

SHOVEL OF THE DEAD

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EXT. F	FEY	CEMETERY	_	DAY	
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A CHAMELEON LIZARD sun bathes lazily on a tombstone.

A gentle human hand slowly caresses it's crest and is gone.

The wizard known today as TENACIOUS paces eager and impatient in a infinity symbol pattern looping around two tombstones.

A title card: THE FEY CEMETERY

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The lizard suddenly shifts the color of gray stone and disappears startled by--

FOUR ZOMBIES stumble awkwardly near.

CASS

	CASS	
Hey, boss,	man. 1	-

Archibald plops down on a memorial and wipes his sweaty brow.

2	ARCHIBALD It's hot as the devil.	2
3	TENACIOUS Report. Be quick about it. Did you find anything of interest?	3
4	CASS We found ourselves in a right sticky situation.	4
5	BAHATI For which we should be paid double.	5
6	CASS Twice alive. Can you manage that?	6
7	TENACIOUS Ah-huh, and, how would that work?	7
8	ARCHIBALD (draoi + -acht = magic) Use some of that fey draíocht, you're famous for.	8
9	SAOIRSE Bankroll a couple of bonus lives.	9
10	TENACIOUS You survived. Since you are here and apparently no worse for wear.	10

11	ARCHIBALD Only because of that, erm, annoying kid you sent. (snaps fingers at Tenacious)	11
12	What's his name?	12
13	TENACIOUS Who?	13
14	SAOIRSE Billy the Kid.	14
15	ARCHIBALD That's right. Billy the Kid.	15
16	CASS I still think he led us into that trap.	16
17	TENACIOUS Trap?	17
18	BAHATI Giant bloody spiders, that's what. We were poisoned and cocooned.	18
19	CASS I wasn't.	19
20	BAHATI Was too.	20
21	CASS Was not.	21
	CLOSE ON TENACIOUS, arms crossed, feigning interest as th Nearly Departed launch into their verbal AFTER ACTION REP	
	We watch a TIME LAPSE of Tenacious painfully enduring end minutia, as bits of vocal information fade in and out	less
22	SAOIRSE (V.O.) Some kinda freaky flesh monster.	22
23	ARCHIBALD (V.O.) A shit shack.	23
24	BAHATI (V.O.) A basement lair.	24
25	CASS (V.O.) The décor had a pagan sophistication.	25

26		We found a	ARCHIBALD (V.O.) body made of skeletons.	26
27		All there	SAOIRSE (V.O.) except the skull.	27
	Tenacious'	eyes GLAZI	E OVER and ZONES OUT.	
	TENACIOUS	POV - zombi	ies jibber-jabber.	
	pantomime	absurd zom	chibald, Bahati, Cass, and Saoirse who bie gestures, as intelligible dialogue DANS & GROANS.	
28		Stupid tal	CASS (V.O.) king sword.	28
	SNAP CUT:			
29		What sword	TENACIOUS ?	29
			e ridiculous plastic blade, slapping about the chest and arms.	
30		En garde.	SAOIRSE Introduce yourself.	30
31		Beatrice. Gerise. P	Beatrice Bon de Plae oet Laureate. Officer of y of Toulouse in	31
2.2			TENACIOUS	~ ~
32			y unimpressive.	32
33		I am that night. I him smile. fed horse	BEATRICE (O.S.) merry wanderer of the jest to Oberon and make When I a fat and bean- beguile, Neighing in f a filly foal.	33
		/ ±	TENACIOUS	
34			oirse) <i>at</i> from Orddu Fab?	34
35			SAOIRSE rectly per se. More finger discount.	35

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36	BAHATI We couldn't risk the sword giving away our secret to the witch.	36
37	CASS She's a mouth breather, you know?	37
38	BEATRICE (0.S.) I am lonely. It doesn't mean that I am alone. It means that I do not have the proper company.	38
39	TENACIOUS Sheath that thing.	39
40	(to everyone) We can't risk Orddu Fab getting that skull. But I have a plan.	40
	INSERT MAP OF GRAVERS DIG	
41	TENACIOUS (V.O.) Somewhere in Gravers Dig is a shovel.	41
42	BAHATI (V.O.) Ohhh, a magical shovel?	42
43	TENACIOUS (V.O.) Yes, a wondrous item.	43
	CUT TO: Archibald pointing.	
44	ARCHIBALD This thing?	44
45	TENACIOUS No. That's a Tunnel Terror.	45
	Archibald taps his finger on the Gravers Dig title treatmen	ıt.
46	ARCHIBALD This shovel. Here with the skeletal hand? Is that where the shovel is?	46
	The fey wizards heaves an exasperated sigh.	
47	TENACIOUS No. That is the shovel.	47
48	CASS It covers ten acres at least.	48

