

ANTAGONISTS

- Down With The Sickness -
Story

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This document is a Story for Antagonists. If you don't plan to be a Game Master, don't read further.

Raphael Brunette

Introduction

This adventure is pretty simple and straight forward. It use many key mechanics from Antagonists and can be use as a first game adventure. It starts with a pursuit and then a plot to solve and some moral choices. Lastly, the final should be stressful for the players.

Download the free rule book for Antagonists here: <https://antagonistsrpg.com>

Read this adventure a first time and highlight the important parts for you or the one that you don't want to forget.

Background

A group of travelling scavengers are hiding from a large monster in a subway station. Many members of the group are sick and unable to move so escaping the monster is very risky without help. Some of the scavengers want to leave the sick one behind to save the rest of the group. What the protagonists will do?

The protagonists will stumble on the monster as well and be forced to hide in the same subway station. The group of protagonists will be able to team up or confront the

group. To make some allies, they will be able to rescue an exiled member and solve the mystery of why some are sick.

Overview

The story begin with the protagonists being attacked by a large monster that they cannot beat. They will have to flee. The pursuit will end with the protagonists hiding in an underground subway station where a group of travelling



Metro Station

9 Street

8 Flooded Street

7c Unstable Wall

7a Car Wrecks

7b Breach

6 Collapsed Street

5a Street

5c Balcony

5b Alley

4a Car Wrecks

4c Backyard

4b Muddy Alley

3a Car Barricade

3c Back Alley

3b Muddy Alley

2 Car Wrecks

1 Empty Street

Start

survivors are already hiding.

Many members of the group are really sick and some have already died. The group have exiled a member suspected to have supernatural powers and the cause of the illness. Unfortunately, some people have become sick after she was exiled. The protagonists will be able to find the exiled one in a tunnel and get more information about what is happening.

The protagonists will then be able to find more clues about the poisoning of the water that is causing all the sick.

A visit to the Gloom will be required to exit the subway station and then, lastly, the monster encountered in the first part will come back for a final showdown.

Adventure Hook

This one is simple. The protagonists only have to be traveling into a large city with a subway station nearby. They will be attacked by a large monster.

Awarding Experience

If you want to play this adventure as a standalone, we suggest that you give at least 6 experience points per session. Add a few more if the game runs well. Check the section “Awarding Experience” in the Core Rulebook for more information.

The Adventure

Scene 1: The Pursuit

The protagonists are travelling in a big city with an underground subway.

They are walking in a street with old apartment buildings on each side. The lines of buildings on each side create a tunnel and many perpendicular streets are blocked but large wall

build by the army many years ago. A lot of car wrecks and debris are in the middle of the street.

Suddenly, the protagonists hear the menacing scream of a large monster behind them. Try to add ambience with the description of the monster moving in the direction of the protagonists. Describe the monster’s entrance with as much detail as possible. The monster is a Venontail.

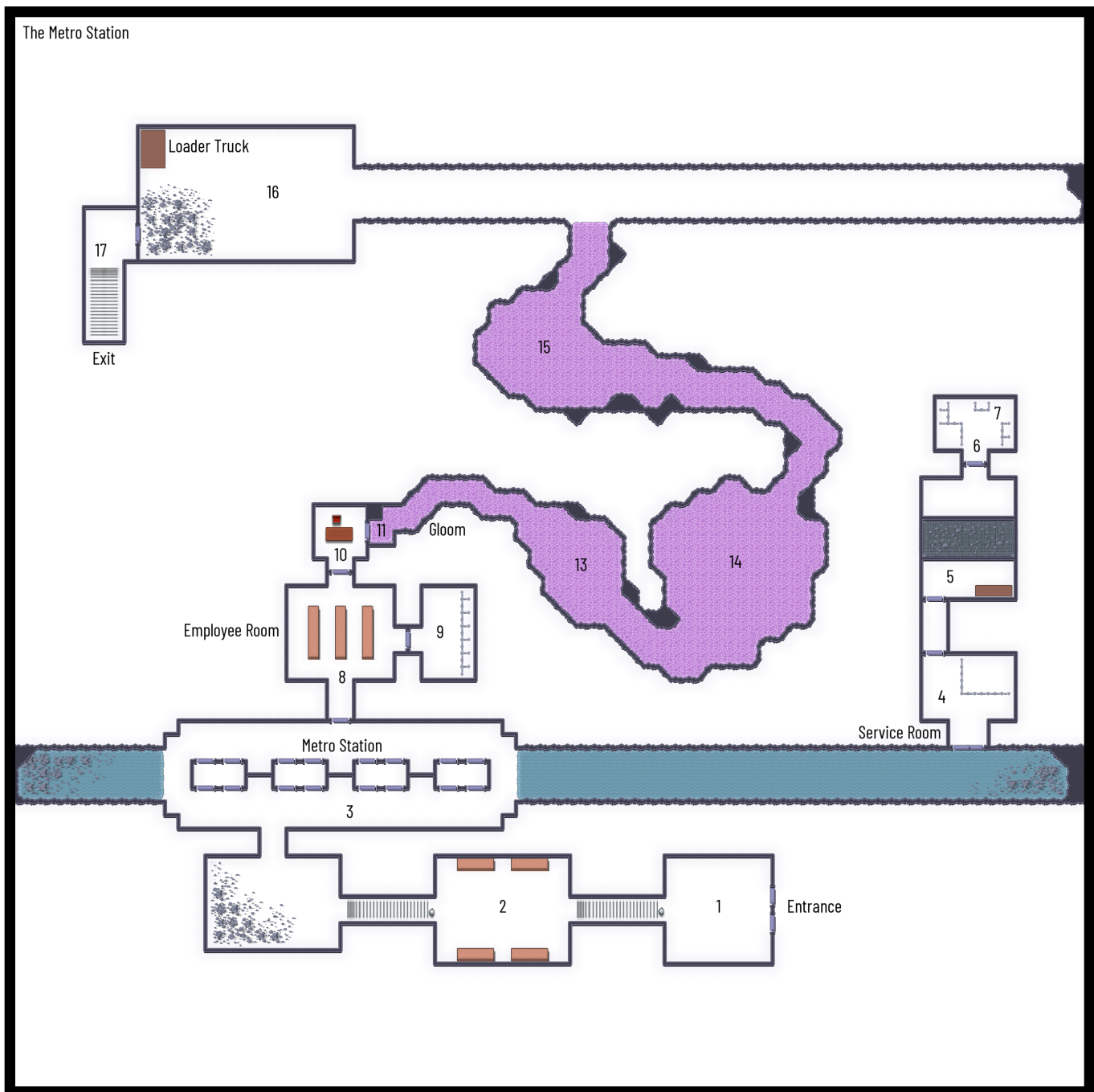
The monster is colossal and unstoppable for the protagonists. If it catches up with the protagonists, it will attack them trying to wound as many as possible. In the rare eventuality that the monster dies, add another one. The players cannot win this one at this point.

