

Ext. Day - Ta Lo

Soul suckers are flying overhead, the dweller in darkness screams from a hilltop. A general of the Ta Lo people is yelling commands as his people drop like flies around him. A soul sucker picks him up just as the great protector explodes from the lake. The giant dragon eats the soul sucker leaving the general staggering but alive. The dragon then turns his focus to the dweller in darkness as the Ta Lo people rally their forces. The dragon wraps his teeth around one of the dweller in darknesses wings, dragging him from the mountainside.

One of the Ta Lo people sneaks into the cave that is carved into the mountainside, carrying nothing but a bag on his hip. As he enters he sees a glowing waterfall, glistening with golden threads. He steps further into the cave and finds circular divots in the cave walls, he steps towards them and traces them with his fingers. The roaring and screaming of the great protector and the dweller in darkness shake the cave as he looks towards the entrance. He steps towards the waterfall with purpose. He pulls out of the bag a single dragonscale which he tosses into the water. As he does the waterfall starts to glow brighter, the circular divots on the cave wall also start to glow. When he goes back towards the wall to take a closer look the divots are no longer empty. He pulls from the wall rings that glow gold. 10 Rings.

He emerges from the cave wearing the 10 rings around his wrists and forearms, he seems to glow himself. His presence gets the attention of both the dweller in darkness and the great protector who both start hurtling toward him. He launches one set of the rings at the dweller, distracting him long enough for the great protector to slam him into the mountainside. The man stands at the cave mouth and pulls back the rings. The dweller turns his face and screams. Snapping his fangs at the great protector the dweller heads towards the cave mouth, the man steps to the side and sends the rings into the cave. The dweller follows after them. The man pulls the rings back and the great protector seals the cave with an avalanche of rock.

The man and the great protector fly back to the village, landing on the edge of the lake. As the man steps off the great protector a portal opens up and the sorcerer supreme steps through.

SORCERER SUPREME

I was called here by a great source of power.

The man holds out his forearms revealing the glowing rings. The sorcerer supreme walks up to him and studies the rings.

SORCERER SUPREME

These can not stay here, it is too dangerous.

He opens up another portal and gestures towards the man, the man hesitates but then sends the rings into the portal.

HARD CUT

INT. DAY - SEAN'S APARTMENT

Sean is laying face down drooling into a pillow when his alarm goes off. He slams his hand over the alarm clock causing it to tumble to the floor. He sits up in bed looking around his small, one bedroom apartment. There is a picture on his dresser, one woman who looks lovingly at the camera and a young girl with long black hair and a cheesy smile. He picks up the frame and touches it longingly. There is a knock on his door. He opens it and finds Katie on the other side.

KATIE

Dude you aren't ready yet? Come on, we're gonna be late!

SEAN

Yeah, yeah I just have to get dressed.

He walks to the closet and pulls out black slacks and a white button up.

KATIE

You're lucky that I'm here, I will make sure we aren't late for work.

SEAN

What did you do?

KATIE

I may have already stopped there....

SEAN

You didn't...

Katie smiles and shrugs her shoulders.

HARD CUT

EXT. DAY - CAR

Katie and Sean are in a fancy sports car flying down the freeway. Sean is gripping the edges of the car with a panicked look on his face. Katie turns the wheel hard pulling into the valet section of the hotel where they work. Katie looks at Sean and smiles.

SEAN

I will admit that you got us here in time.

KATIE

Just call me Danica Patrick baby!

Sean is already climbing out of the car.

SEAN

Never again!

INT. NIGHT - RESTAURANT

Sean and Katie are sitting across the table from a young couple. A waitress comes and drops off drinks to which Katie immediately starts sucking down. The young man, John, has his mouth hung open in shock.

JOHN

You stole the guys keys?

KATIE

If he didn't want them stolen then he shouldn't have kept them in his locker.

Katie goes back to her drink leaving her friends giggling at her.

