

# Kaiju Defenders Inc.

## The Group

| Player  | Hero Name   | Alias                                    | Description  |
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| Paul    | The GM      | "The Victimizer"                         | Ruthless   |
| Bruce   | The Abyssal | Haskell Marston                          | Dynasty, Mystical, Sorcerer, Decisive                |
| Chris   | X-Celerate  | Dooley Marson                            | Speedster with the Magical Heart of Speed            |
| Ernest  | Yowie       | Hugh Sullivan Marston                    | Size-Growing Relic-Powered Cop                       |
| Patrick | Overwatch   | Tom Marston                              | Military, Training, Flyer, Distant                   |
| Tim     | Dynamo Joe  | Atomic Devastator Mk 2, SN: BLADE-034-DW | Former Villain, Artificial Being, Blaster, Lone Wolf |

We are back to mostly being remote, though fortunately *Bruce* insists that "Everything is normal here." *Chris* observes that *Georgina's* unusual expression when she popped up around the doorframe suggests that this may be simple self-preservation. *Tim* is just distracted, because *GURPS Girl Genius* just arrived in his hands. *Paul* warns him against reading it during the game, unless he has Superman's ability to do multiple things at once. *Ernest*, uncharacteristically, has no comment. *Patrick*, very characteristically, also has no comment.

## Hero Point Bonuses

Last session, the characters earned 5 Hero Points. This session, they can be used for bonuses – but the bonus size needs to be defined at the start of the session.

## One Kaiju Down, An Army of Them Left to Go

The last session ended with Atoyo defeated and KDI starting the long, long journey from insolvency back to profitability and respect. This means that KDI is now able to pay the rent on its offices, and issue remanufactured previous-generation laptops to select staff. These gains did not come without cost – most of the group are in Yellow or Red status. Yowie in particular got pounded hard when he took the kaiju on head-to-head.

## Montages

Dynamo Joe finds Yowie on a recliner on the beach near the KDI headquarters near Sydney's Chowder Bay, with a bag of frozen peas pressed to his head and a daiquiri near to hand. Fortunately, Dynamo Joe has recently read a lot of self-help and wellness books and concluded that the best approach is to throw a big party. He goes to Marty's Shrimp Shack and recruits a gang of people with promises of beer and music, then drags them over to the beach to surround Yowie and raise his spirits. Against all expectations, this works.

Midway through the party, a phone rings. Dynamo Joe pulls an old-style telephone receiver out of his chest. The voice on the other end of the line has a message from Fright Train, to the effect that, "You

need to go find Ermine. He knows about the Gentleman, but he loves her anyway. Also, take care of her caboose because he's going to be hooking up his engine to it soon."

Dynamo Joe recognizes that there are several layers to this message, but he needs Yowie to help translate them. Yowie understands the message to mean that he needs to go put the moves on Ermine, but only after (per Dynamo Joe's cautions) he puts all his valuables into the company safe.

Yowie is quite surprised when hot scientist and social media influencer Dr. Broussard actually shows up at the party, unaware that Dynamo Joe called her up with an invitation. She has her phone and is taking video of everything for her Instagram account. She asks Yowie to flex for her 113k followers, he demurs, "Hey, Doc! I need a bit of your TLC. I got a bit beat up taking on two monsters at once and nearly carked it." She hands her phone to Dynamo Joe and proceeds to treat his muscle injuries.

Heedless of his wounds, Yowie spends all his efforts to make a good impression on Dr. Broussard. He's not completely successful, as she seems more focused on her Instagram update than she is on him. She notes that a lot of her followers are superhero buffs, and that he might remember the old hero Major Power – perhaps he's related? She's pretty sure that he is. Also, she tells her followers that she's going to be in Melbourne next week doing a series on important Aussie monuments. "Like Macca's?" Yowie asks.

