Kaiju Defenders Inc.

The Group

Player	Hero Name	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

Paul initially shows up as Malicioso Delicioso in the chat, which is mostly because he maintains multiple Google accounts for reasons that are... not entirely clear. He is deeply threatened by the new Google policy to start eliminating old accounts that haven't been used in over two years. Ernest isn't afraid, because he constantly uses all of his faked accounts. Chris speculates that this might have an impact upon his Google Phone, which maybe never gets used as a phone. Patrick stays silent, because he only looks forward to the day when all of his accounts are deleted.

Meanwhile, *Bruce* is entirely obsessed by various corporate developments. It's not clear at all why he cares so much. Except, of course, for the fact that he absolutely embodies the concept of the Corporate Drone.

Tim shows up late. His life-support systems are failing and he is in serious danger of burning like a *Terminator 2* bystander watching Judgment Day unfold.

Hero Point Bonuses

Each character has three Hero Points to assign to bonuses for the session. Except for Chris, who missed the last session and still has five.

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.
- Cosmotron the cosmic spirit that briefly possessed Dynamo Joe, now housed in a flesh-bot duplicate of Umbral/Abyssal (real name: ビヤマー へいん)

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

Woman Troubles. Comic-Style Woman Troubles

El Genio is sitting in the downstairs bar at KDI headquarters, drinking cheap beer and bemoaning that Madalynn Kartrite used his affections as a way to extract secrets from both Genio Pharmaceuticals and KDI. Golden Key is not sympathetic, suggesting that El Genio should simply call the police. El Genio does not take this well, "Of all of us, I would have taken you to be another true romantic, given your own devotion to the fickle and unfaithful Ermine!"

Before Golden Key can answer that stab, his phone rings. It is *Mink*, and she sounds scared. "I think Ermine is in the building!" Golden Key vanishes from the bar as he calls upon the *Heart of Acceleration* to trace the call. He can't have *Ermine* killing the Mink, after all! He speeds all the way back to the source, but isn't nearly fast enough. He locates the Mink in an old, disused factory. Ermine already has her chained up and suspended over a vat of bubbling acid in classic supervillain style.

"I intentionally gave her time to contact you, because I wanted you to see this in person!"

"You wanted me to see her dissolved in acid? I'm so attractive and handsome, it's all my fault! She couldn't help but be attracted to me!"

"No! That's not possible! She must have twisted your mind! There's no other way you could be unfaithful to me!"

Golden Key draws upon the power of the Heart and rescues the Mink, but even with his own superhuman speeds he gets splashed with some burning acid. Ermine gasps in horror!

Golden Key is furious, "Let me get this straight. You think it's okay to disappear from my life, cut me off from my kid, and then *this* is what you think it's okay to come back for? To burn some lady in acid?"

Ermine reaches out to touch Golden Key's acid burn, "You got hurt!"

"Yes, that's what happens when you try to drop people in acid." Then he fades, "But I didn't know you still cared about me!"

Ermine collapses against his solid, manly chest, weeping theatrically. The make-up sex is great, off camera, and (apparently) set against the backdrop of a derelict factory and a vat of acid.

Afterwards, Golden Key checks up on Mink at her apartment. He finds out that she has skipped town with a bag of her things. She left so quickly she wasn't even able to construct a murderboard for Golden Key to find.

In contrast, *Yowie's* problems are entirely mundane – he must only choose between keeping his humanity (with *Dr. Broussard*) and abandoning it (with *Jansa Vi Dero*). He recently spent time with Jansa Vi Dero, so to balance the scales he takes Dr. Broussard on a harbor cruise to see the Sydney Opera

House and several other local sights. Her expression shows that she is still worried that he will lose his humanity and abandon her for another dimension. Yowie makes some comments about the "Teeming herds of yobbos..." on the ferry, which only deepens her concerns.

"I feel like you are being unduly influenced by your relationships with nonhuman people. I don't want to lose you, but I cannot compete with a 60-foot alien who lives in a pocket dimension and can grant you immortality! It's not a fair fight!"

"It's not a fight, its about what kind of life someone like me can lead."

