

Session/Game: Hacksaw, Savage Worlds 1

Date: July 28, 2024

Episode 1: Dirty Dave

Campaign Date: October 3-4, 1876

Characters:

Sheriff J.J. Sherman (Craig)

Doctor Samuel Elder (Travis)

Jasper Cole, Newspaperman (Andrew)

Boy, the Mysterious Stranger (Bob)

“Honest” Harvey Boone, Attorney at Law (Pete)

Diego Redwood, Bounty Hunter (Quinton) and his trusty Mexican Wolf, Taco

Judge: Dave N.

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Scene 1: Trouble in the Claims Office. October 3, 1876, lunchtime.

Sheriff Sherman, Doctor Elder, Jasper Cole and Diego Redwood were all eating lunch, separately, in the Rio Madre Cafe, when they heard a disturbance outside. The sheriff walked into the street and saw Colonel Jason Robards, on his horse, savagely thrashing a homesteader and dirty sheep-herder named Ryan Gosling. The sheriff gets the Colonel to stop, threatening to arrest the important rancher, who didn't think it was against the law to thrash sheep-herders. Sherman gets the doctor, Cole, and Redwood to come to his office nearby to swear out witness statements.

Meanwhile, Boy, the Mysterious Stranger and Man-Hulk exited the cigar store with a hefty sack of smokes and started to walk toward the courthouse. He noticed that a notable gunfighter named Dirty Dave Sutherland ride down Freemont Street, tie up his horse at the blacksmith's shop and go in. Boy had no beef with Sutherland so he continued on his business, which happened to be in the courthouse.

Judge Milburn Drysdale was having lunch with Attorney Boone in the courthouse when Boy entered. Boy presented a letter to Boone about some business. The attorney dug out a registered letter that said that Boy had had an inheritance of some kind come his way, but had to go to Oregon to claim it.

Just then, Little Timmy (the son of the blacksmith Big Timmy) rushed into the courthouse and told the judge that the sheriff needed the judge and Boone as soon as possible, it was a real emergency. The judge got up, and looking over Boy, offered him a posse fee if he came along and all three left the courthouse heading for the sheriff's office.

When the trio arrive at the sheriff's office, the judge demands to know what the emergency was. Sherman denies that he sent Little Timmy to fetch the judge. At that moment, a series of shots ring out, sounding like they came from the courthouse. All the men in the office rush down the street toward the sounds.

When they arrive at the courthouse, they find everything to be in perfect order. However, when they check the Claims Office nearby it is a different story. Martin Sheen, the County Clerk who runs the claims office is missing and there is a large pool of blood under his chair. Two of the land claims books are missing as well.

The sheriff swears in Boy, Boone, Redwood, Elder and Jasper as a posse and they spread out looking for clues. Redwood and Sherman discover that Clerk Sheen was likely shot and dragged to a horse and ridden off north on Freemont. They questioned Big Timmy the Blacksmith who confirmed that Dirty Dave Sutherland was in his shop and had paid his son Little Timmy 2-bits to deliver a message. Jasper checked with one of his contacts "Piles" over at the courthouse outhouse. Piles said that he heard Dirty Dave talking with his pal Sean "Sidewinder" Combs and that Sidewinder usually hangs out at the Palace Saloon.

The posse goes to the Palace Saloon and confronts Sidewinder and his three pals Buster Poindexter, Alvin Bundy and Butch Patrick. There's a showdown, but eventually the sheriff backs down and the posse moves off, learning nothing from Sidewinder and his gang.

The posse mounts up and Redwood, his wolf Taco, Boy, Sherman and Elder all do their best to track the outlaws. Boy claims they must be headed east, but the consensus of the rest is that they are headed to the river crossing toward the west, so that's where the posse heads.