### Physical Conditioning with Nightwalker

Overwatch invites Nightwalker (who has been having some demonic episodes recently) to come to the gym and work out with him. Overwatch (though few of the other people in the gym) realizes that every time Nightwalker exerts himself the lights in the gym dim slightly -and as he gets tired, the shadows in the corners get deeper and start to reach for him with long, spindly fingers. Overwatch tells Nightwalker, "I find that a good workout helps get the mind together. How about you?"

Overwatch realizes that Nightwalker's exercise routine is very anger based. Nightwalker tells him, "I don't think you understand. These demonic forces I channel, they're not just through my body, they're through my mind. This force from the other dimension, it hate everything in this dimension. I barely had it under control with the Old Man's help, but now it's getting worse."

"What did he do to help you?"

"He had a very calming influence. I don't want to quit the company, I want to make it good, I just don't know if us fuckups can do it."

"I don't think you're a fuckup!"

"That means a lot to me. I don't have nearly that confidence in myself."

Overwatch learns that Nightwalker got sucked into the demon dimension when he was very young, and really grew up there before the Old Man was able to bring him back. Overwatch gains a boost to bond with Nightwalker.

## Mystical Antiquing

Much to his surprise, the Abyssal gets a call from Nightwalker.

The Abyssal goes to visit Sargasso Curiosities. The place is on a fairly nice street, but the shop itself is rundown. The display window contains old Halloween costumes, even though it is nowhere close to Halloween. They enter and find nobody in evidence. A spotlight comes on, focused upon the head of the shop owner. He proclaims, “You have come to seek the arcane insights of Sulimar the Seer, Master of the Magnificent, Prognosticator of prognosticators! Items marked with an orange tag are 50% off!”

A high-pitched voice complains, “Jeez, Sulimar! Can the theatrics! These look like serious superhero types, not just Queensland rubes!” The voice comes from a ventriloquist’s dummy that proceeds to mock Abyssal in a way that the hero just doesn’t understand.

When he learns that Abyssal is interested in magic from the depths, and particularly in mysteries from lost Atlantis, he tells him that all that was long destroyed – though the Cult of Atlantis tried to mount an expedition to the lost city to recover secrets, an expedition that came to a horrible and cursed end, with the cult leader stalking the sunken halls of the Temple of Poseidon, smearing the walls with the blood of his followers. Sulimar thinks that the cult might have woken something terrible before they died.

The dummy Jimmy comments, “Sounds like this cult leader’s head wasn’t screwed on too good! I know how that goes!” His head spins around three times.

Sulimar tells the Abyssal, “Most Atlantean documents were gathered by Nightmist before her untimely death, for those magics are too dangerous for mortal men.” Nightmist, as everyone knows, died during the Oblivion Crisis. She had been a prominent mystical heroine before the crisis and sacrificed herself opening portals to other realities to bring in heroes from other worlds.”

During this conversation, Nightwalker has wandered off to stare at a mysterious crystal ball that contains swirling black clouds. Abyssal buys it for him, reasoning that it is a useful focus for his ongoing therapy.

## Get those Likes!

X-Celerate invites the two Bogan riflemen from the fight against Dogzilla to do a commentary track for the fight. His goal is to generate some video content to push the profile of the company. He pays attention to Dr. Bree Broussard’s advice, and generates 1 XP for the company.

After the fight, Overwatch tracked Atoyo’s tracker signal down into the deep ocean – which either means that the creature is dead, crushed by terrible pressure, or that the kaiju is able to survive a depths beyond where even most bathyscaphes can manage. He instructs Central to keep a watch for Atoyo while he works on a submarine contraption to reach the necessary depths.

Dynamo Joe devotes himself to finding Ermine. This is challenging, because he has no idea how to investigate anything. So, he brings in Yowie who does know these things. Yowie starts looking for

upcoming opportunities for ferret-themed crimes, or for places that a ferret-themed near-villain might hide out. He ignores Abyssal's suggestion to look at the former storefront for the Weasel Corner, a ferret-oriented pet shop that closed down a few years ago. He does learn that the Dijkstra Museum of History has a new exhibit opening soon, including jewels recovered from the wreck of the *Sea Mink*. Oddly, this is the same wreck where Abyssal found the Atlantean Amulet of the Abyss.



