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Extremophilia

A Scenario for *Delta Green: The Role-Playing Game*

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Introduction

As much as thinking creatures long to stave off death, immortality has nothing to do with sentience. Life makes and remakes itself around the currents of strange energies, aeon by aeon. Some say the fungus-like components of the mi-go, the so-called fungi from Yuggoth, dominate those entities' physical structures in part because those components are effectively deathless. But they are not native to our universe. When a mi-go's structure is severely

damaged, it loses cohesion and sentience. Its components slowly decohere and evaporate from reality.

The Benthic Company, outside Helena, Montana, has spent years studying a carefully-preserved sample of the fungus from Yuggoth. A few days ago, a researcher there—Dr. Brent McCaslan—was exposed to the sample directly in a medium that made it aggressively contagious. He changed in ways the company never predicted. As the sample flourished in his system, he infected others, and they passed it along, a form of life resilient for eons before humanity evolved. The researcher will soon make contact with the mi-go and join them in immortality. The other infected subjects will follow similar urges with a less pure connection to the urges' meaning, spiraling into insanity. The Agents have a chance to stop the spread of the alien “fungus”—or to become just another vector.

“Extremophilia” is likely to require two to four game sessions as the Agents investigate and contain the contagion, pursue its sources, and deal with the repercussions of their investigation.



Briefing

The Agents' case officer (we'll use the term whether the Agents are in the Program or the Outlaws) arranges a meeting through whatever oblique signals are usual for their team: a cryptic phone call ("This is the Black Sands Travel Agency confirming your appointment"); a seemingly spam text or email with a string of numbers that provide coordinates, date, and time; or simply a sudden, temporary reassignment on a codeword-restricted case.

The meeting is at 3:00 p.m. the next day, at a secure meeting room on Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. The Agents have tickets waiting at their nearest airports.

The Death

The EPA and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are working with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) to investigate a death outside Helena, Montana. Helena is about 140 km southwest of Great Falls.

LCSO Deputy Fred Jacob (white male, age 37, married, no children, twelve years on the job) died six days ago. Jacob died unexpectedly, in his home, from toxic shock from massive heavy-metal poisoning: cadmium, arsenic, and zinc. Jacob's condition stood out as strange in several ways.

- » The condition came on suddenly, apparently over the course of only a couple of days. The contamination was widespread. His digestive system showed high concentrations of heavy metals, but so did his circulatory system, brain, and organs, in levels that ought to take months to accumulate.
- » There were no reports of an industrial accident that would explain that kind of poisoning.
- » Medical examination found strangeness in Deputy Jacob's gut flora. There were very low levels of regular kinds of bacteria, which were seemingly replaced by a different, unknown kind, incredibly robust even in the presence of the heavy metals that somehow raced through the victim's system.
- » The coroner's report lists the cause of contamination as inconclusive.

The Investigation

An EPA agent and a state investigator have begun studying recent environmental impact statements, and taking ground and water samples from the region. The Program is sending the Agents as a specialist team from the FBI's Critical Incident Response Group in Washington, D.C. Any who don't already work for the FBI have been hired as consultants and are given FBI credentials (but not powers of arrest; they're consultants, not special agents). Officially, the Agents are there to "facilitate" the EPA investigation and look for evidence of criminal pollution.

The Agents' real purposes are:

- » Determine whether Deputy Jacob's strange condition indicates an unnatural threat.
- » If it does, identify the threat and neutralize it. Destroy the body and minimize human exposure.
- » Look for evidence that can justify restricting the investigation as a classified bioterrorism case. That will allow the Program to keep the EPA and state investigators, and local FBI, out of it altogether, restricting it to just the Agents and EPA personnel approved by the Program for an ad-hoc counterterrorism task force.
- » There are a few anti-government militia and white-power groups in the region who could be framed, if the Agents need a patsy and can plant the right evidence. (The Handler should invent their details as needed.)

