# Kaiju Defenders Inc.

## The Group

Player	<b>Hero Name</b>	Alias	Description
Paul			
Bruce	El Genio	Hector Amanecer de	Medical, Genius, Physical Powerhouse,
		Estepana	Natural Leader
Chris	Golden Key	Dooley Marson	Speedster with the Magical Heart of Speed
	(Black Clavis)		
Ernest	Yowie	Hugh Sullivan Marston	Size-Growing Relic-Powered Cop
Patrick	Overwatch	Tom Marston	Military, Training, Flyer, Distant
Tim	Dynamo Joe	Atomic Devastator Mk	Former Villain, Artificial Being, Blaster, Lone
		2, SN: BLADE-034-DW	Wolf

Chris and Tim start out by discussing the realism or lack thereof in various cinematic melee fight scenes, in particular the Renfri fight scene in *The Witcher*. Bruce notes that CGI has made these fights much, much safer. Paul isn't interested in safety; he only wants to maintain kayfabe.

Ernest calls out from nowhere, "But I'm an Instagram influencer!" This makes more sense when you recognize that the conversation had long since moved on to *Ingrid Goes West* and the soulless nature of influencers. *Patrick* remains silent, as he reserves all his attention for reviewing various video filters, each more implausible than before.

Paul's TV recommendation for the week is *School Spirits*, a program about a girl who is murdered, ends up as a ghost haunting her high school, and finds that the place is absolutely lousy with other folks who have died in or around the school.

#### Hero Point Bonuses

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

#### The Bondi Beach Brawlers

- *Nightwalker* KDI family member, traumatized by time in the Hul dimension, has a pneumatic arm spike and a swinging grapple line. The leader.
- Feral Juggernaut kid superhero in training, junk yard gadgets and brawling (real name: Rupert Jagger)
- Wisp Nightwalker's new girlfriend, turns into mist? or turns invisible? We're not really sure.
- The Gecko agile, wall walking, chameleon, and uses guns.

Note: the fact that Cosmotron looks like the now-villainous Umbral shouldn't cause any problems in the future. What are the odds?

## New Collection - and Some New Hero Details

*Dynamo Joe* has been redesigned by the writers. He now looks like a ramshackle junkbot, because the team already includes two unstoppable heavyweights. He ends up in the lab getting reconstructed with a mix of weird alien tech, surplus Australian military gear, salvaged robotics components, and whatnot.

*Yowie* has become even more shapestrong than before, if that's even possible. He goes into a vine-covered cocoon in his apartment and emerges with multiple forms: diminutive, powering, and weird. Everyone is just a bit concerned about what the "weird" form is going to be.

El Genio recognizes that his proper place is in the front. He spends his time in the Training Center, boxing. Golden Key also doesn't change too much. All of the turmoil in his life comes from his personal relationships. Likewise, Overwatch is the rock that the group is based on – he's already got his own spinoff comic book, and the writers don't want to jeopardize those sales.

#### **Business** is Booming

After the characters saved Shanghai, Asian interest in KDI has gone through the roof! The company is opening up a Chinese office, and the legal staff has been battling a plague of knockoff and counterfeit KDI-themed goods, including a bootleg cartoon series. The episodes never get broadcast, but online streaming and gray-market DVDs are easily available. The Bondi Beach Brawlers (including Feral Juggernaut, Wisp, The Gecko, and Cosmotron) in particular become a fan of the cartoons. There aren't any official English translations for the cartoons, so the Brawlers feed them through Central for translations. They find that repeating that process over and over results in stupider and stupider-sounding dialogue, which is great for viewing parties. And the team publicist *Dr. Broussard* finds that she's easily able to get interviews with Chinese media, though they mostly ask her about beauty tips and personal questions, with occasional questions about how much she loves the CCP (she dodges those). And Spirit Halloween is now selling some new costumes:

- "Fast Key Man"
- "Big Hairy"
- "Muscle Scientist"
- "Look Around Guy"
- "Awkward Robot"

*Ermine* and her daughter are still around, though all of the publicity is putting her villain cred to the test. Golden Key is obsessive about checking in on her and the baby, all the while hoping for the day that his daughter *Rain* starts to display speed powers. And he does lean in on the evil-tinged good guy image.

