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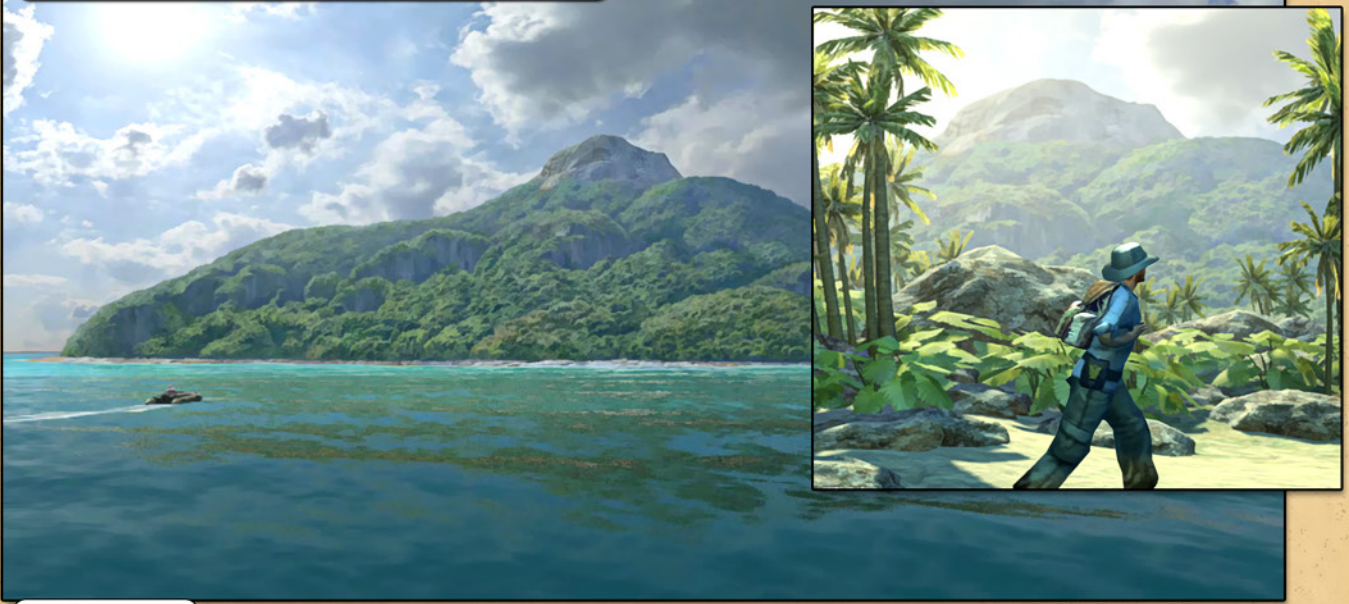
The Official Backstory

Part 1

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An uninhabited island in Indonesia, 2008



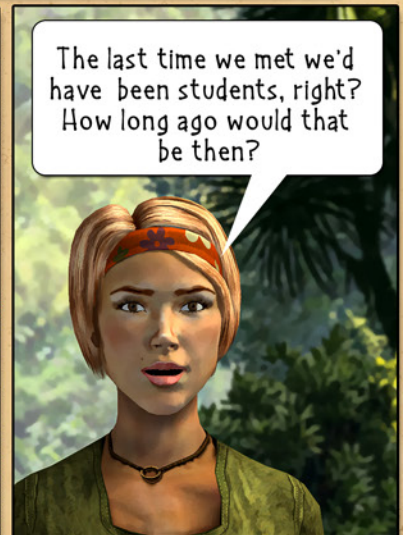
In the camp



Max Gruber. Oh man, I never thought I'd be seeing you here again – not even in my wildest dreams.

Well, when they asked me if I wanted to work on a story with the legendary Sam Peters, I didn't have to give it too much thought.

