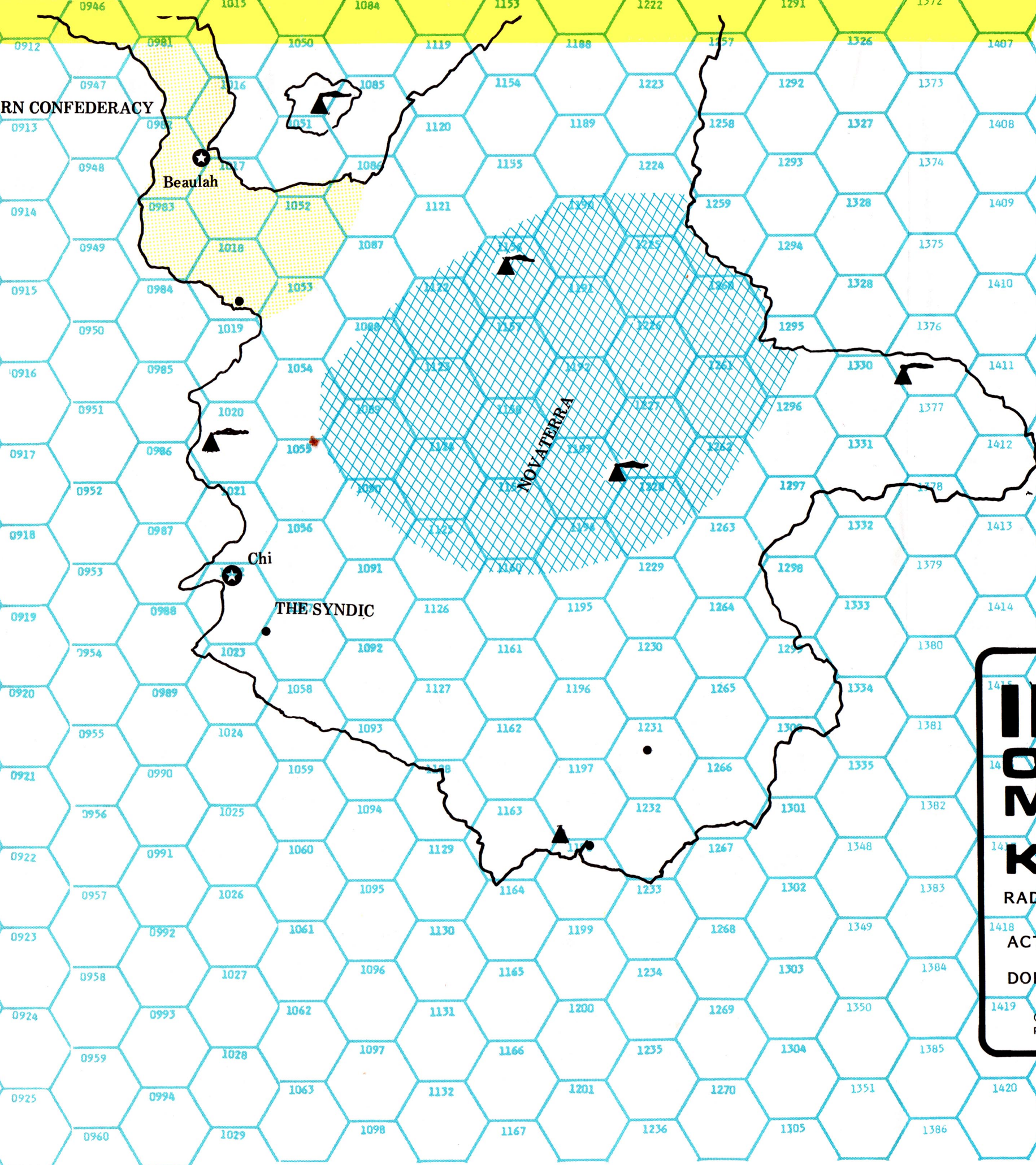


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- ACTIVE VOLCANO
- DORMANT VOLCANO
- UNSTABLE POLITICAL AREA
- POLITICALLY HOSTILE AREA
- UNKNOWN HAZARDS
- CAPITOL
- CITY

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Two or more subscribers lost
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These maps and information are provided at intervals to our subscribers as intelligence reaches our offices. In this installment of your subscription we concentrate on updating the hazards and possible opportunities in the Pacific area, which we originally presented in Issue No. 1. As you may note, our information base is somewhat wider now, as it includes many major law-enforcement agencies, including the Science Police. Let us remind you that we are still extensively dependent on individual contributions of intelligence materials, and we have as of this issue date raised our reimbursement schedule.

