Cantuña – The Man Who Tricked The Devil

Instruction: Cloze the gaps in the story of one of the most beloved legends of Quito, Cantuña.

According to legend, Cantuña was a _____of great talent. Although he worked diligently, it was slow going and it soon became apparent that he would not finish the _____on time. He wished to avoid this, as he would not be paid at all if it were not ready on a certain date.

Just as Cantuña thought he will not complete the atrium on time, the

_____appeared in a puff of smoke and offered to make a deal. He would finish the work overnight and the atrium would be ready on time. What the devil asked him in exchange was ... his_____.. The desperate Cantuña accepted the____. The Devil called in a large band of worker demons and they spent the whole night building the atrium.

Cantuña was pleased with the work but naturally began to regret the deal he had made. While the Devil was not paying attention, Cantuña _____one of the stones of the walls and hid it. As dawn broke on the day the atrium was to be given to the Franciscans, the Devil eagerly demanded_____. Cantuña pointed out the missing _____and claimed that since the Devil had not fulfilled his end of the deal, the contract was void. Foiled, the angry Devil disappeared in a puff of smoke. And so, Cantuña prevented the devil from fulfilling the contract.

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