

Kaiju Defenders Inc.

The Group

Player	Hero Name	Alias	Description
Paul			
Bruce	The Abyssal	Haskell Marston	Dynasty, Mystical, Sorcerer, Decisive
Chris	Golden Key	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

Patrick assures the others that he is removing his socks. *Bruce* assumes that he does this at least once a day regardless, but is roundly corrected by *Chris* who points out, “Dallas has changed you! You’re just gentrifying everywhere you go!”

Ernest changes the topic by pointing out that he and *Chase* were in Dallas over the week, and ate at *Joe’s Noodle House* – a place that turns out to be very good, even though it was also in Plano. And *Paul* emphasizes that he has spent the last three hours in a fever dream, trying to prepare for the session.

In other dramatic news, one of *Chris’* neighbors (across the way) barricaded himself in his house with a supply of homemade bombs. This ended with SWAT guys storming the house, though he and *Priscilla* were forced to spend most of the time of drama away, because after they left to pick up some meds the police wouldn’t let them return until the coast was clear.

Tim calls in just in time to hear everyone else debating the current state of CGI in the Marvelverse.

Hero Point Bonuses

As usual, each character have five Hero Points to assign to bonuses for the session.

Entry into Atlantis

In the last adventure, the characters (now allied with the probably-duplicitous Luminary) broke down the magical barriers to the underwater ruins of Atlantis and defeated the city’s monstrous guardians, the Canned Crab and the Many-Eyed Squids. Now the way is clear for them to enter the city!

Ivana Romanat’s Plot

The ruins of Atlantis are covered over by a giant magical water-barrier dome. The structures within are classical in flavor, but also devastated by the passage of time. The group locates the archaeological team quickly – they have been tied up in their camp. *Yowie* ignores the scientists in favor of the six-pack he knows is hidden in one of their coolers. He opens a can, drains it dry, then flings the crushed empty at *Overwatch*.

Abyssal draws out the *Amulet of the Abyss*. It glows, and leads him to a wrecked building. He pulls away some debris and finds a half-destroyed map of the city inlaid into the floor. It glows with mystic energy, infusing Abyssal with Atlantean magic power. Weak Atlantean magic power.

Overwatch actually puts his attention to the situation. He and Sulimar the Seer free the archaeologists. They tell him that they were captured by a woman (doubtless Ivana Ramonat, the clone of Baron Blade/Luminary) who has taken control of the Atlantean artifacts in the area and used them to summon a ghostly monster. They can point out where she went – though that’s hardly needed, the looming bulk of a tentacled monstrosity is easily visible. The creature seems partly insubstantial – it phases in and out of existence.

Yowie throws another beer can at Overwatch.

Overwatch ignores him. He looks through the archaeologists’ research notes for anything relevant to the current situation. They wrote extensively of the *Atlantean Font of Power* and the *Herculean Pillars*, both of which exude magical energy. And it is clear that Ivana Ramonat is performing her rituals in the building over the Font of Power. He also learns that there are crystals that shoot green and purple beams hidden in the architecture, that poisonous seaweed grows throughout the ruins, and that the *Phosphorescent Chamber* is another source of uncontrolled arcane power.

Dynamo Joe detaches a damaged arm and starts working on it. Luminary (once Baron Blade) approaches him, “I have learned much since I first built you. I could enhance your powers!” Dynamo Joe fears the consequences of allowing the Baron access to his hardware and software and demurs.

Overwatch tells Golden Key the location the Phosphorescent Chamber. Golden Key goes there to build up a charge. His choice is good, because the Chamber is a source of vital energy – but he finds that much of the power of the place is being drawn off by Ivana Ramonat’s ritual. He is still able to build up a substantial *Atlantean Glow*. He returns to the group and tells them, “I got the glow!” The others can see that his hands and feet are limned with a greenish halo.

The Web of Atlantis!

The characters approach the temple of the Font of Power. Ivana Ramonat stands upon a high altar, surrounded by hulspawn. Lines of power extend from her to all the nearby Atlantean artifacts – including to Sulimar the Sage and the Abyssal, both of whom are paralyzed!

