

STARKWEATHER~MOORE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

September 1933 - February 1934

Chapter One: Arrival in New-York

September 1

- ☐ Play begins.
- ☐ Medical examinations, first fittings for arctic wear occur.
- ☐ Final interviews take place. Departure scheduled for September 14
- ☐ Characters move into the Amherst Hotel, mostly on floor 4.

September 2

- ☐ The big kickoff meeting over breakfast.
- ☐ One of the investigators is chosen to care for J. B. Douglas when he arrives on the 6th.
- ☐ Dog cages go awry.

September 3

- ☐ Aircraft arrive in New Jersey.
- ☐ Douglas arrives at the Westbury Hotel in the evening.

September 4

- ☐ Lexington's big announcement: she's going south on September 10.
- ☐ Starkweather responds by moving his own departure date up to September 9 and selecting a female explorer for the expedition.

September 5

- ☐ An investigator receives a crackpot letter.
- ☐ Scandal articles begin appearing in the yellow press.
- ☐ Douglas makes his final appointments, with Starkweather, Acacia, and Brackman (Douglas' lawyer). He also meets some of his old pals in the Purple Cup (a local speakeasy), not far from the hotel.
- ☐ (*Evening*): Douglas dies fighting with Sothcott on the waterfront.

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Chapter Two: Death of a Sea Captain

September 6

- ☐ News of Douglas' death hits the press in the morning.
- ☐ Investigators meet Lieutenant Hansen, who asks them about Douglas' Hotel.
- ☐ If investigators go to Westbury Hotel they find an unfinished letter and perhaps are arrested.
- ☐ Danforth's warning note is delivered in the evening.

September 7

- ☐ Most of the day is spent in expedition preparations and clue searches.
- ☐ Michael Vredenburg is brought aboard as a sailing master.

September 8

- ☐ J.B. Douglas funeral. Investigators speak to his brother, Phillip.

Chapter Three: An Abduction

September 7-8

- ☐ Investigators watching Acacia Lexington's home in Queens see a man abducted by from her premises.
- ☐ Following the abductors allows the party to rescue the kidnappee – Nicolas Roerich – from the Profiteer agents in the Harlem warehouse.

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Chapter Four: Departure

September 8

- ☐ Last cargo is being loaded.
- ☐ The expedition members move onto the ship.
- ☐ Most explorers take evening liberty.
- ☐ Arson at the Gabrielle late in the evening. Three men die, some cargo destroyed.
- ☐ Gabrielle's departure delayed, Lexington's Tallahassee departs early.

September 9

- ☐ Burned cargo is replaced.
- ☐ Investigators are invited to visit Roerich, who asks them to watch over Acaia Lexington and be wary of Barsmeier-Falken Expedition.
- ☐ The remainder of the day can be used hunting clues.

September 10

- ☐ Open day. Research time for investigators.

September 11

- ☐ Gabrielle departs New-York City for Melbourne, Australia.

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Chapter Five: At Sea

September 11

- ☐ Gabrielle departs New York City in the afternoon, heading south.

September 12

- ☐ Shipboard routine begins.
- ☐ Moore sponsors classes on a variety of topics which last throughout the voyage.
- ☐ Henning quietly begins his sabotage.

September 15

- ☐ Gabrielle rounds Cuba and enters the Caribbean Sea.
- ☐ Lexington's Tallahassee reaches Panama.

September 19

- ☐ Gabrielle reaches Colon.

September 20

- ☐ Gabrielle passes through Panama Canal.
- ☐ Supplies taken aboard in Panama City.

September 21

- ☐ Into the Pacific Ocean.

September 25

- ☐ Gabrielle crosses the equator.
 - ☐ A Line Crossing ceremony takes place, in which many explorers are genially humiliated.
 - ☐ Henning's sabotage causes the ship's refrigerator to break down, contaminating tons of food.
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September 28

- ☐ Henning poisons several sled dogs with powdered strychnine.
- ☐ Once the poison is found, Starkweather and Moore assume it was meant for the explorers; a general search of the ship and the cargo begins.
- ☐ Later, evidence of further sabotage – a half-made incendiary device – is found in one of the cargo holds, proving the saboteur is still aboard.

