

Kaiju Defenders Inc.

The Group

Player	Hero Name	Alias	Description
Paul			
Bruce	El Genio	Hector Amanecer de Estepana	Medical, Genius, Physical Powerhouse, Natural Leader
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

Chris reports that he is fatigued, but feeling better than he did both on Friday and on Saturday. *Bruce* calls in, and then *Georgina* stops by briefly. *Chris* asks if she brought him a sandwich. *Bruce* indicates that she did not, which *Chris* interprets (loudly) as meaning that she brought him *two* sandwiches, and they were toasted. *Bruce* feels strangely attacked.

Paul defuses the situation by mentioning that he watched *Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey*. He says it was bad. But based upon IP that is no longer protected by copyright. *Ernest* notes, "Well, thank goodness it wasn't under copyright!" *Patrick* grumbles because his obscene wealth is entirely based upon keeping hold of copyrights, with his cold, dead fingers if necessary.

Ernest assures the others that *John Wick 4* is much better, though perhaps just a bit over the top. And he's become a lot more excited about seeing the *D&D Movie* now that he knows he can get a giant D20 popcorn container. For \$35. Popcorn is extra.

Tim sends along a warning that he will be late. He doesn't indicate how late, though. Apparently, that means 36 minutes.

Hero Point Bonuses

Each character has five Hero Points to assign to bonuses for the session.

A Day in the Life

El Genio is in the lab at KDI taking apart his hovercraft. When he gets hungry, he snacks on whole pumpkins because he's 6' 8" and can eat pumpkins like that.

Dynamo Joe asks, "Was the hovercraft full of eels?"

El Genio is deeply confused. "No, of course not!"

Dynamo Joe defends his question, "It's a Monte Python reference!"

Meanwhile, *Overwatch* is off doing some community outreach. He's teaching a team of kids how to play softball. And how to take on opponents much larger than they are. Which doesn't seem like the kind of thing a softball team should know.

Golden Key – Family Man

Golden Key is doing his best to change his quarters into a suitable home for his new family with *Ermine* and their baby daughter. He makes the best nursery he can, which turns out to not be all that good. He buys the wrong kind of bed, he decorates the walls with trophies made from monster parts, and he does it all at super-speed which just gets on *Ermine*'s nerves.

Through the whole process, *Ermine*'s expression just gets more and more grim. When *Golden Key* starts suggesting that she won't be able to drink, use drugs, or boost with combat enhancers for two years while she's breast feeding she stops him. "We need to have a discussion. It was a mistake for me to go off with Freight Train – you've ruined me for other men. But I just can't live this superhero life that you live. I can stay here for a little while till I get back on my feet, but I can't stay."

"Well, I guess you could live somewhere else in the city..."

"I still need my freedom. Me and Faith, she's a born thief."

Golden Key stares at the baby, trying to identify her thief-like characteristics. He realizes that she's holding a set of his keys.

Ermine goes on, "I can't stay here and live here, but we can still stay in touch."

Golden Key is dubious, "How much will I see my daughter in this plan? How many crimes per week will she be committing?"

"Well, she's not old enough to help yet, but she does know how to stay quiet."

Golden Key realizes that he's done everything to help his relationship except to talk about it. And he's not prepared to do that, so instead he tells *Ermine* that she can stay in the KDI tower and goes off for a long run and feel sorry for himself. He muses, "But I tried for almost four minutes! FOUR minutes! What does she want?"

The Second String

Dynamo Joe spends some time with the KDI backup team, the *Bondi Beach Bruisers* - *Nightwalker*, *Spichy Thatcher* the *Hulspawn*, *Feral Juggernaut*, and *Cosmotron*. The newest member of the group is *Cosmotron*, who was originally a lightning spirit with an affinity for machines. *Dynamo Joe* places the spirit into a bionic body. Unfortunately, the only one of those bodies that hasn't already gone rogue is the one *Dynamo Joe* prepared for the (now villainous) *Umbral*. So now, the newly-created *Cosmotron* looks like a modestly non-evil version of *Umbral*. And then *Dynamo Joe* takes it upon himself to teach him how to operate in modern Australia (a task for which he is totally unfitted), and to organize the *Bondi Beach Bruisers* into a Tactical Support Squad.