The monster will always move to the nearest protagonist or to the most cinematic locations. Describe what the monster does and add details about the collapsing buildings under the weight of the monster and cars flying around when the monster advances.

Describe every location with the main obstacles. You have to provide possible ways to resolve the obstacles but let the players choose how they want to do it.

- **Monster Start:** Give a head start to the protagonists. The goal is not to kill them but start with some stress and fear and maybe a few wounds. Set the start of the monster 4 rounds away.
- **1. Empty Street:** This part of the street is almost empty so the protagonists can use a Quick Action to move to the next zone.
- **2. Car Wrecks:** Many car wrecks and debris block the street. Going through is normally easy but it’s a lot harder in a hurry. An **Acrobatics Test (0)** is required to cross this path.

- **3a. Car Barricade:** A small barricade made of cars is standing tall across the street. The only obvious way to go through is to climb the barricade with an **Athletics test (2)**. As always, the players can find other ways to go through the barricade.
- **3b. Muddy Alley:** The path is clear but there is mud on the ground. A Quick Action can be used to go around or an **Acrobatics test (0)** can be done to avoid falling on the ground.
- **3c. Back Alley:** The back alley is clear with no obstacle.
- **4a. Car Wrecks:** Again, there are a lot of car wrecks blocking the street. An **Acrobatics (2)** is required to rapidly go through.
- **4b. Muddy Alley:** The path is clear but there is mud on the ground. A Quick Action can be used to go around or an **Acrobatics test (0)** can be done to avoid falling on the ground.
- **4c. Backyard:** An old fence is blocking the path. Climbing the old fence is possible but the fence is very unstable and an **Athletics test (1)** should be done with a Disadvantage. The best way to go through is to break the fence with a **Muscular test (2)**. When the fence is broken, anyone can passthrough without any test.
- **5a. Car Wrecks:** A few car wrecks are blocking the street. An **Acrobatics test (0)** is required to rapidly go through.
- **5b. Alley:** The alley is clear, no test is required to go on this path.
- **5c. Balcony:** The protagonists see a building with a balcony allowing to go around the building. A stair allows to access the balcony but it's behind a closed door locked with an old padlock. It's possible to climb on the balcony with an **Athletics test (1)**. Falling required a **Muscular test (2)** to resist a wound. It still possible to pick the padlock with some tool and a **Sleight of Hands test (0)**. It's also possible to break the lock with a heavy tool and a **Muscular test (2)**. When the padlock is broken, everyone can go through the balcony.
- **6. Collapsed Street:** The Street has collapsed and a hole is in the middle of the street. It's possible to jump over with an **Athletics test (1)**. Someone can also push an old advertising billboard over the hole to allow everyone to cross without a test. It needs a successful **Muscular test (2)**.
- **7a. Car Wrecks:** Many car wrecks and debris block the street. Going through is normally easy but it's a lot harder in a hurry. An **Acrobatics Test (0)** is required to cross this path.
- **7b. Breach:** A collapsed wall allows to enter the building. A stair allow to climb to the second floor. Suddenly, the floor collapse under the feet of the first protagonist. An **Acrobatic Test (1)** with a **disadvantage** can be require to avoid falling. Other protagonists can jump with an **Acrobatic Test (0)** **without the disadvantage** after the collapsing. A protagonist failing the test falls to the street and must roll a **Muscular** test with a difficulty of 3.
- **7c. Unstable Wall:** The protagonists can continue to run in the building. A part of the front wall of the building is still there but menaces to fall on the street. If the protagonists simply want to continue, they can do an **Athletics Test (0)** to avoid the debris. If the monster is in the street at the same location, a protagonist can do a **Muscular Test (1)** to push a part of the wall on the monster. The monster will be stuck under the debris for a few rounds, causing the pursuit to end. It's not enough to kill the monster and trying to attack the monster is not a good idea since the monster will be able to get out of the debris after a few rounds. Pushing the wall before the monster will slow the monster that will need to climb the new debris. The protagonists will gain a round with the monster not moving to the next zone.
- **8. Flooded Street:** The street is flooded at this point. An **Athletics test (1)** is required to cross the water.