"How can you even make a decision like that? What sort of criteria would you even use?"

"I don't know, I usually just go with the flow, whatever seems like right vibe."

"But that's leading you to just go with whoever you spoke to last."

"That's fair, I guess. I do enjoy being a good Aussie bloke, but then there's the Power of the Green and immortality."

"Just promise me that if you decide to abandon your humanity you come back to give me one last chance!"

Yowie didn't realize how dismissive he sounds when he says, "Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah."

Dr. Broussard pleads with Yowie, asking if he's ready to give up family, and friends, and all connection to her and the planet. She points out that life in Jansa's Enclave is sterile and isolated – how many thousands of years will go by before he finds that there is nothing left for him. But then she points out, "But I didn't intend to sadden you. Let's have some fun!" They bet on a Dwarf-tossing contest. Unfortunately, the editors cut out all of those pages for some reason, prompting a lot of online complaints about "wokeness" in the comic book publishing industry.

Training the Bruisers

Overwatch finds that only he is interested in training the Bondi Beach Bruisers. He takes them into the KDI Training System. Mist is quick and athletic and has no trouble phasing and evading the robots, then striking them from behind. Unfortunately, she's only as strong as a teenage girl so her hits don't do much. Overwatch gets her into some aikido classes so she can learn to use the robots' own strength against themselves. This works well, except that he pushes a bit harder than he'd intended and ends up having to rescue the Bruisers from the Training Room – which leaves him slightly injured.

But, by the end of the day he has trained the Bondi Beach Bruisers to be a d10 minion group.

Global Calling!

The KDI AI calls to tell the characters that the Norwegian town of Longyearbyen on Svalbard is under attack by dinosaurs. Overwatch calls out, "Wheels up in twenty!"

On the flight over, Overwatch tells the others that there is already a rule in Longyearbyen that locals are required to carry rifles outside due to polar bears. Clearly, the dinosaur problem is severe enough that ordinary firearms are not enough to manage.

The town has about 1000 inhabitants, so not a tiny village but also not a huge metropolis. The characters arrive from the airport to find a scene of destruction. Buildings are toppled, vehicles are smoking and burned, and giant avalanche shields have been torn and gouged by immense claws. Yowie comments, "Must have been Stephen van Zandt!"

The characters find a group of survivors at a makeshift aid station. Yowie again takes the lead, "Hello, Nordic people! We are here! To solve your velociraptor problem!"

One of the locals asks, "You're here from Global? Excellent. We've been attacked by scaled monsters down from the mountains." He notes that the flying dinosaurs were ripping apart the avalanche shields, and then trying to trigger avalanches to destroy the town below. And they were only one of three or four distinct types of dinosaurs. He shows the characters a couple of dead (feathered) velociraptors, taken down by the locals' firearms. And then the dinosaurs disappeared back up the mountains.

The Beasts Are Back in Town

The ground shudders. Two giant winged forms cast shadows across the town as they swoop and dive overhead. And then the velociraptor wave arrives, with two huge tyrannosaurs behind them.

Overwatch takes to the air calling out commands as Golden Key moves forward to engages the velociraptors, keys in hand. Two of them fall!

Yowie steps into giant form and grabs one of the pterodactyls, flinging it away. The creature struggles to regain control of its flight. Then it and its companion fly high near the snow-capped mountains. The downdraft from their winds scatters snow upon the town, rendering everyone snow-blind. Even worse, their efforts threaten to bring down additional avalanches that will destroy the town!

The giant tyrannosaur *Voidfang* lays into Yowie with claw and bite. The Australian giant staggers back; even his plant armor is not enough to stop the attack. Then *Nullripper's sonic disruption* disorients *Dynamo Joe* and El Genio. El Genio drinks down his alchemical elixir and flings a piece of broken avalanche shield at Voidfang – then dodges madly to avoid the monster's counterattack.

Dynamo Joe unleashes the tesla coil at Nullripper, who just suffers the beam attack. Zzap!

Golden Key lays about with keys, taking out two more velociraptors and leaving the survivor badly wounded.

