

SCENE 5A Mayan Scene

Riki - Hannah

Ret - Tula

Lucky -Evan H

Mayan Coach - Nik

Mayan 1 - Derin

Mayan 2 - Tim

Mayan 3 - Nate

Referee - Ruben

Riki: Who are those people over there, Lucky?

Lucky: Why, those are the ancient Mayan people. Welcome to Meso America!

Ret: What are they doing on those stairs?

Lucky: They are counting off days until their big “Pok a Tok” game.

Riki: On the stairs?

Lucky: Yes. The ancient Mayans used a complex calendar system. Some of their pyramids were used like calendars ~ complete with 4 staircases of 91 steps apiece. That equals 364 steps, much like your modern day calendar. Anyway, not too much longer 'til their big game. Let me tell you the stakes are BIG in their bracket. Let's have a listen to what the coach has to say to the team....

Coach: Okay, team. Let's go over this again. It's just like in the myth: we are the gods of the sky and we are playing those LOSERS from the underworld. I wanna see you move that ball down the field and through the hoops.

Mayan 1: But, coach, the hoops are TOO high.

Mayan 2: But, coach, the field is SO large.

Mayan 3: But, coach, this game is IMPOSSIBLE.

Mayan Coach: I know, I know. Listen I know you can do it. They don't call us “The Gods of the Sky” for nothing. Hey, look sharp: here comes the Ref.

Ref: Okay, we are getting close to game time folks. Just a reminder, people: NO HANDS, NO FEET touch the ball. Let's go over what IS allowed: What CAN you use to move the ball down the field?

Mayan 1: I know! I know! Our elbows (moves elbows like in the chicken dance)

Mayan 2: I know! I know! Our hips (moves hips like an old granny)

Mayan 3: I know! I know! Our knees! (begins moving knees in an awkward knock kneed fashion)

Mayan Coach: (to self) Wow. Uh, this is gonna be a LOT harder than I thought....

Ref: Okay - okay. Once the game begins, we'll have half time in a couple of days, take a short break for some of those tasty bug tacos and then back to the big game. Once someone gets the ball through that hoop, the game is over. Winner takes all! Losers..... well.....

Mayan Coach: (stands) We will retire your number and notify your next of kin.

Mayan1: This game lasts for DAYS?

Mayan 2: Notify our next of kin?

Mayan 3: BUG TACOS?

Mayan 1: I think I'm injured. (fakes bad leg)

Mayan 2: I think my mom needs me to help out at home right now. (gestures offstage)

Mayan 3: I think I have a school play tonight and will have to miss the game (gestures to audience)

Mayan Coach: Forget we said anything. Just go out there and have a good time. Now come on, who cares about March Madness, let's go make some Mayan Madness. Besides, we better clear out of here ~ it looks like they are about to have a play practice.
(*They exit, Greek Chorus enters*)