Abyssal heads to the Dijkstra Museum with the ostensible plan of sneaking in to check out the exhibits ahead of the formal opening – but he never makes it in. Instead, he runs into a minor mystic he knows, Amelia “Madame Clarissa” Fergus. They go out for kebabs and reminisce about their experiences as students, but Amelia seems worried and preoccupied. She tells Abyssal, “I’ve been having terrible visions recently. Something is wrong with the Nexus of the Void and the spirits there. Perhaps you know of the Naturalist? He was a man cursed by the Spirit of Nature to transform into a wild animal – crocodile, rhinoceros, or gazelle. And I’ve been having dreams about him, that he has been further cursed and has lost control of his powers.”

The Abyssal thinks upon Ryujin’s attacks and how they might be connected. He advises Amelia to place a salt lamp near her bed, perhaps that will help with the dreams.

## Atoyo Is on the Move!

Overwatch sends out the alert – Atoyo is on the move, headed towards Melbourne! That’s a nine-hour drive from Chowder Bay, or much less if the characters take the express train. Central keeps them updated on the way, because Atoyo can move faster than a speeding locomotive (underwater). Dr. Bree Broussard is in Melbourne and is reporting upon how the monster is attacking the most important Australian landmark, the Vegemite Factory. Apparently, all the vegemite in the world is manufactured at that one factory.

“there’s a gigantic storm cloud, blinding rain, and fierce wind!” Dr. Broussard’s video feed shows Atoyo grabbing up an entire processing tank of vegemite and guzzling it down.

By the time the characters arrive on site, part of the building structure has collapsed – and another huge bulk rises from the bay. Ryujin has arrived! The monster lurches onto the shore, then transforms into the shape of a massive Rhino Monster! Giant flea minions jump from its back as it changes shape.

Before the characters are able to act, Robo Superbe shows up and unleashes a ripple barrage of missiles against Atoyo. The monster thrashes, knocking one missile aside. Nightwalker phases and the missile passes harmlessly through him to injure one of the giant fleas.

Dynamo Joe unleashes a *sickening blast* against Atoyo. The creature howls, and so does the pilot of Robo Superbe – who complains, “No no! That one is mine!”

Abyssal starts the ritual to uncurse Ryujin. He tells the others, “The first step is to create a circle large enough to fit Ryujin!” He flies around the parking lot, attaching crystal foci to the light posts. As the circle completes there is a mystical surge that damages everyone. Three of the giant fleas are taken out by the backlash! Also, everyone gains a Hero Point.

Yowie grows to massive size and hammers on Ryujin. The monster lowers its head, and charges at him. Yowie staggers back, noting with some satisfaction that Ryujin has charged directly into the mystic circle. Nightwalker hammers Ryujin with his punch gun, but gets too close. Ryujin grabs him with his horn and flings him into a lamp-post (which he manages to phase through).

Robo Superbe challenges the characters, “What do you say, Kaiju Defense? Why don’t we make this interesting? If you defeat your monster first, GME will stay out of Australia forever. But if we defeat ours first, you must not ever leave Australia.” And then he deploys Lava Fist.

Ryujin unleashes an *earthquake stomp*, inflicting a heavy attack and a hinder upon Yowie, Dynamo Joe, X-Celerate, and Nightwalker as they are knocked off their feet. X-Celerate flings up *one hundred shields* and the Abyssal uses *shield of the Abyss* to protect Yowie.

X-Celerate charges into Ryujin, inflicting a tremendous impact and staggering the beast. It retaliates, sending Dynamo Joe flying.

Yowie is only barely still on his feet, but he’s got enough to invoke a *relic drain*, healing himself by drawing power out of Ryujin. Overwatch follows up, using his incredible military skills to rake Ryujin with gunfire from his gyrocopter. He tells Nightwalker, “I’ve left you an opening! Attack, just like we trained in the gymnasium!” Nightwalker strikes, but he’s still so off-balance he doesn’t manage to put in an effective hit.