At the same time, Yowie introduces Stan the Mechanic to the KDI training area with the hopes of making him a bit more resilient in the face of danger – and moving him from a D6 minion to a D8 minion.

Global Emergency! Global Emergency!

The characters get a call from Global on their communications system. Everyone assembles. El Genio is very excited: this is his first mission for the team, except for all the other missions he's been on. Golden Key is upset that nobody else realizes that he is feeling mopey.

The blue face of *Tempest* appears on the screen. His hair-tentacles writhe with agitation. "Global needs your help! We have a serious problem in Shanghai. There is an alien kaiju attacking the city. We already have some people on the ground: Legacy and Tachyon. But we need your specialized skills to help with the monster!"

Tempest actually knows that the creature is a Vibravore from planet Vollax. The *Grand Warlord Voss* is from that system and knew about them, but even he wanted nothing to do with Vibravores because they were just too hard to control. The beast has the power to absorb all energy, except that it has a weakness to N-Rays. Tachyon is working on an N-Ray device, but the KDI team is needed to distract the monster until the machine is ready.

While Yowie is accepting the job, Golden Key is griping, "You'd think that Global would have an N-ray gun just on hand." Overwatch and El Genio don't feel like telling him that humanity abandoned N-ray research back in the 1930's, apparently in part because a noted false-science debunker actively sabotaged the discoverers' labs. But all that's in the past.

As the characters organize transport to Shanghai, *Nightwalker* and some of his friends volunteer to come along. Most of his friends are from the Bondi Beach Brawlers, including *Feral Juggernaut*, *Wisp*, *The Gecko*, and *Cosmotron*. Golden Key forces all of them to repeat the following phrase: "Direct attacks against the monster will only make it stronger. I will not make direct attacks against the monster because Golden Key will never let me forget it."

They all say the phrase. Golden Key is satisfied.

Downtown Shanghai in Peril

The buildings of downtown Shanghai are huge! They even manage to make the 300-meter Vibravore look small – but no less threatening. It is towering, green, and glowing. It uses its massive claws to tear down buildings as it stomps through the city. It absorbs energy from everything around it, then uses some of that energy to bud off smaller versions of itself (versions only 20 meters tall).

Tempest is glad to see the characters arrive. He admits that Tachyon has already had a lot of her powers drained. He warns them that the monster can regenerate at an incredible rate.

The characters move to the attack. Vibravore sends out a *mass siphon* that drains power away from the heroes (and their devices). Overwatch takes to the sky, calling out tactical instructions. Dynamo Joe clatters down a raised highway, striking one of the mini-Vibravores with a pattern of *tracking rockets*. He

is dismayed to see that the creature draws the energy out of the rockets, causing them to fall harmlessly on the ground. Yowie follows up, and again sees his attack fall flat. El Genio steps in again, and is gratified to see the creature sent flying.

“Your devious absorption tricks aren’t perfect! You can be beaten!”

Overwatch banks around Vibravore, who stares up at him and draws away some of his *agility*. Then one of the mini-Vibravores flies straight up at him, lashing at his autogiro. And three more of them tear apart the Oriental Pearl Tower. The tower survives, but only just barely.

On the ground, the Bondi Beach team engage the first wave of Vibravore's spawn, and they quickly realize that these creatures are formidable foes. Feral Juggernaut uses his strength to try to keep the spawns at bay, while Gecko uses his agility to dodge their attacks and strike back with his tail.

Golden Key lines up on Vibravore and unleashes his *relic drain*. He is convinced that the monster notices him. The others aren’t sure that it’s such a good idea for that to happen.

