

THE BOOK OF FRANKENSTEIN

Game: To A Bloody Pulp, Savage Worlds

Session: #6: The Book of Frankenstein

Date: March 12, 2017

Campaign Date: March 12-13, 1934

Characters

Sister Maria Cobblepot (a.k.a. Mother Superior), Andrew Smith

Two Chains, Bob LaForge

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

Rusty Keys, Tim Moyer

Judge: Dave Nelson

THE PROBLEM: Rufus Merriwether has been ordered to spirit out a book from Kane Library to a highly trusted courier in Gotham Harbor. This book is the dreaded "Book of Frankenstein" containing super-science secrets of incredible power. Certain forces in the city have been trying to steal the book from the Kane Library, so it is of immense importance that it be safely removed from the city.

THE TASK:

GOAL 1: Escort Rufus Merriwether to Pier 13 in the Gotham Docks and see that he safely delivers the Book of Frankenstein to the courier.

GOAL 2: If anything should go wrong, the book must be recovered, but not at the cost of innocent human life.

GOAL 3: the forces trying to steal the book should be identified, and stopped, if continuing threats to the book are imminent.

LOG

DOCKSIDE RUMBLE

Monday, March 12, 1934, 1AM

Rufus Merriwether, accompanied by Puma Man, Two Chains, and Mr. Scraps, walked out onto Pier 13 of the Old Gotham Docks, while Rusty and Mother Superior waited in the Beast in a state of catlike readiness. Rufus was tasked with delivering a package to Kermit Roosevelt, a friend of the Restoration Project, on a tug boat at the dock. However, a half dozen thugs leaped from the boat and rushed forward, while at the same time, 2 cars full of gangsters arrived along the shore. The thugs demanded the package from Rufus, and the gangsters also shouted out that they wanted the package (since these docks were their turf). The thugs upped their demand, saying that they had the crew of the tugboat tied up and under the guns of their pals on the boat, and if Rufus didn't hand over the package, they would kill their hostages. Rufus gave way and handed over the package, but the gangsters on the shore opened up with ineffective tommy-gun fire at the thugs and the heroes on the pier.

Mother Superior gunned The Beast forward and opened up with its machinegun, supported by pistol fire from Rusty Keys, they killed 3 of the gangsters, and the remaining 3

tumbled into their cars and sped off. Meanwhile, Chinese Steve appeared from the shadows and challenged Two Chains to fight, for Chains had killed his master and should prepare to die.

As Two Chains began to kick Chinese Steve's ass all over town, and Mother Superior turned the beast around and got out, to set up the Anti-tank rifle from the trunk, the thugs took the package and backed across the tugboat onto their waiting launch, carefully keeping the hostages under their guns. Rusty moves to keep his eye on the thugs.

As soon as the hostages are clear of the guns, Puma Man grabs Mr. Scraps, the indestructible dog, and flies onto the launch into the midst of the thugs. As their leader drives the boat away, the thugs, who are soon joined by Evil Donald Pleasance, inflict a long, slow beat-down on the Puma Man. As the beatings proceed, Rusty releases the hostages and has them start up the tug boat, and turn its spotlight onto the escaping launch. Chinese Steve, overcome by wounds, flees into the night, as Mother Superior begins to bombard the launch with fire from first the anti-tank rifle, and then (when it ran out of bullets) a hunting rifle. She kills one of the thugs on the boat and slows it down a bit, but it still manages to escape, with the mysterious package. Just before the launch escapes from view, Evil Donald Pleasance hurls the unconscious form of the Puma Man into the icy waters. Luckily, the shock of the cold awakens the beaten hero and he flies haltingly to shore.

Kermit Roosevelt, grateful to be rescued, accompanies the team back to headquarters. He explains that the package was the dreaded Book of Frankenstein, which was filled with dreadful super-science secrets. Since the only one besides Rufus, Cheavers and Roosevelt who knew that the book was in town was Professor Maelstrom of Gotham University, he must be the leak that resulted in the snatch and grab.