Ivana addresses the group, “You have finally arrived and brought me the tools I need! The Atlantean artifacts that allow me to control the hulspawn and to use xxtz’Hulish as an endless factory for hulspawn!”

Dynamo Joe questions her apparent goal to rule the world, and asks about her specific policy proposals. She dismisses him with an arrogant gesture. Luminary protests that Ivana Ramonat is a fool, that she is meddling with forces she does not comprehend because she is only an imperfect copy of him. She ignores him and commands a squad of hulspawn to fall upon Overwatch, Dynamo Joe, and Golden Key.

The characters engage the hulspawn as the water barrier overhead cracks. Freezing water cascades down upon the city. Overwatch deploys his gyrocopter and takes to the air, calling out tracking information on the approaching hulspawn. Golden Key unleashes the *Devil's dentist* upon the approaching hulspawn, scattering all but one.

Yowie centers his power upon his magical spear and reaches out to break the mystic bonds holding the Abyssal. Abyssal yells out, "I am free!" Yowie regrets that he also unbound the Abyssal's mouth. The Abyssal brandishes the Amulet of the Abyss. He uses it to entangle and consume the magical chain binding Sulimar. Sulimar is freed, and the Abyssal is infused (and tainted by) Ivana Ramonat's ritual. Atlantean magical power curdles his blood!

Dynamo Joe rolls into the chamber of the Font. He sees a huge pool before him, filled not with water but with a mysterious glowing fluid. It bubbles with power, now harnessed by Ramonat's ritual. He plunges his arms into the liquid and channels the power into himself instead, using the same circuits he normally uses for electricity. His word bubbles fill with strange gibberish and odd symbols as he breaks the ritual focus.

Luminary leaps to the roof of the font. He challenges Ivana Ramonat, "You are nothing but an inferior copy!" He forms a robotic weapon from his nanoforge and sends a beam at her – which deflects harmlessly away from her astral shield.

Sulimar rises into the air and flies towards the Pillars of Hercules. He gestures and Ivana's connection to the Pillars shudders, but does not break. He cries out, "Abyssal! I need your help!" The Abyssal moves to the Pillars. Five of his planar duplicates appear, surrounding the Pillars and crushing the ritual link. The Abyssal draws in the power and enters an *Atlantean magical frenzy*.

Yowie brandishes his spear and uses his shamanic powers to reinforce the magical dome above the city.

Golden Key realizes that the only link Ivana Ramonat still has is to the Phosphorescent Chamber. He runs faster than thought, gathering up reflective items and placing them into the path of the beam. He interrupts the source, reflecting it back upon itself until he flings himself into its power and reinforces his *phosphorescent glow*.

Dynamo Joe ignores the lone hulspawn minion near him in favor of sending a *seeking missile* tearing around a corner to strike Ivana Ramonat. She deflects the missile with her *astral armor* then crushes it with a *magic force field*.

Sulimar tells the others, "I shall use my mystic powers to shut down her astral powers!" He gestures, but he is weakened by the effort – he suffers *magical fatigue*. Ivana shrugs off his efforts and brings down *astral tentacles* upon him and Dynamo Joe. Sulimar is flung into a pile of rubble.

Ivana Ramonat monologues, "You may have cut off my access to Hul, but I still have my Atlantean powers!" She forms a mystical heptagram and three skeletal Atlantean warriors rise up from the debris and fall upon Dynamo Joe. Yowie and Abyssal manifest their powers to protect him from their cold blades.

Luminary creates a swarm of seeker darts with his nanoforge and sends them to cut through Ivana Ramonat's magical shields. Overwatch follows up with a precise shot through her shield. Luminary continues his barrage of darts, giving Overwatch an opportunity to fly in at the astral shade of xxtz'Hulishh, showing the others where to strike.

Dynamo Joe unleashes all of the Atlantean energy he absorbed from the Font of Power back at the Atlantean warriors, destroying two of them. Golden Key moves in, cutting at Ivana Ramonat with a handful of keys. Yowie grabs up the last hulspawn and flings it at the surviving skeletal warrior. The warrior parries the incoming hulspawn and cuts at Sulimar, who backs away and places an *Atlantean blessing* upon Yowie.