If none of the Agents have the **Medicine** skill, the case officer recommends recruiting a Friendly to help with that side of the investigation. There's an Air Force doctor at Malmstrom Air Force Base who fits the bill. The Handler is encouraged to make up the doctor's details; otherwise it's Captain Sara Jimenez, described in **CHARACTERS** on page 32.

The Agents are responsible for their own transportation and accommodations. The six-agent Helena FBI office has not been consulted on this case. Nor has the region's FBI Special Agent in Charge, in Salt Lake City. None of those officials are likely to be friendly to a team intruding on their territory, even one sent from Washington. The

Agents are encouraged to keep a low profile to avoid complications.

The case officer gives the Agents coordinates to find a supply cache just outside Helena—a so-called “Green Box” left by other Agents in the area—and warns that they’ll need a metal detector to find it.

Cover Identities

Whether the Agents act under their own identities or under cover identities is up to them and the Handler. The case officer recommends avoiding false identities, in this operation, wherever possible. There are a lot of legitimate agencies involved who could look into the Agents. If they discover holes in the Agents’ cover stories, they may push for further investigation.

Other Agencies

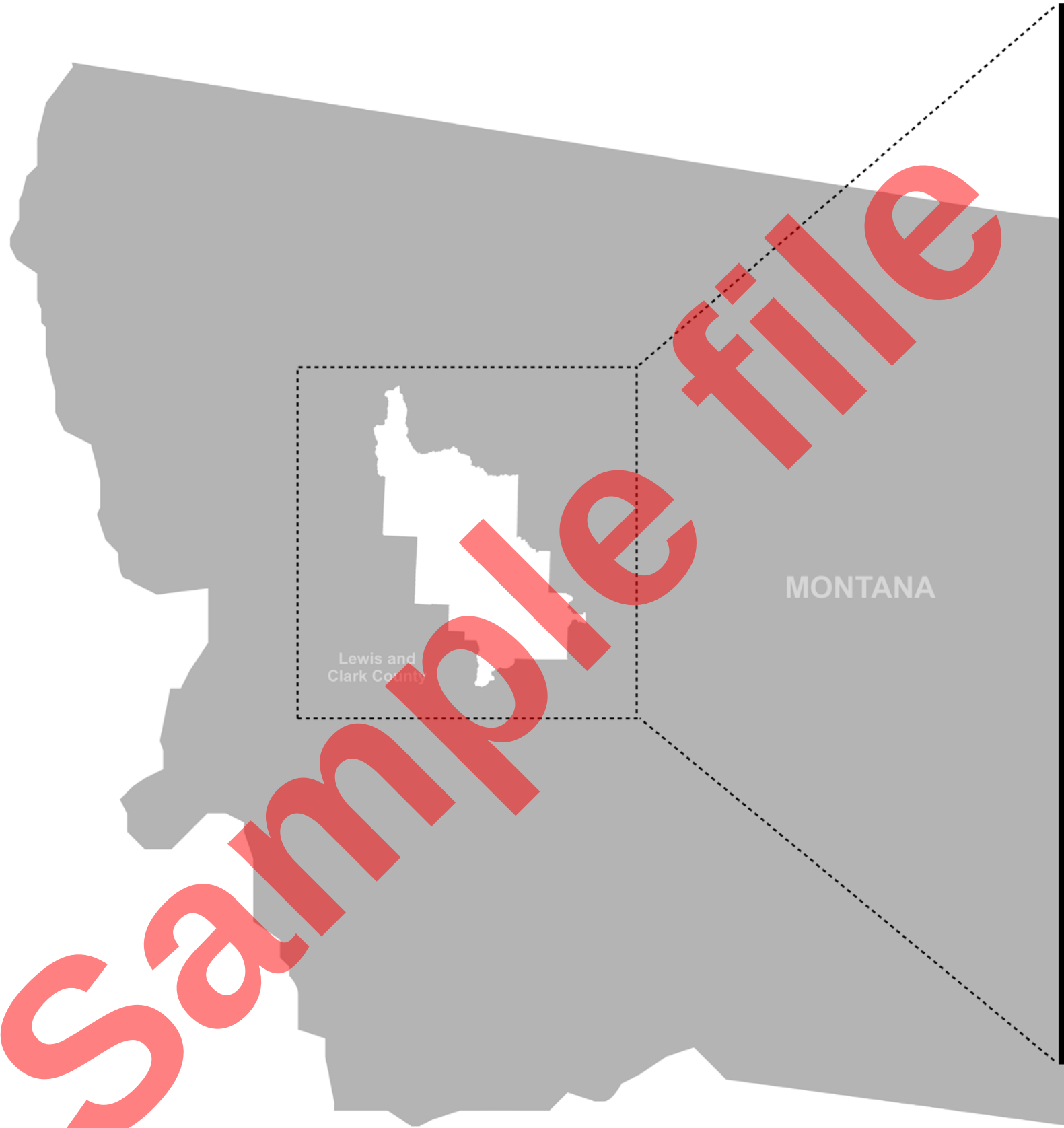
Many federal and state agencies maintain offices in Helena and could provide aid or trouble for the Agents. Federal park rangers could give details about Devils Tower in nearby Wyoming, for instance, or EPA agents could smooth over the Agents’ interactions with Agent Gaylor (see **ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATORS** on page 10). Or if the players are clumsy, they could sense that the Agents are up to something dishonest and begin an unwanted investigation of their own.