El Genio infuses himself with *alchemical power* and injures one of the mini-Vibravores. The thing staggers. Before it can recover, Yowie grabs it in a bear hug to crush it! El Genio calls out, “Destroy it! We have the upper hand! You can do it, Dynamo!”

Dynamo Joe rolls into the fray, firing off another array of *targeting rockets*. He strips the safeties off the rocket warheads so they are just leaking energy. The glowing orbs strike the monster and explode it! He shouts out, “It’s just full of turtle meat!”

Vibravore swings a massive claw, sending debris flying toward El Genio. A chunk of building flies at him, but his incredible *intuition* helps him completely avoid it. The monster follows up by charging Yowie, the biggest (or at least tallest) foe on the scene.

Meanwhile, two of the mini-Vibravores succeed in undermining the foundations of the Oriental Pearl Tower. Dynamo Joe watches with concern as the high peak of the building sways.

El Genio realizes that there is a waterway right next to him: perfect for his hovercraft! He leaps to the water and zooms up to a mini-Vibravore. He pops up the hovercraft water cannon and uses it to knock the creature down, leaving it vulnerable. Golden Key rushes across it, inserting enough car keys into it that it stops looking like a giant turtle, and starts looking like a statue of a giant turtle made of car keys.

Yowie calls upon his affinity with plants to make giant, magical kelp surge out of the waterfront to reinforce Dynamo Joe. The robot grates, “I am uncomfortable with this.”

N-Ray Generator on the Scene

Tachyon arrives on the scene with a large, bulky device that crackles with energy. She quickly sets up the machine and activates it. Vibravore shrieks with pain as yellow rays from the machine bathe it in N-Ray radiation for a few moments, but almost immediately something goes wrong and the N-Rays stutter out. Sparks fly from the machine as it emits a high-pitched whine, and Tachyon curses as she realizes that

something is malfunctioning. Working at super-speed, she frantically begins to open up panels and fiddle with wires, trying to figure out what the problem is. Vibravore begins to angrily advance towards the N-Ray Generator. The characters know they need to protect Tachyon and the machine until she can get it back up and running. Overwatch and Stan the Mechanic run to her side and help to repair the machine.

Dynamo Joe realizes that Vibravore and his spawn love electricity. He latches on to a nearby substation transformer starts drawing all the nearby power in the city to him. He sends it all to a circuit next to the collapsing side of the Oriental Pearl Tower, drawing the monsters towards it. As an incidental bonus, one of the mini-Vibravores is so overcome by the lure that it bonks into the tower struts, helping it remain upright.

Yowie finds some nearby train tracks, part of the city's monorail system, and assembles them into a barricade in front of Vibravore. Golden Key comes around behind him with a collection of giant concrete spheres – which are just like marbles underfoot to Vibravore.

Dynamo Joe realizes that the N-Ray generator is very close to working again. He rolls in and ties his own power core to the machine. The N-wave Converter roars to life as Dynamo Joe howls, "Fuel is my blood!" The machine stutters to life and N-rays bathe the monsters, disrupting their regeneration abilities.

El Genio spins his hovercraft around and uses it to launch himself straight at Vibravore, delivering a hit that even its *defensive siphon* cannot halt. Vibravore howls like an overpowered vacuum cleaner and attempts to stomp Yowie out of existence. Dynamo Joe rolls by, yelling, "Behind me!" at Yowie. The monster's stomp hits the ground to no effect. It turns to look at Dynamo Joe and absorbs all of his *electricity* powers in retribution.

Overwatch soars into the air and uses his *devastating precision* to shoot Vibravore. The gunshot is partially deflected by *defensive siphon*, but even with that it suffers a devastating hit. Dynamo Joe turns on the *motivational speakers*, allowing Overwatch to circle around again for another shot. Vibravore staggers. Yowie piles on after Overwatch, taking the monster down. He yells out, "Right in the codpiece!"

