

Session/Game: Savage Worlds Fulton 1 **Date:** March 30, 2008

EPISODE 1: The Terrible Secret of Mike's Nuts

Campaign Date: March 31-April 4th 2008

Characters:

Chip Nickerson (Seasoned, Tech-Geek, Fulton Board) (Andrew Smith)

Black Bart VIII (Seasoned, Agent B.S.P.) (Chuck Fleurie)

Tyson (Seasoned, pilot and gun-hand, Fulton Board) (Marlon Kirton)

GM: Dave Nelson

Prolegomenon

Chip Nickerson and Mr. Tyson had separately received a mysterious letter from the accounting firm of *Stoltzfus and Hungidunga*, informing them that they had each inherited a voting board seat in the company called Fulton Horizons LTD., located in Lancaster PA. They were given first class plane tickets to New York City, where they boarded a private jet to take them to Lancaster. On the plane they were joined by Black Bart an agent with the Bureau of Special Projects (B.S.P.). Bart knew that he was going to assigned to provide security for Fulton Horizons as his new assignment. As far as any of the three knew, Fulton Horizons was a moderately successful producer of high-tolerance steam piping, knowledge they would soon be disabused of.....

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Act 1: THE PLANE TRUTH

The three passengers soon met their host, Agent Fish of the C.I.A., who had them all sign non-disclosure forms. He commented on what a sweet ride the VTOL jet they were riding in was, and how it would soon be at their disposal. He also commented on how he used to own a Bentley, but his ex-wife took it in the divorce, had it crushed into a cube and sent him pictures.

Over a few beers, Fish explained to them that Fulton Horizons LTD., was actually a firm that produced super-science equipment for the government and provided trouble-shooters under contract to deal with super-natural, extra-terrestrial and super-science threats to the nation. It was founded by Robert Fulton and Robert Livingston in the early 1800's and had a long history of top-secret work. He also informed them that the company's last board was completely wiped out in an explosion at the company's mountain cabin conference center at the beginning of March. He hurriedly added that the company wasn't quiet the powerhouse it used to be, but still had considerable assets.

Just then, they all heard a scream come from the stewardess in the galley. A gang of 6 thugs dressed in orange jumpsuits, carrying clubs. A black-dressed ninja was directing their attacks from the rear. The thugs, whom Agent Fish explained were RAGS¹, goons hired out by the nefarious S.L.I.C.E.² to member super-villains, knocked the stewardess out cold immediately and engaged in a general melee with the Fulton

team. However, only Agent Fish was armed, the rest had checked their weaponry in order to get through airport security. Tyson managed to knock one RAG out with a beer bottle, and then scoop up his club. Chip strangled another into unconsciousness by wrapping a life preserver around his neck and inflating it. Fish was markedly unsuccessful at using his handgun, just poking several holes in the hull.

Then suddenly, they heard one explosion in the cockpit, and a second out the left side window. Fish ducked into the cockpit and back out, shouting "we're in serious trouble folks." Tyson and Nickerson also spotted a second ninja falling off toward the earth in flames from the side of the plane. Tyson engaged the ninja in the cabin in a long fight, while Fish and Black Bart tried to finish off the rest of the RAGS. The RAGS and ninja inflicted several severe bruises and painful blows to the team, but seemed to be trying to disable, rather than kill them.

Chip smash a seat back into the jaw of one RAG, knocking him out, and then leaped into the cockpit to assess the damage. He found that an explosion had blown out the windscreen, wrecked some of the controls and that many of the electronic devices in the plane were strangely burnt out.

As the fight was brought to a successful conclusion, Chip frantically patched the controls together, allowing Tyson to come forward and land the plane just before it was going to crash into Lancaster countryside.

ACT TWO: AMISH PARADISE

Agent Fish, Black Bart, Tyson and Chip found themselves safely on the ground in a farmer's field in rural Lancaster. After investigating the plane, they found that the explosion on the windshield was in a peculiar figure-eight design. Chip discovered that there was a piece of blackened paper stuck to the hull in the blast scorching, he removed it and put it in a plastic bag for later analysis. They also discovered that all of their cell phones had burnt out.

Tyson and Black Bart began to interrogate the captured ninja (Chuckie-San), after quickly determining that the RAGS knew nothing other than that they were supposed to capture the party alive. The ninja was unwilling to give up the name of his employer and Tyson beat him back into unconsciousness.

Just then they noticed that a hostile transport helicopter was approaching the crash site. Scooping up their guns from the cargo compartment and the unconscious ninja, they all ran for an Amish barn at the edge of the field and hid there. Chip and Tyson also dragged along 2 of the starter batteries from the jet engines.

Soon a party of 16 RAG gunmen approached the plane. They searched it and managed to drag off the unconscious stewardess, Mary Ann Wonski, whom the party had completely forgotten about. Chip then used the starter battery, a burnt out cell phone, the weather vane from the roof of the barn and several strands of wire from some hay bales to construct a make-shift police radio and called for police and fire department help at the crash site. Tense moments passed as the RAGS tore apart the plane, never thinking to check the barn. Finally, the fire trucks and state troopers arrived and the RAGS fled back to the helicopter.

ACT THREE: MEET THE FULTONS

Soon the survivors (including the captured ninja) were whisked away in a CIA van (cunningly disguised as a Stoltzfus Brothers Flower Truck) and were delivered to the Fulton Building in downtown Lancaster City. Agent Fish took his leave, saying he'd be back later for the cocktail party at 9pm.