- **9. Street:** The street is clear and it allows to reach the entrance of the subway station.

Subway Station: The protagonists can try to enter but the door is locked. A **Sleight of Hands Test (0)** or a **Muscular Test (1)** can allow to open the door. A character can then make a **Muscular Test (1)** to move a vending machine to block the door.

Scene 2: The Subway Station

Encounter 1: The entrance

Tell the players that the monster is very angry of losing their lunch. They can hear the monster near the door and getting out is a very bad idea. The protagonists will have to go deeper into the station.



Subway Stairs: The protagonists must go down the stairs in the station. The floor is filled with Government propaganda.

The deeper the protagonists go, the darker it becomes.

Light management is important to add the fear of running out of light. At the start of every important encounters, ask the players if they want to use a source of light for the duration of that encounter.

Encounter 2: Bottom of the Stairs

The protagonists can see flashlight's rays and they can hear people talking. Two scavengers are looting the old vending machines and they didn't have heard the protagonists. They are not aggressive and will surrender or try to avoid any

combat. They will suggest to bring the protagonists to the rest of the group.

You can use Leon Potvin as one of the two scavengers. If the protagonists are aggressive and kill the scavengers without talking to them, you may prefer use Leon later in the story. Just decide that the two scavengers were generic survivors.

Encounter 3: Subway Cars

After navigating in the subway the protagonists arrive at the decks. A subway train is parked between two decks. It's possible to see insight by the large windows.

On the deck nearby, two cadavers are under blankets. Those are the cadavers of people dead from a mysterious illness.

The theme now change from action-packed story to darker topics with dead people. Some themes should be completely avoided with some players but generally, it's more about the description given than the topic.

If dead people is a theme to avoid completely, do not talk about those cadavers. If it's ok, just tell the players that there are two cadavers under blankets. Do not give too much description.

If your players like horror movies and being uncomfortable, add more description about the odor, the blood on the floor and maybe one of them is the size of a child.

A protagonist can try to do an autopsy on a cadaver with a medicine test (2). When doing so, large larvas burst out of the cadavers. They are not dangerous at this phase but have eaten the interior of the bodies.



Claire Williams
Leader



Robert Pépin



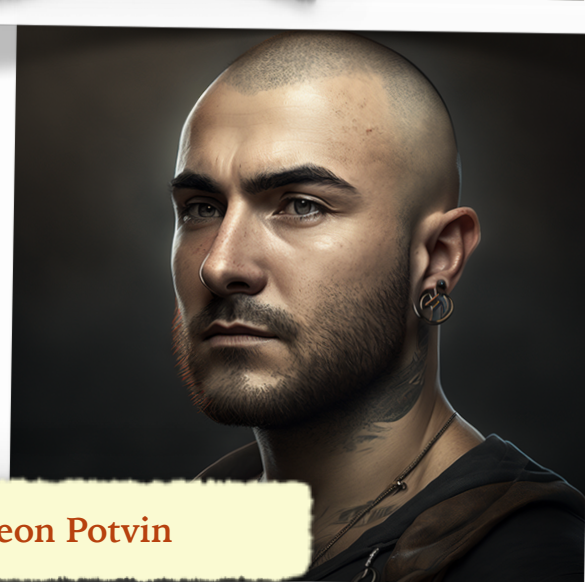
Jacob Maurice



Lexie Fleury



Amelie Taillefer



Leon Potvin



Oreo



Lily

Inside the Train: The train is composed of 4 cars.

The place is full of people sitting on the benches in front of makeshift tables or sleeping in sleeping bags on the floor. A whole community of about 20 persons is there. The moral look very low but some hope appear when they see the protagonists.

When the protagonists approach a car's open door, everyone is looking at them. If they are with the two previous scavengers, everyone will be happy to see people that can help. If the scavengers are dead, killed but the protagonists, the community will be on the defensive but will not attack. They are very angry that the protagonists have killed the 2 members but they need the players' help.

There is a workbench near the train that can be used to repair, craft and upgrade items.