Scene Two: Ambush: Central Grasslands, October 3, 4pm

After several hours of riding, the posse spots Marin Sheen, shot, beaten and dumped in the dirt to die. Boy sneaks up to get a better look from a covered position. He spots Dirty Dave and his three men Chris Pike, Tim Thomerson and Rob Petry waiting in ambush behind various rocks. Boy decides to take a shot, but misses. The three gang members shoot ineffectually at him with rifles, but Dirty Dave moves closer, draws 2 pistols and ventilates the Mysterious Stranger Man Hulk. Boy is hurt very badly, but manages to flee to safety. The sheriff manages to kill Tim Thomerson and Diego Redwood kills Christopher Pike. Dirty Dave and Rob Petry, seeing how things are going, flee to their horses and ride off. Doctor Elder patches up Boy and Diego patches Martin Sheen. Sheen tells them that he overheard Dirty Dave saying that they were going to get paid for the job at the town of Dry Bones. Boy volunteers to take Sheen back to town since they are both still hurt. The sheriff agrees and they both ride off.

Scene Three: Investigations: Dry Bones, October 3, 9:30pm

The posse pushed through the night and after several wrong turns, arrive at Dry Bones around 9:30 in the evening. They immediately get Jose Lira of the Assay Office out of bed and pepper him with questions. He doesn't seem to know much other than that Louis Armstrong, a noted gunfighter, is in town visiting "Marshal" Fuchs.

The posse then go to Mirabell's Trading Post, have some beans and biscuits, and talk to Mirabell. She says that three men in top hats, who looked like Abraham Lincoln, visited Jose Lira a few days ago. This immediately make the Sheriff furious and he leads the posse back to Lira's. They bust it and beat Lira to get him to reveal who the top hat men were. He keeps insisting that he hadn't seen anyone in a top hat for a year, and that was Judge Drysdale at the courthouse in Hacksaw Crossing. After a few more punches, which leave Lira unconscious, they dump some water on him and leave with Lira screaming "get the fuck out of my house."

Scene Four: The Showdown, Dry Bones, October 3, 11:00pm

Unable to figure out what was going on with Mirabell's "Top-hat-men" they posse ambles over to "Bones and Shells" to talk to "Marshal" Fuchs. Jasper leads the way in, followed by the Sheriff and most of the rest. Jasper tries to get some info from Fuchs, but just gets punched in the face (after Fuchs falls on his face failing to punch Jasper at his first attempt). Jasper sidles over to the back table and sits down with a creepy stranger named Steve Feratu and shares a delightful glass of "Red" with him.

Fuchs refuses to countenance handling over Dirty Dave if he should appear, claiming, quite falsely, that Dry Bones was over the county line and the sheriff had no jurisdiction. He went back to sit with the gunman Louis Armstrong. The sheriff and posse, except Jasper who remained in the bar chatting with Steve Feratu, leave the bar and take up positions on the roofs of the buildings around it.

Sure enough, Dirty Dave and Rob Petry amble into town, heading toward the Bones and Shells. The posse opens up an ambush. Diego kills Rob Petry. Dirty Dave after almost being killed by numerous shots runs into the bar and trades the claim and assay books to Armstrong for his money. Fuchs and Louis Armstrong are alarmed by the fighting; they grab Jasper and yell out that if they want their fancy-pants dude back, they'd better leave town. Jasper, however, breaks free and escapes out the front door. Dirty Dave, now that he's got his money jumps out a window and runs around the corner. Fuchs, Armstrong and their 4 henchmen begin shooting out of the door and windows.

Sheriff Jim, having spotted Dirty Dave running around the building, leaps from his roof to the roof of the next building and finds himself immediately over top Dirty Dave. He shoots Dave in the head and kills him. Harvey Boone is wounded by gunfire and drops flat on the roof. Doctor Elder moves over to Boone to try to help.

Diego and Jasper shoot from around a corner across the street at Fuchs and Armstrong. Diego squeezes off a clear shot and kills Fuchs. This causes his 4 henchmen to make a break for it, running off into the night. Armstrong, having gotten what he came for also tries to make a break for it, but is spotted by the wolf Taco. Taco rushes him in the street, and Armstrong fails to hit it with his tomahawk. The posse then closes in on Armstrong and Diego finishes him off too.

Epilogue, October 4, 1876

The posse spends the night at Dry Bones. They divide up Dirty Dave's ill-got money (\$1200). They then ride back to Hacksaw Crossing. They find that Boy never showed up back in town and there's no sign of Martin Sheen the clerk. Harvey had taken possession of the assay and land claim books and under the sheriff's supervision placed them back in the Claim's Office library. Steve Feratu took over the management of Bones and Shells, renaming it "Red Delight" and had an irregular election, becoming the Mayor of the town.