Chip, Tyson and Black Bart met the permanent staff of the building: Brittany Cho (a.k.a. Chinese Brittany, although she isn't Chinese) the obnoxious office manager, Brittany Myers (a.k.a. White Brittany) the skanky receptionist, Kelly Stuvens (a.k.a. "Stu") the possibly lesbian arsenal technician, and Marie Monoceau the recovering-vampire librarian. Soon they discover that Fulton Horizons is a shell of its former self with very few employees and a small operating budget. They are hounded by Brittany Cho with extensive requests for exhaustive paper work to get even the simplest requests processed. Tyson is particularly irritated by the paperwork and tries to get his own secretary, but the paperwork involved is quite daunting, and it requires a quorum of board members (at least 3) to get final approval.

While pushing back the amorous advances of Brittany Myers, Black Bart settled into his new job as Fulton Security Chief. His orientation was soon interrupted by a mysterious visitor at the front door. Someone was ringing the doorbell, but did not appear on the infrared camera. Bart threw the door open and saw his old nemesis, Zombie Ike Clanton, gunning for him. Bart was faster on the draw and shot off Clanton's head with a shotgun blast and 4 pistol bullets. Clanton picked up his head and staggered off into the night.

Chip, meanwhile, used the laboratory to analyze the scorched paper from the bomb blast. He discovered that it says "Meet us at Mike's Nut Shop, after it's done, for your payment." Chip went to talk to Marie the Librarian and discuss the matter. She says that Mike's Nut shop had been in downtown York, PA, but had blown up a year ago. After they had discussed the bomb blast and the concurrent EM pulse, Marie told him that this was the precise description of the explosion that had killed the former Fulton board in the previous month.

Soon however Bart, Tyson and Chip were summoned to the new ballroom for the cocktail party with the Fulton Trustees. The trustees were a doddering collection of ancient Fultons, Livingstons, Nickersons and Wilberforces who run the trust that owns the company and picks the board members. Agent Fish reappeared and explained to them that as long as you were nice to the trustees, they never interfered, but they did have the power to replace board members if they deemed it necessary. He also introduced them to Derek Whitney McGruder, the arrogant CEO of WJI³, Fulton's primary, and far more successful, competitor. McGruder tried to convince the board just to sell the company out to him and put it out of its misery.

After about an hour and a half of listening to boring stories that went nowhere and dancing with ancient women, the party came to an end when Marie appeared and said that there was a strange electromagnetic pulse coming from approximately the location of the ruins of Mike's Nut Shop in York.

ACT FOUR: QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND UNANSWERED

Bart, Chip and Tyson grabbed some powerful weaponry from the arsenal and piled into the armored Strohman's Bakery Van that Fulton uses for undercover work and sped down route 30 toward York. There on Richland Avenue, they saw that the site was covered by a mysterious black cloud. Entering the cloud they saw a man in a jaunty hat talking with two mysterious men in red robes. This cabal was protected by a half-dozen armored robots. Black Bart let loose with a tommy gun, and Tyson joined in with a SAW light machinegun. After several rounds of gunfire, one of the red-robed men escaped through the electro-portal that stood behind them. The man-in-the-hat and the second robed man were killed, and the robots all destroyed. As the black cloud dispersed and sirens began to fill the night, they piled into the van, dragging a robot corpse and a briefcase filled with \$150,000 with them and sped back to Lancaster.

The man in the hat turned out to be Wayne Hickson, a professional arsonist and bomber. The identities of the robed men could not be discovered. The robots seemed to have been built using the basic plan of a SLICE guard robot, but with an advanced power cell of an unknown type. After the analysis, the team went to bed, exhausted. The next day was full of business. Chip made an appointment to meet Derek Whitney McGruder at the Lancaster Red Lobster on Thursday at one. They questioned their prisoner Chuckie-San, and determined that he and his cronies were not behind the bomb plot, and in fact Chuckie-San's partner Bobbie-San had died trying to defuse a second bomb on the wing of the plane. They were contacted by a Mr. Holbrook, an attorney working for SLICE, who offered to pay a finder's fee for the return of the captured ninja. After some discussion, they released Chuckie-San to Holbrook, who paid them \$5000, although Tyson seriously considered shooting the ninja down in the street.

Later, realizing that the stewardess was still missing, the team contacted Mr. Holbrook again and offered to make a trade. Holbrook contacted his client, and they arranged to trade Miss Wonski for Voltaire's Zombie Amplifier. Later on, Chip discussed this with Marie the Librarian, who lit up at the mention of the Zombie amplifier, explaining that the super-villain, Professor Slambino, had a mania about capturing Fulton personnel in order to extort the Zombie Amplifier. She explained that Fulton never possessed the amplifier by that Slambino was sure that they did. Chip spent the next day making a cheap, fake version of the amplifier and mounting 2 SAWs inside it to fly up on command.

Finally, Thursday (April 3rd) arrived and Chip met McGruder at the Red Lobster. Over a lunch of less than top-notch clams, McGruder attempted to bully and browbeat Chip into selling off Fulton Horizons, but Chip finally told him off and stormed out. They all then took the company Hummer over to Rocky Ridge Park, the Blue Spruce Pavilion, in York to make the switch with Holbrook. The switch went smoothly, but when Chip activated the SAW deployers, Tyson and Bart showed no interest in grabbing them and firing, having missed the gist of Chip's plan.

They realized then that Professor Slambino would probably want to get revenge for the fake device, and that S.L.I.C.E. would likely help him since they had bargained with them in bad faith. Furthermore, while they knew that Hickman had set the bombs on their plane, they were still no closer to discovering who was behind the plot to murder

the Fulton boards past and present.

[1](#) RAGS stands for Recruit-level Agent Group, but these thugs are more commonly referred to as Rent-A-Goons.

[2](#) The Society for the Liquidation of Inferior Citizens Everywhere, a worldwide service organization servicing all your Super-Villainy needs.

[3](#) WJI stands for Whitney Jute Imports, a company originally founded by Eli Whitney to secure adequate supplies of Indian jute to make sacking for his musket business.