49	ARCHIBALD Probably built by giants.	49
	Tenacious shakes his head with disbelief.	
50	TENACIOUS Gravers Dig is named after this shovel. It's a real shovel.	50
	Bahati scrutinizes the map.	
51	BAHATI How big is this thing? That's like what, three leagues long?	51
52	TENACIOUS You are brain dead. That's a stylized logo treatment	52
53	(spikes camera, winks) Created by a wonderfully talented cartographer who illustrated the map.	53
54	BEATRICE (0.S.) Faith can move mountains, but don't be surprised if destiny hands you a shovel.	54
55	SAOIRSE Do you know something, come on, spill it, Beatrice?	55
56	ARCHIBALD Maybe if we give her cheese and wine.	56
57	CASS What if I serenade you while you eat and drink. (singing)	57
58	You are quite a mighty fine blade, indeed. Beatrice. Beatrice. The mightiest of blades.	58
	Suddenly the world comes alive with magical RAUCOUS APPLAU Everyone looks, searching for the loud, but invisible audience.	JSE.
59	BEATRICE (O.S.) Everything dropped away and there was was the music. Bravo, monsieur.	59

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60	SAOIRSE What about the shovel?	60
60		80
61	BEATRICE (O.S.) Once upon a time, I fed upon the marrow that is Gravers Dig. Take me to those action streets and perhaps, perchance, my memories will awaken.	61
	CUT TO:	
	EXT. GRAVERS DIG - DAY	
	Our heroes walk the mean streets of Gravers Dig, taking in the exotic sights and sounds, as Tenacious disembodied voi EXPLAINS THE PLAN.	
62	TENACIOUS (V.O.) It's an enchanted shovel. Grave digger by design. Properly activated, it'll lead you to any dead thing you can name. And, and, if rumors be true, it can locate anything it's ever buried.	62
63	BEATRICE (V.O.) Rumors are as dumb as the people who believe them and as fake as the people who start them.	63
64	TENACIOUS (V.O.) Does she narrate everything?	64
65	NEARLY DEPARTED (V.O.) Yes!	65
	Farmer's wagons of all shapes and sizes deliver goods to c air markets, while ranchers herd cattle and sheep.	open
	Gravers with strange weapons and armor move boldly like th own the place, some walking, others on horse.	ney
	Hunting parties of many ethnicities and species with orang flags prominently displayed are attended by referees in bl and silver.	
	Our heroes stop, huddle around THE MAP, heads down, considering	
	CASS	

CASS Where first?

We hear a bunch of vague grunts. BAHATI 67 Could use that Billy kid about now, 67 huh? SAOIRSE 68 Finding a shovel in this one-horse 68 town ain't gonna be easy. ARCHIBALD 69 You mean like that? 69 All heads rise, following his finger --THE SKELETAL SHOVEL hangs on SIGN: "Welcome to Gravers Dig" BAHATI 70 70 That was easy. CASS 71 What about that one? 71 Heads swivel--ACROSS THE THOROUGHFARE. "GRAVERS DIG EMPORIUM" graces the side of a large commercial center. Three HOMELESS KIDS dart past. The tallest lad wears a shirt -- READS: "Gravers Dig. Know what's below. Before you dig." The NEARLY DEPARTED stand back-to-back, heads turning, necks careening. The world comes alive with golden shovels as if illuminated by faerie fire. The shovel is prominently displayed on signs, made into travel souvenirs and whimsical tchotchkes. INSERT COLLAGE OF SHOVEL SOUVENIRS. SAOIRSE 72 Ffycin Annwn. It's like finding a 72 shovel at a farmers convention. Beatrice, you have any insight? Archibald coaxes Saoirse out of the street. ARCHIBALD 73 Careful having an open conversation 73 with a sentient sword. They move discreetly to a nearby building.

