

GH**OST**BUSTERS®



# How Dry I Am

An adventure for 4-6 'Busters

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## **SCENE 1:**

### **TOGA! TOGA! TOGA!**

**\*\*\* You are members of a new Ghostbusters franchise based in Olympia, Washington. All of the major cities and state capitals throughout the U.S. have a locally-based Ghostbusters franchise after the success and apparent need for such services in the New York metropolitan area. You all were hired about two months ago, having joined for your own reasons. You have taken the required courses, watched the “So You Want to be a Ghostbuster?” training videos, and signed the Personal Injury waivers. You've taken a few calls on minor disturbances – Class 1 scarydy spooks and a vaporous apparition or two. “Zap, zap, into the trap” work. Nothing too taxing. Seems like being a Ghostbuster is about as taxing as pizza delivery.**

**While hanging around your offices (what used to be a local bakery – still smells of yeast), the phone begins to ring. You haven't hired a receptionist yet. The person closest to the phone picks it up. \*\*\***

This would be the person sitting closest to the GM. Stare at them until they get the hint. Once they pick up the phone and answer:

**\*\*\* “Ghostbusters?!? Hello?!?” the voice on the phone all but screams. Sounds like he's trying to yell over the noise on his end. In the background you hear loud music and unmistakable sounds of a party in full swing. There's a lot of screaming, but it's hard to say if it's “Waaaaah! Party!” screaming or “Waaaaah! We're all gonna die!” screaming.**

**“Yeah, this is Mark Gaston of president of Beta Rho Upsilon house over at Evergreen State College. Yeah, look, we got some uninvited guests crashing our kegger. About 5 or 6 of 'em I think. You gotta get over here fast; they're drinking all the beer!” \*\*\***

Whoever answered can ask a question or two, but it's tough to get any answers as 1. Mark can't really hear them over the noise and 2. the phone suddenly goes dead (it got ripped out of the wall). Evergreen State is a smaller regional campus about 10 minutes away. There are a handful of buildings and two frats – one is BRU. The Ghostbusters should pack up and head out. With 5 or 6 spooks, it's the biggest call they've had since opening.

The drive over is uneventful. Upon arrival at the frat house, you see most of the partiers out on the sidewalk staring at the house. All of them are dressed in bedsheets and laurels, as a full-fledged toga party was in progress. Mark approaches them as they unload.

**\*\*\* “Great! Glad you guys could come. There are 5 or 6 ghosts in there ripping up the place and chugging everything in sight! It was nearly a half-hour before we figured out they weren't Betas!” \*\*\***

Asking for more info, Mark reveals 1. the ghosts seem to be dressed in togas too, and that's why they didn't notice them at first and 2. they keep shouting the same word over and over: “BREW-HA!” Time to go in and do some damage.

There are 6 “Breuhau's” ripping up the place. Three are downstairs, three are upstairs. PKE Meters can detect their presence, but it seems to be having trouble getting a classification reading: It shows that they're both at a PK Valence of 0.75 (Will o' the Wisp) and a Valence of 9 (Cthuhlu With An Abscessed Tooth). Readings are all over the scale. They seem to be more focused on drinking every drop of beer and liquor in the place. Once the Ghostbusters begin firing, they'll start hurling beer bottles, wine bottles, beer kegs, etc. at them. When a Breuhau's Ectopresence is taken to 0, it swells up and explodes with a big belch-like noise. There's nothing to trap, strangely enough.

#### **BREUHAU (6 of 'em)**

*Hard-drinkin' Greek minion*

Special Ability: None

Power: 2

Ectopresence: 2

Breuhau 1 – ( ) ( )

Breuhau 2 – ( ) ( )

Breuhau 3 – ( ) ( )

Breuhau 4 – ( ) ( )

Breuhau 5 – ( ) ( )

Breuhau 6 – ( ) ( )

Once the Breuhauses are dealt with, collect the fee for the house call (\$500 – no Containment fee needed as there was nothing to catch). As they're packing up, the Ghostbusters may hear “Dawwwwww...they drank it all! There's nothing left!”

Nothing left, indeed...

Head back to HQ.

## SCENE 2:

### LOOKING UP STUFF AND DOING RESEARCH

The Ghostbusters realize that the events tonight were a bit more unusual than they've encountered. A SMARTS roll and they'll know that no ghost just up and "poof" disappears. It just doesn't happen. Ask if they'll do any research. The following Key Terms will reveal the following info (if a proper Research roll is made – level 15):

**BREUHAU** – Nothing ever recorded in Spates Catalog or Tobin Spirit Guide. Only thing you find is an entry in the Urban Dictionary, of all places. A "brewhaha" is both slang for a drunken party that is wildly out of control; and a drunken brawl that is wildly out of control.