In this issue, we are featuring the fauna of Australia, which is believed to claim several of the most dangerous species in the world - including the Australians themselves, or so they maintain. It is indeed true that the social arrangements in Australia have adapted to new conditions as well as the various species of wildlife, and we will devote some attention to it later on.

Australia is the major Center of Commerce and Industry in the Pacific despite the fact that it's population was depleted by 85% in the Six Day War. Because of the nature of the attack-Cobalt Bombs exploded below the surface of the ocean off the western shore-fully one-third of the continent remains uninhabitable, although some automated industries have been placed in the less-than-lethal zones.

The principal City and Capital of Australia is New Sidney. New Sidney is the Media Center of the New Whole World Commonwealth-of which Australia is a charter member. The Directorate of the Commonwealth meets in Government House in downtown New Sidney. The form of government is liberal, although it may have a comprehensive eugenics program. Superheroes, even Uniques, are welcome in Australia, and there is usually work for them, for Australia is as wild and woolley as ever. One of the main sports is hunting mutant Rabbits, of which there are at least 37 separate and distinct varieties, ranging from the tiny tib-bob to the giant Pink Pooka. Kangaroos in the meantime have mutated to a state resembling pre-Humans. They are quite intelligent, playful, and the smaller varieties are often used as House Servants and manual Workers-Aborigines having become totally extinct.



Central Plaza in New Sidney. The traditional place for a new Superhero to announce himself to the public.

New Brisbane on the East coast-is the Educational Center of the entire Pacific region. Despite Inguria's pre-eminence as a Center for the acquisition and refinement of Superhero abilities, New Brisbane is often the second stop for Toolmasters who wish to pick up the latest techniques-as most of the Technical Libraries survived the War and the City is a hotbed of Research and Development Corporations-including Canfield Technical Research Ltd. and Broadbent Laboratories Inc.

New Melbourne is an Air Freight Transhipment Point, as well as a large Manufacturing Center. Because of the devastation of most of the farmland, New Melbourne also supports gigantic Hydroponic Farms and massive Sea-Farms, growing massive amounts of Fish, Plankton and Kelp.

Perhaps the most interesting Australian city is Balfor City. Named after Lord Balfor-in a fit of dry humor-the city is devoted to the sucor of refugees from ruined areas. Because of the extreme racial mix, inter-marriage is not only common, but almost impossible to avoid, and thus the city is well on the way to producing a new racial sub-type. While Balfor City no longer resembles the refugee camp it started life out as, the flavor of diversity remains. Perhaps the most interesting note is it fields it's own Superhero Team-the Balfor Legion-and there have been complaints from the Australian Equality Union that there is no Anglo-Saxon represented.

The International Survival Intelligence Service is based here, employing a team of 25 talented field operatives including a good representation of mutant types. Reports on unknown areas are appreciated, and paid for to the tune of about 1000 Pseudo Dollars (PD). Employment as a temporary operative is often available as well.

The new country of Washington, on the Northwestern Peninsula, is posted as a politically unstable area because the inhabitants-most of them refugees from the West Coast of the United States and Canada, have made a concerted effort to repeal politics. While they have succeeded to some degree-there is no central government, and the country is administered loosely by a Committee of Commune Elders-the result resembles chaos to no small degree. Also, because of the lack of efficient cooperation between the Communes, they are easily picked off by roving bands of Brigands and Free-Booters.

While the intercession of adventurers and Superheroes would probably be welcome, reimbursement is not certain. On the other hand, a company of Mercenaries, not necessarily Super-powered, could probably dowell. Farther South, the next country, or more accurately, area is the Syndic. These people too wished to avoid the questions of politics, preferring to address their efforts to the problem of living in an area with few resources. (The model they chose was a highly romanticized Mafia of the nineteen-thirties, with all the bad parts-Hit Men, Enforcers, Narcotics Traffic-removed.) The concept has worked remarkably well-at least as well as any.

