

Session/Game: Private Dicks-6 **Date:** August 5, 2026
#6: The Case of the Heisted Bombs Part 4: Accused of Being Irish
Campaign Date: March, 1947, Week 3

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 15

Morning

An Italian gangster named Crazy Leo came to the agency to summon the guys to talk to the loan shark Frank Pepperello. While Rangeley and Pudge immediately went downstairs to the waiting cab (despite the fact that Leo thought Pudge was Irish), Magnum refused to leave the office. You can only push a guy named Crazy Leo so far and a fight broke out between the two men. Leo nearly whacked Magnum's head with a blackjack, but slipped at the last instant. Magnum hits Leo several times with brass knuckles, bruising him real good. Leo then pulls his revolver and empties all six rounds at Magnum, but only manages a couple of flesh wounds. Alarmed by the noise, Rangeley returns and shoots Leo down, causing multiple serious fractures.

The dicks patch up Leo and throw him in the cab. Pudge gets in the cab with Leo and the cabby drives them off with Magnum and Rangeley tailing them in Pudge's sedan. They all eventually arrive at Frank's Cash Checking and Salary Lending in Broadly where they meet Frank Pepperello.

The loan shark warns the dicks that he's a made man in the Pittsburgh Family and they'd be wise not to cross him. He tells them that they have 3 days to either give him back the crate of bomb parts that they had retrieved from the Railroad Theater, or cough up \$5000 in recompense, or it would go hard for them (calling them potato-eating Irish flat-foots).

Magnum, Pudge and Rangely return to the office and come up with a plan to find the third crate, reportedly hidden with one of Pollack Stan's cousins in Popeton, and then give it to Pepperello as if it were the second crate, saying that they boosted it from the insurance company.

Evening

The dicks spent the evening at the River Jazz Spot, where Magnum met up with his informabt Johnny Jazzbo and got some useful info. Pudge was recognized as "the Jazzbo Detective" and played a fair to middling set with the band. Johnny Jazzbo said that it was pretty good for an Irishman. Irritated, Pudge made it clear he was Swedish, dammit.

March 16

Morning

In the morning, after checking to see if Pops is at the River View Diner making java and being disappointed, the detectives decided to trail Pollack Stan's cousins from their homes (located through the phone book) to their various workplaces, to figure out where the third crate may have been hidden. Magnum followed Sammy Volski to Bronski's Bar; Rangeley followed Thomas Volski to the Big Time Potato Warehouse; Pudge followed Delbert Volski to the Popeton McCrory's. The detectives met up and decided that the Potato Warehouse was the most likely place for the crate to be hidden and so resolved to break into the joint and search it overnight.

Late Evening

Magnum picked the lock into the mechanical shop of the warehouse after dark. All three detectives searched it and then attempted to silently open the door into the main warehouse from there. They got the door open, but it made a huge racket. This surprised a group of 7 Irish punks, who were shooting dice and then planned to steal some potatoes. The dicks shouted that they were police and ordered the punks to surrender. 2 of them (Seamus and Paddy) surrender to the "cops" and the rest flee into the night.

When one prisoner (Seamus) berates Pudge for "arresting one of his own people", Pudge goes berserk, screaming that he wasn't Irish and punches the punk to death. They let the last punk (Paddy) go and cover the corpse with a stack of potato sacks. After the search the warehouse and the office, they determine that the crate wasn't in fact present.

March 17

Morning/Afternoon

Having struck out with the Volski side of the family, the next morning the team set about following the three Wonski cousins. Pudge tailed Fritz Wonski to his job as a janitor at South Molesburg Junior High. Magnum tailed Ralph Wonski to Tito's garage. Rangeley tailed Will Wonski to West End Shoes.

The dicks gathered and decided that a janitor would have access to a lot of useful hiding places in a junior high. Rangeley, smoothly approaches Fritz, but fails to charm him into giving access. Rangeley then pickpockets Fritz's keys as he leaves the building in the afternoon.

Night

After the evening janitor crew has left, the dicks use the stolen keys to enter and search the school. After several hours of searching, Pudge finds the crate behind a big box of dodge balls. The dicks haul the crate to the car and return to the agency.

March 18

After some serious discussion, the team executes the following plan, the goal being to satisfy Pepperello by handing over the third crate, pretending it to be the second and at the same time get the actual crate of bomb parts into the hands of the authorities and giving Mary Headlines a big scoop:

The team hires a local delivery service to take crate to Frank's from a pick up point on Finster Road. Rangeley in cheap disguise hands the crate to the delivery driver, who suspects that the detective is in disguise, but appreciates the Groucho effect. They call Pepperello and say that the crate is on the way. crate on the way. Magnum calls Mary Headlines and tells her

where/when crate will be delivered to Pepperello. They tail the truck to make sure it arrives safely.

When the delivery arrives, Mary gets photos of Greasy Joe and Jimmy Bricks, two of Pepperello's goons, receiving it at Frank's Check Cashing. Mary then calls the cops, who bust into the place before the crate can be moved. There are big headlines about Pepperello and his goons being arrested. But it's clear it won't be an open and shut case.

Whether Pepperello and his pals in the Pittsburgh Mafia consider the McNultys' to have "cleared their debt" or whether they suspect that they are dirty Irish potato-eating rats is so far unknown. They may blame Mary Headlines as a "stinking dame snooper."

Once Crazy Leo recovers from his wounds, he certainly will have a grudge against Rangeley and Magnum. But, the Case of the Heisted Bomb Parts is over. The agency did arrange the recovery of all three crates, despite only getting paid for two of them (the cops getting the credit for the third).