**TOGA GHOSTS** – Clothed entities are often associated with the place and period they are dressed for. Ghosts wearing togas in the U.S. would be either frat boys who died during a party or actors who died during a performance of Julius Caesar. Only other appearances are reported in the Greek isles and near ancient ruins. In the U.S.? Unheard of.

**"POOFING" WHEN ZAPPED and WILDLY**

**FLUCTUATING VALENCES** – Both occurrences are very unusual and not indicative of a ghost or spiritual presence.

▲ Wildly fluctuating PKE readings means supernatural activity is detected, but the nature of the activity is undefined, undetermined, or as-of-yet encountered in the natural world.

▲ A presence that "winks" out of existence when fired upon means that either the presence's hold on this plane of existence was weak at best, or it was called back to its plane of origin once its task was complete.

While the research is going on, one of the other 'Busters may notice (Cool roll – 10) that the TV is still on. There is a newsbreak in progress:

**\*\*\* "...consuming all of the alcohol before exploding with a belch. Repeating: Ghostly manifestations dressed in ancient Greek and/or Roman attire are starting to appear throughout the U.S. at bars, taverns, restaurants, liquor stores, sporting events, anyplace where alcohol is being sold, served, and distributed. These ghosts are consuming everything they can reach, terrorizing the populace. All Ghostbusters franchises have been activated on a national scale and are tasked to investigate these phenomena. \*\*\*"**

About this time, the Ghostbusters may also notice a fax has arrived from the main New York offices (signed and co-signed by Ray Stantz and Egon Spengler) that also authorizes them to drop anything else they may be involved in and investigate the issue in their neck of the woods.

Jumping on the Internet, turning on the radio, or leaning out the door and listening to folks screaming in the streets all show that the problem is getting worse.

About this time, a short rounded man in a three-piece suit walks in the door. He has a six-pack of beer bottles with him.

**\*\*\* "Pardon me? Ghostbusters? The newscasters have been saying we should report any information we have on the "problem" to the nearest Ghostbusters offices. I have something to show you that you may find interesting." \*\*\***

The man is Dylan Nathaniel Isis, and he's the owner/operator of Bacchanal – a local microbrewery. He holds a six-pack of "Olympia Ale," one of his best sellers. He offers it to them, and asks them to open one. When opened and poured/tasted, it's found to taste like warm tea.

**\*\*\* "My entire stock has been converted to this. It's water, hops, malt, but not a drop of alcohol remains. All of the alcohol content has been 'leached' from my product. I'm not sure how either, as the Breuhaus haven't been anywhere near my brewery!" \*\*\***

The Ghostbusters may notice (SMARTS – 15) that Dylan mentioned "brew-ha" but thus far that fact has not been mentioned in any of the news reports they've seen. If anyone brings out a PKE meter for a casual scan, the arms flail for a second, then it burns out in a puff of smoke. This guy not only radiates supernatural, he's the embodiment of the supernatural. Allow whoever has the highest SMARTS score a roll versus 25 to connect the dots on his name:

Dylan Nathaniel Isis = D.N. Isis = DIONYSUS

If Dylan starts getting pressured as to his true motivations and identity, he starts getting agitated, claiming he wants to help end this problem. He starts a bit of a rant:

**\*\*\*"This needs to end tonight! Alcohol is life! Not only is it a social lubricant, it's fuel in your cars! It's burned for light and warmth! It's a cleanser, an antiseptic, a reagent, and a solvent! Without alcohol, life on this barren rock would be difficult and uncomfortable. And without alcohol, my own sphere of influence will end, as will I..."\*\*\***

If the Ghostbusters haven't figured it out by now, this is the human personification of Dionysus, the Greek god of winemaking and the harvest. He has lived among mankind for thousands of years now, having relinquished his godhood.

**\*\*\* "The Breuhaus are the minions of my sister, Sobrietas, goddess of Sobriety and Temperance. She tried this once before in the 1920s with Prohibition. But tonight she grows bold. Tonight, she aims to destroy all alcohol on Earth. But I know how to stop her!"\*\*\***

As if on cue, six Breuhaus break through the doors at that moment, in a bid to shut up Dionysus and stop the Ghostbusters in their tracks.

### SCENE 3: THE JIG IS UP!

Sobrietas is making her move tonight to remove Dionysus' sway on mankind, hoping to place herself in this realm. Dionysus has been pretty much content to live among men, pushing his influence in subtle ways. (He's responsible for everyone having a bottle of hand sanitizer nearby. "And ethanol? Mine.") Sobrietas is more hands-on, wishing to turn men into obedient, boring drones. Temperance, Prudence, Sobriety? The world will become Amish overnight.