There is absolutely no data on the third area-except its appearance. While its actual location varies with no apparent pattern, its location can be easily plotted by satellite because of the heavy cloud cover over it. There have been fifteen separate attempts to penetrate what is known as Poseidon's Castle both by Humans and machines. No data has resulted and nothing has ever returned. Three IPSP members, including a Teleporting Unique are among the missing.

If incursion into these areas is contemplated, it is recommended that precautionary measures be taken.

Since the still low population of the Pacific Nations hardly justifies Empire building-even for raw materials-these actions are rarely profitable. There have been a number of private expeditions for the purpose of loot and pillage, and there is little any government can do about this latter activity; although the sale of items gotten in such fashion is usually forbidden, contacts may be made in Syndic to dispose of it. It is conceivable that some government leaders one of these areas might hire a group of variously talented people for the purpose of either expanding or pacifying territory held. However, our sources in these areas are unreliable at best.

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However, there are often large "contracts" placed on individuals who have fled the country, and their capture and return has become almost the sole livelihood of several individuals.

Novattera, on the other hand, is most unfamiliar to its inhabitants-which is why a large area of Interior and Coast is marked as an Unknown Hazard Zone. While this area is being constantly penetrated, it cannot be even pretended that there is any extensive knowledge of the area, and it is thus dangerous by definition. In actual fact, few have been lost. The MacConner Party of 2010 went in as soon as there was evidence of a building ecology in the interior of the newly-risen sub-continent, and were, at best, unprepared. We have no idea what happened to them, but they probably wandered into a seismically active area and were literally swallowed up by the Earth. Search parties found no trace of them after their entrance into the Hells Courtyard area, and seismic activity was detected during the time they were supposedly in that region.

Unfortunately, they carried no communications gear, and Novattera had no actual seismic listening posts at the time-just a small seismometer in the first school at Beaulah. Fifteen years later, one of the first Superheroes on the continent traced a fugitive into the Hells Courtyard area, and neither were heard from again. This could be for a number of reasons. In this case the Unknown Hazards warning indicates simply "Insufficient Data". Penetration of this area is not terribly hazardous given proper preparation and good information-but should only be done for good reasons.

In the case of the proscribed chisel-shaped area off the East coast of the Philippines, several Aircraft have been lost-total seven persons lost-and one IPSP Toolmaster. While the mechanism of disappearance is not clear, it appears from fragmentary reports that the indicated area contains a surviving automated USAF Forward Incursion Base. As these bases were highly secret, the lack of notation on surviving charts is not surprising. The FBs were programmed to run Incursive Conventional and Atomic Attacks using Remotely Piloted Vehicles (RPVs), which were made and repaired inside the base from stockpiled materials. While this FBID does not seem to be running raids-perhaps because of a lack of remaining targets-it seems quite capable of defending it's Airspace. It is known that Particle Beam Weapons were installed in some of these bases for use against Air Attack, while others depended on fantastically powerful CO2 Lasers.

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Celebes was depopulated by a particularly virulent bio-warfare strain of Smallpox, and was later restreined by refugees-a pitifully small number of them-from the African continent which was also devastated by bio-warfare and later genocidic warfare among the various tribes who survived. Those who could escape wished to band together and retain their identity, and so settled the now empty Pacific Island.



Mbotoville, capital of New Zimbabwe.

New Zimbabwe, as it is now called, practices a strict reverse apartheid, in direct proportion to the responsibility of the various races for the war. Thus, Polytopians are welcome, while both Chinese and Caucasians are definitely not. Their attitude is well-understood by the Multi-Racial Pacific Community, and as they are not violent in pursuit of their policy and do not attempt to export it, they are quite rightly left alone.

It should be made clear that there is a number of the "banned races" residing in New Zimbabwe, but they are closely watched and are tolerated only because they are providing valuable aid. Many Pacific Nations send missions there, and the posting of a White is often a mild form of punishment for some misdeed.

Because of the nature of their society, which has total respect for the law as its major tenant, and humane and fair treatment of all as its second, there is no desire for, or need of Super-powered defenders. As a result, it exports many, also trained people with other skills. Zimbabwean Judges are justly famed for total impartiality and incorruptibility, and their peniclists are in demand all over the world.

