

A graphic of a white, folded paper fan or envelope with the text 'Act I' and 'Scene 2' written on it in a blue, serif font.

Act I
Scene 2

Filler Puzzle

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Harrison shakes his head. “Still not working.” Panic has crept into his voice. The harsh metallic jungle surrounding your team begins to screech, reflecting his subconscious.

“We never expected it would be easy,” you remind him. “Not every obstacle is a harbinger of doom. Shannon, stay here and help him. Everyone else, let’s go and take a look. Something in the machinery out there has evidently become loose.”

Penny and Lamar fall in behind you as you step into the metal maze. Time seems to slow as the three of you navigate between angled girders, duck under spinning cogs, and avoid becoming tangled in pulleys.

“Good thing Lamar isn’t claustrophobic,” says Lamar as he eases between two humming spheres. “Or maybe he should be.”

Penny turns back and gives him a warm smile, but her expression quickly changes to one of curiosity. “What’s this written on one of the spheres?” You head back and take a closer look...



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goddess following
 wood metals
 country baton
 overgrown contest
 pepper mound
 relatives release
 nine performers single
 empress gas
 element fuss
 slanting anklebones
 dive breather

pale bat
 Spain bridge
 staggering ragamuffin
 secretary digs
 cynic snacked
 pink spy
 belaboured composer
 standard alternatively
 prawn bivouac
 thin monkey
 teach coin
 gun progress

dressing gown beating
 keen time
 rope donkey
 exposed truck
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my mistake basket
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