Dynamo Joe pulls in power from the storm to lash out at Ryujin. And Atoyo. And Robo Superbe. And then the Abyssal steps up with the Amulet of the Abyss to channel some of that power into his foci. The crystals start to glow and crackle, lightning discharges pass between them.

Yowie calls upon the power of nature, specifically upon the yeasts within the vegemite, to harden around Ryujin, Atoyo, Robo Superbe, and Lava Fist, hindering their actions. The smell is horrifying. But Dynamo Joe is immune to bad smells. He has a lot of electricity available, and uses it to send a *power arc* crashing straight into Ryujin – who now looks lightly wounded!

The Abyssal creates a link between the Circle and the Nexus of the Void. A section of the cloud-filled sky shudders and breaks as the Void draws close. Those who look up can see strange echoes of a primeval

jungle, a vision that jumps and fades as they try to concentrate upon it. The Abyssal feels that something is looking back at him from the Void, some new spirit that has claimed the Nexus.

X-Celerate dashes across the battlefield to Yowie, fortifying him with power stolen from Ryujin.

Nightwalker keeps Ryujin's attention away from the injured hero by keeping up a steady barrage of gunfire at the rhino monster. But then Robo Superbe mocks Nightwalker, "Kaiju Defenders Inc has really gone downhill, eh? Your founder is rolling in his grave to see this!" Nightwalker gets mad and goes to attack Robo Superbe. Robo Superbe deploys Elephant, who strikes Nightwalker hard. Meanwhile, Robo Superbe pulls out his giant anime sword and attempts to strike Atoyo – but Yowie's vegemite concrete prevents him from even getting the blade out of its sheath.

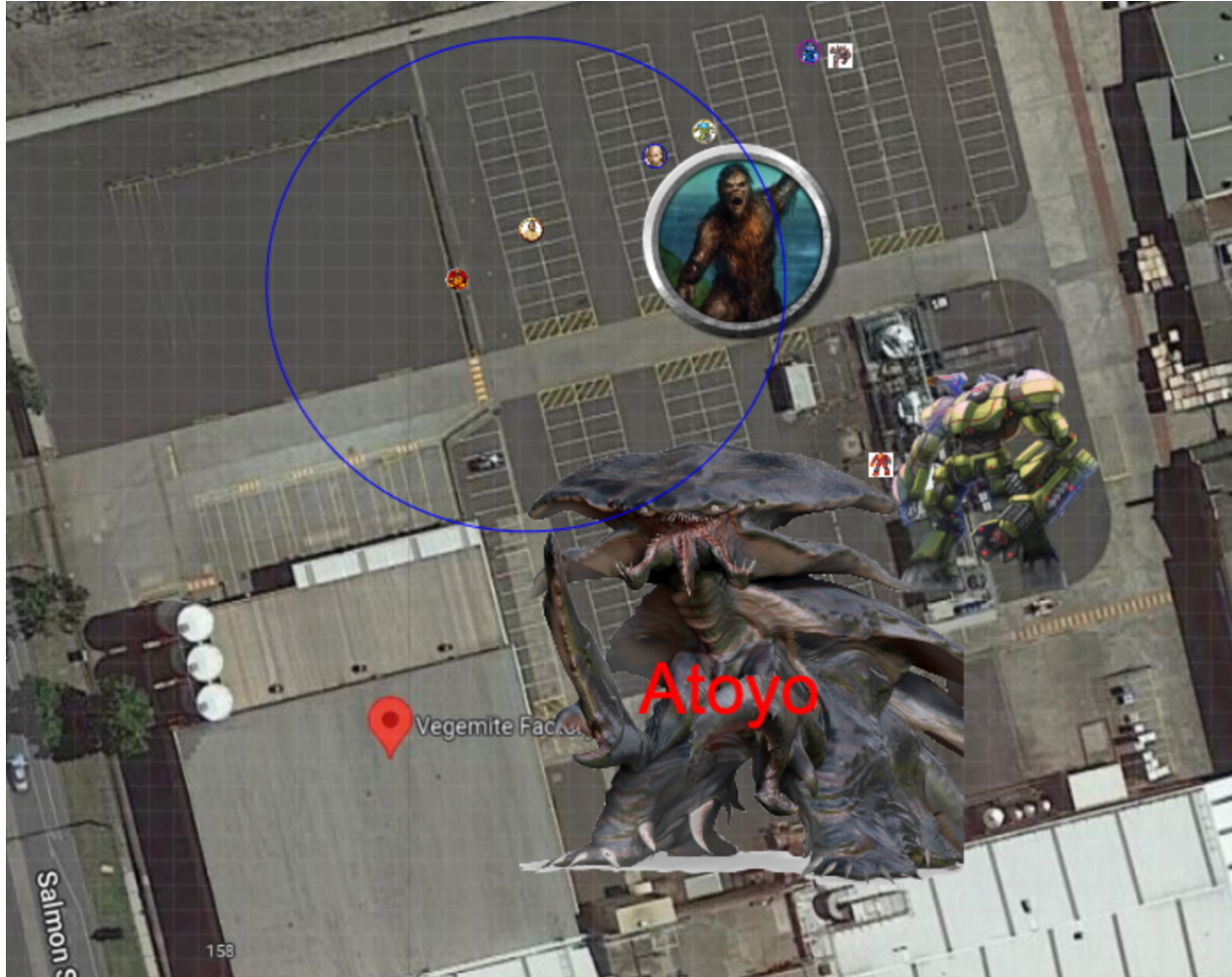
Ryujin shudders and struggles to free itself from the yeasty shackles Yowie summoned. Part of the horrid mass falls at Abyssal, who is forced to dodge to the side as Yowie diverts the stuff to the side.