Because of their great contributions to society, and because of the fact that no person-not even a pure blond Scandinavian-can claim to have been seriously mistreated while there, it must be noted that any interference with the peaceful life of this civilization would be viewed as such by several governments. The posting of it as a politically hazardous area, while strictly true, applies only to the stupid and thoughtless. Justice, too, is swift there, and applied with much forgiveness but no leniency.

Subscribers will also note that there are two Unknown Hazard Zones over apparent bare Ocean. Actually, due to fiscal limitations, we were constrained from producing a totally accurate map including all known islands. Be assured that any good chart will show many.

The wedge-shaped area is now known to be caused by still active Air, Ocean, and Underwater defenses around one of the more important United States Forward Fire Support Bases. These bases were designed to survive a Nuclear War-even several direct hits-and fight on. It is entirely possible that there are still United States personnel still there, but unable to leave because of computerized security precautions. Because of the potency of the defenses, which include Nuclear Weapons, no one has been motivated to investigate. Salvage work is very lucrative as the records of the War and prior history contained in such a self-sufficient base would be literally priceless, and the electronics even more so, as no one has yet been able to duplicate the highly secret sentient battle computers utilized by the United States and Russia.

The other Oceanic Unknown Hazard is equally deadly, but for as yet unknown causes. The marked area on the chart indicates its position as of the time of publication, but it tends to move slowly around. Anything

penetrating its area of effect is hit by a High-Intensity Laser or Particle Beam Weapon; no one is quite sure which. Nothing is visible from satellite height, or even from 6,000 meters, which seems to be its vertical radius. Undersea craft are likewise effected, and destroyed somehow when in its area of effect. Ocean life is simply absent from the area, which is attributed to very complex sonar impulses detected on the fringes of the area. Updates on its position are made hourly by a Picket Ship, and are made available to our subscribers via our computer facilities.

Other Politically Hazardous Areas

The greater portions of the interiors of Asia and North and South America, as well as portions of Africa are terribly dangerous, either being in a state of Anarchy, ravaged by disease and discontent, or under the sway of any of a number of varieties of gim-crack Empires, Federations, or honest iron-booted Dictatorships. Outsiders are welcomed in but few of them, and the conditions of widespread famine, disease, and oppression in even the best of them makes avoidance the best policy, with the possible exceptions of group or governmental actions.

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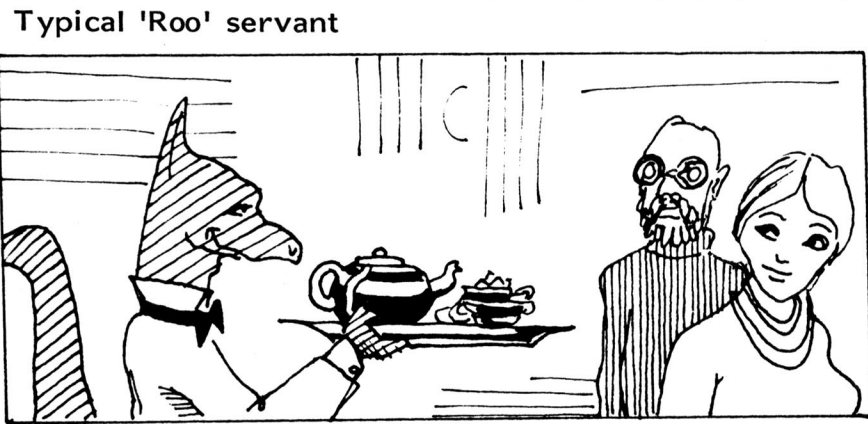
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Value of Information Background Computer Tape/100 PD Vital Xeno-Soda 500 PD Dangerous to Obtain 1000 PD Secret Information from Non-Pacific Government 10,000 PD Special Varies

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Requirements for Full Membership

Membership in the Inguria Protection and Service Program or its non-equivalent, including the Australian Vigilance Organization, and the Pacific Islands Justice Organization. A full list of member organizations is available upon request. Any action resulting in the removal of a subscriber from the roles of any of these organizations will also result in the termination of ISIS membership.

Benefits of Membership

Unconditional Life Assurance for the amount of 50,000 PD.

Constantly updated information for low fees.