Scene 3: The Community

The community was formed of 18 survivors. Here are the six that will interact with the

protagonists. Don't read out loud this section to the players.

Claire Williams: She's in her 50 and she's a though but just leader. She do what she have to do to keep everyone alive. She recently had multiple heated conversations with Robert. She wants to leave the subway station and leave the sick behind.

Robert Pépin: He's a tin man in his 60. He's currently challenging Claire's leadership. He doesn't want to abandon the sick. He is a doctor so he can heal the protagonists if needed.

Jacob Maurice: Jacob look like a nice guy in his 30. He's strong and always available to help. He's neutral in the recent conflict about saving the sick or leaving without them. He's angry at Robert for exiling Ophelia.

Lexie Fleury: Lexis is a small and very bright woman. She's on Claire side. She's the one that has added the larva's eggs in the water (more information about that later).

Amelie Taillefer: She's young, about 12 years old, and resourceful. She's always ready to help. She's neutral and cannot vote since she's too young. She has a cat named Lily.

Leon Potvin: He's in his mid-thirties and he's a Runner. The protagonists can guess his job just by looking at his clothing. He was doing a run when he met the group a few months ago. He's now on Robert's side and wants to save everyone.

Oreo: Oreo is a dog who lost his human mother a few months ago. The group now takes care of the dog.

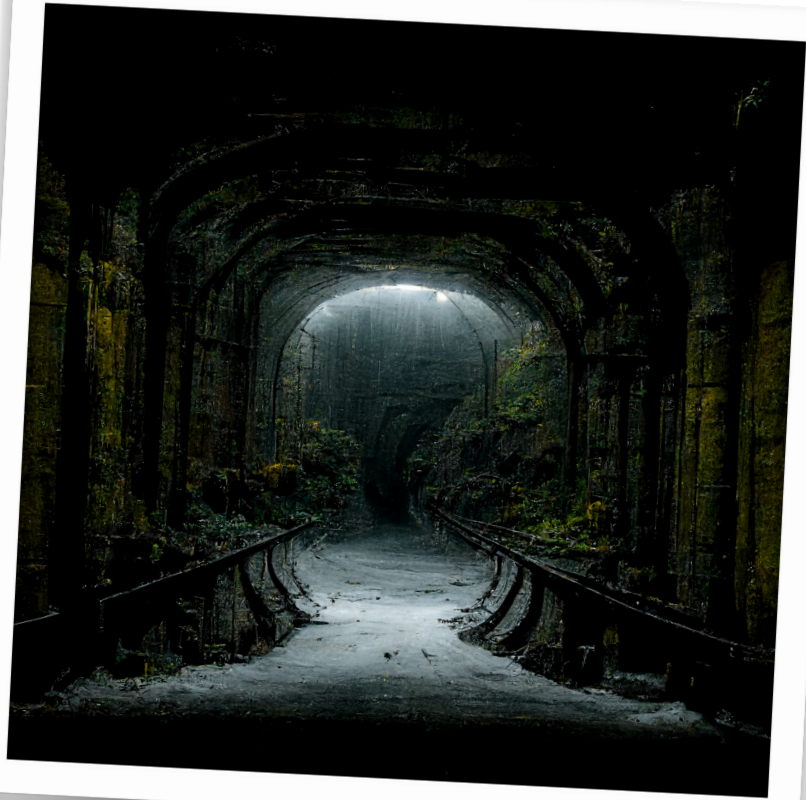
Lily: Lily is Amelie's cat.

Protagonist's contact: Add a few of the protagonists' contact. Only add a few to limit the group's size. The contact has joined the group a few weeks or months ago.

The other members of the group are 10 men, women and children. Distribute the gender and the age like you want in the following groups:

- Two are recently dead of sickness.
- Four are very sick with strong fever and in bed, not able to move without a stretcher.
- Four are well and able to move but some are very old or very young.
- One (Ophelia) was exiled a few days ago.

Introduce the six main non-playing characters to the protagonists.



What the Protagonists can Learn

The protagonists can talk to any member of the group to get the following information. Try to use the six main non-playing characters to talk about those topics.

- They were 16 members when they enter the subway one week ago.
- Two members of the group have already died from the sickness. Four are sick in bed and need help.
- The group cannot move out of here because of the sick members and the large monster outside. Maybe some will feel better in a few days.
- The sickness has started a few days before being attacked by the monster outside.
- The group has 40 rations (about 2.5 days) left of food. They only have 1 day of water left and it's a problem. The water that flood the subway is not drinkable.

- They have found a place with fresh water but they have heard strange noises so they have blocked the door going to that direction.
- They have exiled a member of the group, "Ophelia Vincent", three days ago. She was suspected to be corrupted and to have caused the sickness with supernatural powers. Unfortunately, the sickness continued so they are considering going after her to bring her back.
 - Robert asked for a vote and the vote passed to exile her.
 - Jacob wants to go get her back but is looking for people to go with him.
 - He's angry at Robert for calling the vote that has exiled Ophelia.
- Some people are considering leaving the 4 sick members behind.
 - Claire and Robert already had a tense discussion about that. Claire wants to leave people behind before running out of food but Robert refuses to let people die.
- They must find a way to bypass the monster outside or many members of the group will not be able to make it alive.