Golden Key is also concerned that someone may try to kidnap his daughter (again) – possibly his ex-wife. He resolves to place a fragment of the *Heart of Acceleration* into her body so he can always find her. His initial efforts aren't particularly inspiring, but he does learn for later.

Overwatch decides that a playroom/prison for *Vibro*, the small "cuddly" alien creature that remained after the characters exposed the Vibravore to Q-ray radiation in their last adventure. During the process, he's exposed to a lot of radiation that leaves him thoroughly energized.

El Genio, as the new guy in the team, really wants to build up the team identity. As a two-fisted super scientist, he concludes that the way to do this is to put together a boxing ladder. This does nicely to help improve the group's Tactical Support Squad (the Bondi Beach Brawlers; two checks out of four to get to a d8) and helps everyone feel a bit closer.



Yowie emerges from his cocoon more unified with the Dreamtime. There are now flowers and sprigs of vegetation in his hair. He is no longer entirely sure if he is real. But he's real enough to take *Stan the Mechanic* on a journey into the Dreamtime. The journey is very immersive, maybe even *too* immersive: something thorn-covered comes back with the two of them, growing out into the Training Center and taking over systems as it does.

Yowie decides that this is a learning and growth opportunity for Stan. He grows out one of his fronds into the shape of a shillelagh and hands it to him. "You can beat it!"

Stan seems deeply uncomfortable with this development. He is even more uncomfortable as the monster attacks Yowie with a razor-tipped tornado of branches and vines. Stan gets a couple of good hits in before Yowie turns the monster into a sodden mass of leaves, green gunk, and ruined furniture. KDI's alien receptionist walks in, takes a look at the mess, and informs Yowie, "Well, I'm not cleaning that up."

Dynamo Joe is interested in understanding what the *Unstoppable Wave* is – after the alien gangsters in Shanghai mentioned it. Tempest seemed to know something, so Joe calls him up. Tempest tells him that the Vibravore came from the world of Vollax, on the outer edges of Grand Warlord Voss' Thorathian Empire. On their own world, Vibravores have their own very specialized life cycle that is barely understood even by scientists. Dynamo Joe flies out to Tempest's Maerynian Refuge (an island in the North Atlantic – a place for the roughly hundred survivors from Tempest's homeworld) for their conversation.

## Shanghai Alert! Shanghai Alert!

An alert comes in through the system! Central reports, "The new Shanghai HQ is under attack!" The building hasn't even opened yet – who could be attacking? Initial information suggests that the attackers are an alien kaiju supported by additional alien warriors. The characters assemble up and head out on El Genio's hovercraft. He is proud to be providing transportation to the entire team! Golden Key, in contrast, is upset. He knows that Ermine and baby Rain were out visiting the site of the new HQ, and they are surely in danger!

The characters see makeshift barricades around the construction site. A squad of blue-skinned Thorathian (alien) snipers is positioned up on the top floor, and a giant alien monster named *Tronos* stomps onto the scene. (The characters know that it is usually only the red-skinned Thorathians who have superpowers).



Then a huge voice booms out, "Earth insects! I am General Stryken, servant of the Unstoppable Wave! We come for the Heart of Acceleration. I cannot be attacked, you are helpless! My force field counters both the teleportation and the speed powers of the Heart of Acceleration! I am prepared to make a deal — hand over the Heart and I will spare the lives of these pathetic creatures." He brings out Ermine and Rain, both tied with alien bonds. "You have to the count of ten to surrender Golden Key!"

Golden Key runs straight at General Stryken. He reverses time to make the General weaker. The others are able to see the General become shrunken and weaker. He howls, "What is this!" He adjusts his force field controls to stabilize his local time stream and protect himself from Golden Key's powers. Ermine takes advantage – she flings a bangle at General Stryken's feet, then flings herself off the edge of the building and catches herself halfway down with climbing claws. Golden Key is pleased and alarmed to realize that Ermine has baby Rain secured in a backpack carrier.

