

# THE DOOM THAT TOOK GRIMSBY

**Game:** To A Bloody Pulp, Savage Worlds

**Session:** #9: The Doom that Took Grimsby

**Date:** April 23, 2017

**Campaign Date:** April 23-24, 1934

## Characters

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

Friday Jones (a.k.a. American Fist), Bob LaForge

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

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

## Henchman Roll Call:

Soldiers: Phil Mancini (a.k.a. Phil Harmonics), Jack Long, Joe Blough (a.k.a. Sloppy Joe), Steve Petrowski, Randall Cobb

Specialist: Brickbat

**Judge:** Dave Nelson

**THE PROBLEM:** The Victorian Legion defeated some unknown supernatural horror in the Grimsby Building in 1898 and sealed off the fourth floor completely, seemingly permanently fixing the problem. However, the appearance of the horrific mutilation and the interest of the cult forces encountered by Team C only 2 blocks from the Grimsby Building seems to indicate that this horror is unleashed again.

## THE TASK:

**GOAL 1:** Find out the nature of the menace in the Grimsby Building.

**GOAL 2:** Discover why the Disciples and the Ghost Dragons are interested in the menace.

**GOAL 3:** Destroy or seal off the problem, permanently this time.

## LOG

### ROBBERY, AND QUITE SEPARATELY, MAYHEM

*Monday, April 23, 1934, 2pm*

The Wound Ravens have made a terrible mistake. They betrayed "Juices" Mulligan and left him alive. "Juices" has informed the Project that the Wound Ravens are to make a daring daylight raid on "The Silver Moon", a high class silver shop in Crest Hill, under the protection of the All Americans gang.

Piling into the Rhombus Mobile, driven by "Sloppy Joe" Blough, Dr. Rhombus, Evil Eye, Puma Man, American Fist, and Phil Harmonics rush over to the Silver Moon and stake out the place. Evil Eye sneaks off onto a nearby roof to keep an eye on things, while the rest wait across the street. Eventually, "Suds" O'Brien and his Wound Ravens crew come busting out of the silver shop, loaded down with loot. A gun battle swiftly ensues. Doctor Rhombus confuses the gangsters by using his mental powers, but then hears screams and gunshots a block or two away. He and Sloppy Joe speed away in the Rhombus Mobile, leaving the rest to deal with the robbers. Puma Man and American Fist soon knock out the gangsters, and American Fist kills Suds O'Brien with a shotgun blast.

Meanwhile, Doctor Rhombus sees that 2 cars full of O'Brien's men are being attacked by one crowd of Ghost Dragon ninjas, and one crowd of Disciples of the Bound Devil Cultists, in a grand melee out in front of the prestigious Grimsby Building Apartments. The good doctor begins to pick off cultists using his proto-type Garand rifle. One gangster flees into the building, and then a swarm of civilians come pouring out (some of whom are ineffectually attacked by the cultists). The cultists find that they are somehow unable to enter the building, which seems to have been their goal, and then turn their wrath on the Ghost Dragons, who have, themselves, just finished wiping out the gangsters. The civilians from the Grimsby Building manage to flee to safety at the nearby Goose and Also Goose Inn.

As the cultists slowly wipe out the ninjas, Evil Eye reveals himself from hiding and joins Doctor Rhombus attacking the cultists with gunfire. However, a strange monster appears from the door of the Grimsby Building. It looks like some sort of faceless octopus man, wearing tattered gangster's clothing. The Cultists switch some of their fire onto the creature. Puma Man then arrives as well, flying over the Silver Moon and landing among the cultists beating one down and then joining the fight against the monster.

The monster injures Puma Man as the American Fist and Phil arrive on the scene too, helping to wipe out the remaining cultists. Once the monster has been killed by Puma Man with supporting gunfire from the rest of the team, and all the criminals are also dead or unconscious, the team scoops up the unconscious robbers and the body of the monster, and drive off as the sound of sirens resound in the distance.

## **The Doom Revealed**

*Monday, April 23, 1934, 3pm*

Shortly after Eugene files a report to Cheavers over the radio, Cheavers himself arrives at Team C headquarters. After a brief radio call to "Team B", Cheavers reveals the nature of the problem ahead (see above). He suggests that they try to find Dr. Mind, a member of the old superhero group The Victorian Legion—thought to be held in Arkham Asylum--, or travel to New York City to examine the papers of Bat Masterson, another former member of that group. The team decides to divide into 2 and pursue both leads.

## **The Trail of Doctor Mind—Doctor Rhombus and Puma Man on the hunt**

*Monday, April 23, 1934, 4pm until 4am April 24, 1934*

Doctor Rhombus, a former employee of Arkham Asylum, and Puma Man get into the Rhombus Mobile and have Sloppy Joe drive them over to Arkham. Using his connections to the place, his natural charm, and stealth, Rhombus gets them into the asylum, past the prickly security chief and eventually into the record room, where he discovers that Dr. Mind (Barnabas Cobblepot) had been released from the asylum and was now living in rural Bristol County.

Leaving the asylum, the car is ambushed by Ghost Dragon ninjas. The driver, Sloppy Joe, is stunned by the ninjas' flash powder and almost crashes the car and Doctor Rhombus is briefly dragged from the back. Rhombus manages to use his mind powers to stun the assailants and get back into the car, as Puma Man leaps onto the roof and kicks down one of the attackers. Sloppy Joe regains his composure at last and the team drives off to safety.