The Prisoner

One of the subway wagon is used as a prison. The doors are blocked from the outside. When the protagonists approach the wagon, the woman will talk to the characters.

Her name is Veronica Smith but the protagonists can call her Vero or simply V. She's super friendly and cute. She will ask the protagonists to go talk to Claire about getting her out. She was organizing and reviewing the equipment of the group when Robert Pépin accused her of stealing. She's pleading not guilty.

She has hidden her backpack nearby and she's willing to give it to the protagonists if they can have her out. She also tells the protagonists that she can be useful to get out of here.



Talking to Claire about Veronica: Claire doesn't know for sure if Veronica is a thief or not but she can be dangerous if not guarded. With a little bit of persuasion (2), she will accept to have her liberated if the protagonists assure her they will watch her days and nights.

Veronica's backpack: Her backpack is hidden behind some rubble nearby. Almost all of her stuff was robbed from other members of the group.

- 10 x Matches
- 3 x Bomb, Smoke
- 4 x Battery
- 5 x Candle (*Stack*)
- 6 Slugs
- Backpack, Small (*Stack*)
- Dark Clothing with metal band logo
- Fireworks
- Flashlight, Plastic
- Lock-Picking Tools
- Oil Can

About Veronica: Veronica is a thief and she will not hesitate to push a character in front of a monster if it can save her life. She will still try to

help if she can make allies to abuse them later. She has stolen the “Dark Clothing with metal band logo”. If she doesn't need the protagonists anymore, she can give it and then say that they have stolen it.

Healing the Sicks

The first step to help those who are sick is to do a diagnostic. It requires a medicine test with a difficulty of 3.

It's possible to heal the one that are sick. It will require to empty their stomach with extreme measure or a surgery. Don't ask the protagonists to roll the test now but be sure that someone is checking everyone that are sick. The tests will be rolled after a few days or weeks of rest for the patients. Story wise, the tests will be rolled at the end of the story when the protagonists are out of the subway. If the test is successful, the patients will survive.

Scene 4: Searching for Ophelia the Exiled

Jacob wants to get back Ophelia who was exiled in one of the tunnel. Unfortunately, no one is willing to go with him. He will ask the protagonists for help. He doesn't have a lot to offer except for his weapon, a baseball bat with nails and spikes. Consider the weapon has a baseball bat of superior condition. He also has about 20 Slugs and 20 Scraps to barter. Let the players negotiate but don't give too much. If the protagonists don't want to help for a reasonable value, he will go alone and never come back. Go to Encounter 9.

The tunnel is flooded with opaque water and blocked by rumbles on one side. It's impossible to go this way. When she was exiled, Ophelia leaved by the other side of the tunnel.

Two makeshift rafts are secured at the tail of the last car of the train. Every rafts can hold 3 passengers. One large pole per raft allows to move it around. The water level is about 1.5 meters (5 feet) high so falling in the water can ruin a backpack full of equipment but it's possible to touch the floor.

Catchers will attack the protagonists after a while. They will try to push the protagonists in the water to let those still in the water attack the easy preys. Use two water Catcher per protagonists to have a fair combat.

Catcher: One Catcher per protagonists will jump out of the water to push their victim in the water. If a protagonists fall in the water, the remaining Catchers will bite them. Continue this process until all the Catcher are dead. Protagonists can help each other to get back on the raft and avoid the one in the water. Try to have a dynamic fight with the protagonists trying to stay on the boats.

A few meters further, a door with “Service Room” written over. The tunnel continue for about 1 kilometre but is blocked by rubbles.

Encounter 4: Service Room

A service door is on the side of the tunnel and the door is open. A makeshift raft is just on the side. The subway continue in the darkness. If the protagonists want to continue on the tunnel, Jacob will ask to go through the service door.

The room is filled with old electric devices to make the subway works. There are many shelves with old rusty equipments. A workbench is on the side of the room.

An enclosure made of metal fences is on the side of the room. The fence does not reach the ceiling so it's possible to climb over. A door with a rusty lock allows to open the enclosure. Inside

the enclosure, the protagonists can see rusted equipment but also tools, clothings and a first aid kit.

The protagonists can force open the lock with a tool and the Muscular rating using a difficulty of 2. A lock picking test can be done with a Sleight of Hands test (2) if the protagonists have lock picking tools. Finally, the protagonists can climb the fence with an Athletics test (2). Failing the test cause 1 fall damage that can be resisted with a muscular test with a difficulty of 1.

The protagonists can search the enclosure to find the following:

- Tool, Electrician's Kit
- Tool, Mechanics Kit
- Clothing with the "non-conductivity" descriptor
- 10 Scraps
- First Aid Kit, Small (5 uses)

Since there is a workbench in the room, it's time to introduce to the players on how the crafting, repair and upgrade system work. The rules for crafting are simple enough but please read the rules in the Core Rules book.