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74	SAOIRSE (to the sword) Information, not a poem would be nice.	74
75	BEATRICE (O.S.) Non. Non. It's a poem or nothing.	75
	A couple of towners passing by LOOK, and then SNIFF and li their noses disapprovingly.	ft
	Cass salutes awkwardly with his ladle forcing a tight grin	1.
76	CASS We're drawing the wrong kind of attention.	76
77	BEATRICE (O.S.) (Loud and proud) "The great Ma'at pyramid, within a maze, a twisted grid ancient rulers inside are hid From mortal's plain sight."	77
	PEOPLE STOP, watch, and listen.	
78	ARCHIBALD Do something.	78
	Archibald pushes Cass.	
79	BAHATI Behold! Cass the ventriloquist of crass.	79
	Cass stumbles into the center of unwanted attention. He gulps, raises his hand, projecting bravado LIP SYNCS:	
80	BEATRICE (O.S.) "Yet many still dare explore The inside of this land of yore So venture on, prop up that door And travel through the dark of night."	80
	People toss CASINO CHIPS at his feet.	
	Cass yanks Archibald this time, to a group hug.	
81	CASS Can we sheath her mouth. Please, I beg.	81

Saoirse tries to sheath Beatrice, but the blade just won't go, dragging Saoirse in an erratic dance-like circle. SAOIRSE 82 Get in there. 82 BEATRICE (O.S.) 83 Non. 83 SAOIRSE 84 Ffycin get in there. 84 The sword definitely has a mind of it's own. BEATRICE (O.S.) (channeling Glenn Close) I will not be ignored. 85 85 BAHATI (whispers) People are looking. 86 86 Indeed, people are looking. Bahati waves grinning like an idiot. ARCHIBALD 87 This map shows a pyramid. You 87 think that's what she's referring to? BEATRICE (O.S.) Deep within the pyramid brig, 88 88 A tomb under Gravers Dig. Cass looks around, scanning the streets and buildings. CASS 89 Huh, I wonder where the pyramid is? 89 A Targonian man in monk robes suddenly stops and points. AGGEE 90 It's across from the shopping 90 district on the main drag. Can't miss it. CASS 91 Much obliged, friend. 91 A foul funk catches in the monk's nose and throat. Coughs. AGGEE 92 And there are bunkhouses on the 92 green, if you desire a bath.

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EXT. THE PYRAMID BAR - DAY

An elaborate Ma'at stone Pyramid juts up in the middle of town a monument to the gods for which it was constructed.

The temple turned tavern doing a brisk lucrative trade by the multitudes coming and going.

93	SAOIRSE Wait. I remember this place. I 93 signed it's Heretics Wall.
94	CASS Heretics Wall? That sounds 94 ominous.
95	SAOIRSE After the emperor was killed, 95 Brigthwyna said, "screw you" to the Priests of Set, killed 'em and turned their holy ground into a graver roadhouse. Folks can show solidarity by signing her Heretics Wall.
96	BEATRICE (0.S.) Beware of gods throwing bones. 96
97	ARCHIBALD Beatrice, you said something about 97 lifting the door, and a dark hallway?
98	BEATRICE (O.S.) I shall gladly repeat the verse. 98
99	BAHATI Can we wait for a more secluded 99 spot?
100	BEATRICE (0.S.) No. The show must go on. 100
	THEY RUSH THE DOOR, her voice trailing, drowned out by the heightened energy pulsing from inside the
	INT. PYRAMID BAR - CONTINUOUS
	A concussive concoction of sound, exotic smokey flavor, and the immensity of ancient stone assault the new comers.
	CASS

It's loud enough to wake the dead. 101

102	ARCHIBALD Ironic, given that pyramids are the glorification of life after death.	102
	The cavernous innards of the once sacred Temple of Set, a crammed with boozy hunters, graver fortune seekers and be swilling barflies.	
103	BAHATI Who is up for day drinking?	103
	The tavern hostess, THE PYRAMID ALEWIFE busy delivering drinks gives the newcomers a scant once over before motic with a head jerk to an empty table.	oning
	The four follow the nod to NATASHA SHMIRNOFF, (Rooshen, somewhere in her medieval middle years), clears a shabby heavily weapon scarred table.	
104	ARCHIBALD We'll, aren't we ever upper class high society.	104
	The warlock plops into a rustic chair as the others follo suit.	W
105	CASS God's gift to ballroom notoriety.	105
	The two perform a bodacious Bill & Ted air guitar riff.	
	NATASHA SHMIRNOFF	
106	What's your pleasure? (sniffs irritably)	106
107	Ve have strict rooles 'gainst hunters bringing in dead prizes.	107
	The Nearly Departed don't deign a response.	
108	SAOIRSE May we still sign the Heretics Wall for a potion?	108
109	NATASHA SHMIRNOFF Da, new heretics are alvays velkome. Bevare of the pyramid kurse. It don't take kindly to cheaters signing tvice.	109
110	SAOIRSE Once is good enough for me, mine is up there.	110

