

THE HANGING

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CONTEXT: MORGAN LAMENTS THE LOSS OF THE ARTIFACT IN HAVANA'S TAVERN.

Morgan, our pirate protagonist, previously located and secured 'The Artifact' - a relic of untold power. Now, the greedy Governor of Havana has stolen it and it lies out of reach in his residence.

Feeling lost on how to proceed, Morgan heads to the tavern to drown her sorrows. Rigs, her young urchin protégé, has good news for her.

STARTING OBJECTIVE - [DROWN YOUR SORROWS AT THE TAVERN]

Cutscene trigger: player SITs at the table.

INT. HAVANA TAVERN - MORNING

Rigs carries two drinks above her head unsteadily and pushes through the crowd of drunks. She drops down into the opposite bench.

RIGS
(excited)
Chin up! We're right lucky, we are!

MORGAN
(deadpan)
You've a shit sense of luck.

Morgan takes the mug, her knuckles clench white around the handle.

MORGAN (CONT'D)
(slight anger)
Bastard's got the artifact. Always
two steps ahead...

Grinning, Rigs drinks greedily and enthusiastically. She then sets it down on the table, spilling it.

RIGS
There's a hangin'

MORGAN
(unimpressed, flat)
We're in Havana. There's always a
hanging.

Rigs scoffs, rolls eyes, pouts, and leans in.

RIGS
Stick with me here. See, I were
havin' my mornin' walk...

RIGS (CONT'D)
and those guards of his've got
right loose lips, like.

Rigs places her hand on her throat to mimic the noose.

RIGS (CONT'D)
The Governor likes to watch 'em
choke. Drops the lever himself, he
does.

MORGAN
Huh. He won't be in his estate?

RIGS
(sarcasm)
Nah. Real unfortunate, that.

MORGAN
(pleased)
Then I suppose he won't notice an
uninvited guest.

RIGS
Nick that shiny relic right out
from under his nose, ye will.

MORGAN
When?

RIGS
Knew you'd see it my way! Poor
buggers're gettin' dropped at noon.

Morgan stands and turns to leave.

RIGS (CONT'D)
Oi!

Rigs throws her hands in the air, causing Morgan to turn.

RIGS (CONT'D)
Luck don't come free, you know!

Morgan stares and sighs. She throws a coin pouch on the
table. Coins spill out. Rigs greedily collects them.

Morgan rolls her eyes and smiles as she leaves.

OBJECTIVE UPDATE - [INFILTRATE THE GOVERNOR'S ESTATE]

Rigs persists into gameplay at the table, toying with the coins until the player zones.