

INT. SUBTERRANEAN CAVERN

The ominous cavern walls are lined with phosphorescent stalactites, which are covered with light green moss and are dripping water.

We hear the team chanting a mantra in soft rhythmic tones as they stand encircling a clear pool of water. Ty is walking the perimeter, his weapon at the ready.

OWLEN COMMANDO SQUAD
MA-SHA-RHA-DOON...MA-SHA-RHA-DOON...

SELA
It is time for the Shadoon. The Shadoon has been practiced for thousands of years. It is the one weapon our adversaries will never overcome. Only one of us will make it home. The rest of us will die here. As each of us fall, we grow closer to the Shadoon.

Sela holds Ty's Amulet. She prays for a second and flips it into the water.

SELA (CONT'D)
...The Chosen will carry our souls from here to the Shadoon. They must live to tell this tale of treachery.

She joins the chanting as it becomes louder, filling the cavern with echoing intensity.

Ty maintains his vigilant orbit as his chant joins the others. He looks up to see a ball of warm white light emerge from the ceiling of the cavern. It hovers over the team.

The chant becomes louder as other glowing spheres seep through the cavern walls. It is obvious they are the living essences of the dead Owlén commandos.

The last remaining spirit, that of Lere, enters the main cavern opening and joins the rest in a cloud over the pool.

Together they spin and funnel into a tornado of light and energy, descending deep beneath the water's surface.

Maku is overwhelmed with what he sees.

Kalen's gaze is focused on the swirling pool. From one eye, a single tear falls. He knows which die has been cast.

The surface of the water bows to the shape of a lens. The Amulet floats and hovers as the speed of the chant increases.

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A beam of light shoots from the pool, piercing the stone in the Amulet. The more spirits it absorbs, the faster it spins.

Once all the energy has left the pool and entered the stone it's spin slows to a halt, pointing in fate's direction.

An enormous concussion emerges from the rear of the Amulet as it is propelled into Maku, who is forced into Ty, and they are both driven against the cavern wall.

A ring of light passes through the team and expands throughout the plantscape with a thunderous explosion.

The echoes of the Shadoon are heard from all directions.

Maku looks up at Ty, disoriented and searching to center on any reality he can.

TY
It didn't hit me that hard...