Dynamo Joe announces, "The kaiju Tronos is similar to the Vibravore! It must come from the same system! It should be vulnerable to specific radiations and materials, especially zinc!"

Overwatch takes to the sky and fires on the snipers. He takes one down.

General Stryken commands his troops, "Unleash fury upon them!" The snipers fire with finely-trained precision.

Tronos says, "Tronos!" It manipulates space and gravity to attack Dynamo Joe, El Genio, and Stan the Mechanic. Stan is taken down!

El Genio shouts out, "Zinc!" He knows that Chinese rebar is zinc-coated, so he collects up a pile of it and uses the bars to pry away armor plating from Tronos' midsection. The Titan is weakened! Golden Key follows up against the snipers, teleporting a basketful of zinc-bearing housewares at a squad of three of them. They fall with various building materials sticking out of their bodies. Overwatch notes that in one case, Golden Key used a prosthetic leg as a weapon... and wonders why that is available on a construction site.

Yowie changes shape... into his Towering Form! He slams a massive fist into Tronos' reptilian jaw.

Ermine flings a handful of *diamond dust* at all of the Thorathians, causing all of the snipers to choke and cough. She escapes through a broken window. In her wake, the explosive charges the Thorathians hid on the construction cranes detonate, clogging the area with debris.

General Stryken hammers Yowie with his *telekinetic field*, but his attempts to interfere with the Heart of Acceleration don't prevent Golden Key from blocking the attack. His snipers open fire, blazing away at Dynamo Joe, Yowie, and El Genio. Yowie squashes one in response.

Tronos transforms his giant fist into a spiked club and hammers El Genio. Dynamo Joe flings a set of *magnetic gauntlets* to El Genio. El Genio uses his incredible strength to hammer right back – then gets hammered again by Tronos' *reactive field*.

Yowie and Golden Key dust five of the Thorathian snipers. Golden Key muses, "Stryken is probably going to bring more guys in through the *quark-drive translocator*. The waiting room in front of that thing must be getting pretty tense."

Dynamo Joe observes that El Genio has been taking a lot of hits from Tronos. He uses *weird alien tech* to spray down the Kaiju with strange radiation. The side effects heal both him and El Genio. Infused with energy, El Genio uses magnetic *gauntlets* to grab up a huge piece of wrecked crane and hit Tronos in the jaw. Tronos howls and activates a *cosmic shield* to protect itself, then tries to squash Dynamo Joe – who dodges to safety.

Just as predicted, General Stryken opens a hole in reality. Seven more Thorathian troops come piling out in a squad. Golden Key cracks his knuckles in anticipation. Dynamo Joe discovers that his secret weakness is bullets – but he was close enough to the portal entry to energize a battery with quark energy, which he hands to Golden Key. And Golden Key uses the quark-drive energy to fling all seven soldiers back through the translocator, sealing the passage behind them. He doesn't mention that he also stole some grenades from the soldiers and flung them (live) through the pathway before it closed.

Yowie hits Tronos again. The giant monster tries to manipulate gravity to crush El Genio and Dynamo Joe, but it's so off balance that the effect doesn't really even do anything.

General Stryken commands a *focus fire* against Yowie, but there are so few of his men left that the attack has little effect – through Yowie is still in terrible shape. His troops try to gun down Dynamo Joe, though again the robot evades the attack. And then by surprise, *The Gecko* flips out of a window and guns down two Thorathian minions with an Uzi.

# The Mothership Appears

Yowie steps on General Stryken. The alien leader looks pretty rough. Dynamo Joe follows up with a zap from a *tesla coil*. The General crackles and shudders. And then the Thorathian Mothership hovering over the city partially decloaks. A beam of light shoots out of the ship to envelop the General, lifting him to safety. He monologues, "Fools! You may have won today, but we will have the Heart of Acceleration in time!" The ship vanishes, leaving only the sound of its engines behind.

Oh, and the kaiju. Because that makes trouble.