Back to the fight at hand. Sobrietas knows that Dionysus is looking to involve some outside help, so she needs to end this before a wrench gets thrown into her plans, she's sent six Breuhaus to directly confront both Dionysus and the Ghostbusters. These are stronger (3 Ectopresence) and they have the Terrorize ability (Failure means panic, cringing, cowering, etc. A Ghost means they faint for 2 minutes.)

#### **BREUHAU (6 more of 'em)**

*Hard-drinkin' Greek minion*

Special Ability: Terrorize

Power: 2

Ectopresence: 3

Breuhaus 1 – ( ) ( ) ( )

Breuhaus 2 – ( ) ( ) ( )

Breuhaus 3 – ( ) ( ) ( )

Breuhaus 4 – ( ) ( ) ( )

Breuhaus 5 – ( ) ( ) ( )

Breuhaus 6 – ( ) ( ) ( )

And Dionysus will join the fight this time. He is able to fire energy bolts from his fingertips in a manner similar to the proton packs.

#### **DIONYSUS**

*Greek god of Alcohol and Epiphanies*

Brains: 3      Have An Epiphany: 6

Muscle: 2      Grapple: 5

Moves: 4      Fire Fingerbolts: 7

Cool: 5      Convince Others: 8

Goal: To protect mankind and his realm of influence.

The Breuhaus will fight a bit more dirty this time, as they aren't trying to consume or convert all of the alcohol in the world. They are under orders to stop everyone at all costs. Perhaps one of them may try to go unhook the containment unit if they're particularly nasty.

Once the Breuhaus are dealt with, Dionysus realizes time is short as Sobrietas seems to have her plans well underway.

\*\*\* "She cannot set foot on Earth as long as I am still in my dominion. Therefore, you will have to go to her. I will need to send you to her Temple...on Mount Olympus."\*\*\*

Dionysus explains that he can assist the Ghostbusters by creating a portal to his once-home dimension. Once there, they will need to deal with Sobrietas and somehow stop her from sending the Breuhaus into this dimension. When Dionysus tried to open a portal though, his bolts fizzle harmlessly.

\*\*\* "I grow weaker by the moment as my grip on this reality slips. And the battle we just undertook depleted a lot of my power. I can direct you to the Olympian Realm, but it will be up to you to create the inter-dimensional portal." \*\*\*

Allow the Ghostbusters to figure out a way to create an inter-dimensional portal. With all of the weird tech they have at the office, they should be able to come up with something with enough SMARTS rolls and Brownie Points. Once the portal is up and running, Dionysus will grab hold (or stick his hand in or whatever is appropriate with what they've built). Through the portal will appear a majestic mountain with temples, Grecian ruins, columns and such scattered all over the face. This is the Mount Olympus of legend. The portal shifts over the landscape before stopping in front of one of the smaller temples.

\*\*\* "There. That's where she resides. You'll need to destroy the 'tea-totaller' to break her hold and ends this crisis." \*\*\*

If asked what he meant by "tea-totaller," Dionysus shrugs.

\*\*\* "I'm not sure. As God of Epiphanies, I sometimes have insights I do not understand. But somehow I know the tea-totaller is important." \*\*\*

The Ghostbusters are free to cross the portal and into the realm of Grecian Gods and Goddesses.

#### SCENE 4:

#### EVERY PARTY HAS A POOPER

Stepping through the portal drops the Ghostbusters in front of a majestic marble structure. The portal winks out of existence behind them, so this is apparently a one-way trip.

Tall columns stretch hundreds of feet up and green and white stone steps lead up to the entrance. It's truly a monstrous work of art...and one of the smaller buildings you can see. None of the other structures are within walking distance though, as it would take weeks to get to any of the other temples. Ever been to Vegas? The buildings are so huge that it looks like you can walk a block or two and arrive at one of the other casinos. In fact, that super-big building is actually a heart-attack inducing 3 miles away.

Same kind of thing here. Let's keep them focused on entering Sobrietas' temple and ending this once and for all.

Their boots echo on the floor as they walk in cautiously. At the far end of the room sits an elderly crone draped in purple robes. A silver laurel is wrapped around her head. If a COOL roll is made (level 15) the Ghostbuster may notice that she's wearing a cross on a chain around her neck. An odd fashion choice for a Greek goddess.

\*\*\* **"You must be the lackeys Dionysus sent to do his dirty work for him." She sneers like a sarcastic librarian. "No matter, as mere mortals cannot hope to defeat me in my own home." She stands. "I'll give you a choice...join me and we can bring civility to the world again. You'll be as famous and renowned as Carrie Nation and Frances Willard. Refuse...?" Three HUGE Breuhaus materialize in front of her.**\*\*\*

Anything that is not groveling and she makes a sweep of her hand, ordering the Breuhaus to attack. Fortunately these Breuhaus have only 3 Ectopresence just like their smaller counterparts. Unfortunately, they have a Power level of 3 and a Belch Special Ability that will flatten any Ghostbuster who loses a Power versus MOVES roll.