111	NATASHA SHMIRNOFF Velkome back, heretic. Today's drink menu is Dvarf on the Rocks, Sveet Venom, the Barking Ale, and my favorite, The Drasil Sour.	111
	Cass, Bahati and Archibald place a drink order, before running off to sign the wall.	
112	NATASHA SHMIRNOFF (CONT'D) Any food?	112
113	BEATRICE (O.S.) Oui. Brie de Meaux if you [have it. Roquefort. Munster. Paired with seared scallops, duck confit, and baked cauliflower.]	113
	Saoirse CUTS IN LOUD, over Beatrice's food order.	
114	SAOIRSE Yes, cheese. Roquefort. Munster. (hurriedly motions Natasha	114
115	off) Anything moldy.	115
	Natasha's eyes narrow.	
116	NATASHA SHMIRNOFF Ve are used to graver shenanigans and your toys. Niet problems, see?	116
117	SAOIRSE Aye, no problems.	117
	The waitress pivots, disappears into the crowd.	
118	BEATRICE (O.S.) And wine, la demoiselle. Bordeaux Rouge. A fruity Pinot Noir.	118
119	SAOIRSE (sotto) You need to learn when to shut up.	119
	A FEW MINUTES LATER	
	The newly minted Heretics return to the table.	
	Three POTION VIALS (stoppers color coded), suddenly and magically shimmer solid upon the table.	quite
	Natasha arrives with drinks and cheese.	

120	BEATRICE (O.S.) (quivering excited voice) Wine and cheese is all I need.	120
	EVERYONE at once, mimic a singing troop, performing voice warm-ups: HUMMING, TONGUE TRILLS, and VOCAL SLIDES.	
	Natasha's eyes narrow warily as she places the drinks arou the table. Leaving the wine goblet for last.	ınd
121	NATASHA SHMIRNOFF And vine for your invisible 1 kompanion.	121
122	BEATRICE (0.S.) In wine there is truth.	122
	AGAIN, the Nearly Departed launch into four-part harmony VOCAL SLIDES.	
123	NATASHA SHMIRNOFF I've seen everything, now I've 1 heard it.	123
	She pivots and is gone.	
124	BEATRICE (O.S.) Cheese, if you please and wine.	124
125	SAOIRSE No. You've been a very bad sword.	125
126	BEATRICE (O.S.) Share food and drink and I will 1 share ancient secrets I know thusly about Set's pyramid.	126
127	ARCHIBALD You've been here before? 1	127
128	BEATRICE (O.S.) Oh oui oui. 'Tis in my memory 1 locked.	128
	Bahati pushes the cheese across the table.	
129	BAHATI Eat and spill it.	129
	Saoirse cuts into the cheese as Cass pours the goblet over	

Saoirse cuts into the cheese as Cass pours the goblet over Beatrice.

130	BEATRICE Stop. Stop. <u>STOP</u> !	130
131	(Sputters. Spits) Hessen Zwigelt! Stinky la pew!	131
	Nearby tables turn. Cass holds up the goblet.	
	CASS	
132	(announcing) I can't drink this, pigswill.	132
133	BEATRICE (V.O.) O true apothecary! Thy drugs are quick. Thus with a kiss I die.	133
	The sword drops from Saoirse's hand, DEAD ON THE TABLE.	
	EVERYONE STARES, leaning close to inspect the sword.	
134	BAHATI Is she dead?	134
	Cass pokes it nervously.	
135	BEATRICE (O.S.) Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow.	135
	Saoirse RAPS THE SWORD ON THE TABLE, <u>HARD</u> .	
136	SAOIRSE Chienne! Behave, or I'm going to return you to Orddu Fab's cellar.	136
137	BEATRICE (O.S.) Non. Whatever you do, don't throw me in the briar patch.	137
138	ARCHIBALD Get a candle, let's see if she melts.	138
	Beatrice SCOFFS haughtily.	
139	BEATRICE (O.S.) (sad and hurt) That's the thanks I get for establishing a bit of culture.	139
	Saoirse RAPS THE SWORD ON THE TABLE, <u>AGAIN</u> !	
140	SAOIRSE BEATRICE!	140