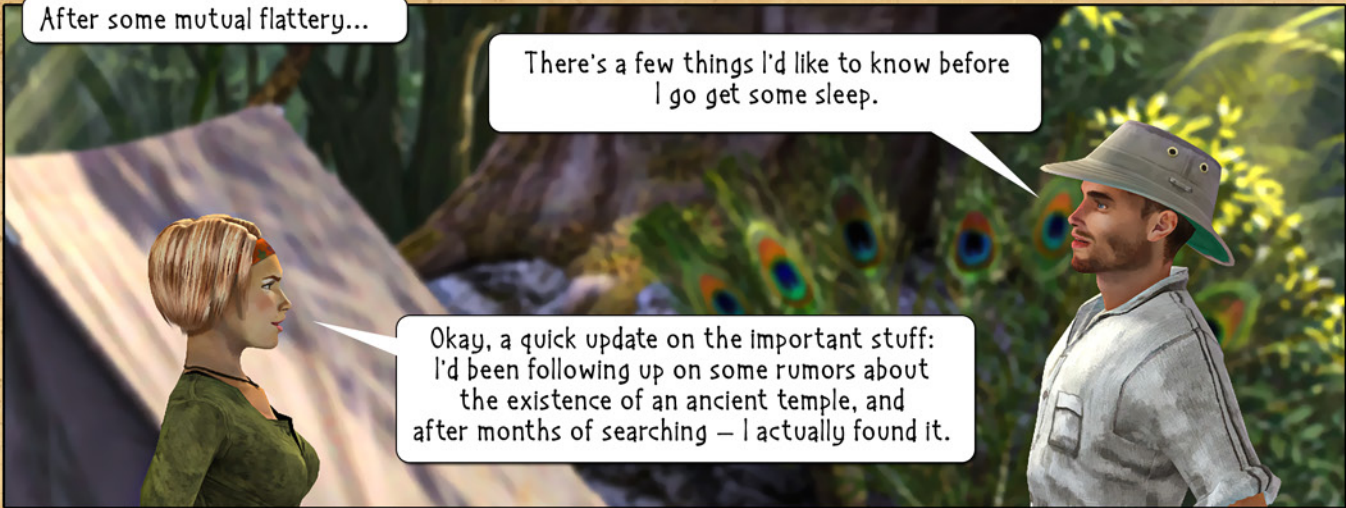
The last time we met we'd have been students, right? How long ago would that be then?



Can't be all that long ago, we're only just in our twenties.



True enough. And you look just as buff as you did then.



After some mutual flattery...

There's a few things I'd like to know before I go get some sleep.

Okay, a quick update on the important stuff: I'd been following up on some rumors about the existence of an ancient temple, and after months of searching – I actually found it.



Then a few weeks back, my team and I started to take a closer look at the outside of the temple.



Your team? Where are they?



It's a long story.