Timeline

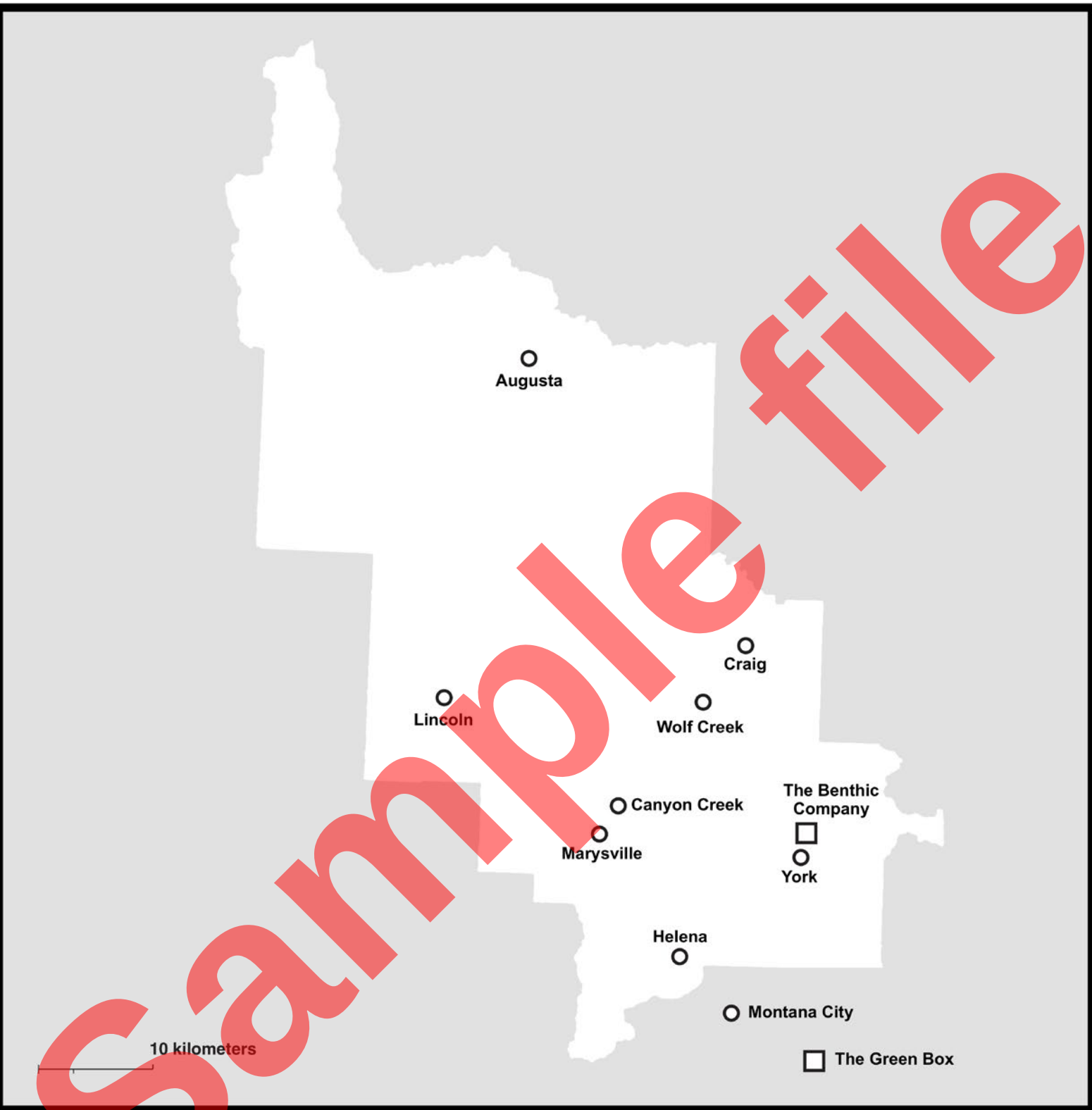
This is a tentative timeline for the NPCs. Adjust it to suit your campaign and the Agents’ actions.