141	BEATRICE (O.S.) Fine. You wish access to the catatombs, oui? Go through the secret door in the wine barrel.	141
	Heads swivel, searching, eyes yearning hopeful.	
	There are no lack of wine barrels in this place, small- large stacked around the perimeter.	-medium-
142	CASS Which one?	142
	Saoirse's arm comes alive, possessed by the sword. Bea points at the largest wine barrel in the room.	trice
143	BEATRICE (O.S.) Le grand.	143
144	BAHATI How do you know this?	144
145	BEATRICE (O.S.) In the prime of my youth.	145
	Archibald interjects excitedly.	
146	ARCHIBALD Before you were this sword?	146
147	BEATRICE (O.S.) In love we forgive but we never forget.	147
	Cass slaps the table.	
148	CASS New house rule: no more Beatrice questions.	148
149	SAOIRSE We need a plan. There are too many damn people. We can't just search the bar for secret tunnels.	149
150	ARCHIBALD Why not?	150
151	CASS (mimicking village idiot) Hey everyone, we found us a secret door. Duh, wonder what's behind it?	151

152	BEATRICE (O.S.) Follow my lead. I will hypnotize the dirty masses with poetry renowned.	152
153	CASS Why the hell would we do that?	153
154	BEATRICE (O.S.) Why of course, to reenact the classic diversionary tactic. Ah? While they worship and adore me, you slip in and steal the kings jewels.	154
155	CASS Shit. That's actually a good idea.	155
156	BEATRICE (O.S.) If you would but stop and listen, much knowledge and experience possess I.	156
157	BAHATI Okay. But we can't just fondle the wine barrel's bunghole searching for the postern. Pardon the pun. We'll be seen.	157
158	BEATRICE (O.S.) If only you couldn't be seen, like, I don't know an invisibility potion.	158
	Archibald holds up the three potions.	
159	ARCHIBALD Maybe one of these?	159
160	BEATRICE (O.S.) Oui monsieur, warlock? It's all there on the table.	160
161	ARCHIBALD What?	161
	Saoirse strikes the table with Beatrice.	
162	BEATRICE (O.S.) Read the table.	162

Everyone leans close, scours the table, reading.

163	SAOIRSE Holy smokes. All the potions are 16 here, listed by color.	3
164	BEATRICE (O.S.) But of course. 16	4
165	ARCHIBALD The gray cork is invisibility. 16	5
166	BEATRICE (O.S.) Quaff the potion, monsieur and 16 fondle le bunghole.	6
167	CASS I think I know what she has in 16 mind.	7
	MOMENTS LATER - ON STAGE	
	Cass stands on stage, Beatrice gripped firmly in hand.	
168	BAHATI (announcing) Attention: Today and only today, 16 Cass the Crass ventriloquist.	8
	The volume in the bar lessens as people turn to the stage.	
169	BEATRICE (O.S.) Follow my lead. 16	9
	Beatrice speaks loud and clear as Cass attempts to LIP-SYNC	:
170	BEATRICE/CASS Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and 17 tomorrow, Creeps in this petty pace from day to day, To the last syllable of recorded time; And all our yesterdays have lighted fools	0
	With ALL EYES ON STAGE	
	Archibald uses SLEIGHT OF HAND on the bunghole.	
	CLICK!	
	A SECRET POSTERN DOOR opens a crack. Archibald enters from the rear into a dark stinky passage.	
	We really do apologize for all the lowbrow bunghole cracks and inappropriate innuendo. At least it's not a minotaur with diarrhea	

with diarrhea

SAOIRSE AND BAHATI motion to Cass, indicating the barrel. SAOIRSE (mouthing) 171 Come on! 171 ON CASS AND BEATRICE CASS 172 Time to go. 172 BEATRICE/CASS "In a Wonderland they lie, 173 173 Dreaming as the days go by, Dreaming as the summers die." The GROUND SHAKES, the bar rattles, a deep groan grows--A GREEN DRAGON enters the main door. Suddenly all the oxygen is sucked from the room. BARFLY (O.S.) 174 DRAGON! 174 The bar EXPLODES INTO CHAOS. Mayhem. Hysteria. Screams. Gravers and Hunters alike ... ATTACK THE DRAGON. INSIDE DARK BARREL - complete darkness We can hear the roar of the dragon and the tumult of battle. BEATRICE (O.S.) And that my friends, is a wrap. 175 175 SAOIRSE (0.S.) I'm not gonna lie, Beatrice. That 176 176 was top shelf. CASS (0.S.) 177 Now what? 177 BEATRICE (O.S.) We confront wraps. 178 178 BAHATI (O.S.) Oh my gods, are there mummies in 179 179 here.

