

## **DASH 9 Opening Skit**

You can have two members of your team play these roles before you begin the hunt to help set the scene for DASH 9.

**Cast:** two grad students: one happy, one cranky.

**Happy Grad Student:** Can you believe what we're finding here? There's going to be plenty to finish our PhDs!

**Cranky Grad Student:** Sure, if Dr. Jones ever lets us get out of the dirt and start writing this stuff up. We're just the cheap labor on this project and stuck here until there's nothing left to dig.

**HGS:** I hear Dr. Jones is bringing in a group of experts to help. Maybe we can finally figure out what we're looking at.

**CGS:** That will only help if they have better luck than we have. Can you believe the freak accident? Pat slipped from a scaffold yesterday, fell on Jamie, and Alex twisted an ankle in the resulting chaos. Three grad students on the way home while the rest of us are stuck here with more work.

**HGS:** Still, we've had a ton of good luck. Taylor literally stumbled over the first of those mysterious artifacts which started our best dig, then Jordan found the tunnel behind what seemed like solid rock, and Kelly found more artifacts hidden under what we thought was useless rubble. Those three breakthroughs turned this into a dig that may reveal something big.

**CGS:** I'm all for making it into the history books, but could we at least be doing it somewhere less hostile? The bugs. The rats. The snakes. I could take any two of those, but the three together...

**HGS:** That's interesting. Three, three, and three. We're getting a lot of threes here. There's definitely something interesting at hand.

**CGS:** Yeah, great. And here come the "experts." [*CGS makes the air quotes gesture.*] I'll keep them out of trouble until Dr. Jones can get them started working on the latest mystery, that locking mechanism on the grand portal.