A closed door at the back of the room allow to go to the Rain Water Reservoir.

Encounter 5: Rain Water Reservoir

An Hunting Trap is carefully placed in front of the door. It's dark and hard to see. An investigation test (2) is required to avoid it. On a fail, it causes a wound to a leg.

It's a very large room with the centre of the room lower than the entrance and the exit on the other side of the room. The middle section is an empty reservoir. The reservoir is about 4 meters large and 10 meters deep. It's generally

used to purge the water from the tunnel if there is too much rain. Multiple switches and machinery boxes are on the side of the door where the protagonists entered.

Normally a metal bridge is used to cross over the reservoir but the protagonists can see it at the bottom of the reservoir. Fortunately, a makeshift bridge made of wood is on the other side. Someone have crossed the reservoir and have remove the bridge after crossing.

The reservoir is about 4 meters large so it's a pretty long jump to do. An athletics test with a difficulty of 4 is required. On the side of the door, there are some switches that can allow to transfer water in the reservoir. It's broken and rusty. A Technicals test with a difficulty of 3 can allow to repair it and fill the reservoir of water. The protagonists will then be able to swim across. Furthermore, there are some pipes on the ceiling that can be used to throw a rope across.

The door on the other side goes to the Pipe Room.

Encounter 6: Pipes Room

This room is filled with pipes that go in all the directions. A silhouette is moving in the darkness; it's Ophelia but give some doubts to the players.

Ophelia has a wound on the arm and she's angry to have been exiled. She doesn't have a lot of food left so she will follow the protagonists back to the main group. She had search for a way out but didn't find any.

The way back to the community goes without a problem so you can skip it or just summarize it.

This room is a dead end.



Ophelia Vincent

Encounter 7: Meeting Ophelia

Ophelia does not have supernatural power but she's a Toxin-Breather. She's also some kind of alchemist and produce chemicals and drugs. She will ask for food and she's willing to pay with chemicals and drugs.

The protagonists can buy stuff from her. With Slugs or rations.

- Aphrodisiac Oil (2 Slugs)
- Candy Pill (2 Slugs)
- Extinguishing Powder (1 Slug)
- Hallucinogen (2 Slugs)

Scene 5: Getting Clean Water

At this point, the group of survivors is talking about leaving. Claire still wants to leave without the sick and Robert wants to leave with everyone.

Leaving with the sick will greatly slowdown the group since it will need 2 healthy persons to carry a sick one on a stretcher.

Before leaving, they will need to refill the water skin with fresh water and clean water.

The group of scavengers are out of water and they ask the protagonists for help filling some water bottles. The water in the tunnel don't look clean but they have find water in the "Employee Only" section. Unfortunately, they heard strange noises the last time so they don't want to go there alone.

It's possible that the character can have access to clean water and don't need to go there. If it's the case, find another way to bring the protagonists there. It can be to explore in hope to find a way out.

Lexie will still try to put eggs in Robert's bottle. Check the next text in frame for more information about that.

Lexie, Leon and Amelie will go there with or without the protagonists. Jacob will stay behind to protect the sick scavengers. The group leave the camp with multiple empty bottles.

Encounter 8: Employee Room

The door is barricaded from the protagonists' side. The scavengers have blocked the door since the last time they tried to go that way.

It's a medium room with many lockers. An old guitar (*large*) is on a bench

Four lockers are locked with simple locks. A Sleight of Hands test (2) allow to unlock a lock if the protagonists have lock picking tools. It's also possible to break the locks with a muscular test (2) but require a heavy tool and it's very loud.

- **Locker 1:** Clothing with the "durable" descriptor, 5 Scraps and a hammer.

- **Locker 2:** Clothing with the “impermeable” descriptor, 10 Scraps and 2 walkie-talkies.
- **Locker 3:** Clothing with the “non-conductivity” descriptor, a whistle (*stack*) and firecrackers.
- **Locker 4:** Clothing with the “uniform - Subway” descriptor, cosmetics and a flashlight, headlamp.

A door allows to go to the showers and another one allows to go to an office.

Encounter 9: The Showers

This room is divided in two parts, one is the showers and the other is composed of multiple bathroom stalls.

A crack on the wall allows the water to enter into the room, everything has rotten. The water running out of the wall look clean.

Lexie start to fill the bottles.

This part is important for the story.

The protagonists can see Lexie add something in Robert’s bottle. An investigate test (3) is required to see it. Everyone can do the roll. The story will only be better if someone is able to see it but don’t worry if everybody fail the test, mystery is also nice.

If confronted with an intimidate test (0), she will confess. It was small Worm Eggs that will make him sick.

At this point, the protagonists may ask her more questions about the other persons that are sick. She will confess everything.

- Claire asked her to do it the last time they got water. Robert challenges her leadership and she didn’t like it.

- Robert refilled other water bottles with his own so many members were infected. It was an unfortunate accident.
- Now, Robert refuse to leave without the sick so everybody will die. They have to get rid of Robert for the better good.
- She will ask the protagonists and the people around to stay silent. They need to leave without the sick one.
- If asked about where she got the eggs, she said she find it a few weeks ago and she only has a few left.