Overwatch swoops over the battlefield. He calls out, "Ryujin is open on the right! Get him, Dynamo Joe!" Dynamo Joe's *power arc* blazes out, leaving Ryujin badly wounded. Ryujin answers with a *horn toss* at Abyssal.

Yowie uses a *paragon feat* to hold Ryujin in place within the ritual circle. He grabs the monster and body-slams it, then uses his Aboriginal spear to draw the Void straight into Ryujin's body. The ritual is completed, but Ryujin still struggles against the power. But for a moment, Ryujin's skin becomes diamond-hard giving him tremendous defense. X-Celerate inflicts a *violent stop* upon the monster, bypassing defenses. The Abyssal follows up with his own *unerring strike*, leaving Ryujin critically wounded. However, the diamond-hard skin of the monster delivers an awful slashing wound to him in the process.

Robo Superbe launches more missiles at Atoyo. One of them goes awry, landing near a vat of vegemite. X-Celerate realizes that if the missile explodes the blast will strike everyone nearby. He rushes in to disassemble the warhead and prevent the explosion. He's just a bit too overconfident – he gets the pieces out of the vat, but sets off a primer charge while showing off to the others.

Yowie is pinned by Ryujin's horn, but doesn't let that stop him – he strikes with his mystic spear, then calls out to Dynamo Joe, "More power! Give it more power!" Ryujin staggers! The Abyssal brandishes the Amulet of the Abyss and strikes the monster in the center of his pebbled skin. He invokes the power of the ritual. The rhino shape twists and fades, drawn off into the Nexus of the Void and leaving behind only the form of the Naturalist.



Without Ryujin to distract them, the characters are easily able to subdue Atoyo – in spite of Robo Superbe’s howls of dismay.

The characters’ victory is captured on Dr. Broussard’s Instagram stream. Everyone celebrates! Yowie cracks a can of beer, “Time for a frothy!”

## The End of the Session

The characters have publicly won a battle that saved a national landmark. They gain 3 XP for Kaiju Defense Inc. This marks the end of a major arc – the characters go back up to full green Health for the next session. Also, the characters easily gained five Hero Points.