Use of ISIS Computer Network Access Codes.

Notification of available opportunities.

Cost

Initial membership is available at a price of 25,000 PD and is maintained by an additional 100 PD per year fee which covers incidental costs, such as printing and Computer time. These fees may be paid in cash or in kind, such as assignment to some information gathering mission. Indeed, this is preferable, as initiation funds are used to purchase information in any case. Many members support themselves on our reimbursement fees, finding that this frees them from accepting bounties, resolving many moral dilemmas.

Emergency Notification Procedure

Subscribers are encouraged to call the IPSP/ISIS Emergency Number when in a hand now and then, although this resource is also not to be taken lightly. The Inguria-based Hunter's Club is one of these, as is the New Freedom League, based on Hendricks Island, which has a large autonomous base there.

Other Available Aid

The NFL will provide liaison facilities with the various police organizations for no charge-making anonymity somewhat more practical. They will also provide banking facilities and message relay for nominal fees. They do insist that people employing their services be on 24 hour call for combined operations and their qualifications include a 6-month independent internship, and a further 6-month associate membership, which means that the hero will be sent on supervised missions to gain experience in a wide range of situations. As they require that all funds earned in Freedom League operations be turned over to them, membership has remained at less than a hundred. They will occasionally help out an associated non-member who is on their call roster.

Assistance from Various National and UN Organizations

The various law enforcement organizations affiliated with IPSP and her sister organizations are prepared to come to the assistance of the Superhero when there's a genuine emergency. However, their definition of genuine tends to vary. We will quote from the manuals of two different sources.

Science Police: "Because of the unique nature of the Superhero's operation, his usual competence, and the fact of life that an incompetent Superhero will not long survive. In order to promote the most effective use of unconventional resources, it is our policy to intervene only in situations that (a) threaten world peace; (b) totally overwhelm the talents of a proven competent Hero. The above conditions apply only when the Hero is working as an unaffiliated agent, and does not apply to uniquely talented or equipped SP personnel."

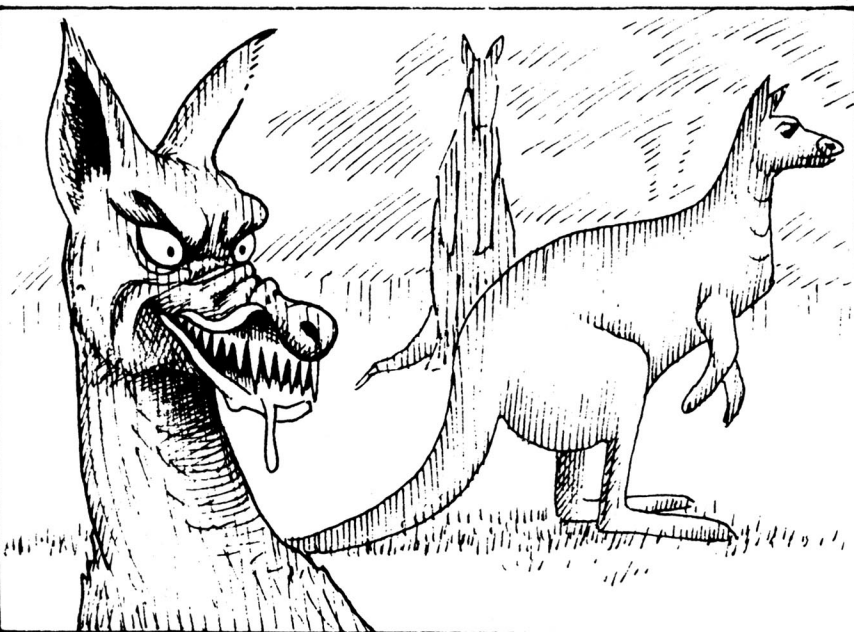
Pacific Security Forces: "Due to the fact that well-equipped Superheroes is a truly awesome force, and a team of such individuals even more impressive, it is our general policy to aid such individuals when called to do so. The usual penalties for false alerts do apply, however, and jurisdiction and control of the situation must be yielded to PacSec."

It is to be noted that PacSec is not empowered to act outside of the Pacific, nor does it have the resources to do so. Science Police will not intervene in a situation which would result in the alienation of a member state, which includes all of the Pacific Nations, and some of the surviving American, Scandinavian, African, and Asian States.