When the creature falls, it shatters the ground beneath it. Part of Waterside Park becomes a crater, then swiftly fills with water.

Oh No! The Spawn!

With Vibravore down, all of the mini-Vibravores start to absorb their parent's power. Golden Key moves in on two that are scrabbling around in an effort to crush El Genio. He lines up on one of them with the intent of making a takedown strike. The creature stays up, but badly wounded. The creatures overwhelm Golden Key, but before they can strike Dynamo Joe gets in the way and keeps him in the fight.

El Genio moves out of his defensive stance to grab a mini-Vibravore's leg. He swings the thing around in the air in a physically implausible manner, then flings it out into the bay. There is some thrashing before it disappears under the water. Then the creature bursts, emitting a single massive air bubble.

Golden Key elegantly hamstring a mini-Vibravore, weakening it enough for Dynamo Joe to destroy it with a *targeting rocket* barrage. He tells Overwatch, "They have a weakness to rockets!" Overwatch takes it down.

Vibravore – Down, but not Out

There is a loud series of cracking sounds as the Vibravore's shell starts to come apart. Tachyon shuts down her N-Ray generator and rushes forward to study it. She tells the others, "I don't think it's actually dead, but I need more instruments to see what's going on inside there." She rushes off to get more gear as Feral Juggernaut hammers upon the creature's shell to no effect.

Golden Key steals kinetic energy from falling debris and fleeing civilians to heal his own injuries. Yowie shuffles into a nearby noodle shop to get some liang-cha (South China's favorite summer drink) and some noodles. This being Shanghai, the place is still staffed and operating. Overwatch steps in a moment later, telling the proprietor, "Give me whatever he's having." He sits down and promptly starts complaining about Communist noodles and Communist herbal tea. The two other patrons do their best to leave immediately.

El Genio pulls a Z-Ray transmitter and receiver out of his hovercraft's trunk. He uses them to get a view inside the creature's shell. He finds that its tissues are liquefying and changing form, rather like a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. There is no indication that its new shape will also be vulnerable to N-Rays. Also, it's drawing upon geothermal power to enable the transformation – which is making the entire area nearby noticeably warmer. He works up a chemical and energy analysis of the monster.

Yowie encourages the remaining locals to evacuate.

Tempest shows up and tells the others, "This creature is of extraterrestrial origin. We need to find out who brought it to Earth – maybe they have a way to send it back."

Dynamo Joe takes El Genio's reports and uses them to search his memory banks for evidence of other supervillains who have done similar things, and who might know something useful. He finds that there are companies that do research on rare forms of radiation. In fact, there is a local research center nearby in Shanghai. They haven't publicly released anything, but Dynamo Joe has access to secret Baron Blade back doors. He tells the others about the *Gammatech Research Center*.

Golden Key runs across town to the Gammatech Research Center and thoroughly explores as much of it as he can. He phases through the wall and finds himself in a room full of strange gear and alien technology. The windows that are silvered from the outside are transparent from this side, giving him an excellent panoramic view of Shanghai. The creature operating the equipment isn't from around here: it is globular, with many compound eyes that take in the entire room, and an array of eight tentacles and grasping members that reshape themselves (even splitting into multiple tips) to whatever application is

needed. Golden Key ducks back through the wall before the creature sees him. He takes along a circuit board, because he knows that Yowie won't accept his story without some physical proof, just like every bureaucrat in every science fiction movie everywhere.

The characters (led by Golden Key) ask Tempest if he knows anything about tentacle aliens. Tempest's tentacle hair draws in tight as he looks at Golden Key with a suspicious expression. Golden Key clarifies, "Long tentacles, plus a spherical body shape!" Tempest explains that the creature is an *octrox*, and that they are known to hire themselves out as muscle. He notes that they also have telepathy and are generally contemptuous of humanoid life.

Gammatech Research Center

The characters walk in through the front door of the Gammatech Research Center. The solidly-built receptionist looks at them with the kind of expression that you only get if your job involves dealing with arriving superteams as a regular thing. "Welcome to Gammatech. Can I help you?"