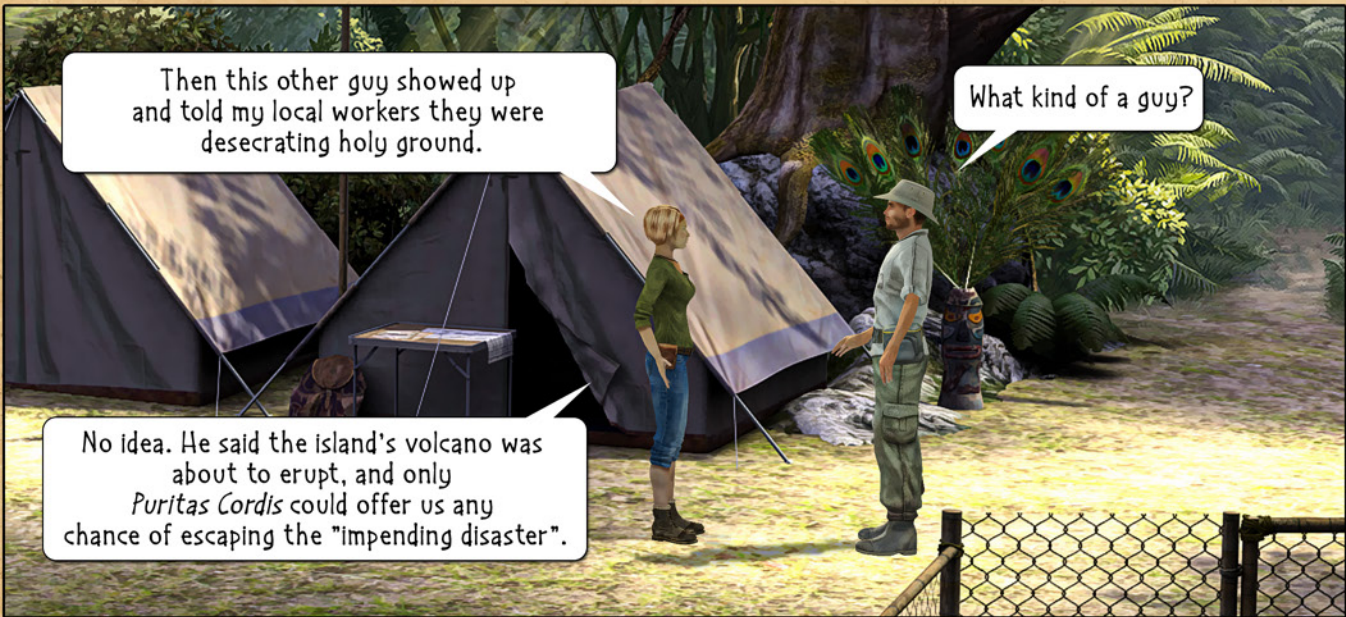
Make it short.

I had a few native helpers.

Had?



There were incidents. Stuff started to disappear, then some scaffolding collapsed, and finally two guys just vanished without a trace.



Then this other guy showed up and told my local workers they were desecrating holy ground.

What kind of a guy?

No idea. He said the island's volcano was about to erupt, and only *Puritas Cordis* could offer us any chance of escaping the "impending disaster".



Am, so clearly this sect's threat worked on your team.



Yep. I've already sent for some new guys from the mainland, but everything takes longer here.



So I've noticed. Okay, time for me to turn in...

Sleep well.

Thanks, you too.



In the night...

Help...



Not a word, or I'll kill you right here.

Sam? What's going on?



Move it, before I make you.

Sam?



Aaaaaaaahhhhhh....

KABOOM

Next morning...

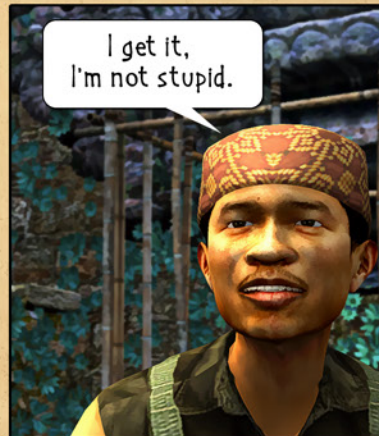


So, I'm off on my rounds. You'll be okay here, right?

Sure.



Remember we can't let that girl screw things up for us. The final test runs can't be disrupted.



I get it, I'm not stupid.



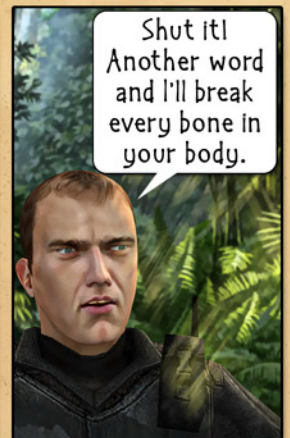
Am, that's debatable... But I'm hoping you know what's riding on this.



I'll make sure the chick doesn't get out of here.



Hello? I am not a chick! And I'm not going to be kept locked up. What's this all about anyway? Let me out right now!



Shut it! Another word and I'll break every bone in your body.