Fortunately, El Genio and Golden Key are able to clobber it pretty effectively. Though it does shoot its fingers into the ground... and then out again to strike Golden Key. In spite of being injured, Golden Key is just enchanted by the cheesy 1980's charm of the monster's attack.

#### **Hostage Situation**

The last remaining Thorathian soldier backs up with a desperate expression in his eyes. He grabs hold of a nearby civilian and fires wildly at El Genio. El Genio casually picks up several massive pieces of concrete. The first one forces the soldier to let go of his hostage. The second one sends the soldier flying into the next county.

# There's Still a Kaiju, You Know

Dynamo Joe realizes that Yowie is on his last legs. He uses his rocket-boots to jump up onto Yowie's shoulder. He fires a *rocket gun* at Tronos and then bandages up one of Yowie's wounds.

Suddenly the Thorathian mothership reappears and sprays the entire area with rapid-fire particle beams.

Tronos takes a swing at Overwatch... only to get hit by Overwatch's reactive field.

Yowie leaps into the sky, then comes crashing down upon Tronos. The monster is crushed. There is a bright flash of energy discharge that leaves behind a huge crater. The characters are all dazzled, but other onlookers report that a flare went up from the crater into the sky and the stars beyond.

Yowie shrinks down to a more normal form and groans, "I need about eight hot pots to recover..."

#### Let's All Get Some Hot-Pot

Ermine climbs out from behind some rubble and embraces Golden Key. "That alien dick took me hostage!"

"You mean that as an insult?"

"Of course! I think he wanted to take you and Rain back to his homeworld!"

"That sounds correct. I am flabbergasted that there are other enemies out there I didn't know about. I have failed you and Rain! Maybe I could transport you to a different timeline where you would be safe!"

Ermine is not enthusiastic, "No thanks!"

It is clear that the Thorathians have had their mothership near to Earth for some time now.

Golden Key asks, "Why were you at the construction site anyway?"

Ermine acts innocent, "I just wanted to scout out the best guest quarters." Golden Key is certain that she is lying. She gives him the look that says, "I am boldly lying to your face and I don't care if you believe it."

Golden Key accepts the situation, "Well, I'm glad you found the best quarters. And I guess I can't help it if some large diamond goes missing sometime later."

Ermine leaves the hot-pot shop, leaving the characters with the bill. Which doesn't actually turn out to be all that bad.

#### Cleanup

Overwatch decided against hot-pot. Instead, he devotes himself to cleaning up the rubble at the construction site. Dynamo Joe can't eat hot-pot, so he repairs himself and fixes up Stan the Mechanic.

## Finding the Mothership

Back at KDI headquarters, El Genio, Dynamo Joe, and Overwatch all head to the lab to find ways to detect the Thorathian mothership. They construct a *quasi-negative wave pseuointerference resonator* to track the ship. This process takes a while, because they're trying to detect where the ship isn't. And they manage to find the ship in Earth orbit – and can track it.

Reaching the ship is another problem. The characters talk to Global, because their main base is located on a satellite. *Heritage* answers the call – and he tells them that he has already watched the footage of their fight against Tronos. Even better, he promises access to an experimental attack ship.

El Genio is very excited, "This must be the ship I've read about, the one with dynamic-turbulence atomic scramjet engines! We would be happy to test it for you!"

While the others prepare for their orbital trip, Yowie trains Stan the Mechanic by creating plant duplicates of various group members and having Stan use them as sparring partners. It's not totally clear why this is educational, but it works.

#### Ascent into Orbit

The Global experimental attack ship waits for the characters in a secret hangar, sleek and deadly. The characters are able to see strange, advanced weapons hanging underneath its stub wings. Vapor curls across the hull, speaking to the supercooled propellant tanks in the fuselage.

Yowie explodes, "We should call it the McTits!"

It's not immediately clear why the others are paying him any attention.

El Genio doesn't care. He just wants to fly an atomic scramjet into space.

#### End of the Session

The session ends with the characters ascending into orbit, ready to face the Thorathian mothership.

The characters gained 5 Hero Points to use next session.