October 8

- ☐ Lexington's Tallahassee arrives at Hobart, Tasmania.

October 11

- ☐ If he has not been caught yet, Henning returns to the hold to finish his bomb.

October 12

- ☐ Gabrielle arrives at Melbourne.
- ☐ If caught, Henning is thrown in jail.
- ☐ Starkweather meets with the press.

October 13-17

- ☐ Expedition crew spend time on leave, or search for replacements for the food and equipment wrecked by Henning.

October 18

- ☐ Gabrielle leaves Melbourne headed south.

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Chapter Six: Onto the Ice

October 18

- ☐ Gabrielle departs Melbourne in clear weather.

October 23

- ☐ Severe gale forces ship to turn east for several hours.

October 25

- ☐ In heavy fog.
- ☐ First icebergs sighted.

October 26

- ☐ Ship caught in heavy storm for two days.
- ☐ Aircraft motors break loose in the hold, causing much damage.

October 30

- ☐ Gabrielle reaches the ice pack. Progress is slow for several days as the ship drifts with the ice.

November 4

- ☐ Furious storm endangers the ship, but loosens the pack ice so that she can enter when the storm has passed.

November 6

- ☐ Deep in the pack.
- ☐ The wreck of the Wallaroo is sighted midday.

November 13

- ☐ In the Ross Sea.
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November 14

- ☐ Camp established near the southwest end of Ross Island.
- ☐ Offloading begins.

November 15

- ☐ Sea ice camp established.
- ☐ Lexington overflies the South Pole.
- ☐ Scott makes a successful first flight, establishes location of barrier camp not far from Lexington's base.

November 16-17

- ☐ Enderby, Weddell airlift cargo from the Ross Island camp to a safer base on the barrier.

November 18

- ☐ Ice near sea camp begins to break up.
- ☐ Emergency airlift of all men and supplies to the barrier base.
- ☐ Some supplies lost when the ice overturns.

November 19

- ☐ All expedition members reunited at the barrier camp.
- ☐ Bad weather sets in late in the day, making flight impossible.

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Chapter Seven: A Shock in the Lightest Night

November 20

- ☐ An explosion rocks the Lexington camp at 3 a.m.
- ☐ Starkweather fields a rescue team to help; the blast was caused by madmen running amok.
- ☐ Lexington's party loses power, radio, some supplies.
- ☐ Everyone thinks Starkweather is responsible.

November 21-22

- ☐ Radio negotiations between the two parties.
- ☐ A tentative deal is reached, wherein the Lexington and Starkweather-Moore Expeditions join forces to explore the interior.

November. 23

- ☐ Thanksgiving Day. Both parties celebrate.

November 24-26

- ☐ The two groups merge camps, prepare for the coming flight to the mountains.

November 27

- ☐ Starkweather takes two guides and a sled team to the Polar Plateau.
- ☐ The foothills expedition is left in the care of Lexington and Moore.
- ☐ Three aircraft take off in search of Lake's Camp.

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Chapter Eight: At the Mountains

November 27

- ☐ Combined expeditions fly to Lake's Camp, departing in the early afternoon and arriving in early evening.
- ☐ Lodgings are set up, and Moore asks the investigators to survey the site.

November 28

- ☐ Moore and the investigators open a snow hummock, find an elder thing, and dissect it that afternoon.
- ☐ Starkweather announces he will climb Mount Nansen.
- ☐ Two-thirds of the Pabodie apparatus arrives by air.
- ☐ In the evening the investigators have a chance to overhear Lexington's final arrangement with the BFE over the radio.