ACADEMIC DISPUTES ARE THE MOST BITTER

Monday March 12, 1934, 8am to 4pm

The team rests until morning and then visits the History Department of Gotham University. The department secretary, Miss Gawkins, tells them that Professor Maelstrom had cancelled his classes and was scheduled for a noon meeting at the University Club. Arriving slightly beforehand, the team is unsuccessful in gaining entrance, when they hear a shot ring out from outside. Rusty and Puma Man rush outside, to see Professor Maelstrom being ganged by 4 kidnapers with blackjacks, while simultaneously being fired upon by a roof-top sniper. Mother Superior rushes through the club and out the back door. The assassin wounds Professor Maelstrom, but then Puma Man flies up and smashes him unconscious with a single mighty punch. Two Chains is delayed when the cloak-room waiter turns out to be Chinese Steve in disguise. It doesn't take long for Two Chains to wound and drive off Chinese Steve and join the fight against the kidnapers. Two Chains, Puma Man, and Rusty soon disable and capture all 4 kidnapers, before Mother Superior can puff around the building. After Maelstrom treats them to a nice lunch at the club, he tells them that Professor Gruberman had invited him to meet at the club to discuss his book tour. They take the 5 unconscious miscreants (who had been kept locked in the car trunk during lunch) off to the accusing parlor.

After a quick interrogation session, it is discovered that the assassin was a for-hire hitman from the All-Americans gang, hired by Professor Gruberman to kill Maelstrom. The four kidnapers were members of the Hand of Strega Cult who were to capture Maelstrom alive and deliver him to their boss Myron Spoons at the Crime Alley Alleys bowling alley that night.

Some quick checking reveals that Professor Gruberman is scheduled to give a public lecture on the glory of Atlantean plumbing that afternoon at 4. So, acting quickly, the team rushes to the professor's house. Two Chains and Rusty sneak in and catch the doctor unaware, practicing his lecture, and attempt to subdue him. He strikes back with Atlantean mental attacks and manages to stagger out to the house where Rusty finally punches him hard, dropping him like a stone. Two Chains scares off 3 of Gruberman's hardcore fans and they rush him back to the accusing parlor. They have Eugene keep Gruberman doped up until they

summon Mr. Cheavers, who conducts the questioning. Professor Gruberman is shocked when his mental attacks have no effect whatsoever on Cheavers and he spills the beans that he was under orders from a Baron Stahl, located at the Old Sail Factory, to discover the Book and eliminate Maelstrom. Cheavers orders the team to take Gruberman home.

EVERYBODY LOVES BOWLING

March 12, 1934, 10pm

Arriving at the Crime Alley Alleys at closing time, they witness 8 cultists, led by Myron Spoons enter the alleys from the alley. Mother Superior crashes the Beast through the front door and lets loose with the machinegun. The rest of the team pile in and start fighting. However, soon Eugene sends a radio transmission to the Beast saying that Mother Superior is needed immediately by the Church to take an orphan to the hospital, so she leaves at once. Several of the team members suffer wounds from the cultists' gunfire before all of the villains are killed. (It seems that the cult only discovered the business with the Book of Frankenstein from blabber-mouth members of the Philosophical Ascent to Atlantis).

DIRTY NAZI SCUM

March 13, 1934, 2am.

Masked and armed, the team enters the Old Sail Factory in Blanchaven in the wee hours of the morning. Two Chains and Rusty attempt to scout the receiving dock but are spotted by Nazi guards. A fire fight breaks out wherein 10 German troopers are easily wiped out by the team in short order.

Pressing further to the main west weaving room, they discover a larger contingent of Nazi agents, led by the iron-masked Baron Stahl. Stahl is putting the final touches on animating an Electro-Super-Monster, using the secrets of the Book of Frankenstein. Puma Man and Rusty are pinned down by Nazi gunfire at the entrance, as Mother Superior and Two Chains, in the Beast, barrel straight through the room. The Electro Super Monster leaps to its feet and onto the Beast. Mother Superior and Two Chains, after shaking off a grenade attack, pull the Beast back toward the middle of the room, to support their comrades.

However, they see Baron Stahl attempting to escape through a side door and push the Beast back into action. They slam into the wall near the door, causing the Electro Super Monster, Baron Stahl and his henchman Starker, as well as the Book of Frankenstein itself, go flying off in various directions. Meanwhile, Puma Man and Rusty have freed themselves from the Nazi assault to counterattack. Rusty rolls up the right flank of the krauts, while Puma Man, in a burst of speed rushes through the center. Mother Superior finally destroys the Electro Super Monster by using a shotgun (shotguns, is there anything they can't do?). But rifle fire from Nazis on an overhead catwalk keep Two Chains and Puma Man from stopping Baron Stahl who escapes through the back door. Nevertheless Two Chains kills Starker and recovers the Book of Frankenstein. When Stahl escapes, the remaining Nazi agents sneak off into the night.