If the protagonists don’t saw Lexie putting larva’s eggs into Robert’s bottle or if they prefer to let Robert drink the water, he will fall sick a few hours later.

A door allows to go the showers and another one allows to go to the office

Encounter 10: The Office

This room is an old office with a desk and archives.



When entering, the protagonists hear noises of moving creature. Hidden behind the desks and others piece of furniture, the protagonists can find Gloomy Mice. Those are peaceful and fearful. If chased, they will try to escape to the storage room by using the window on top of the door.

There is a safe in the room. A protagonists with the safe cracker specialization and tools can do a Sleight of Hands (4) to open the safe.

There is a letter on the safe with a puzzle to find the 3-digit combination. A protagonists can do a Knowledge test (2) to try to remember the rules. You can get all the explanation here <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nonogram>. The result is 3 - 9 - 5 and the block colours are inverted. Check the annexe at the end of this document for the puzzle sheet.

Here what's in the safe:

- Watch, Automatic
- 4 x Batteries
- Camera, Instant
- Camera's Instant Film (600 Photos)
- 4 x Disc, DVD
- Book, Novel

If the players don't want to resolve the puzzle, you can only ask for a Knowledge test (5) and give the answer.

A barricaded door allows to go to a backroom. Read the next encounter to know more about that door.

Encounter 11: Storage Room

The door is locked and barricaded. A small window over the door allows a small person to go through the room. Amelie will be willing to go through if someone can help her climb. No test required.

Amelie will describe what she see:

Oh my god, it's a... long tunnel with a lot of colors. There is vegetation everywhere. There is a crowbar used as a bar to block the door. There is also a cadavers on the floor. I can go down in the room to remove the crossbar.

It's was a small room with many shelves with rusted and useless stuff. The main attraction is an entrance to the Gloom. The Gloom is colorful and full of weird vegetations and insects. Even the air is colorful.

If the protagonists search the room before entering the Gloom they can find 10 Scrap with a successful investigate test (0).

The Gloom go through one wall and join the subway tunnel. It goes "over" the rubble that was blocking the path in the real world. It look like a way out.

Lexie, Leon and Amelie suggest to block the door from the protagonists' side and go get the group. It can be a way to leave the station without returning to the surface and confronting the big monster.

Scene 6: Politics

Encounter 12a: Confronting Claire

This encounter is optional. It will only works if the protagonists spot Lexis putting Worm Eggs in Robert's water bottle and want to confront Claire.

If asked and pushed a little, Lexie will confess in front of everyone. Claire will defend herself but also confess. She was doing it for the better good.

- Robert will suggest sentencing Lexie and Claire to death by making them drink the water from his bottle and then leave the station with everyone except Claire and Lexie.
- Claire will suggest restraining Robert and leaving with only those not sick.

If the protagonists do not change the balance, Robert will win.

Encounter 12b: Not Confronting Claire

If the protagonists prefer to let Robert drink his infected water, he will wake up sick the next morning and his health will decrease rapidly.

- Claire will easily convince the group to leave without Robert and the sick one.

Scene 7: Leaving the Subway Station

At this point, the group should be ready to leave with or without the sick one. They will gather their stuff and then move on.

They don't like going through the Gloom but it's the only solution for now.

If the sick are part of the expedition, they will be moved on makeshift stretchers. It requires 2 persons for every sick one and there are four.

People who can carry someone on a stretcher:

- Claire
- Robert (if not sick)
- Jacob
- Leon
- Lexie
- Ophelia
- Veronica
- Protagonist's contact

- The protagonists

People requiring the help of 2 persons to move:

- 4 sick
- Robert (if sick)

People who cannot help but don't need help:

- Amelie
- Lily
- Oreo
- Other members of the group (old one and young one)

Be sure to know how it will go. It will be useful further in the story. As always, the protagonists can help or not.

Encounter 13: The tunnel in the Gloom

The Gloom follows the subway tunnel.

If the sick are with the protagonists, the group walk at a slower pace than usual. Everyone is scared to be there.

After some walk, a member of the group gets grabbed by a tentacle-like vine. It's a plant monster named Gloom Sundew.

The plant looks like one entity but it's in fact, multiple one.

There are two ways to defeat this encounter; fight or flight. If the sick are with the group, fleeing will be harder. Running to pass through the plant's vines will take 2 combat rounds. With the sick, it will take 4 combat rounds.

When a target transporting a sick one on a stretcher is hit, both fall on the ground.

Try to have this combat the more dynamic as possible. Members of the group should fly in the air (don't roll test, just describe the situation) and the sick ones falling on the ground and

needing help to move. Have the players choose who to save and who to sacrifice. Also have the protagonists go in the spores and then change their strategy. Have some of the group members run for their life and others trying to fight. Let the players take control of the situation and give orders if they want.

Here are some useful rules for this encounter:

- Standing up requires a Quick Action.
- Dragging someone on the ground alone is possible but at half speed. Someone or something dragged weight half.

