

THE EXPLOSION

A Cold Open Idea.

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FADE IN:

INT. THE ANCIENT TEMPLE - AFTERNOON

FROM THE INSIDE

A large stone circular door turns to the side. Diego and 49 are shown. Immediately, both of their flash lights fill the room.

The two are sweaty and a little worn. It took a bit of effort to get here.

Diego lets out an impressed whistle as he steps forward inside. 49 quickly follows.

DIEGO

Alright, we finally made it. Lets nab the Sun Amulet and get out of here.

49 tilts his light at the ceiling then he turns around to the surrounding walls.

The walls are covered in vines and other foliage. Underneath, you could probably make out some paintings.

49

C'hati was the king of this place, right?

DIEGO

(Glances back to him)

Ahh, you looked this area up! Yeah, he was. King C'hati was known for being extremely brutal as well as paranoid toward the end of his reign. Some say that after he got rid of his inner circle, he hired an engineer to rig this place with traps, then killed him when he finished. All for the thing we came for. The Sun Amulet.

Diego stops and begins inspecting the space in front of him. Likely looking for triggers for traps.

Without either of them realizing, 49 slowly walks ahead with his light on the ceiling.

49
(Quietly)
You think any of the traps still
work?

As he says that, his foot sinks into the floor a bit.
there's a loud snap sound that echoes in the chamber as 5
arrows are launched towards him.

Right before they hit, Diego steps in front and slashes them
with his katana, knocking them out the air. He turns around
to 49 and gives him a stern look.

DIEGO
(Sighs)
I hope that answers your
question...
(Sheathes blade)

49
(Tiny Voice)
My bad...

Diego crouches and inspects the floor panel 49 stepped on.

DIEGO
We're gonna need to tread lightly.
This whole place is rigged. And
keep your wits about you.

49
(Nods)
Right!

49 takes goes back to his own examination, but notably stays
behind him.

DIEGO
We've been on a losing streak for
the past few jobs and I really
don't to mess this one up.

49
Well, I think I found the
medallion.

DIEGO
Huh? Already?

Diego looks up at 49 who's pointing at the end of the
chamber.

All the way down, there's a throne with a skeleton sitting there. Shining in the dim light 49 is laying on it is the golden medallion with a big red jewel in the middle.

Diego stands up straight and whistles.

DIEGO

Yep, that'll do it. Though it can't be that easy.

Cautiously, Diego begins walking forward.

DIEGO

I'm going in...see if there're any traps around. Shout if you need me.

49 gives an affirming nod.

Diego slowly moves closer toward the throne. He's carefully moving his foot, watching for tripwires as well as loose tiles in the floor.

49, in the meantime, slowly crept to a vine covered wall. With his strength he begins to pull and tear it away revealing these large letters and symbols in a language that is very unfamiliar

49

Uhhh, Diego! There are some inscriptions on the wall! I think they could be important!

Diego at this point has made it to the skeletal corpse and is staring directly at the medallion.

DIEGO

Yeah, well you have the translator book! What does it say?

49 then reaches into his back pocket and pulls out a little booklet. He squints his eyes at the symbols on the wall, then rapidly flips through the booklet.

It takes a few flips back and forth, but he finally settles on a page. He takes another moment looking up at the wall. He then calls out.

49

Uhhh...from what I can gather...it's essentially cursing thieves and robbers to succumb to the wrath of the sun.

DIEGO

Ha! Definitely sounds like a paranoid dictator. Well, I'm perfectly ok with a little bit of heat if it means we get paid.

Diego carefully inspects the throne and then the skeletal body. No tripwires. No hidden blades or traps. Just a bunch of cobwebs and foliage.

Despite that, Diego unsheathes his sword and moves the blade towards the skeleton's chest so the medallion loops onto the sword.

Right as he begins to lift it, there's a loud clicking sound and the lifeless head of the skeleton mechanically looks up directly at Diego.

Before he has a chance to fully realize what's happening, a large cloud of dust sprays from the mouth of the skeleton and into Diego's face. He recoils back, almost tripping down the few stairs of the throne. He's coughing aggressively and trying to wave the dust away.

Noticing the coughing, 49 looks over and calls out to Diego worriedly.

49

Are you ok?

DIEGO

(Coughing)

Yeah! It was just a trap! I think he was supposed to shoot out some poison. But...the years got to it before all that.

Agitatedly, Diego snatches the medallion. He then holds it up to look at it, then shoves it in his pocket.

DIEGO (CONT'D)

At least we got what we came here for. Alright Double Digits, lets get out of-

Suddenly, there's a loud rumbling that causes the whole temple to shake. The duo manage to keep their balance for the duration. Then, when the rumbling stops, there's a loud ticking noise around them.

49 is the first to speak up.

49

W-what was that?!

DIEGO

Well, clearly we sprung the ultimate trap, but I dunno what it could be.

The ticking sound is faster. The duo book it and make a mad dash for the exit on the other side of the chamber.

DIEGO (CONT'D)

Wait, kid. What was that message on the wall? What did it say again?

49

Huh? Oh! It was about thieves facing the wrath of the sun.

There's a look of thought on Diego's face. At the same time, the ticking sound is even faster now. Then, it hits him.

DIEGO

They meant that literally! 'Wrath of the sun'! 49, that crazy bastard rigged this whole place to-

Fro the outside, the building blows up in this surprisingly big fiery explosion. Debris fly out everywhere. As the dust settles, its shown The are wedged together in a small hole in the floor that survived the explosion.

49, who was on top of Diego in the hole, is the first to rise.

49

Well...isn't that a stroke of luck...

Diego is in a comedically disheveled and is uncomfortably folding on the ground still.

DIEGO

(Groaning)

Yeah...lucky...

49

Oh, Diego! Are you OK? We barely made it out of this alive!

DIEGO

I think I landed on my keys...

Diego sits up and reaches into his pocket. His expression goes from that of annoyance and fatigue to that of surprise and worry.

He hurriedly pull out the item in question from his pocket.
It's the Sun Medallion shattered in 3 pieces.

DIEGO (CONT'D)

Oops...

49

Oh no! The history!!

DIEGO

Screw the history! Our money!!
UGH!!

Diego lets out a frustrated scream and all that's seen now
is the sky above them.

FADE OUT.

PLAY INTRO