November 29

- ☐ The camp is completed.
- ☐ Another elder one is dug up and examined.
- ☐ The Pabodie drill is fully assembled and begins work at Lake's drill site.
- ☐ The investigators should uncover at least one of the Miskatonic sites of interest

November 30

- ☐ The drill crew breaks through into Lake's cave in the morning.
- ☐ The rest of the day is a frenzy of examining the underground locale.
- ☐ More men, dogs, and supplies arrive at the camp.
- ☐ Moore tries to radio Pabodie, who will not talk to him

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Chapter Nine: Balance of Power

December 1

- ☐ The Barsmeier-Falken inland party arrives at 5 a.m. in 3 aircraft. They set up camp and sleep through the rest of the day.
- ☐ The American parties spend the day opening Miskatonic sites, eager to uncover as much as possible before the Germans horn in.
- ☐ The BFE team wakes in the evening to help with excavations of the camp. They work through the night, unearthing the most sensational sites Meyer can locate using his knowledge of the Dyer document. Investigators may wish to help.

December 2

- ☐ After breakfast, Lexington uses the Belle up to fly along the eastern face of the mountains. The flight is cut short due to bad oxygen in cylinders gotten from Starkweather.
- ☐ Meyer gives Moore the Dyer Text. Later in the day, Moore gives it to the investigators and asks them to read it through and form a plan for traveling across the mountains.
- ☐ In the evening, Lexington finishes cutting her deal with the Barsmeier-Falken expedition.
- ☐ The BFE continues excavating the site and begins investigating the caves.

December 3

- ☐ Both groups begin preparations for their flights across the mountains.
 - ☐ Lexington delays until word arrives that her equipment has arrived at the Ross Sea base.
 - ☐ Starkweather, informed of Moore's decision to fly, demands to be picked up as soon as possible.
 - ☐ The Enderby is dispatched to retrieve him.
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December 4

- ☐ Starkweather arrives at midnight and begins directing preparations for departure.
- ☐ Tainted oxygen delays Starkweather's liftoff: Lexington's Belle takes to the air first, followed by Starkweather's Boeings twenty minutes later.

Chapter Ten: The City of Elder Things

December 4

- ☐ Starkweather's Boeings, Enderby and Weddell, traverse Dyer's Pass and circle over the City of the Elder Things.
- ☐ Moore chooses a landing spot in the plaza—a large circular clearing half-covered by rubble.
- ☐ A camp is set up and everyone explores.
- ☐ There is no sign of the Lexington plane or party.

December 5

- ☐ A day of exploration for everyone.
- ☐ Elder things discover the human presence during the day.

December 6

- ☐ Doctor Greene is carried off by elder things in the morning.
- ☐ Danforth attacks the camp in the afternoon, burning out the Enderby, but is stopped before he can do the same to the Weddell. Questioned, he snaps and babbles.
- ☐ While this is going on, the elder things capture Starkweather and carry him away.
- ☐ Professor Moore orders the Weddell sent to Starkweather's rescue.

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Chapter Eleven: To the Dark Tower

December 6-7

- ☐ Flying in pursuit of the elder things who have carried off James Starkweather, the investigators arrive at an immense tower at the foot of the Cold Hole's storm vortex. There they are joined by the Belle with its five passengers.
- ☐ The two groups enter the Construct Tower in search of Starkweather and his captors.
- ☐ Meyer, certain now that the Tower is the one described by Pym, takes the lead in an attempt to verify the things Pym did and saw.
- ☐ The combined party explores the Tower.
- ☐ Along the way they have an opportunity to learn something of its purpose, and of the downfall of the elder things' civilization.
- ☐ Reaching the Wall of Skulls, the explorers cause the breaking of the Construct, and must affect its repair before the Unknown God breaks free. The repair requires the sacrifice of a living human being into the Construct – the explorers must perform the horrible operation themselves and in a hurry. Should they succeed in patching the damage they caused, the party leaves the Tower.
- ☐ Outside they find that Baumann and Rucker, momentarily mad from a glimpse of the Imprisoned One, have stolen the Weddell and fled toward Lake's Camp.
- ☐ In order to keep the scientists of the world from learning about the delicate and deadly device, the party must follow after the two men and silence them.

