

# Kaiju Defenders Inc.

## The Group

Player	Hero Name	Alias	Description
Paul			
Bruce	The Umbral	Haskell Marston	Dynasty, Mystical, Shadow, Decisive
Chris	Golden Key (Black Clavis)	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

*Bruce* has no idea what's going on, because he spent his early afternoon dealing with A/C problems. By the time he calls in, *Paul*, *Tim*, *Ernest*, *Chris*, and *Patrick* are all well into the thick of the adventure.

## Hero Point Bonuses

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

## Montages

Dynamo Joe is training up his machine possessions tricks in a junkyard. He discovers it's also the training grounds of an aspiring superhero: a kid named Rupert Jagger who calls himself "the Feral Juggernaut!" The kid has no powers, just enthusiasm and a lead pipe.

Dynamo entertains himself making spider-kangaroo bots for the kid to beat up with his pipe. Results: progress 1/4 on project - building up KDI via training grounds Twist - one of the spideroo bots has gone missing

Golden Key goes looking for his wife at various villain bars, while disguised as a new villain: the Black Clavis. He meets the minor villains Afterburn and Bravo, but makes a little progress finding Ermine. However, he decides that "the Wretched Hive" is his new favorite bar.

Trivia: the bartender replaced the sprinkler system with acid turrets for calming down the patrons if they start fighting.

Yowie also attends the bad guy pub crawl, disguised as the villain "Creepy Uncle." He discovers that even supervillains are uncomfortable around Creepy Uncle. Yowie enthusiastically invites them to sit on his lap, and largely ends up traumatizing a large swath of Syndey's underworld of assassins and terrorists.

Then a rogue Spideroo bot attacks the villain bar! "Black Clavis initially tries to hack the robot, but discovers that there's no actual electronics. It's just a haunted machine of scrap metal. So... he simply

disassembles if with super speed. This nets him a free drink from an ominous figure with glowing eyes. It is... Biomancer!

Biomancer wants to know if Black Klaver gets his powers from a genetic source, but BK dodges the question. Biomancer invites Black Klaver to come back to the lab (and see what's on the slab), but Klaver declines. Biomancer tries giving Klaver his phone number on a crumpled cocktail napkin.

Creepy Uncle then comes over to ask, "Wait, is there money involved?" Biomancer indicates that money is no problem, as his flesh children are in many places of power and influence. Then he wanders off.

Overwatch has been reading the comments on his YouTube videos, and getting depressed. So, to make himself feel better, he decides to go shopping. Nightwalker decides to come with, and they go to the mall to try on clothes in a comical fashion montage.

Well, less Hot Topic and more tactical combat hardware outlets.

Nightwalker is suddenly feeling much better. His powers are gone, but also are the dark impulses and whispers, so he's reinventing himself as a gunbunny type superhero.

Even more troubling, the hulspawn Receptionist also comes with. "I want to go shopping tooo..." She then licks her own eyeball to show her enthusiasm. She needs a human name, and looked online for one, but can't decide between Celine Dion and Margaret Thatcher. She considers the name Rae Dawn Chong, but eventually chooses to model her new identity upon a combination of Margaret Thatcher and the Spice Girls. There are five Spice Girls, so her name changes every day: Scary Thatcher, Sporty Thatcher, Posh Thatcher, Baby Thatcher, and Ginger Thatcher. Nobody is sure what names she uses on the weekends. She thinks this is completely normal.

The trio manage to outfit themselves like Arnold Schwarzenegger in *Commando*, with things like four-barrel rocket launchers and chain fed machine guns which are on sale in the backroom of a military surplus store for.... reasons.

## **The Umbral Returns**

The Abyssal wakes in a hospital room. This is a comic book, so he pulls all the IV tubes from his arm and staggers out of bed. He looks at the sunset through a window. Everyone but him realizes that he does not have a shadow. There is a dark wound upon his chest where the Amulet of the Abyss once hung. He staggers through the halls of the hospital, unaware of how other shadows bend towards him. He steps into a dark corner... and a moment later steps out from behind a piece of equipment across the street from the KDI headquarters. A couple more uncontrolled shadow jaunts later, he ends up in his room in KDI.