BACK TO THE SHOW

	INT. PYRAMID - MA'AT CATATOMBS - DARK HALLWAY		
	The smooth subterranean tunnel, angles, slopping down.		
	The Nearly Dead with heightened undead senses slide slowly past Ma'at statues and detailed hieroglyph etched walls.		
	INT. CATATOMB MAZE - CONTINUOUS		
	Claustrophobic tight hallways widen into larger parlors, antechambers, and finally ornate halls.		
	INT. PYRAMID - MA'AT CATATOMBS - OSSUARY - CONTINUOUS		
	The main ossuary is a finely crafted dome gallery. Undisturbed by the passage of time or thieving gravers.		
	In the center rests a GOLDEN SARCOPHAGUS covered in intrica inlaid hieroglyphs.	ite	
180	BAHATI Ahhh it's a masterpiece. 18	30	
	They all reverently ease forward.		
181	SAOIRSE Beatrice, what do you know of this 18 place? Who rests here?	81	
182	BEATRICE (O.S.) My beau. Flèche Beaumont. 18	32	
183	SAOIRSE Was he a noble, a king? 18	83	
184	ARCHIBALD Flèche Beaumont is hardly a Ma'at 18 name.	84	
185	BEATRICE Non. Non. We were cursed apart. 18	35	
186	BAHATI Is he the shovel? 18	86	
187	BEATRICE (O.S.) The shovel? Non, the shovel is of 18 no consequence.	87	

Everyone gasps.

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188	SAOIRSE Did you use us to find your Beau?	188
189	CASS Wait, you said the two of you were cursed. Is he a longbow? That kinda bow?	189
190	ARCHIBALD Whatever. Let's just get this shit over with, huh. Crack this thing open.	190
191	SAOIRSE Is your Beau inside the sarcophagus Beatrice?	191
	BEATRICE (V.O.)	
192	(stifles tears) Oui.	192
193	CASS Archibald is right. I'm gonna open it.	193
194	BAHATI What if it's cursed?	194
195	CASS We're walking curses.	195
	He double taps the sarcophagus lid with his ladle.	
	CASS (CONT'D)	
196	Open sesame.	196
	THE LID GRINDS SLOWLY OPEN	
	Everyone slowly leans, peering inside	
	A SHOVEL WIELDING MUMMY LEAPS OUT, youthful and spry, not all old and decrepit as one would expect.	t at
197	NEARLY DEPARTED Whoa!/Shit!/Look out/Kill it.	197
	The speed and ferociousness of the attack captures the No Departed off guard and flatfooted.	early
	I black diseased SKELETAL HAND tears deep into Cass, rip flesh from bone.	ping
	CASS	

CASS Aaaieeeeee!

He reacts with his rapier, but it's as useless as a pin attacking a pincushion.

SAOIRSE

199 POUND IT!!!

The celt warrior leaps in stabbing with her halberd.

ON ARCHIBALD - He slowly pulls a WAND from his inner pocket, like Clint Eastwood drawing a pearl gripped six-shooter.

He grins at the camera, putting a finger to his lips.

	ARCHIBALD	
200	Shsssh. I'm invisible.	200
	(looks at the wand)	
201	Oh, this? Right.	201

CUT TO:

INT. CHALDEA STUDIOS - INTERVIEW SUITE

Archibald stands casually in front of a GRAVERS DIG LOGO, slapping a wand into his open palm.

	ARCHIBALD	
202	See this wand. Billy the Kid found	202
	it in Orddu Fab's house.	

He gives it a FLICK and a WHIRL. Studies it's fine craftmanship.

203	ARCHIBALD (CONT'D) We didn't mention it earlier, because we were hurried. Short on	203
	time.	
	(leans close to camera)	
204	Beatrice receives all the	204
	limelight. "It's in her contract".	
	(stands tall, stretches)	
205	Billy tossed it aside, so I, ahh,	205
	picked it up. It's a wand of	

BACK TO:

MUMMY FIGHT - CONTINUOUS

		ARCHIBALD	
206	FIREBOLT.	Yeah!!	206

A BOLT OF FIRE careens into the mummy.