Yowie has been badly hurt by Voidfang's attacks. He is forced to become a *force of nature*, growing into a massive plant-encrusted giant. El Genio sees a nearby house crushed by avalanches. He grabs out a huge piece of the frame, just the right size for him to use as a baseball bat, and uses it to clobber Voidfang right on the side of the head. The huge giant staggers to the side, then staggers back to the other when Dynamo Joe's *tesla coil* zaps it.

Meanwhile, overhead the two pterodactyls continue to try bringing about the doom of the town.

Voidfang performs a *quaking stomp* that shakes El Genio and Yowie, while Nullripper attempts a *tail swipe* with its stinger-tipped tail against Dynamo Joe. The robot wonders for a moment since when tyrannosaurs have been so mutated as he uses his *rocket boots* to dodge out of the way.

Overwatch swoops and evades, firing wildly at the pterodactyls.

Dynamo Joe finds himself up on Nullfang's back. He turns on all his *tesla coils*, screaming out, "I am a living taser!" Nullfang learns the truth of that statement a moment later.

El Genio leaps up onto the roof of a building, right in view of all the dinosaurs, and yells out to the panicked crowd, "The East Road is open! Head that way to reach safety!" Some of them hear his words and start heading that way. Behind him, Yowie clobbers Nullripper, taking a vicious claw strike in the process. And just in time, *Nightwalker* uses his grappling gun to put a loop around Yowie's arm. He swings up into the path of a pterodactyl and uses an incredible *pneumatic punch* to take it down.

Yowie turns to whisk Golden Key out of danger *through the veil*, spiriting him away from the one remaining velociraptor. Then he gets clawed by Voidfang, but unexpectedly the dinosaur finds itself only tearing at a giant log as Yowie reforms himself a distance away. Nullripper thrashes wildly, managing to shake Dynamo Joe off his back.

Golden Key moves down from the water tower Yowie parked him on and guides the last few civilians out of town. Assured that there are no innocents left in range, Yowie grows to *giant towering scale* and batters both Voidfang and Nullripper all at once! El Genio follows up with a strong punch that leaves Nullripper reeling.

Meanwhile, Dynamo Joe notes, "I am standing on top of a water tower. It is full of conductive material!" He dumps the tower over onto Nullripper and electrocutes the creature with his *tesla coil*. Nullripper has absolutely had better days. Golden Key sees opportunity and teleports into action with a *supersonic streak*, taking both giant dinosaurs out by removing their hearts. He reappears at the top of the watchtower with a massive dinosaur heart in each hand and covered in blood.

Cleaning up the last pterodactyl and the final, wounded, velociraptor does not force anyone to work up a sweat.

The Source of the Threat?

With the dinosaurs dealt with, the Mayor (and the rest of the town, really) are tremendously grateful to the characters for their assistance. Yowie is slightly disappointed to learn that the locals are not planning on fermenting the dinosaur meat under the permafrost like lutefisk. What nobody knows is where the creatures are coming from – they acted with (malevolent) intent, not like simple animals.

Golden Key heads up into the mountains to look for where the dinosaurs came from. He cannot help but notice that the Northern lights are not only visible during the daylight, but also abnormally bright and

vivid. The effect is soon visible within the town as well, and the Mayor proposes checking the S-CAT radar station – the scientists there may have some information on the phenomenon.

The characters board El Genio's air/raft and travel the 15 km to the S-CAT station. There are several buildings, some radomes, plus some snowmachines and a crawler. Also, the Umbral is already there. He is floating and performing some kind of ritual. Strange *voidguard* creatures that are mostly invisible float up from the ground and surround him.

The Umbral's voice rolls across the land, "I knew you would come! Now I will open access to the Echo of Atlantis and claim my throne! You should never have taken the Amulet of the Abyss from me!"

A massive portal opens, leading to a city with strange, misshapen buildings with bizarre angles. The Umbral is dismayed, "What is this? This is not the portal to the Echo of Atlantis!"