## **A Walk to the Dreamtime**

Yowie has been forced by recent events to consider his own links to the Aboriginal past. He goes upon a vision quest and returns from the Dreamtime with an understanding that he does not need to rely upon his spear for his powers. Instead, he gains the Strong Eye. Along his journey, he encounters an old man

dressed as a *karadji*. The shaman points a bone at him and tells him, “You steal our magic, you are cursed. You will die.”

Yowie protests, “That is not true! The land gave me the power!” But the old man is already gone.

## **Mission: New Charleston Incursion!**

The officials at Global call the group to report that there is trouble at New Charleston Island near Samoa. The Peniamina Siosifa luxury resort there was recently damaged by a volcanic eruption, and now there are reports of guests being attacked by giant insects and mobile plants. Global needs Kaiju Defense to investigate, rescue the trapped tourists, and put an end to the giant insect and moving plant threat.

The resort was built to look like an ancient temple. The group arrives to find a group of tourists trapped up on a high balcony. Some of them have shotguns, which they are using to fire at the giant insects. Threatening toxic plants grow visibly closer to the building, and create an obstacle for the characters’ movement. Overwatch takes to the air while the Umbral literally unfolds himself from the shadows beneath one of the insect monsters, grabbing hold of the creature and trying to haul it out of the air. Dynamo Joe takes over one of the resort lawnmowers and sends it to the attack. Golden Key launches a barrage of teleported AA chips at two plant minions and one insect. The plants do not survive the experience.

Yowie magnifies his size and steps across the landscape at colossal scale. Two insects surround him, buzzing and biting. The plants move in on the characters, reaching out and entrapping them with their mobile vines.

Golden Key zooms in, grabs some of the trapped tourists, and zooms them off to a safe distance – there are two stands on the beach operated by Jamaican guys, one selling jerk chicken and one selling rum, and they get some new customers.

Umbral is surprised when Dynamo Joe’s autonomous lawnmower literally mows down the toxic plant in front of him. He is less surprised to see that Dynamo Joe is busy making a second lawnmower into another robot minion, this one a sort of helicopter.

There is suddenly an Obsidian Eruption! The crushing carpet of plant life squeezes sharp obsidian shards up from under the ground. Roll Environment. Until the next environment turn, boost all Attack actions by +1 and Hinder all Overcome actions by -2. A vine sprouts from an upper floor and wraps around Golden Key as he tries to rescue tourists! And then the insects fall upon the characters! The characters dodge for all they are worth, but Overwatch does one better and gets a riposte shot off at one of the insects. He shakes free of the insect’s mandibles and flies to a cluster of tourists. He uses loud music from his gyrocopter speakers to guide them.

Golden Key moves in to rescue more tourists. He recognizes one of the women in the group as an Ermine groupie, and uses that relationship to encourage people to safety.

Dynamo Joe's autonomous lawnmower turns on its floodlights, creating incredible looming shadows everywhere that Umbral can use. Meanwhile, Dynamo Joe puts the finishing touches upon a second flying minion. Umbral fades into the looming shadow and emerges above one of the insects fighting Yowie. He slashes the creature with a blade created out of razor-sharp nothing. Yowie double-teams the creature and takes it down.

The insects attack the characters en masse. Yowie takes control of some of the shattered plants to protect Golden Key from their assault. A moment later, a massive swarm of stinging and biting insects erupts from the ground. They consume all of Dynamo Joe's drones! The others are injured by hundreds of stings in various degree, except for Golden Key who turns an incoming swarm around to strike one of the giant insects instead. Umbral stands beneath an uninjured insect. He becomes semi-corporeal and grabs hold of the creature's shadow, tearing it free along with a good portion of the creature's vitality.

Dynamo Joe rummages in his pack and produces another minion. It spins up rotors and flies to the attack. Nightwalker, encouraged by Yowie, takes aim at an insect and shoots it square on.

And now, it's venomous spores flooding the area! The local plant life is evolving to be hallucinogenic with disturbing speed. Golden Key is disoriented by the fumes and is almost taken out by a plant tendril, except for Dynamo Joe – who rolls in and takes the attack for him.

Golden Key rescues the rest of the tourists by rewriting their recent history so they originally decided to do something other than visiting the resort. The surprised tourists simply fade from existence – they're off somewhere else, hopefully somewhere safer.