Yowie starts out, "Don't make me say it out loud, but we need to talk to your tentacled boss."

She is dismissive, "You don't have an appointment. You're going to have to leave."

Golden Key fills out a visitor name tag, claiming that his name is "Fuck you!"

Dynamo Joe rolls right through the metal detectors. Alarms go off. Even over the noise, he claims, "I am an atomic devastator mark III! I am here on Baron Blade! You must sign for ownership of this Atomic Devastator model! I am shipped straight from Mordengrad, and the delivery fees are enormous!"

By this time, El Genio is attempting to use his self-described "incredible Argentinean allure" to seduce the receptionist. Even without the loud alarms, there's no way he could succeed.

Forgotten near the entrance, Overwatch pulls out his laptop and hacks into the local system. He turns off the alarms.

Meanwhile, the receptionist is changing. Her body is become much more... jellylike. Her arms and legs become tentacular, and her skin turns a distressing shade of pink. And then she spawns out almost a dozen *jelly worm* minions. Golden Key, Dynamo Joe, and El Genio turn to squashing, electrocuting, and hugging as many worms as they can.

Yowie leaps up through the security barriers into the common area above. He confronts three security guards who respond by shedding their human disguises and taking their true shapes:

- *Lieutenant Marthek*: A huge, muscled thorathian with red skin and bone spikes upon his shoulders
- *Stravage*: A thin, blue creature with a whiplike tail and four shark eyes
- *Veminace*: Another octrox

Yowie and Marthek fall to blows while Stravage rushes to the top of the stairs to *display his supremacy* to the characters. Golden Key mourns, “I really don’t want to see his penis...”

Veminace takes no heed of the hairless monkey’s complaints. It opens up the security barrier and goes after Overwatch – it doesn’t like the fact that he’s been hacking.

Marthek smirks and hits a button on his wrist console, activating a forcefield. Marthek gains a Defend action against all ranged attacks equal to the Environment mid die. The force field can be shut down by an overcome or by a hero breaking through it with their body. Anyone coming into contact with the force field takes an attack equal to the Defend value.

Overwatch steps out of Veminace’s easy tentacle reach and alerts the others to the situation. Golden Key fights his way through two jelly worm swarms to deliver a strike on the secretary Mursillus.

Dynamo Joe trundles right past Stravage (ignoring his supremacy) to separate Yowie from Marthek. He does this with electricity, enough of it that all the computers and monitors around explode, showering sparks everywhere. He finds that Marthek’s personal challenge to Yowie makes it very, very hard to hurt him. But at least Yowie recovers. And he promptly strikes Marthek, discharging the thorathian’s energy shield right through his fist. It burns!

El Genio grabs the receptionist’s desk and swings it around like a bat, squashing all the nearby swarms of jelly worms. He tells the others, “The jelly worms are off the table!”

Stravage lets out a savage roar and leaps towards Dynamo Joe. As he makes contact, he unleashes a burst of energy that seems to sap the robot’s strength. From this point on, any time Joe takes damage, Stravage will make a Recover action for half that damage amount, as he feeds off their energy.

Mursillus assaults Golden Key with her *jelly worms of doom*. Golden Key looks very much worse for the experience, but she appears to be stronger. Almost jellied.

Overwatch takes a shot at Mursillus with his *super army training*. She uses *body of jelly* to avoid most of the effect.

Yowie takes a strong *endurance fighting* attack upon Marthek, leaving him punch-drunk. The hit was so strong, it rattled the thorathian’s brain around in its skull. Dynamo Joe follows up with *chain lightning*, healing himself and Yowie even as Stravage and Marthek get burned.

Golden Key and El Genio punch at Mursillus. With one last mighty hit, her bloated, jelly body splits open. The two heroes end up coated in slime.

