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What Happened That Night?

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Your intrepid reporter was there that night to witness history being made! The brave Watcher Men and Woman (and one Ape) of the Assiniboia Wonder Squad saved us from the perfidious serpent men! (Note that some of the information included here was not directly witnessed by your intrepid reporter! It took me a while to collect all these facts.)

In league with Lady Elizabeth MacDougall the serpent people had attempted to take over the major leaders of the world! The leaders had gathered at the Royal Alexandra Hotel in Assiniboia to bear witness to Queen Louise's New Year's Address. The serpent men attempted to use their mastery of arcane chemistry or alchemy to take control of the leaders and influence them to seek the insidious reptoids' goals! And they would have succeeded if not for our brave Wonders (and one brave human from our own Royal Canadian Mounted Police!)



The scene next day outside Portage la Prairie.



Café Royal at the Royal Alexandra.

Dignitaries Gathered to Hear Queen Louise's Address:

- R. B. Bennet Canadian Prime Minister,
- Commander-in-Chief Chiang Kai-shek of China
- Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia
- President Albert Lebrun of France
- Chancellor Kurt von Schleicher of the Weimar Republic
- Prime Minister Mohandas Ghandhi of India
- Emperor Hirohito of Japan
- Tsar Nicholas III of Imperial Russia
- Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain
- Premier Nestor Makhno of the Ukrainian People's Republic
- General Secretary Joseph Stalin of the USSR
- President Herbert Hoover of the USA, and
- King Solomon kaDinuzulu of the Zulus.



Lady Elizabeth MacDougall, the estranged wife of Sir Hamish Alexander Mackenzie MacDougall who along with his entire family had mysteriously survived a car bombing.

How Did the Serpent Men Do It?

How did the serpent men plan on taking control of our leaders? Apparently they had some strange ability which some swear is actual magic that allows them to assume the appearance of humans. The simulation is perfect and only their shadows remained unaltered! After slipping some arcane formula into their victims drinks they gain the ability to influence human's actions!

Their plan was to slowly and insidiously sway the course of human events for their own evil and selfish purposes! If it had not been for our brave Wonders the entire world would have been doomed.

Unfortunately our Wonders missed a few serpent men. But only a pair of countries China and India were taken over by the sneaky snakes! Only time will tell what this will mean. This reporter is grateful though that the snakes only took over these less advanced countries!



Our serene Queen Louise.

Our heroes had been assigned to help protect Queen Louise and the gathered dingintaries along with a few select foreign Wonders and our own Maple Squad,

Things looked to be going well and our own heroes were feeling confident that things were going well. But that's when the sneaky snakes struck! They had taken control of troops from Fort Osborne in the form of their leader Colonel Nathan Drake-Smith. The troops and Agent XR3, a special battle suit developed to allow police or solders to battle rogue Wonders effected entrance to the Royal Alexandra from the Canadian Pacific station. Accompanying them were a pair of disguised serpent men and Lady Elizabeth and her son Hamish who teleported away from the train station.

One of the serpent men was killed by the Bullet of Belgium, aka Mighty Mite who also destroyed the Agent XR3 suit. The other serpent man was later slain by Jeeves the Wobdrous Man-ape. The soldiers had pinned down our other heroes though, armed as they were with Neutralium bullets. But suddenly Giselda, a former rogue Wonder used her wondrous damage avoidance powers to bring a bomb right into the midst of the soldiers, stopping them, well dead. She issued a warning to the gathered Wonders about the real target, the world leaders. Unfortunately one of the soldiers had not yet expired and he managed to slay Giselda with his last energy.

The battle then went upstairs where our brave Wonders discovered that Lord Wrack and Lady Ruin, the Wonderous guards of Sir Hamish MacDougal had switched sides to fight for Lady Elizabeth! (She had threatened Sir Hamish with the collapse of the Neutralium mine in Bisset if he didn't help her! Fearing for his daughter Susan's life he had to accede to her demands).

John Bull, Wondrous guardian of Prime Minister Ramsay Macdonald of the United Kingdom who as it turned out was the father of Lord Wrack and Lady Ruin tried to stop

them but failed. Lady Elizabeth and her monstrous son Hamish were demanding access to the Queen. Our Wonders in the form of the fabulous, flaoiting Zygot, Jeeves, the White Shadow and the Shadow faced Lady Elizabeth and her entourage down. The serpent man with them quickly died and after a few exchanges Jeeves crushed the monstrous Hamish. Screaming Lady Elizabeth fled the scene. This stopped the fighting.

After checking on Sir Hamish and discovering the horrific sight of the foreign Wonders and almost the entire Maple Squad lying dead, drained of their vitality our Wonders discovered that certain of the world leaders had fled, some accompanied by serpent men!

The Fleeing Leaders and their Chosen Method of Transport!

- Chiang Kai-shek - motorcade
- Haile Selassie - train
- Albert Lebrun - train
- Chancellor Kurt von Schleicher - motorcade
- Mohandas Ghandhi - train
- Emperor Hirohito - zeppelin
- Tsar Nicholas III - zeppelin
- Nestor Makhno - train
- Joseph Stalin - motorcade
- Herbert Hoover - private train
- Solomon kaDinuzulu - airplane.

Realizing that some of the leaders were accompanied by serpent men our brave Wonders leapt into pursuit!

Mighty Mite quickly tracked Tsar Nicholas' Zeppelin to the airspace over Portage la Prairie. With the surgical precision he's known for he grounded the craft by destroying all its engines without causing the Zeppelin to explode. The craft had to land near Portage. The Tsar and a few of his followers, including the serpent man, commandeered a car and drove to Portage. There they boarded a train and unobserved by all Mighty Mite slew the sinuous serpent!

The Shadow also tracked a Zeppelin, following the craft bearing Hirohito. Unfortunately either intentionally or accidentally the Zeppelin exploded in midair killing all aboard. The brave Shadow was flung from the craft and plummeted to his death!

Stalin's motorcade was followed by undercover RCMP trombonist Bud Currie who called for backup from the RCMP detachment in Portage. They set up a roadblock and a major firefight ensued. Bud saw his chance and blasted Stalin with a shotgun. The angered serpent man was going



Agent XR3

to kill him but Mighty Mite who had been investigating the zeppelin crash had flown over to investigate all the shooting, He took out the serpent man in Stalin's entourage before continuing on to Portage.

The Germans leaving Assiniboia a little time after the Russians and also on their way to Portage were tailed by the Zygot. They came upon the police roadblock but drove around it. The Zygot managed to destroy all three cars in the motorcade by using force walls. Once again the passing Mighty Mite took out the serpent man.

Meanwhile Jeeves the sentient gorilla, or man-ape, Dusty the Human Whirlwind and the White Ghost (a White Russian hero) followed Hoover's train out of Assiniboia. Dusty kept knocking debris across the tracks slowing their progress. His dust cloud of darkness kept him safe from the American soldiers. Finally he damaged the tracks and the train was derailed just outside St. Pierre de Jolys.

The American's borrowed some vehicles to continue their trip south. Dusty got the local priest to call for backup. Dusty kept trying to knock out the vehicles and eventually succeeded but not before Jeeves was shot with a Neutralium bullet stripping him of his Wondrous powers.

The White Ghost slew the serpent man controlling Hoover with her cosmic rays and Dusty saved Jeeves. They all returned to Assiniboia just in time for Queen Louise's big announcement!

The announcement being of course her finally announcing her heir, Prince Philip of Greece.