Umbral steps into Yowie's shadow and reappears above a wounded insect. He stabs it with a broken tree branch. The insect had already taken two shots from Nightstalker, it flutters and dies. Umbral steps away from the body covered in insect ichor.

Just at that moment, the hillside erupts with a gout of lava. Dynamo Joe rolls around with desperate speed to protect Golden Key, while a nearby insect simply burns. Another insect rolls into a frenzy and attacks Yowie, who becomes *mad as a cut snake* and simply crushes the thing between his gigantic hands.

Dynamo Joe watches his most recent robotic creation get destroyed by the lava burst. He responds by using discarded tourist electronic items to create a big minion, a little minion, and an articulated minion. The larger minion flies to the attack while the little one clatters along after it upon spindly little legs. The articulated minion attaches itself to Golden Key and turns itself into *junk armor*. Golden Key leaps from stinger to stinger in a blinding charge at the last remaining insect. He takes half the creature's wings off and leaves it fluttering towards the ground. Yowie strikes and puts it out of its misery.

## The Silken Stoat

Golden Key takes on the identity of his evil alter-ego the Black Clavis and goes to talk to the Silken Stoat, the Ermine groupie he recognized earlier. He assures her, "I'm here to rescue you!"

“I’m so glad, everything on this island is going crazy! It must have been something that went wrong with that crazy high-tech lab up on the volcano!”

Black Clavis uses his super-speed to quickly run back to the others, write “Secret volcano lab! This is not a trap!” on the sand, then takes Silken Stoat back to her apartment.

When he drops her off, he asks very subtly, “You have to tell me where Ermine is? She’s not safe!” Black Clavis is half-convinced that Silken Stoat has a stalker-style photograph board tracking Ermine’s whereabouts hidden somewhere. Unfortunately, all she knows is that Ermine’s next plan involves the Mayor of Megalopolis, *Rebecca Baldwin*.

Black Clavis wants to get Ermine back, but he’s convinced that the way to do this is to make her jealous. So, he sleeps with Silken Stoat. This takes as much time as it takes the others to hike up the mountain to the site of the secret lab.

This is surely not going to end badly.

### Healing Is in the Eye of the Beholder

Umbral is hiking up the mountainside. The wound in his chest left by the Amulet of the Abyss is bothering him, and the only thing that makes him feel better is to think about how much he hates the Argent Adept. Strangely, this is a healing montage.

Yowie liberates a six-pack of Red Stripe and drinks all of them as he goes up the path. This is *also* a healing montage.

Overwatch is full of enthusiasm. He challenges Nightwalker to a series of wind-sprints up and down the mountain. Again, this is a healing montage.

### Repurposed Electronics

Dynamo Joe is in terrible shape, but he has no interest in healing. He rolls past a group of ruined HVAC units behind one of the resort buildings. He picks up bits and pieces from them, placing them into a cardboard box labeled “Spare Parts.”

### The Lava Fields

The laboratory at the top of the mountain is surrounded by lava flows. A massive creature that looks like a mix of insect and flying troop carrier hovers overhead. It is the Terror Bug! Giant insects and toxic plants hover overhead and menace the lab.

Overwatch spots another hazard, “We need to do this fast, guys! There’s a giant stormfront that will hit us in less than ten minutes!” Yowie grows to giant size and moves towards the massive carrier insect. Golden Key runs up to the back of the thing by stepping on the raindrops. He is surprised to find that it really doesn’t have an interior, at least not one he can reach. So instead, he simply teleports Ermine Fan Club stickers into its wingparts.

Dynamo Joe builds up a reinforced drone to hand him parts, and another launcher minion that can shoot arrows at the.

Umbral is practically overwhelmed by the number of shadows cast by the lava flows. He side-steps and emerges next to a giant insect. He draws in all the shadows around him, distorting the world around the insect and sending it almost into a stand of burning trees. The insect barely avoids an incendiary fate, but Umbral's efforts open up a tar pit in the ground near him.

Fleshy, mutated vines erupt from the ground and entrap most of the characters. Nightwalker is annoyed by this development and shoots a vine down. Umbral steps behind a stone, drops from view, then reappears with a shadow-edged blade to destroy another cluster of vines.

The Terror Bug's dorsal blade lights up and the hordes of insects answer its command, swarming to attack the characters.

