

Session/Game: Private Dicks-5 **Date:** July 15, 2026

#5: The Case of the Heisted Bombs Part 3: Friggin' Job Blows

Campaign Date: March, 1947, Week 2

The McNulty Agency:

Richard Eric Magnum (Craig)

Rangeley Wade Melman (Bob)

Palmela Hansbury (Andrew—absent)

Pudge Matheson (Pete)

Remington Monroe IV (Adam—absent)

Judge: Dave N.

Log:

March 9

Evening

After Palmela and Remington felt it was too late for anything and went home, Pudge, Rangeley (in disguise) and Magnum decide to stake out the New Acre Development Company in Downtown but no one goes in or out.

Night

They slide on over to The Boulevard Jazz Club. Rangeley sits on a mess and gets his britches all wet. Joe Dickerson, of Dickerson's cleaning, tries to help him out with a can of *Dickerson's Instant Dry*, "just pop into the bathroom, and you are ready to swing! Only \$10.57!" Rangeley refuses to go into the bathroom with some guy and his magic can, besides, \$10.57, that's crazy! Pudge asks Mary Torch, an informant of his and star singer in the club, to let him join the Jazz but she forbears because of the boss' insistence on keeping it a class joint. The three stay for one number and head home. Pudge drops Magnum off at his apartment house in Uptown Heights and drives over to Rangeley's house in River View where he weasels another night crashing on the couch. However, the hit-man known as Chopper was waiting in ambush inside Magnum's apartment and sprays Magnum with his Tommy gun as he enters the place. Magnum would have surely been killed if it weren't for 2 of the 3 bullets he was hit with being slowed by Magnum's cigarette case and grandma's locket. Magnum flees down the stairs, ditches Chopper and ducks into alley to patch up some.

March 10

Morning

After Pudge and Rangeley argue about work and mooching, with Pudge being the typical jazzbo slack-about. They rejoin the injured Magnum at the office and they decide to all go to the River View Diner, in hopes that Pops was working and thus they could get Magnum a cup of his famous java. Pudge is hassled by a pair of young punks at the diner, but he quickly puts them in their greasy places. Pudge finds himself in sympathy with the beatnik dishwasher about how much having a "job" and following the "rules" is all bullshit. There's no famous java since Pops wasn't there. Pudge is recognized by several customers as the "Jazzbo Detective." Pudge and Rangeley and Magnum drive down to Downtown to stake out the Railroad Theater, on Pudge's theory that one of the crew might have hidden a bomb crate for Pepperello to square gambling debts. They see that most of the tech staff are from Popeton.

Afternoon

To check out the inside of the theater, Pudge and Rangeley go to the matinee performance of the hit musical *Brigadoon*, while the injured Magnum waits in the car. Musical called Brigadoon. They get a good look at theater lay out. But while they are enjoying the show, Detective Barshinger and 2 deputies chance upon Magnum in the car, totally by chance. The lawmen start hassling Magnum and he cops an attitude, so they get him out of the car, drench him in booze and haul him down to Center City. Pudge and Rangeley come out of the show to find Magnum gone.

Evening

Pudge and Rangeley decide to go to Spaghetti Palace for dinner. When they think to call the office Madelin tells them that Magnum is in drunk tank down at the jail. At the Palace, Rangeley finds his little pal Timski who points out Pepperello. They get a thermos of java from Mamma Mary. Then they drive back to Rangeley's for new clothes. They then make their way over tonight court and pay the \$50 fine to spring Magnum for a charge of "Drunkenness and Loitering in the Vicinity of a Musical Theater." Mary's java does indeed heal up Magnum.

Night:

All three dicks spend the night at Magnum's, first because it's so nice, second because they feel that Chopper was unlikely to hit the same place 2 nights in a row.

March 11

Morning: When Pudge, Magnum and Rangeley get near the office, they see that the cops taped off area nearby and there's an old lady wheel chair shaped chalk outline near a set of outdoor stairs. They figure, based on cigarette butts and a few dropped bullets that Chopper had set up an ambush site, but got distracted by the opportunity to shove an old lady down the stairs. Arriving at the office, they get the Wonski and Volski addresses from phone book and realize it shouldn't be hard to track down Pollack Stan's cousins.. They spend the rest of the morning driving around Popeton to spy out addresses.

Afternoon

They wasted afternoon tailing Pollack Stan's cousins, but are as observant as a Louisiana fence post.

Evening

Pudge, Magnum and Rangeley decide to put the Pepperllo crate, which they have a hunch is in the Railroad Theater, on the front burner, leaving the cousin crate and Chopper on the back burners. So they take the evening to get some rest.

Night

After midnight, the three dicks proceed to break into Railroad Theater, Rangeley gets door open. They split up and start searching, Pudge beats up and capture the night janitor who tried to hit him with a fire extinguisher. With info from the janitor, they find the bomb part crate and get it to car. They pay janitor \$20. Back at the office, Magnum calls Mary Headline and gives her the story. He tells her they found the crate in the theater and the stage manager was stashing it there because of debts to the mob.

In the morning they deliver the crate to the insurance company and collect \$3000. They decide that each of the three of them deserved a \$100 bonus and paid it out.