A giant throne appears. A huge figure sits upon it, wearing armor and a rusted, massive throne. "You are in the presence of Yan-Gannoth the Nadir King, servant of That Which Must Not Be Named. Tremble in terror!"

The Umbral is defiant, demanding that Yan-Gannoth open the way to the Echo of Atlantis. Yan-Gannoth attempts to take control of the Umbral, claiming that That Which Must Not Be Named has given him the Umbral as a prize. The Umbral thinks differently. He tells the characters, "You're on your own now!" and vanishes.

Yan-Gannoth Unleashed

Yan-Gannoth is unperturbed by the disappearance of the Umbral. He gestures, and two more figures appear. One is a fearsome undead warrior, the other a figure sheathed in frost and ice. The area grows frigidly cold as *Vorrin the Frozen-Hearted* sends his *power-dampening field* across the field.

Golden Key is first to the field, bringing a strong attack

against Vorrin and hoping to end the power-dampening effect. El Genio leaps in to follow him, only to discover that Vorrin has the ability to *feast on your power*, rendering El Genio's attack not only useless, but also to gain strength from it.

Yowie recognizes that he can use the powers of Nature to counteract the power dampening effect. Plants and vines spring from the frozen ground and wrap around Vorrin's legs. Vorrin is undeterred, he strikes against El Genio, freezing him.

Golden Key glances into the center of the Polar Star and is briefly driven mad by the knowledge it contains. Then Yan-Gannoth reaches into the characters' minds, leaving them confused. And *Shaggom*

Power Dampening Field

While the scene is in the green zone, all heroes' powers of d8 or higher are reduced by one die size. In the Yellow zone all of the heroes' powers of d10 or higher are reduced by one additional step (two die sizes total). In the Red zone, all heroes' power dice are treated as d4. Heroes can remove this upgrade with three overcome successes. If a hero takes a minor twist while taking these Overcomes, they lose access to a power until this upgrade is removed.

the Unyielding intones, "I shall make this world into a tomb for you, my lord!" He seizes and slams Yowie and Dynamo Joe.

El Genio strikes Vorrin, but once again the frozen warrior consumes El Genio's powers and gains strength from it. Dynamo Joe concludes that this has to stop. He sends a team of drones to *analyze attack pattern*. He concludes that the villain's weakness is probably fire (go figure), so the drones use an unsafe mobile tanning bed function to set the area on fire.

Golden Key and Yowie work together to counteract Vorrin's *power-dampening field*. Everyone can feel a weight lift as they regain their full capabilities. El Genio realizes that Vorrin is distracted. He picks up a snowmachine and ignites it with *infinita extract*, then flings it at the villain. Vorrin takes it on the chin. Golden Key teleports through him, causing him to grunt with pain. He decides that he doesn't like this at all, so he surrounds himself with a *mantle of cold* to make all of his problems go away.

Dynamo Joe turns his analytical swarm against Shaggom the Unyielding. *Analyze attack pattern* shows him that Shaggom's core power is muscle, so the drones spray him down with a sticky, thick, cumbersome foam.

Shaggom scowls at Dynamo Joe, "Just because you are a mechanical creature does not mean you are immune to *terror!*" He lands a *curse of terror* on Joe, then hammers him backwards with an offhanded slap. Dynamo Joe is terrified, and doesn't understand why. Or how.

Yan-Gannoth floats up to Overwatch. His Throne of Entropy focuses the *eye of terror* upon him! Meanwhile, the Pole Star pours down strange energies that *mutate* the three villains, increasing their strength!

El Genio and Golden Key have learned about allowing Vorrin the Frozen to touch them. They are cautious as they move into the attack, and they are successful – Vorrin staggers back under their fists, badly injured. But then a moment later *spatial distortions* separate everyone and Yan-Gannoth's *demonic supremacy* crashes down upon their minds.

Shaggom the Unyielding slams Yowie into Dynamo Joe, which annoys the robot so much that he zooms across the battlefield on his *rocket boots*. He slows down by washing the exhaust of his boots right across Vorrin the Frozen. It is hard for him to focus his aim because his mind is swimming under Yan-Gannoth's influence, but he is at least able to heal some of his allies. And Golden Key is able to teleport through Vorrin with a *supersonic streak*, leaving a piece of burning wreckage in his heart and striking him down. The villain explodes from within!