Dynamo Joe and his helper minion continue to churn out launcher bots while the first off the line sprays a barrage of broad-headed arrows at a vine cluster and destroys it.

Nightwalker clammers up Yowie's back, shoots an insect with his punch gun from Yowie's shoulder, and then uses his grappling line to swing to safety away from the lava. As he touches down, five small insects spontaneously mutate and grow into giant monsters. Giant beetles! Golden Key is indignant. But he's really too busy avoiding the Terror Bug, which is trying to cut him in half with its face-blade. It slashes, but it mostly just hits a cluster of vines summoned by Yowie. The Terror Bug thrashes in frustration.

Dynamo Joe orders his crowd of launcher-bot minions to lay down fire upon the mutated beetles. When the shooting dies down, three of the beetles lie twitching upon the ground, their carapaces shattered by a remarkable array of arrows, nuts and bolts, and a few actual bullets. The surviving beetles run at the minions. There are no fatalities, though the robots are damaged by the effort. Then Dynamo Joe rolls over towards Umbral. He unleashes some of the eldritch Atlantean power he stored up while on the island. Umbral soaks up the energy; Atlantean runes glow bright upon his skin. And the insect fighting him also absorbs energy but ends up being injured by the experience.

Yowie squashes a giant insect, then shouts out, "You take the big carrier bug, Golden Key!" Golden Key absorbs some of the speed and strength of the Terror Bug's wings, slowing the creature down.

Umbral speaks into the shadows, using an *unseen whisper* to inspire the others to fight harder, then severs shadows on the ground and turns them into a net to crush one of the giant insects.

### The Invidious Dr. Gworm!

Then *Dr. Gworm* and his *Science Goons* show up! It turns out that the scientists in the lab aren't victims in need of rescue – they are *also* villains! Golden Key rides splatters of the Terror Bug's falling ichor to attack Dr. Gworm and the Science Goons. The minions fall like ninepins, struck down by a handful of teleported AA chits. Dr. Gworm responds by using *insect control* to bring the giant insect over to help him. The monster responds with a sense of aggression. As it draws near, Dr. Gworm leaps upon its back

and the two of them attack Golden Key – an attack that would have been devastating except for the fact that Dynamo Joe plows straight through a lava stream to put himself into the path of danger.

And then Dr. Gworm simply shoots Golden Key. Who needs superpowers when you have a gun?

The answer – superpowers are quite helpful, as Yowie demonstrates when he raises up a barrier of woody plant stems to stop the bullets.

Overhead, the Terror Bug sprays out acid – but the spray goes wide and hits nobody, though Dynamo Joe and Golden Key are forced to duck for cover.

### **The Storm Front**

Then the storm hits, and with it *Atoyo* the sea monster! The creature launches itself at the Terror Bug, flinging it into the side of the volcano and destabilizing the entire island. While the characters are staring up at the colossal conflict, Nightwalker shoots down the last giant insect. Dr. Gworm is forced to leap away from the creature's body before it sinks down beneath the surface of a nearby lava flow. He steps onto the ground and immediately spins and staggers, shot through the shoulder by Overwatch's sniper rifle.

The volcano shakes and spews lava as the two kaiju fight. Dynamo Joe is almost taken out by a lava splash, saved by Yowie's plant shield. The same cannot be said for Joe's minions, all of whom are taken out.

Golden Key emerges from the smoke clouds to strike Dr. Gworm (who goes down) and the Terror Bug (which barely notices). Golden Key notices that *Atoyo* seems to have a device implanted in its head, something that is directing him to attack the Terror Bug. Who is controlling the monster? Perhaps the Australians – they had access to *Atoyo* after it attacked the Vegemite Factory.

Yowie rips up a huge swath of terrain and slams it down upon the volcano. The eruption quiets significantly. Umbral directs shadows to chill and direct the lava flows. The eruption subsides and ends.

Dynamo Joe recognizes that whatever is in the lab, he needs to get to it before some government buries it. He rolls through the lab, yanking hard drives.

### **End of the Session**

The session ends with the volcano on New Charleston Island quieted and the tourists rescued. The kaiju Terror Bug and *Atoyo* continue to fight, but their disagreement no longer threatens the entire island. The characters gained five Hero Points during the session, and gain an additional 3 Business XP to improve Kaiju Defense Inc.