Encounter 14: The Shrine and the Red Vines

The protagonists walking in the Gloom enter a “room” that look like some kind of shrine. Red Vines are all over the place and look like they are squeezing the Gloom. The Red Vines can move and the sap is poisonous so the protagonists better watch out. Someone scratched by the thorn will get infected.

In the middle, some kind of human-made table with a strange cult mask on it. It also hold an Oath Trinket with 6 Screaming Stones around. The Screaming Stones are constantly vibrating and the Summoning Oath Trinket (pendant) is strangely cold at touch. A note written in English shows the following “Hold it when in need”.

The entities from outside our world are fighting each others or just trying to survive. Use this encounter with the Red Vines to show this concept to the players. It can be subtle at this point.

There are many factions in the city. One is like a cult that wear strange masks and venerate

deities from outside our world. Use this moment to introduce this twisted faction that you will be able to use in your next adventures.

Using the Summoning Oath Trinket (pendant): When holden tight and warmed, an opening in the Gloom will open and an old man will appear. The portal close after him. He’s a skinny old man with a white dirty robe. He’s name is Garry. He will try to help the person that was using the trinket and will simply leave when he will think his mission is done. He’s not really helpful but can be used to give information to the protagonists about supernatural things. The protagonist who used the pendant is now bonded to it and will be summoned when someone else hold the pendant tight.

Encounter 15: The merchant

The protagonists start to hear the sound of metallic objects hitting each others. Someone is coming with noisy equipment from behind them.

A few seconds later they see Old Nick. An old man selling stuff. He can travel into the Gloom and have it move for him. He has common equipment and rare things to sell. He has many items to sell. All under 20 Slugs. Improvise what he has on him. He doesn't have many of each type.

People in the group of survivors are suspicious and are not sure then want to do business with him. Claire and Robert don’t want to do business with him at all but the others are willing to buy and sell normal stuff. Ophelia will try to do some secret transaction with him.

If the protagonists try to rob or kill him, he will vanish deeper in the Gloom and some monsters can appear.

He have the following stained objects:

- 5 x Fire Jelly (*stack*) (1 Slugs)
- 1 x Air Octopus (5 Slugs)
- 3 x Purple Dust (5 Slugs)
- 1 x Anti-Toxin Slugs (20 Slugs)
- 2 x Rizen Acorn (*stack*) (20 Slugs)

Encounter 16: The Showdown

After a few hundred meters more in the Gloom, the protagonists can see an exit to return to the normal world. The protagonists are back in a subway station.

Back in the subway station, the protagonists are at the end of a maintenance tunnel full of machinery.

There is a door with a sign “Emergency Exit” but the door is behind a big and heavy pile of rubble. The rubble are too heavy to be push aways by hands. The protagonists can try to go in the tunnel but they will attract Skulks and they will have to fall back to the end of the maintenance tunnel. The Skulks will also follow the protagonists into the Gloom if they try to hide there.

Fortunately, there is a loader truck in the corner of the room. It needs repairing with a technicals test with a difficulty of 0. Gas is low but there is enough to operate the loader truck. There are also 8 propane tanks on another corner. The propane tanks will not be very precise to remove the rubble but it possible to remove everything with the loader truck. Propane tank will be useful for the combat against the Skulks.

The truck is very loud when it start and it will attract monsters that the protagonists will hear howling in the distant tunnel.

Using the truck requires a drive test with a difficulty of 0 every round. With time, the

protagonists can remove all the rubble but since they will try to do it as fast as possible, the test is required to add suspense. To remove all the rubble, a total of 5 tests must be successful and only on test can be done every round.

Skulks arrive attracted by the noise made by the truck or any other loud noise. Have one Skulks per protagonists. Don’t forget to have one for the one driving the loader truck. Skulks will attack the protagonists but the survivors as well so some protagonists will be able to help other characters. They will also attack the driver of the loader truck so the other protagonists will have to protect the driver. Have new Skulks arriving every round to keep the challenge at a higher level.

It’s the end of the adventure, you can be lethal and seriously harms or even kill the survivors and the protagonists.

- **Round 1:** The Skulks arrive
- **Round 2:** The loader truck start to make weird noise
- **Round 3:** The loader truck stop and need repair to continue.
- **Round 4:** Loud noises from the ceiling and falling rocks. Something is trying to get inside.
- **Round 5:** The Venontail enter the room from the ceiling. It will devour a Skulk or a survivor depending of what is the more dramatic.
- **Round 6+:** The Skulks and the Venontail continue to attack the protagonists and the survivors.

The protagonists and the survivors can escape when all the rubble are removed. Behind the door, a stair allows to go to the surface.

Encounter 17: Fresh Air

The Skulks and the Venontail will stay in the previous room fighting each other. The protagonists have escape and are now safe.

It's time to roll the medicine test for every patients who were previously attended. The test is done with a difficulty of 3 but with a disadvantage if the patient had an hard time or was not moved safely. If the test fail, the patient die or have died during the transport.

If the protagonists were not with the group of survivors and return to the subway station, they will find the survivors dead, eaten by some Skulks.