

The SPONTOON ISLAND WRITERS GUIDE

Character Lists

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About Spontoon Island:

Spontoon Island was created and is controlled by Mr. Ken Fletcher. The setting is in an alternate, fictional Anthropomorphic universe set in the 1930's. The emphasis is upon Amphibious aircraft, those who fly them and those who maintain them. *Located in an warm current and almost directly West of Vancouver, Canada, Spontoon Island and many islets around it have near tropical environments, though they do have cold seasons unlike say, Tahiti.* Mr. Ken Fletcher is the person that you approach to enter this world, and who will escort you out (probably with a rusty bent boat hook) should you disobey the rules.

**The Main Writers Guide and the Character Guide were split apart on February 7th, 2011.
The reason for this was three-fold.**

- 1: The Writers Guide was getting unwieldy with both sections attached.
- 2: Not everyone is interested in the Character Listings, which were two years out of date at the time.
- 3: It makes it a ton easier to update both files when separate.

Full Character Lists

*Listings are submitted by Spontoon Creators.
Or somewhat carefully dug out of postings by Mr. Dorrycott.
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Edy Loddis

Character created by Mr. Ken Fletcher
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Edy Loddis is a petty officer who commands a little fleet of small naval utility boats in the Spontoon Island Lagoon. She's seen on the job and is well known. She's very competent, but has a temper and is feisty & aggressive on the job. Off-duty she will sometimes get into bar fights with newcomers who don't know her reputation or abilities. She doesn't always win the fights, but no one seems to want a re-match. She's respected, but does not have many close friends. She uses elaborate creative cursing as a motivational tool for her comrade sailors. Much of the cussing is in Chinook, Finnish, Spontoonie or other unfamiliar languages -- people usually infer the exact meaning of the cursing from the context.

She would be about 25 to 30 years old. She's tough, lean, muscled, but short-- the equivalent of 5 foot tall (1.5 meters). I find her most attractive side to be about 15 feet away. 8) She is a trained dirty fighter. She is good in bed; usually wants to be on top. She takes her pleasures "...wherever the hell she wants to, thank you hiyu much, hummm-boosh!" 8p

She's a lynx furry, but think "female bantam rooster" for personality. The Spontoon Island setting allows her some unique opportunities, such as naval service, and being a "syndic", the equivalent of an elected labor representative.

On Spontoon Island, role-playing is a major cultural activity & recreation. Edy is dressed as a "Moon Priestess" in the color picture, but may just be playing priestess in a folk festival for the tourists. Maybe. 8)

(Because she is released to Public Domain, you are free to modify
the setting, her background and personality.)

Ken Fletcher

The Brotherhood of the Boneless

Created by Mr. David R. Dorrycott

Information in depth found in the main Writers Guide. Specifically in the Essay Section.

CHARACTER LISTINGS

Mr. Simon L. Barber

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Major Locations:

The Double Lotus on Casino Island
Mahanish's Restaurant on Eastern Island
The Golden Crab and Bow Thai on Casino Island
Topotabo Hotel on South Island
Songmark Aeronautical Boarding School For Young Ladies (normally referred to simply as Songmark.)
 on Eastern Island
Song Sodas on Eastern Island

Songmark Students and Faculty

Please Note: Underlined sections were written by Mr. Simon Barber himself.

Faculty:

Herr Bussemann	Aerodynamics instructor. <u>Departed end of Summer term 1936, back to Germany.</u>
Miss Blande (Tutor)	Weapons & flight instructor
Miss Catherine Devinski -	Faculty Canine, yellow Labrador <u>One of the 4 founders</u>
Miss Nordlingen	Faculty teaches 'precautions' <u>One of the 4 founders. Feline.</u>
Mrs Oelabe	Faculty (Nurse) <u>The only Spontoonie-born member of staff.</u>
Miss Pelton ***	Faculty Retired, married, has a daughter now. Mrs. Voboel <u>One of the 4 founders</u>
Miss Windlesham	(Tutor) <u>One of the 4 founders; feline.</u>
Miss Wildford	Faculty <u>Miss Wildford's another of Ken's originally, but as I "employ" her most often he let me look after her employment contract, so to speak. She started as a part-time instructor, but has now moved up to take Miss Pelton's place. She is a mixed breed; some folk think skunk/cat but more likely rabbit black and white cat. She's not saying.</u>
<u>Miss Cardroy</u>	(Faculty)