In general, then, a Superhero or adventurer is on his own, and should assume so in all cases.



STELLON. Latest full member of the New Freedom League. He has the power of photon micro blasts.



Land Piranha

The appearance of the Geep made truly skin-tight clothing possible for the first time.

Meanwhile, the formerly inoffensive Wookly has become a creature feared by even the Land Piranha-an eight-foot long gliding monstrosity with poisonous claws. Luckily, its poison is not fatal, merely anesthetic, so the Australians take a somewhat casual attitude towards it, often referring to it as "those ruddy great targets", rather than its given name of "Wambarr".

Oddly enough, the Koala Bear has changed little, other than to develop a habit of munching on petroleum-based products such as tires and tarpaper. Luckily for the Koala, they have become so gentle that no one can bear to shoot them. (They are immune to predation due to the deterrent effect of their diet, which gives their flesh the taste and consistency of a steel-belted radial.) Their main diet consists of the leaves of the Gahosh Tree (Eucalyptus having become extinct), which have a large hydrocarbon content. Killing a Koala is a sin no Australian will willingly tolerate, since it is one of the few wild animals that is not really very dangerous and is thus a national pet.

The Dingo, on the other hand, descended from imported dogs and quickly adapted to the wild. It was no particular surprise, then, when the Dingo changed to fit the new situation. In other words, he came home... All of a sudden, even the rabbits were too dangerous for a dog to make a living, so the alternative was to reenter the world of man. Of course, the great majority didn't, but those who did are the only Dingos that survive today.

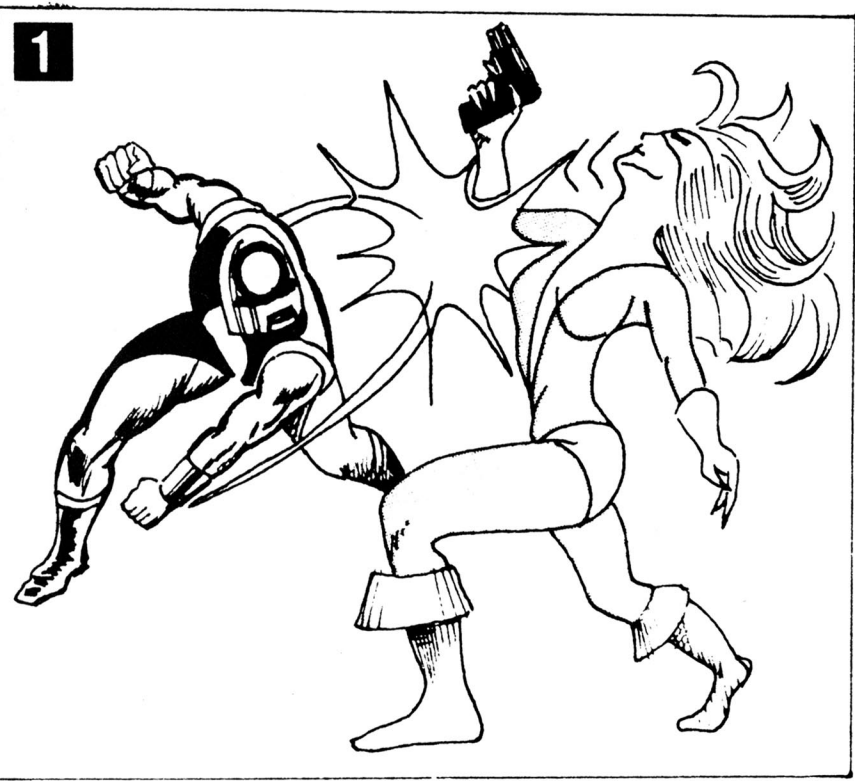
Over the past several months, raids by a character calling himself 'Uno' have become frequent. This character apparently works alone. All eight strikes have been at warehouses which contained sophisticated electronics parts. All eight warehouses have suffered significant damage that it has proved impossible to determine what was taken.

In each instance, the raid was made in the early evening. Employees report that "All of a sudden we noticed him standing there in front of us. He touched the side of his helmet and everything got real blurry and confused. The next thing I remember is the building being on fire and one whole wall being gone." No employees or bystanders have been injured in any of the raids. In one instance a patrolling unique tried to intercept and was quickly stopped.