Marthek is getting desperate. He begins to channel all of his cosmic energy into one massive blast. The explosion takes down Golden Key, and injures everyone else – including the other aliens. The building shudders, and it is obvious that the ceiling is on the edge of collapsing. With almost the last of his strength, Yowie grabs hold of the failing columns and forces them back into place.

Veminace goes for Overwatch with outstretched tentacles. Overwatch is almost taken out by the attack, but he manages to riposte with effect, then shoots Veminace. El Genio follows up, driving his fist into the alien's spherical body. Its tentacles writhe in every direction, then fall still. And Overwatch takes advantage of the situation to shoot Stravage. The alien shudders under the impact, but remains standing. The characters are quite impressed by the alien's durability.

Dynamo Joe fills the area with *chain lightning*, reinforcing himself and Yowie while Stravage and Marthek both continue to get singed. Marthek becomes frustrated and slams his fists into the ground, creating a shockwave that almost knocks Dynamo Joe down and that litters the floor with test tubes and other debris.

Stravage picks his way towards Dynamo Joe with a lethal look in his eyes. He executes a *vicious strike* and takes out Dynamo Joe. Marthek unleashes a *stellar charge-up* against Yowie, who uses natural *empowerment* to shed away the effects. The characters find themselves pushed up against the ropes.

Stan the Mechanic tells Overwatch, "I have confidence in you!" Overwatch shoots Stravage. This encourages El Genio enough to allow him to leap up to the top of the stairs and take the shark-alien out with a remarkable one-two punch. Stravage hits the deck and bounces.

Marthek tells Yowie, "You are more than I bargained for. Master! Unspeakable wave! Grant me your power!" He is filled with the power of the *unspeakable wave*, magnifying his power and his remaining hit points. He blasts Yowie, though his aim is spoiled by the heroes' efforts to restrain him.

The facility starts to come apart. Falling debris threatens everyone. Neither Marthek nor Yowie pay attention to the situation: they continue pounding on each other. Stan the Mechanic encourages Overwatch, "You've got this!", but he sounds distinctly less sure of himself. Overwatch shoots, but Marthek reveals that he is an *unflagging fighter* and stays up... right until El Genio shows up and knocks him out. El Genio knocked out all four villains! He unlocks a secret achievement for this! And he gets a genuine KDI logo t-shirt.

El Genio hears a faint hissing sound. Marthek whispers at him, "You may have defeated me, heroes. But you have not defeated my master. The Unstoppable Wave will stop at nothing to seize the Heart of Acceleration!" Marthek's body starts to shudder, then smoke. He burst into a horrible green flame.

A threatening voice thunders out, "You cannot defeat the Unstoppable Wave!"



This Place Is Lousy with Alien Tech

Overwatch explores the lab as it falls apart. He examines their files and learns that the Vibravore can evolve into a variety of forms – determined by the type of radiation it is exposed to. No one knows all the things it can change into, so he picks the smallest shape. He finds an appropriate emitter and exposes the Vibravore into Q-rays. He loads it into the autogiro and flies at speed to the battleground on the shore.

Tempest and Tachyon are there waiting for him. They back off while Overwatch sets up the Q-ray machine and bathes the Vibravore's body. The creature's giant shell cracks and fragments, almost as if it is deflating. And finally, a cute little crustacean creature about 18" across scuttles out. It looks up at Overwatch and seems to instantly bond with him. It makes an adorable, "Yeeeeep?" sound.

Overwatch assures it, "We'll take care of you... in our prison." And Yowie has named it *Vibe*.

End of the Session

The session ends with the characters victorious over the Vibravore in Shanghai. Also, Overwatch has acquired a new (and maybe very threatening) alien pet. KDI gains 5 business EXP, enough to go to Kaiju Business Level 5, with 3 additional EXP. The company gains the *Bondi Beach Bruisers* as a Tactical Support Squad (D6).

The characters gained 5 Hero Points to use next session.

Also, this is the end of a collection, published under the title *The Semi-Secret Invasion*.