

Gunpowder Man (side 1)

I opened the barrel and saw the evil powder winking up at me. Somehow I made myself put in the scoop and lift it out. I was shaking so hard the whole scoopful was scattered on the wind. So once more! This time I got it up to the hole and I tipped it in. One more scoop. Now, with a wooden peg, tap it in firmly. But gently. Gently. Any sparks and I'm a dead Tiger. All right. Stick in the fuse. A handful of clay. Moosh it in there. Tight. Yes. Signal the others I'm ready to light. Yes. Light your match. Light your match! (*strikes the match but it breaks and falls without lighting the fuse*) Oh, my god. Both their fuses are already burning. They've given the signal. They're being lifted. Another match. Steady. It's burning. Pull me up! Pull me up!

I was still feet from the top when BOOM...BOOM the charges of the others shook the whole cliff. My basket leaps. They heave me to the top and I'm just getting out when BOOM my charge goes off.

Happy Tiger wrapped me in his arms. "I knew you could do it! Mother is proud...Just one problem though."

"What?"

"As long as you live, I'll never be able to tease you with firecrackers."

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