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WHOOSH! Ka-boomb!

Turning the mummy into a raging inferno.

	ARCHIBALD (CONT'D)	
207	Burn baby burn.	207

SAOIRSE/CASS (singing) 208 Disco inferno. 208

BAHATI (singing) Burn that mummy down. 209

EVERYONE LEAPS IN, hacking and slashing--

- Saoirse thrusts with her halberd.

- Cass with his ladle of bluntness.

- Bahati with her SHILLELAGH infused staff.

THE LORD OF THE CRYPT RISES, shovel raised, it's DEAD EYES PULSING RED turn on Archibald.

MUMMY (The Howl of Duat) Arghhhhhh!!!!!! 210

The accursed mummy levels a DREADFUL GLARE burrowing into the warlock's psyche, nay, his very soul.

Amidst the clatter and din of the burning bandages...

NOTHING HAPPENS.

ARCHIBALD Ah-Ha! I'm already dead mother... 211

He clobbers the mummy with his newly acquired staff.

The mummy GONGS Saoirse in the noggin with the blunt of the shovel and then backswings Cass in the ribs.

Cass INHALES sharply. BEAT. Waiting for the inevitable pain, but instead--

The shovel's necrotic power HEALS HIM. Sealing up the previous gapping wound.

CASS Good god. You see that?

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	Archibald slaps Cass on the shoulder.						
213	ARCHIBALD It's good to be dead. Not so dead. 213 Somewhat dead.	3					
214	CASS We could be mummy slayers. 214	1					
	El Kabong!						
	The shovel sideswipes Cass on the side of the face releasing dizzybirds.	ſ					
215	SAOIRSE Pay attention, it can still 215 bludgeon you silly, silly.	5					
	She whacks the mummy with Beatrice to no effect.						
216	BEATRICE (O.S.) What are you doing? 216	5					
217	SAOIRSE (shrugs) I thought I'd check. 217	7					
	BEATRICE (O.S.) (outraged scoff)						
	Bahati parries a shovel strike.						
218	BAHATI Grapple it! 218	3					
219	SAOIRSE It's ON FIRE! You grapple it. 219	Э					
220	BAHATI Disarm it then. 220	С					
	She tries to disarm the shovel, but the mummy has a death grip on the Gravers Dig.						
	Archibald ducks, crouches onto one knee:						
221	ARCHIBALD "My heart is black, and my lips are 221 cold. Mummies on flame with rock and roll."	1					
	he pumps a volley of ELDRITCH BLASTS into the mummy's underbelly.						

The MUMMY disappears in a sucking cloud of flame and ash. The GRAVERS DIG SHOVEL hits the ground with a clatter. FADE TO BLACK: COMPLETE DARKNESS - SHADOWS OF DEATH DRAPED OVER NIGHT Harmonic rumbles shake the ground beneath the pyramid. We hear Heavy Breathing. Movement. Clatter of Weapons. CASS (V.O.) (coughing) SAOIRSE (V.O.) 222 Everyone okay? 222 ARCHIBALD (V.O.) Warn us next time before you start 223 ladle tapping, eh? LIGHTS SLOWLY RETURN The only part of the mummy remaining is a white skeletal hand wrapped around the shovel's handle and a LAPIS LAZULI NECKLACE. BEATRICE (V.O.) 224 My beau isn't here. 224 The sword erupts into sorrowful wailing.

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		SAUIRSE	
225	You sure,	Beatrice?	225

	BEATRICE (V.O.)	
226	He he he's gone.	226

Saoirse consoles Beatrice slowly stroking the blade.

	CASS	
	(off the ridiculous sword)	
227	We're gravers right?	227

	SAOIRSE	
228	Your point?	228

CASS We're alive, mostly. The monster's 229 229 defeated. I say we call it a day, loot this place, and make scarce.

Cass picks up the shovel.

			CASS ((CONT'D)			
230	Time '	to	find zat	ffycin	skull.	23	30

ARCHIBALD 231 Aye, I hear that, brother. 231

Archibald picks up the blue necklace.

Bahati reaches into the empty sarcophagus and pulls out a shiny KEEN LONG SWORD.

		BAHATI	
232	Curses be	damned.	232

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