Sandra Shand reports: "Upon receiving a report of a disturbance at the Hildeguard Technonics, I proceeded at utmost speed to the rear gates. Leaving my vehicle and entering on foot, I spotted a helmeted figure in a blue suit answering to the description of Uno. I immediately opened fire with my tranquilizer gun, scoring at least two hits. They had no effect. Suddenly things became blurry and I felt a punch in the jaw. The next thing I remember is sitting in my vehicle and staring at the burning warehouse." Hildeguard Technonics, being the eighth concern to be hit, had previously installed an extensive security system. Aside from providing an automatic distress report on the police bands, this system was only able to provide two pictures. Of the 4,000 frames recorded during the period of disturbance, only these two showed anything more than a blurred, human-sized shape. These two pictures are reproduced here as a service to IPSP Associates.

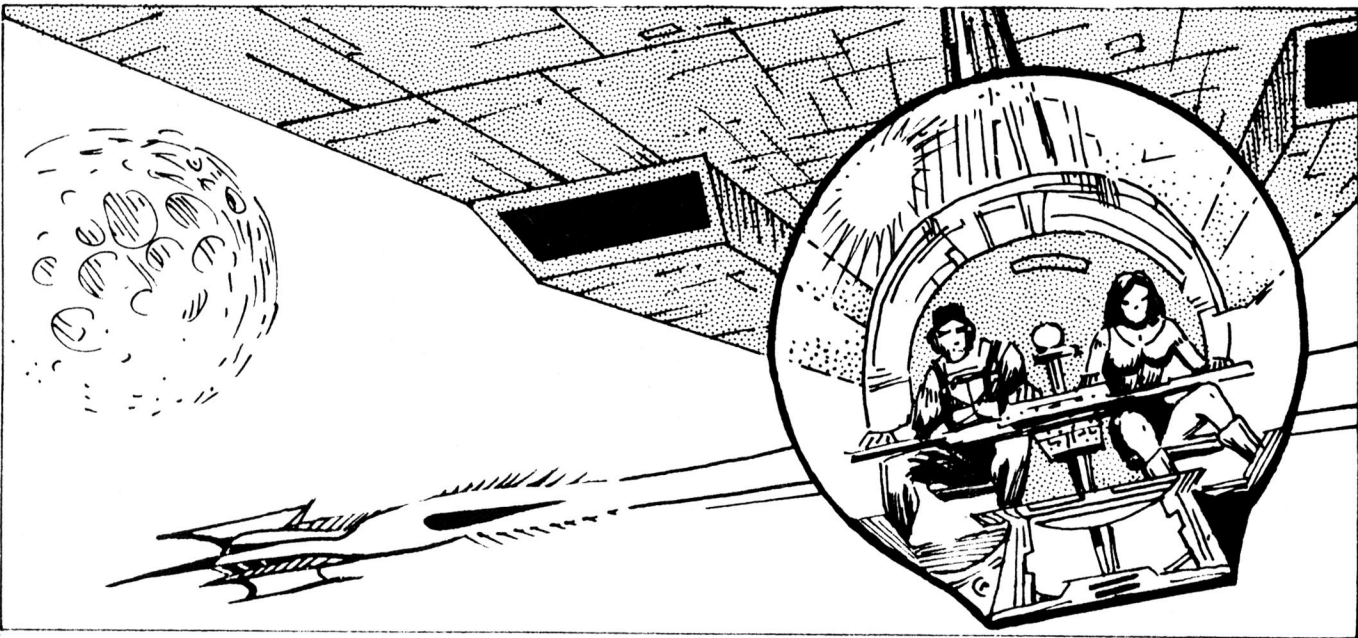
An anonymous letter was received at police headquarters claiming responsibility for the warehouse raids and stating "Uno is unstoppable! Uno will be Free!" Correlation Services is unable to identify Uno or provide any possible reference. This information is given as a public service to Superheroes at the insistence of the Merchants Insurance Association. MIA also states the only two business concerns in this field not yet hit by Uno are Manson Associates and Taumbaugh Engineering who have offered substantial rewards of money and technical services to any Superhero individual or group able to eliminate the threat of Uno.

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