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Chapter Twelve: Return to the Lake's Camp

December 7

- ☐ Pursuit of the fleeing Rucker and Baumann takes the investigators back to the City, then to Lake's Camp. They must fight with their pilot, Halperin, or lose the aircraft to his delusions.
- ☐ Arriving at Lake's Camp, the explorers discover that the breaking of the Construct has been felt here too. Huge earthquakes have ravaged the land and half-destroyed the camp.
- ☐ The party must choose whether to stay and help their comrades or continue their dash after the men who could inadvertently bring about the world's end.

Chapter Thirteen: An Arrow in Flight

December 7

- ☐ The investigators follow Bauraann and Rucker to a Barsmeier-Falken fuel cache located about 200 mfe from Lake's Camp.
- ☐ They must decide how best to deal with the deserters there, be it by negotiation or murder.
- ☐ After a few hours, bad weather descends on the cache, trapping any investigators who are still there.
- ☐ A rescue mission sent from the Barsmeier-Falken main encampment arrives in the meantime, further complicating things. ☐

Chapter Fourteen: Mission of Mercy

December 8

- ☐ The investigators return one last time across the Mountains of Madness in order to rescue Lexington, Moore, and the other survivors in the City. There they must fight the elder things, who try to carry off as many humans as they can before the remainder can flee to safety.

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Chapter Fifteen: Exodus from Ice

December 9

- ☐ Arrival of a Barsmeier-Falken relief flight sent to Lake's Camp signals the beginning of a general exodus from Antarctica.
- ☐ The next three days are spent shuttling personnel and supplies back to the Ross Sea ice shelf.

December 12

- ☐ The Gabrielle and the Tallahassee finish loading and set sail into the Ross Sea.

December 13

- ☐ Storms over the pack ice prevent the ships from sailing north out of the Ross Sea.

December 17

- ☐ The Gabrielle and the Tallahassee sail north into the pack ice.

December 22

- ☐ The two ships part company. Tallahassee heads for Hobart, Tasmania, while Captain Vredenburg decides to turn Gabrielle north to Dunedin. New Zealand.

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Chapter Sixteen: The Black Rat

December 23

- ☐ Gabrielle sails north in heavy seas.
- ☐ One of the crew unknowingly awakens a pair of Seeds, which escape through a hole eaten in the cabin floor.

December 24

- ☐ Christmas Eve. Engineer Brunei is badly wounded in the morning when an animiculum consumes part of his leg.
- ☐ The creature is captured and given to the investigators for examination; the other animiculum remains unknown and at large.
- ☐ Later in the day the second animiculum consumes a sled dog, Duchess.
- ☐ The creature is seen as it flees and causes panic amongst the crew. It escapes captivity.
- ☐ A general search of the ship follows. The creature is found in the engine room. After the crew fails to catch it, the investigators must try.

December 25

- ☐ Christmas Day. The Gabrielle sails into Dunedin Harbour.

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Chapter Seventeen: Ab Initio

December 25-31

- ☐ Members of the expedition are wined, dined, and celebrated at length.
- ☐ Inquiring reporters are everywhere, seeking scoops for the news agencies of the world.
- ☐ Any explorer who utters a word is instantly famous.

December 1-20

- ☐ Travel across the Pacific Ocean to Panama.
- ☐ If the keeper desires, the Wilhelmina scenario might begin toward the end of this period.

December 21-29

- ☐ Travel north from Panama to New York City. Upon arrival in New York, the explorers are greeted in ways that make Dunedin's festivities seem apathetic.

February. 1 and on

- ☐ Follow-up scenarios, arrangements with Lexington, Roerich. et cetera.