpedoes launched from Battleship Oceania but soon after, the media present to the public a completely different version of the story, where it seems that the civilian ship, full of innocent civilians, had been attacked by a battleship of a neighbor country, that entered without permission, the country's territory. There's no report at all, about Battleship "Oceania". In an expansible press conference following the dramatic events, the president declares war against the "murderers of our citizens".

The crew of "Oceania" realize what they have done but it's too late. They murdered innocent people. People of their own country. How will they face their guilt? The Gods of Sea, who have witnessed this hideous crime in their kingdom, outraged, decide to send their messengers, in order to curse Battleship "Oceania" and its crew forever.

The curse turned "Oceania" into a supernatural, unsinkable ship with unbelievable capabilities. It became twice faster than the fastest ship vessel in the world, with endless stocks of armor and fuel, alongside its unique ability to be invisible when attacking. At the same time, it became the eternal floating jail of its crew, who cannot escape from the ship. The only way to leave the ship, is to kill another

member of the crew, but the price the killer has to pay for such an action, is the death of the killer's most beloved person, at the same time as his victim falls dead.

From the day "Oceania" and its crew got cursed by the Gods of Sea, they belong no longer to any country or nation of our world. They serve no flag. They have only one mission, assigned by the Gods of Sea. To hunt and sink any battleship of any country they find on their way, till the day global peace will prevail across The Seven Seas...

After years and years of this never-ending torture, an accidental incident turned to be the cause of a shocking revelation... The captain of "Oceania" proved to know about the attack to the civilian ship, a couple of days before the ship received the official order from the navy's headquarters. The exact coordinates of the attack were written in his diary, a couple of days before the crew were officially assigned the mission that ruined their destiny and lives.

Lieutenant commander David Smith convenes all crew of the ship to reveal them the truth. They were all deceived by their captain. Lieutenant commander David Smith orders the crew to arrest Captain Samuel for high treason. From now on, he is the new commander of the ship.

Before Captain Samuel gets led to the ship's jail, he admits his devious plan. He only cares about himself, money and power. The only way to retrieve the control of the ship, is to kill the only other person on board who can navigate battleship Oceania except from himself, lieutenant commander David Smith.

He suddenly pulls his gun against lieutenant commander David Smith and shoots but as the bullet from his gun takes away the last breath of a crew member, he is falling dead by the curse of this ship. The most beloved person of the selfish and vain Captain Samuel, was his own self.

The funeral on the ship just started. Lieutenant David Smith is surprisingly still alive, thanks to the act of heroism of a sailor, who put his body between the bullet and the body of Lieutenant David Smith, to keep alive the last hope of the crew... The crew bid farewell, to a real hero.

Two mermaids, daughters of the King of Ocean's Gods, who witnessed the revelation of the truth, feeling guilty for the hard and unfair punishment of the crew, decide to ask their father and the council of the Ocean's Gods, to forgive the crew and break the curse.

The council of Gods decides to break the curse, but assigns one final mission to the crew. They are ordered to lead the ship to the edge of the world, to the Ocean of Beasts and sink it, so that it would never be used again for any act of war in the

Kingdom of Sea. When the crew will accomplish this last mission, their souls will be set free.

As "Oceania" reaches its final destination, it starts falling to its eternal sleep, deep in the Ocean of Beasts, while the souls of the crew pass the gate that leads to the island of dreams, to the beginning of their perpetual spiritual serenity...