Abyssal steps through shadow to engage Ivana Ramonat. He draws upon his *Atlantean frenzy* and attacks her powers. Her astral armor and weapons disintegrate around her. She screams back, "You think this is progress? I still have the upper hand and you will never be able to truly defeat me! All of your powers are contained within the amulet, and the Amulet now answers to me!" She slashes with her Atlantean sword to *hasten doom*. Abyssal staggers back under the power of her attack, leaving him open to a cut from the remaining skeletal warrior. The weight of Ivana's doom slows everyone.

Two more ancient Atlanteans clamber out of the debris at Golden Key's feet. They try to drag him down into the stones and the dust. Golden Key struggles, drawing upon the power of the Heart of Speed to keep himself from their clutches.

Ivana Ramonat howls, "I am still the ruler of Mordengrad!" A squad of Bionic Blade Battalion troopers comes into sight. Overwatch flies desperately to avoid their gunfire. Yowie ducks behind a fallen column to avoid more shooting as he sends a *plant shield* up to protect Overwatch.

Overwatch yells, "They're armed with nanotech multiguns! Their bullets are trying to infect my technology!"

A wave of superheated steam engulfs Abyssal, leaving him on the edge of death. Golden Key uses *harvest life force* to tear vitality away from Ivana Ramonat and restore Abyssal. She responds with *turn the tables*, putting herself into a favorable position in spite of Golden Key's attack.. but not that favorable – Abyssal's precognitive *flawless strike* hammers into her. Yowie follows up, using his spear like a baseball bat to send her flying. Dynamo Joe catches her in mid-flight with a *lightning bolt*. She lands in a smoking heap.

Luminary rushes to cradle Ivana Ramonat's limp body. He whispers to her, "Only science can take over the world, not magic!" The skeletons collapse in the background, unnoticed.

The Inevitable Betrayal

Then Luminary turns to the characters. "I am once again ruler of Mordengrad, just as I always was! You will follow my commands now!" He hits a control. High in the sky a satellite turns and a beam plunges into the ocean, striking the body of xxtz'Hulishh. "YES! I have transformed my orbital laser into an Orbital Control Laser, one strong enough to dominate even this beast!"

Baron Blade (as he has just re-established himself) urges the characters to *consider the price of victory* (giving himself a nice boost, and everyone else a nasty hinder). Xxtz'Hulish simply crushes Abyssal, Golden Key, and Yowie with its *dread presence*. Abyssal watches as his *Abyssal shield* cracks under the otherworldly force.

Overwatch reassesses the situation. Dynamo Joe recognizes that the orbital laser is a doomsday protocol, so he invokes an *anti-doomsday protocol* to stop it – but he draws the attention of the Kraken because Atlantean power is still surging through his circuits. He ties into Baron Blade's network and defocus the beam even as massive tentacles descend from the water barrier. Baron Blade and Dynamo Joe engage in a brief duel of wrist-mounted keyboards – but at the end, the tentacled monstrosity of xxtz'Hulish turns its tentacle-ringed maw towards the Baron. Dynamo Joe tells the villain, "See the price of defeat!"

Baron Blade muses, "It may be time for me to leave."

Golden Key wreaks havoc among the Blade Battalion squad, crippling four of them with teleported keys and leaving the survivor wounded. The survivor uses his multigun to slow down Golden Key with blade-tech adhesive.

Sulimar steps too near to the Kraken tentacles and gets grabbed. The attack disturbs the water barrier, and again the ruins flood. But even trapped, he is able to reach out and reactivate the Font of Power. He cries out to the others, "If we can reactivate the artifacts we can suppress the monster!"

Abyssal is standing right in front of xxtz'Hulish. He calls out to the Pillars of Hercules and the Phosphorescent Chamber, building a connection between them and the Amulet of the Abyss. The connection succeeds, but the backlash leaves Abyssal sickened. The closing web interferes with xxtz'Hulish's connection through the astral, giving Golden Key a chance to speed back to the submarine and use his cosmic power to move the Keystone into position and reactivate it within the Phosphorescent Chamber.