JOHN

Did you guys get in trouble?

KATIE

Why would we? It's-

SEAN/SAMANTHA

Only a crime if you get caught.

The table erupts into laughter.

INT. DAY - BUS

Katie is waiting at the bus stop as Sean walks up smiling. They enter the bus, find seats and Katie collapses her head into her hands.

SEAN

Had a little too much last night?

KATIE

I do not know what you are talking about.

Sean leans really close to her ear.

SEAN

No. Of course not!

She jolts and moves a seat away from him.

[BUS SCENE]

INT. DAY - SEAN'S APARTMENT

Sean bursts through his front door and immediately starts throwing clothes in a bag. Katie trails behind him still looking very shaken.

KATIE

Did that guy say you had a sister?

Sean pauses for a moment at her question and then keeps packing.

KATIE

Sean, stop!

She grabs his arm, forcing him to stop. There are tears in his eyes.

KATIE

What is going on?

Without a word Sean heads to his closet and pulls out a scrapbook, he holds it for a moment, concerned. Then he hands it to her. Katie opens the book to find newspaper clippings, hundreds of them, covering crimes from around the world. Assassinations, imprisonments, robberies, money laundering, war crimes. Katie turns every page with more and more shock and horror in her face.

KATIE

What is all this?

Sean refuses to look at her.

SEAN

My dad.

He walks over to his nightstand and picks up the picture next to his bed, he collapses onto the edge of his bed and a tear escapes his eyes. Katie moves to sit next to him, closing the scrapbook and tossing it on the floor.

SEAN

I ran away when I found out what he was. I left my sister and I don't even know what happened to her.

KATIE

You escaped.

SEAN

I should have taken her with me...I have to find her.

KATIE

Let me help you.

Sean looks at Katie and wipes his face. He nods and she gives him a hug.
END OF ACT 1

The people of Ta Lo feel a change and are arming themselves for a battle they can feel coming.

Sean and Katie head to Macau due to Sean hearing rumblings of civil unrest. They get there at night and find a masked figure at a government building. The figure sees them and runs off. Fight scene through the streets of Macau. Sean and Katie chase down and catch up with the masked figure and discover that it is Sean's sister. Sean mentions that the ten rings stole his pendant, she says that he must be going after Ta Lo. Katie asks what Ta Lo is and Sean says that it is just a story that their mom used to tell them as kids.

Xailing disappears and we find out that she has been the one commanding the Ten Rings for the last few years, every decision she's made has been carefully made so that dad thinks he is still in control but the armada is loyal to her.

Sean and Katie head to Beijing to meet an old acquaintance, one that helped train Sean. He tells Sean that his family has been controlling China

for decades but that when Xailing took over that control has expanded. He sends them to Mongolia. Here Sean and Katie interrupt Xailing in the middle of an arms deal. Xailing asks Sean what he wants, he responds with wanting to know that she is safe. She laughs. Having the deal interrupted, a fight breaks out between the Mongolians and Sean and Katie, Xailing slips away. Katie is injured but tells Sean that is the most exciting thing that has ever happened to her.

Sean and Katie manage to pick up Xailing's trail and follow her to their fathers compound. Xailing confronts dad about Ta Lo and he reveals that great power lies there, power he wants. She wants to come with him.

Sean and Katie go out on their own to find a way to get to Ta Lo. Sean and Katie get to Ta Lo first, warning the people of Dad's arrival. Auntie gives Sean a suit of dragon scales forged "just in case" he ever arrived. Dad and sister arrive in Ta Lo and dad tells Xailing that the power lies beyond the black gate, she then gives the order to the Ten Rings and they turn on him. Killing him quickly. She takes the ten rings off of him. She sneaks off to the black gates entrance and Sean follows her. [Fight scenes between Sean and Xailing]. Sean asks her why she is doing this and she responds by saying that the only way to survive was to have more power than those around you.

END OF ACT 2