

Comic Script Sample

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Context:

Zack, Nick and Blu, find themselves trapped in a room after triggering a trap door. There is a puzzle in the room, and they need to solve it to escape.

Genre:

Sci-Fi

Characters:

Zack: a confident space hero and leader who can be a little egotistical.

Nick: a shy and nerdy second mate who is best friends with Zack since childhood.

Blu: A harmless cute blobby small blue alien who Nick found and taken care of as a pet.

Puzzle Room INT. – Unknown time.

Page 1:

Panel 1 (top row, square left):

ZACK is in the front of the panel camera patting his shoulder, cleaning dust off his shirt, his face is annoyed as he looks at NICK. Nick is slightly further away from Zack; he looks at Zack in confusion while holding BLU with his hands.

ZACK:

“Alright Nick, what did you do this time?”

NICK:

Me? I did nothing wrong; I only pulled a bloody lever.”

Panel 2 (top row, square right):

Zack is sceptical, hands on his hip, glaring at Nick (nick is not visible in this panel.

ZACK:

“Yeah, and we just happen to fall down and end up in a dead room.”

“No matter who to blame, the point is that we are in....”

Panel 3 (bottom row, big square):

A down crane shot of the room, looking ancient and webbed, bodies of alien skeletons laid down on different corners of the room, alien plant life is grown, but not much else, the Puzzle contraction is visible behind Nick and Zack, the two stand, Zack still has his hands on his shoulders, Nick still holding Blu.

ZACK:

“And now we have to find a way out.”

NICK:

“Could be worse. At least there isn’t a swamp monster, and the walls are not collapsing.”

ZACK:

“Don’t jinx us, Nick.”

Page 2:

Panel 1 (top row, rectangle):

Zack is on the left side of the panel, smiling as he speaks, a sealed door is shown at the end of the room in the middle of the panel. Nick is on the right side, next to the door, pointing at the right side of the room.

ZACK:

“Ha! I knew it! If there’s a way in, then there is a way out.”

“Now we have to figure out how to open the- “

NICK:

“Zack, look what I found!”

Panel 2 (middle row, left small rectangle):

Zack approach Nick and look at what Nick found, the two look at the same direction.

Panel 3 (middle row, right big rectangle):

Shows the side of the room that was never shown, carve writings with imagery of death and nature, the writing is in dead alien language that can’t be transcript.

Panel 4 (bottom row, left square):

Both Zack and Nick look at the wall, the two are focused on the wall and try to figure out what it is, Nick looking uncertain while Zack scratches his chin. Blu is visible in the panel, moving away from the duo.

NICK:

“I don’t understand the language, c... can you read it?”

ZACK:

“I’ll try”

“Hmm, looks remarkably familiar to the old writings of the extinct Mercius race. Maybe they colonised this planet and built this temple. Could be history about their culture, a warning of the dangers ahead or- “

Panel 5 (bottom row, right square):

Zack smiles as he snaps his fingers, 'Snap' is shown for sound effect, Nick turns his head away noticing Blu, who isn't visible in the panel. Nick panicked.

ZACK:

"Oh! I got it! It's a riddle to get out of this room!"

Page 3:

Panel 1 (top row, rectangle):

Zack is in the middle of the panel, looking at and trying to solve 'riddle' of the writing on the wall. In the background, on the left side, Nick is worried, seeing Blu working on the puzzle contraction.

ZACK:

"Alright, remembering my history lessons at school, that word has to mean 'egg.'

Panel 2 (middle row, rectangle):

Same as panel 1, but the background is different, the gears and pieces of the puzzle have moved due to Blu working on the puzzle, Nick watches, still panicking and worried about his pet.

ZACK:

"And that word means 'gold,' not sure what the rest means."

"But taking the transcript words into account, the riddle involves a golden egg."

Panel 1 (bottom row, rectangle):

Zack is in the middle of the panel, Nick and Blu are now on the right side, Blu is managed to solve the puzzle, Nick's eyes are fixed on the door slowly opening, the door isn't visible in the panel but shows the motions from the puzzle contraction.

"Somewhere in this room, there is a hidden golden egg for us to find and..."

Page 4:

Panel 1 (top row, rectangle):

Same as the panels in the previous page, there is light on the right side of the room, indicating that the door is open, Nick calls out to Zack, Zack notice, his eyes turned away from the wall and looking at the opened door.

NICK:

“Uh... Zack? The door is open.”

Panel 2 (middle row left square):

Zack raises in arm in victory, believing that he managed to solve the riddle and somehow cause the door to open.

ZACK:

“I knew it! It wasn’t an egg to find.”

“It’s a voice activated passcode, and the answer to the riddle is Golden egg!”

Panel 2 (middle row, right square):

Nick tries to correct Zack, while holding Blu in his arms, Zack ignored Nick, takes a heroic stance, smiling proudly and pointing at himself.

NICK:

“Actually, it was Blu who- “

ZACK:

“I opened the door and solved the riddle of this room.”

“Another challenge conquered by the greatest hero of the galaxy!”

Panel 3 (bottom left, left big rectangle):

Zack Nick leaves the room, the two going through the door.

NICK:

“But-”

ZACK:

“No time to chit-chat, Nick, we taken our first challenge.”

Panel 4 (bottom right, small rectangle):

Close shot of Blu in Nick's arms, who looked annoyed as it rolls their eyes over.

ZACK (off-panel):

“And there will be more from here on out.”

End of Comic Scenario Sample.