- » **MON 13 FEB 2017:** Dr. Ghent and Dr. McCaslan of the Benthic Company are exposed to the fungal sample at the Oakland Pit. Both survive and are changed.
- » **SUN 26 FEB 2017:** McCaslan encounters Deputy Jacob.
- » **MON 27 FEB 2017:** McCaslan returns to work at the Benthic Company. Deputy Jacob falls ill and begins eating toxic substances.
- » **WED 1 MAR 2017:** Jacob dies at home. Jacob’s wife Christina falls ill, but the infection progresses slowly.

- » **THU 2 MAR 2017:** Coroner Holsey performs an autopsy on Deputy Jacob.
- » **FRI 3 MAR 2017:** Sheriff Potter informs the Montana DEQ of a possible heavy-metals contamination in the area. Christina Jacob comes under fungal control and begins to recover health.
- » **SAT 4 MAR 2017:** Coroner Holsey falls ill and he begins eating toxic substances. EPA Agent Gaylor and Montana DEQ Investigator Fults arrive, interview Deputy Jacob’s coworkers, and inspect Jacob’s home.
- » **MON 6 MAR 2017:** Gaylor and Fults begin taking soil and water samples around the region. Christina Jacob gives birth.
- » **TUE 7 MAR 2017:** The Agents arrive and receive their briefing. Coroner Holsey’s condition worsens: fever, weakness, dehydration, vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and confusion.
- » **WED 8 MAR 2017:** McCaslan leaves work early. He sets out on foot, by instinct and clairvoyance, to steal the Star People tape. Holsey checks himself into St. Peter’s Hospital in Helena. Sheriff Potter assigns Sgt. Hayes to escort and “assist” the Agents.
- » **THU 9 MAR 2017:** Sheriff Potter tells Benthic Company Security Chief Bostwick about the Agents. Bostwick informs Dr. Ghent at Benthic.
- » **FRI 10 MAR 2017:** Coroner Holsey dies, infecting a doctor and two nurses trying to save him. The Agents’ case officer instructs them to recover all infected bodies and secure them in the Green Box for later pickup. Gaylor and Fults complain about the Agents to the local FBI office and are told it’s out of the office’s hands. Benthic Company researchers and its staff physician begin transferring all data to encrypted hard drives, and begin packing their biological samples in portable containers, to be transferred to another Akiaso facility.
- » **SAT 11 MAR 2017:** McCaslan begins making his way to Devils Tower. Gaylor begins collecting evidence of the Agents’ apparent obstruction of her investigation. Fults writes her reports so as to prevent or neutralize EPA action against the state and its businesses.



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