#### GIANT BREUHAU (3 more of 'em)

*Greek minion bodyguard*

Special Ability: Power Belch

Power: 3

Ectopresence: 3

Breuhaus 1 – ( ) ( ) ( )

Breuhaus 2 – ( ) ( ) ( )

Breuhaus 3 – ( ) ( ) ( )

Oh, and this time, Sobrietas is there too joining the fray. Ever hear the phrase "She stared daggers at me?" as a way of saying someone is angry? Yeah, that's what she does. Daggers fly right out of her eyes. Kind of creepy and dangerous. If she looks at a Ghostbuster, a knife flies right at 'im. Creepy.

#### SOBRIETAS

*Greek goddess of Prudence, Sobriety, and No Fun At All*

Brains: 5      Control Breuhaus: 8

Muscle: 1      Sneer: 4

Moves: 3      Deflect Damage: 6

Cool: 1      Cackle Menacingly: 4

BREUHAU CONTROL: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

Goal: To remove all traces of alcohol from Earth thereby opening it up for her dominion.

To defeat Sobrietas, the Ghostbusters need to first remove her control over the Breuhaus she's sending into our dimension. It will require 8 hits to disrupt her control over all Breuhaus through the dimensions. If achieved before the 3 Giant Breuhaus are defeated, they'll suddenly break off their attack, look around confusedly, and fade from sight.

Once her control is disrupted, she'll fly into a rage and start "firing daggers" at the Ghostbusters until she is utterly defeated. How do they do that? They'll need to remember Dionysus' clue about the "tea-totaller."

The "cross" she wears around her neck is actually a lower-case "t" – the "T-totaller" mentioned by Dionysus. Once the cross is noticed, a COOL roll (10) will reveal to the Ghostbuster that it's a letter, not a cross. The Ghostbusters will need to blast that target off her, and she'll be using her Deflect Damage Talent for all she's worth. It only takes one hit to destroy the T-totaller. But it takes a 30 roll on MOVES to blast it. Let's hope they saved up some Brownie Points for this.

Upon shattering, a thunderclap echoes through the temple and her eyes widen in horror.

\*\*\* **"You fools! Do you have any idea what you've done?" she screams in typical 'thwarted villain fashion. "Everything's reverting! I can't stop the process!" The temple shakes, the earth quakes, chunks of marble drop, columns tilt wildly, and have you got the hint yet that this is a BAD PLACE to be? \*\*\***

Running outside (maybe another MOVES roll or two to dodge debris – maybe someone can pick up and carry a fallen comrade) will reveal the portal back where it was. It seems much stronger now. On the other side, they'll see Dionysus frantically motioning for them to jump through. If they leap, they'll be back in the Ghostbusters offices. The portal slams shut behind them, cutting off the sounds of collapsing rubble.

The Ghostbusters have saved the world.

**SCENE 5:**  
**EPILOGUE**

\*\*\* Dionysus stares at you for a moment from where you landed piled on the floor. He then walks over to the remaining bottles of ale he brought. He cracks one open, takes a long pull from it, and smiles warmly.

“Ah, bubbly, brown, and delicious,” he sighs. “All is as it was again. Thank you Ghostbusters. You will have free beers, ales, wines, and spirits for the rest of your lives, with my thanks and gratitude. If there's ever anything I can do for you in the future, please let me know.” He crosses to leave and stops at the door. “Oh, and let's keep the whole 'He's actually a Greek god' detail just between us, eh?”

As he leaves, you think it's wise to keep his secret, him being a Greek god and all. It's been a long day for everyone. You each grab one of the remaining ales and settle down to watch the news reports come in.

“...and as quickly as they appeared, the Greek ghosts have disappeared. All forms of alcohol that had either been consumed by the rogue spirits or converted into tap water has been restored. The crisis has been averted and we

understand that the Olympia-area Ghostbusters are respons... Hold on just a moment, ladies and gentlemen...this is incredible. Ladies and gentlemen, I've just been informed that Lake Erie has somehow been transformed into....really, did I hear you right?...into a giant lake made entirely of vodka?!? We're also receiving reports that the Mississippi River is now made of gin and the Gulf of Mexico has changed to tequila. Ladies and gentlemen, we'll keep you informed of details as they develop...”

Somewhere, high above the clouds on Mount Olympus, Poseidon, the god of all the world's waters, looks down upon the world, watching his dominion slowly mutate. He shakes his head with resigned disgust.

“Ugh, and the only goddess who can help me clean up this mess is buried under a mountain of rubble. Looks like I'm going to need help,” he mutters. He holds a strange device up to his ear.

And your phone begins to ring... \*\*\*

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