Shadows of the Past

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NOT LONG AFTER, AS THE SUN BEGINS TO SET...

THIS IS A VERY NICE BUILDING. YOUR DONORS WILL BE IMPRESSED...

I’M TAKING A BIG RISK MEETING YOU HERE, SANCHEZ. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WE NEED SOME INSURANCE. CARLEONI’S GETTING NERVOUS ABOUT HIS NEXT PAYMENT.

I CAN’T MOVE THE FUNDS AROUND ANY FASTER. PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO GET SUSPICIOUS. I CAN’T AFFORD ANY MORE INVESTIGATIONS...

MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...

YUP, THESE ARE CARLEONI’S MEN.

BUT... PAULA, HOW CAN WE PROVE THEY’RE DOING ANYTHING ILLEGAL?

I’VE GOT TO GET CLOSER. WAIT FOR ME - I WON’T BE LONG....

WHAT? YOU’RE GOING IN THERE?!? PAULA -- THEY HAVE GUNS!

THIS ISN'T GOING TO END WELL...
WE WANT GUARANTEES. THE COMMISSIONER IS ABOUT TO STOP CONSTRUCTION OF THE MIDTOWN TUNNEL. WE WANT YOU TO PERSUADE HIM TO CONTINUE.

BUT THE TUNNEL CUTS THROUGH NATIVE AMERICAN BURIAL GROUNDS! THEY'VE FOUND ARTIFACTS IN THE DIG. THE MUSEUM WANTS TO STUDY—

ARE YOU THREATENING ME? YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE CITY COMMISSION!

WE HAVE ALL THE VOTES WE NEED. EXCEPT YOURS, PROFESSOR.

I'M NOT CLOSE ENOUGH. CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON...

THAT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM. WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM IS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THIS PRESTIGIOUS NEW LIBRARY SUFFERED AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

THEY'RE BLACKMAILING THE DEAN? INCREDIBLE!

WHHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! HE ALMOST SAW ME!

THIS SHOULD HELP ME AVOID THOSE THUGS...
You can't make me vote against my conscience. I won't be bullied like this.

Unfortunate. Did you notice my new addition to your library?

They didn't see me. Now I can get the story.

What? I don't understand what you're talking about-

I've placed military grade C4 explosive on each pillar of this building. 30 second timers set to activate - all with a touch of this button!

He's insane! We could all be killed!

Down below, Amber waits nervously.

It's getting cold! What is Paula doing? My parents are gonna kill me if I'm home after eight!

Oh, no! My phone! I didn't put it on vibrate!

A little far from study hall, aren't we, Blondie?
I can't believe the mob would do something as dangerous as destroying the campus library! What's so important to Carleon about this vote?

Your new twenty million dollar building -- or a vote in the next committee meeting. What's it gonna be, Dean?

Alright, alright! I'll steer the vote your way.

Just remove these explosives, please! Before something happens...

They caught Amber! Now what?

Clang clunk

Amber Whitley? She's one of my students. I'm sure there's been a mistake...

There's someone else here.

Wmm-aaaaaahhh???
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