Reaching Dr. Mind's address in Bristol County, Rhombus has a pleasant conversation with the old man about the nature of the menace. Dr. Mind reveals that he had used the Piercing Gaze of Rhadymanthus, an ancient Atlantean artifact, to reactivate a Seal of Solomon in the Grimsby Building back in 1898, trapping a seemingly indestructible trans-dimensional horror therein. The seal must be broken again, and perhaps if Rhombus had the Piercing Gaze he might be able to re-seal the creature within. The creature had been summoned by Thurstan Grimsby using The Light of Horus, an ancient Egyptian staff of great power. Thurstan had been killed in 1898 when workmen had accidentally broken the Seal of Solomon, while working on the

floor below. As far as he knows, the Light of Horus was left behind in the seal of Solomon, and the Piercing Gaze was entrusted to Bat Masterson when it was taken by the jealously taken from Dr. Mind by the other members of the Victorian Legion.

### **The Wacky Adventures of American Fist and Evil Eye**

*Monday, April 23, 1934, 4pm until 4am April 24, 1934*

American Fist, Evil Eye and Phil Harmonics, got on a passenger train to New York City to find Bat Masterson's records of the 1898 Grimsby incident. American Fist noticed that they were being followed by 4 badly disguised Ghost Dragon ninjas. He approached them in the train car and picked a fight with one of them. The brawl got a little sloppy, and raised the ire of the other passengers, including the reporter Buck Greasely, who snapped a picture. 3 crooked cops then appeared and tried to sort things out.

It was at this point that Evil Eye tried to fix things, but chose very poorly. Right in front of the cops, he lunged across the aisle and slapped Greasely's camera to the ground. The cops, forgetting about American Fist and the ninjas, who had all since calmed down, surrounded Evil Eye and beat him senseless with their batons. They then dragged him from the car, stole the stuff he was carrying, and chucked him off the train.

With the cops gone, American Fist, soon joined by Phil, beat the ninjas into unconsciousness. When the dirty cops returned, Fist convinced them that the ninjas were to blame for everything. They robbed the unconscious ninjas and chucked them off the train too. American Fist and Phil make it safely into New York.

Fist searches out Bat Masterson's papers at the New York Telegraph newspaper and discovers that he kept a journal of his Victorian Legion days, which was now kept by Doc Savage in his Empire State Building headquarters. Fist makes his way there and has a pleasant discussion with "Monk" Mayfield, one of Savage's assistants, who lets him examine the journal. Therein Fist discovers that Masterson buried the Piercing Gaze at the foot of the Statue of Justice in Gotham. On his way out of the building, he is questioned by a strange looking man in snake-skin boots, a green suit and purple tie. Fist reveals to him that he was researching Bat Masterson, which seems to satisfy the stranger (who is later discovered to have been Kahliss, a Syrian assassin from the Disciples of the Bound Devil).

Meanwhile, Evil Eye telephones Eugene who sends Jack Long in a car to pick him up in rural New Jersey. The two drive on to New York where Evil Eye wants to track down all his missing gear. However, while he finds out that some of it ended up in the hands of the Gambino mafia crime family, and invisibly entered the Happy Linguini Social Club to try to find it, he was unsuccessful. He shot up the place and went home.

### **Regroup and Re-check**

*Tuesday, April 24, 1934,*

The entire team meets up at headquarters, has a bit of rest, jaunts over to the Statue of Justice and retrieves the Piercing Gaze of Rhadymanthus, and starts to plan. Friday Jones reveals that he is intimately familiar with the Gaze and the Light of Horus. His considerable Occult Knowledge reveals that if the same person has the Light and the Gaze, they can permanently close an inter-dimensional portal, very easily, also, that the Gaze has considerable defensive powers in the hands of a mentalist.

Realizing that they have no actual idea what the monster lurking in the Grimsby Building looks like, the team decides to return to visit Dr. Mind. When they arrive, they find a squad of Ghost Dragon ninjas on guard out front. They quickly defeat them in a hail of gunfire. Entering the house, they get a few more details about the appearance of the creature (a big ugly green pile) and warning that the Ghost Dragons are looking for the Light of Horus.

## **DOOM COMES TO THE DOOM THAT TOOK GRIMSBY**

*Tuesday, April 24, 1934*

The team arms up and drives off to the Grimsby building. Leaving the henchmen outside, Doctor Rhombus, Evil Eye, American Fist and Puma Man enter the first floor of the building and are confronted by 4 Pawns of Phaleros (transformed humans with faceless heads, and tentacles for hands, like the monster fought earlier). After a dangerous battle, the creatures all destroyed, with only some minor loss of equipment and light wounds from their acid attacks. The team decides to call in their soldiers and Brickbat, their ambitious superhero wannabe, to help make the final assault.

Having climbed to the previously sealed 4<sup>th</sup> floor, the team tried to enter, but many of them have difficulty due to the demon's psychic fear field. The demon Phaleros, an ugly, green, pile of rot and tentacles, picked out American Fist to attempt to turn into another Pawn, but he is rescued by the healing power of Puma Man several times. Doctor Rhombus finds the Light of Horus, creates some psychic barriers and begins to walk the Seal of Solomon. Evil Eye fires some explosive bullets at the creature, which do not injure it, but one does force it back a few feet. After they kill 3 more Pawns defending Phaleros, the team decides to try to drive the creature back through the open dimensional portal in the middle of the room and then seal it permanently. First Puma Man gets into position, and uses Scraps the Indestructible Dog as a weapon to bash the creature, then Evil Eye gets into position and drives the creature back toward the portal. Brickbat attempts to bash the creature too, but is severely wounded by its tentacles. Finally American Fist joins the firing line. The gunfire slowly manages to drive the creature into the portal and then Doctor Rhombus uses the magic artifacts to seal it forever, with the creature on the far side.

Returning to Headquarters, they hand the Piercing Gaze and Light of Horus to Mr. Cheavers, but he returns the Piercing Gaze to Doctor Rhombus for use in the fight against evil. A job well done by all.