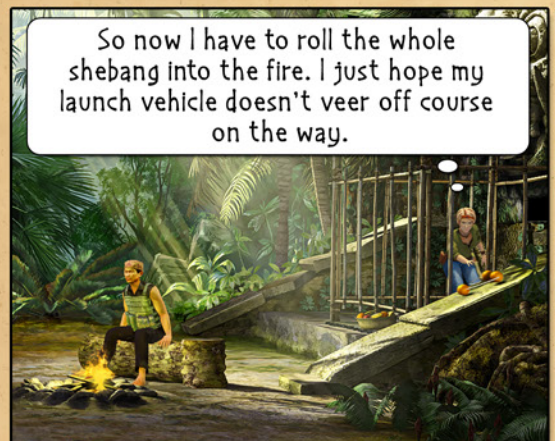
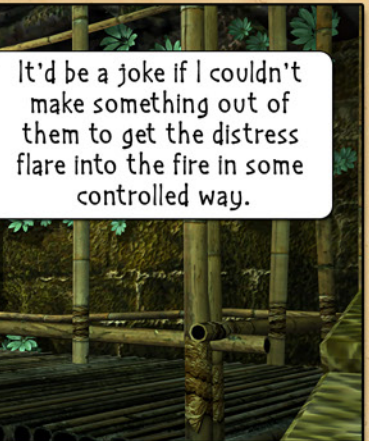


I've gotta go. Keep a good eye on her till I get back.

Okay.

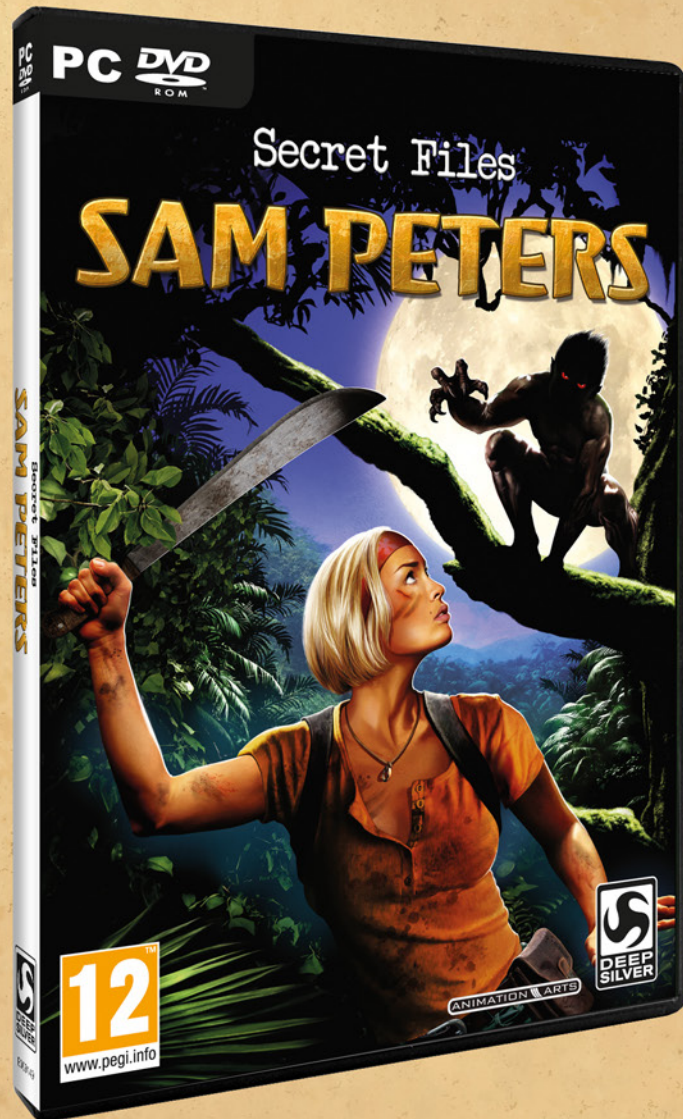


Uh—oh. What kind of trouble have I landed in now?



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