

BEST SERVED HOT

Game: To A Bloody Pulp, Savage Worlds

Session: #12: Best Served Hot

Date: May 28, 2017

Campaign Date: May 27-28, 1934

Characters

Dr. Raymond St.-Giles (a.k.a. Doctor Rhombus), Andrew Smith

Two Chains, Bob LaForge

Tony Farms (a.k.a. The Puma Man), Jason Liebert

Stefan Malju (a.k.a. Evil Evye), Marlon Kirton

Ruston Keys (a.k.a. The Rusty Shadow, a.k.a. Sweater Vest) Tim Moyer

Space Cop (a.k.a. A cop from the future, the future of space) Jason Liebert

Henchman Roll Call:

Henchmen took no part in the action this session

Judge: Dave Nelson

THE PROBLEM: A series of arsons and fire-based assaults have been popping up all over town. Mr. Cheavers points out that the only thing they all have in common are that they are connected to Team C's former cases. Intelligence reports that a swell party, hosted by Myrtle May Breckenridge, at the swanky Brentwood Room in the Financial District, is likely to be the next target. The team must protect the party's guests and then track down the arsonists responsible and prevent further attacks.

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AIN'T NO PARTY LIKE A NIXON PARTY

Sunday May 27, 1934, Midnight

As Dr. Rhombus, Pumaman, Evil Eye and Rusty are talking with Myrtle May Breckenridge (and her assistant Shemp) in the office of the Brentwood Room, a squad of cops arrive and swarm Two Chains, looking to bring him in for the Myrtle May's!! Massacre of some months before. But, an instant later a gang of criminals, all dressed in orange coveralls, who call themselves "The Firemen" burst in through the kitchen and the back door of the club. Shemp, followed by Myrtle May, stumbles out of the office and knocks over one of the firemen. One of the party guests, young intern Richard Nixon, tries to rush the criminals but fails to reach them before they level flamethrowers and guns at the assembled guests, demanding that everyone freeze or everyone dies.

Dr. Rhombus, with his hands raised, leaves the office and walks in front of Myrtle May. One of the gangster shoots at him, missing. But this causes the police in the entryway to begin firing ineffectually at the gangsters. Rhombus uses his mental powers to confuse "Burny"--the lead henchman, and 3 of the gangsters. But, now a general melee breaks out.

Two Chains and Evil Eye kill large number of the gangsters almost immediately. As Dr. Rhombus hurries Myrtle May and the club hostess (Ester VanSexy) to safety in the office, the gangsters respond to the assault by Eye and Chain by shooting a flamethrower into the crowd and throwing 3-4 of hand grenades to cover a planned escape. 3 of the civilians are killed, and another 3 (and Shemp) were critically injured. The count of dead might have been higher if

Pumaman hadn't thrown himself onto one of the grenades, absorbing the blast and dieing instantly, and horribly. Burny tries to escape through the kitchen, but Evil Eye shoots him dead. One policemen shoots one of his partners dead with a tommy gun, and two others are killed by the gangsters, forcing them to flee in panic. Two Chains, with some help from Rusty and Nixon kill all the gangsters at the back door, but one manages to drive off in an armored car parked by the kitchen door.

After briefly mourning Pumaman, and scraping his remains into a bucket, the team flees into the night, before the police can arrive in force.

THE TRAIL OF THE FIREMEN

May 27, midnight to 4am

Evil Eye canvasses the Financial District for clues about the armored car, with no luck. Rusty goes back to headquarters and gets some sleep. Dr. Rhombus arranges a date with hostess Ester VanSexy and pumps her for information or something. Two Chains lurks outside of the Crime Alley Fire Station listening for chatter about the "Firemen", but has no luck.

May 27, 4am to 8am

While Evil Eye, Two Chains, and Dr. Rhombus sleep it off, Rusty drops by Eddie's High Life, looking for information and discovers that the Firemen are part of the Wound Ravens gang.

May 27. 8am to Noon

At the breakfast table, the team is joined by a new recruit named Space Cop who is quickly brought up to speed. Evil Eye consults his business contacts about the fire-proof coveralls that the Firemen were wearing and is pointed to the Mercantile Research and Consulting Firm to get a good analysis. Dr. Rhombus, Two Chains and Rusty go to Gotham University to confront Dr. Hans Gruberman. Rhombus and Gruberman instantly become confrontational and snap to a psychic battle in which Rhombus is bested and retreats. Nevertheless, he is convinced that, even though Gruberman is a total jerk, he's not involved in the Firemen plot. Space Cop goes down to his former precinct in Old Gotham and asks about the Firemen, however, some of his former rivals in the department start hassling him. He starts to fight, but they start clubbing him and he flees.

