

better day in all ways at first. Susan played with a stray dog someone brought down. She was happy. It wasn't her fault what happened. My heart bleeds for her. Will this weight never lift?

Saturday November 19, 1932

Regrets, always regrets. It pains me to mistreat my fellow Wonders so but I could not think of any other way to get the attention of the Wonder squad of Assiniboia other than to capture some ~~some~~ and invite the others to tea. Lady Ruin, that poor tortured soul claims to have readily captured Mighty Mite. She may have had some trouble but it's impossible to get a straight answer out of her twisted mind. I suspect she herself has no idea. The only rest she gets is when she sleeps under the influence of Neutralium. I fear that someday she will decide to forgo her powers and sleep forever. The Shadow was captured by the Canadian soldiers stationed on the surface as he tried to escape. A quick couple of wirephotographs and Jackson, that unflappable paragon of drivers delivered my invitation to the Gingerbread Hall. Oddly only the Fetus and the Gorilla-man major domo Jeeves answered my invitation. I wonder where the White Ghost and the Watcher were? Lord Rack of course competently helped deliver the Wonders here. I hesitate to involve the Dominion government in my investigations as I don't know how far the corruption goes. Does the wretched Elizabeth have associates in the government? I just don't know. Her actions puzzle me. Why rob a bank of all things? Why murder the poor dupes who were portraying us? Where is the sense in that? I believe I persuaded the Assiniboia Wonders to investigate further on my behalf. I explained that Lord Rack and his sister Lady Ruin were my guardians. I worry greatly that my wife will try and attack the mine. It would be so easy to collapse the shaft trapping poor Susan and myself, not to mention the miners and all the servants. I provided the Wonders with the names of Elizabeth's solicitor and bankers and accountants as well as the addresses of the properties we own in Assiniboia. I also provided what I believe to be the correct combination for the safe in the MacDougall family home. It's been almost ten years since I was at the house though so the combination may have been changed. My condition and the need to look after Susan mean that I haven't left the mines since then. The expense of the medical treatments I needed after the incident! And why, (the eternal question), why is Susan the only known Wonder who seems completely immune to the effects of Neutralium? I could, no should get some researchers to examine her and her abilities more but I hesitate to put her to more pain than her existence already puts her. I also hesitate to expand the number of people who know of her existence. Fortunately the darkness we dwell in hides the truth! Lord Ruin's demonstration of his powers, though I know he hates the way his face looks, was very effective as always. When Elizabeth and I had our falling out I told her I still strongly believed that the Dominion and the Commonwealth were the best chance we Wonders have. She disagreed and said that Wonders could make their own way and throw off the shackles of our oppressors. I asked how and she said that there were ways. But how? I hope we can get to bottom of what Elizabeth is up to. What is her end game?

Sunday November 20, 1932

I received notice today from Ottawa of the planned year-end festivities to be held at the Royal Alexandria. I do not understand the risk they are planning on taking. Why invite representatives from Tsar Nicholas AND Stalin. Madness. Do they demand blood? Better to lock rabid dogs into the same cage than to allow those two groups together in Assiniboia. It's as if the Trans-Ural War is still not going on. Squads of Bolsheviks versus Baba Yaga terror squads. I am not sure the precautions they are planning on taking will be enough. I would warn the Wonders here but I have sworn an oath of secrecy to Ottawa. I wish I understood what Prime Minister Bennet was thinking. Despite his madness I swear King is a more understandable man. Though he has some affinity for authoritarians. He inviting Bolsheviks and Tsarists to the same event I wouldn't be surprised by. But Bennet??? Madness.