Yowie grows to towering size and hits Shaggom with an *unerring strike*. Shaggom the Unyielding doesn't quite yield, but almost. But then, *time dilation* allows him to strike again – though both Yowie and El Genio do their best to parry and evade. Shaggom attempts to inflict a *curse of terror* on El Genio, but the effects of Dynamo Joe's foam impediment causes the attack to do nothing at all. And Dynamo Joe is on the scene once again with a flight of *staple grenades* that pepper the area around him with sharp, sharp staples. Shaggom is unharmed, though, thanks to his *entropic invincibility*. But then, El Genio clobbers

him (no entropy anymore) and Dynamo Joe follows up with an *ablative ultrasonic compulampshade*. Shaggom no longer looks quite so Unyielding. Then Yowie hammers him with a massive hairy paw, crushing him into the ground. Shaggom's body fades back out of this dimension.

Yan-Gannoth the Nadir King mocks the characters. "You will not find me to be quite so easy to deal with." As he speaks, a black hole destroys several elements of Dynamo Joe's equipment. And Yan-Gannoth uses demonic supremacy to derange and warp most of the group.

But then, Dynamo Joe takes advantage of his ability to erase both his memory, and pieces of reality. Everything shudders, he realizes that playing Abba in Norway isn't a good idea because it attracts trolls, and the derangement lifts from the characters' minds.

Yowie takes advantage by hammering Yan-Gannoth's defensive shield, almost crushing it. El Genio picks up a giant dish antenna and tells the others, "You know what these look like? Frisbees!" He sends the antenna spinning at Yan-Gannoth and knocks out the shield.

Yan-Gannoth the Nadir King -Defense Shield

You cannot be damaged by anything except yourself until the defense shield is destroyed. The shield has 40 Health, or can be deactivated with three Overcome successes. If a hero takes a minor twist working on the shield, you can use a Reaction to Attack that hero by rolling your single Infernal die. Gain Reestablish Shield (A) Overcome using Infernal. Use your Max die. On a success remove one success from the deactivation challenge. Alternatively, instead of an Overcome, use your Max die to Recover that much of the shield's Health. This ability cannot be used if the shield has been completely removed.

With Yan-Gannoth (relatively) defenseless, Golden Key teleports forward to the attack. Yan-Gannoth definitely notices. He notices so much that the Polar Star unleashes a *mutation wave* that impedes all of the heroes. Dynamo Joe tries to redirect the mutation effect to Yan-Gannoth, but accidentally takes himself out in the process.

Yan-Gannoth uses the *eye of terror*, focusing upon Yowie. The giant howls as inhuman visions plow through his head, but he does not fall.

Golden Key recognizes that half the group is crippled by penalties and performs a *rewind* to make them all go away. This rejuvenates Yowie enough that he is able to hammer on Yan-Gannoth like a gorilla on a Samsonite. Overwatch uses his *devastating precision* to finish the job, taking out the Nadir King. The King fades away, banished back to his home dimension.

El Genio looks at the troll. He effortlessly picks up the antenna superstructure and crumples it. He suggests, "You should go back to your cave..."

The troll looks at him and shrugs, "You want to come along?"

El Genio is a creature of passion. He goes with the troll. Everyone else thinks that El Genio's love triangle got more complicated. They don't realize that its more like an icosahedron, and that adding in an alluring troll barely affects the whole structure.

Everyone else goes around telling the S-CAT station personnel that it is safe to come out. Most of them have been hiding ever since the Umbral showed up. On the plus side, the station recorded a lot of information about the strange radiations that the Umbral called up.

Yowie organizes a dinosaur barbecue down in Longyearbyen and sends photos of the event back to Dr. Broussard to demonstrate that he's working on reconnecting with his human side.

End of the Session

The session ends with the characters on Svalbard, having driven off the Umbral and defeated Yan-Gannoth the Nadir King. They gained 5 Hero Points to use next session.