May 27, Noon to 4pm

Rusty goes to visit Izuzu Washaki, a cab-driver friend of the team whose car had been destroyed by the Firemen. When he arrives, he finds that Buck Greasely, reporter from the Bugle, is there talking to the cabbie. Rusty waits till Greasely is gone and then talks to the cabbie, and finds that the Firemen had said that the attack was a "message to the masked men and their friends." Evil Eye, discovering from the Mercantile Research firm that the chemicals in the fire suits were unusual, and had been imported to certain small firms in Otisburg and Crime Alley. Space Cop stands guard outside of Myrtle May's house. Two Chains and Dr. Rhombus go to Otisburg and visit the offices of the Tribune Newspaper. When they are refused permission to go through the paper morgue, Dr. Rhombus leaves a message for reporter Ida May Weinstein for her to contact him.

May 27. 4pm to 8pm

Rusty visits Kane Library, but finds no leads. Two Chains watches Izuzu again, with no results. Space Cop decides to maintain guard duty over Myrtle May, but is soon confronted by Inspector Bronski and some of his men. They beat the living tar out of Space Cop and steal his stuff. Dr. Rhombus has a meeting with Ida May Weinstein at a local Chinese restaurant. After a brief discussion of threats to the news media, the meeting involves into a date and moves to

the Team C satellite headquarters, a 2-bedroom apartment in Old Gotham, where he pumps her for information or something.

Meanwhile, Evil Eye follows up on chemical leads in Otisburg, where he is approach by Constable Rich Evans, who, for \$20, tells him that the 2 transit cops who beat him on the train a while back can be found in the Fashion District automat for the next few hours. He hurries down there, turns invisible and enters the automat. Here he finds not the transit cops, but 7 of the Firemen waiting in ambush. Striking from invisibility he quickly kills all 7 gangsters.

May 27, 8pm to Midnight

Dr. Rhombus's date with Ida May Weinstein continues. Two Chains continues to watch Izuzu and spots Buck Greasely nosing around. Chains tried to follow Buck when he leaves, but is spotted and confronted by him. Evil Eye searches Crime Alley for clues, to no avail.

Rusty and Space Cop find Inspector Bronski's house. Rusty punches out the two policemen guarding the front door and the pair burst in. Space Cop shoots Bronski dead and they ransack the house, retrieving the equipment that Bronski had previously lifted from Space Cop. The two guard cops and Bronski's "girlfriend" being left conspicuously alive.

May 28, Midnight to 4am

All the team, except Two Chains, get some sleep. Two Chain tails Buck Greasely, but he merely has gone home to sleep.

May 28, 4am to 8am

Two Chains gets some sleep. Evil Eye wanders about Crime Alley, discovering in Murphy's Lament that the Firemen are planning to move against industrialist Desmond Cobblepot.

Rusty and Space Cop kidnap Buck Greasely at Cheeseball's restaurant and return him to HQ, where Dr. Rhombus reads his mind and decides that while Greasely hates the vigilantes, he has not part of the Firemen plot.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SUPERVILLAIN WHO FOLDS LIKE A CHEAP SUIT?

May 28, 8am to 4pm

Alarmed by the news that Desmond Cobblepot might be in danger, the team rushes to his apartment building. Two Chains and Dr. Rhombus take the elevator up, but are stopped by a team of 6 security guards. When Dr. Rhombus is unable to persuade them to let them pass, Two Chains batters all six into unconsciousness with his new nunchuks. They enter Cobblepot's apartment and when he proves reluctant to exit the apartment with them, Two Chains bashes him on the head, first only making him scream, then finally knocking him unconscious.

They tied up and gag the security guards and Cobblepot and stow them in some closets. Then they summon the rest of the team to await the attack of the Firemen. Dr. Rhombus and Rusty wait on the balcony and the rest of the team wait in closets and alcoves off the main living room.

Finally, the Firemen strike. A half dozen drop onto the balcony, where they severely wound Dr. Rhombus but are eventually gunned down by Rusty, using a Lewis Gun. One tries to climb back to the roof, but Rusty shoots his rope, causing him to fall back onto the balcony and surrender.

The front door is entered by "Toasty" and 5 other Firemen. However, Two Chains leaps into their midsts and kills the 5 flunkies. Toasty gets while the getting is good and flees back down the stairs.

The Flaming Death himself, his number 2 "Scorchy", and 5 more flunkies blow a hole in the wall with explosives and enter from fire escape. However, they wither under attacks by

Space Cop, who kills Scorchy and several flunkies, and Evil Eye who kills some more. Flaming Death turns to flee, but Two Chains and Evil Eye give chase. Two Chains wounds the villain, and finally Evil Eye shoots him in the head and kills him.

As the team surmised, the Flaming Death was in fact Declan O'Toole, the Wound Ravens gangster who had destroyed Cobblepot Tower and whom the team had imprisoned. After his recent escape, O'Toole had gathered a large crew of Wound Ravens, and, protected by a super-science flame retardant of mysterious origin, had staged a series of arson attacks meant to get revenge on those who had defeated his last scheme.