Dynamo Joe levels his rocket pod at Baron Blade and fires in ripple configuration. "I always knew you couldn't be trusted!" The Baron snarls as his nanotech forms into armor to protect him from the blasts. Bits of fragmented nanoshaped armor plating fall away from him as the remaining components reform to cover the gaps. The remaining Blade Battalion soldier fires on the characters to cover the Baron's retreat.

Yowie calls on shamanic strength to grow, but the ancient nature of Atlantean magic turns upon him and weakens him in turn. Overwatch flies too close to the protective dome and the Kraken's tentacles lash out at him. Golden Key and Yowie protect him from them with a combination of speed and plants.

Xxtz'Hulish *opens the gateway* and floods the zone with hulspawn minions, who promptly attack Yowie and Abyssal. Abyssal deploys the *shield of the Abyss* to limit their impact, while Overwatch takes a shot at xxtz'Hulish from above. This distracts the monster enough to allow Abyssal to complete the ritual to reawaken and link all the artifacts and suppress xxtz'Hulish's link through the astral. The interference

sickens the nearby hulspawn as well. Yowie stabs at xxtz'Hulish, but the creature's defenses are still too strong.

Overwatch flies away from the tentacles and calls out, "Get the Kraken, Dynamo Joe!" Dynamo Joe takes him at his word – he blasts them with electricity, prompting the Kraken to draw them all back into the water.

Golden Key teleports in among the hulspawn, dropping one and wounding the rest. The hulspawn strike back to no effect thanks to the characters' defensive powers. Xxtz'Hulish lunges down and attempts to crush and tangle Yowie in its tentacles, but even the giant hero is able to evade the attack.

Far above, the water shield covering the city flickers and weakens. It will fail soon unless it is stabilized. Abyssal draws upon his links to the nearby artifacts and starts to rebuild the barrier. He exults, "Now the artifacts are mine! They obey me!"

Overwatch muses, "Great, another betrayal."

Yowie ignores Overwatch's grousing. He's too busy chipping away at xxtz'Hulish. Golden Key also ignores Overwatch – he dives through the barrier at super-speed, driving the water currents away from the city and supporting the barrier. Everyone is grateful to see that the city's dome is again stable. But Golden Key's activity angers the Kraken! The monster roars and it sticks another tentacle in through the water, grasping for victims.

Xxtz'Hulish unleashes its *dread presence* and takes Abyssal out.

Dynamo Joe sends a *targeting missile* at xxtz'Hulish. He sends the missile data back to Overwatch, who engages in a bit of *aerial sniping*. Golden Key follows up with an *unerring strike*. The monster barely notices. Yowie strikes as well.

The monster starts to notice.

The Kraken also notices. The entire city shudders with its rage as tentacles plunge downward through the water barrier. Everyone scatters for cover, including the hulspawn. Xxtz'Hulish follows up with *rending hearts and homes*, taking control of the Atlantean defenses and forcing them to protect it. And then it swallows Dynamo Joe.

Golden Key decides that this just can't be allowed to stand. He performs a *rewind*, eliminating all existing bonuses and penalties. Yowie follows on by using his powers to grow poisonous seaweed everywhere, creating a *field of hazards* and impedes hulspawn, tentacles, and xxtz'Hulish as well.

Dynamo Joe struggles his way out of xxtz'Hulish's gullet as if he were the Kool-Aid Man confronted with a shoddily-built cinderblock wall. He proclaims, "I made a weak spot!"

Overwatch isn't paying too much attention – he's busy dodging tentacles. Forests upon forests of tentacles. The tentacles also take down Sulimar, who was concentrating on destroying xxtz'Hulish's defenses.

Yowie rushes forward and grapples xxtz'Hulish. Overwatch and Dynamo Joe strike the creature with a combination of *devastating precision* and an *electric arc*. This is more than enough to force xxtz'Hulish back away from the astral barrier and away from reality, far enough that the remaining Atlantean artifacts are able to maintain the creature's prison.

End of the Session

The session ends with xxtz'Hulish again imprisoned and both Baron Blade and Ivana Ramonat defeated. The characters manage to make their way back to the surface, but not before having a barbecue with the rescued archaeologists – brats and Foster's deep under the sea!

The characters easily accumulated 5 Hero Points to use for next session's bonuses.