Mrs. Haiotoroa Native basic survival instructor May not be an actual Songmark employee; Songmark share qualified staff with the other educational establishments on the island, such as the guides and the S.I.T.H.S. use

Mr. & Mrs. Fairburn-Sykes Martial Arts (now departed)

Students:

Ada Cronstein Canine. Desperately in love with Angelica Silvferlindh (Mr. Andersson's character.)

Adele Beasley Rabbit. A worse case of Bad Luck never walked. (Cured in 1937.)

Alpha Zarahoff Shrew-Mink mix. Cranium Island Mad Scientist who fell in love, then married Nancy Rote.

Amelia Bourne-Phipps Aka Kim-Anh Soosay (Amelia's alter ego, a siamese) aka Lady Allworthy. Aka Warrior Priestess. English ~Housecat~

Beryl Parkesson Mouse, (Moriarty's Grand-niece; he was her great-uncle.)

Brigit Mulvaney From Erie (Ireland) Red furred, green eyed Irish Setter.

Conchita New Mayan guinea-pig 3rd Year (now graduated)

Erica German, light furred Alsatian 3rd Year (graduated now)

Ethyl 3rd Year (graduated now)

Florence Farmington

Hannah Meyer daughter of a bric-a-brac millionaire.

Helen Ducros Orphaned (suffers from historic sea sickness) Tigress. Married Marti Hoele'toemi after her graduation. Currently 'with kit.' Warrior Priestess. (Married in 1937.)

Jasbir Sind Mongoose (daughter of a Maharajah of Udder Predesh) Was hired to assist on an Archeological Dig after graduation.

Ledasdottir, Ingrid Swan from Vanierge. Youngest daughter of Karl Karlsson, the Vanierge dried-fish millionaire.

Letitia Fosbury-Smythe First class student. Leader of the Air Pirates.

Li Han Chinese

Liberty Morgenstern Canine. Reddish Russian From New Haven. Trotskyite, believer in the "continual Revoution" rather than losif Starling's "Communism in one country" first. A Red Evangelist, always well supplied with pamphlets..

Madelene X French.

Maria Inconnutia	Italian, niece of il Duce. Part of Amelia's dorm. Taken by a monster on Cranium Island for over a day. Currently possibly with calf by the Consoler General of Spontoon's Italian Consulate. Now has a brand on her rump. . ~Bovine~
Methyl	3rd Year (graduated now)
Missy Kahaloo	Spontoon
Molly Cabot ne Procyk	Doe Songmark Student from Chicago. 6' to tip of ears. <u>Hmm. She may be taller than that - after all, that would make her about 5 foot 2 with her ears down, and I'm sure she's not that short. Possibly ears aren't included in a standard fur's height? Molly's the tallest of her dorm, Amelia the shortest.</u> Molly was basically murdered on Kuo Han in 1937. Her personality was erased and taken over by one created accidentally by Madam Maxines. This new person is called Miss Cabot. Miss Cabot serves Lady Allworthy with devoted affection, retaining all of Molly memories, but being immensely different from her. As to the original Molly Procyk...
Nancy Rote	Squirrel. From Creekside in the United States. A Sleuth intent on becoming the next great detective. Married Alpha Zarahoff just before the beginning of her first year.
Noota	Aleutian Isles Husky 3rd Year (now graduated)
Prudence Akroyd	Leader of the Sapphic Dorm. Married a native Hyena girl after graduation.
Saffina	<u>The year below Amelia and co; half-breed lioness from Ubangi-Chari (now Upper Volta I believe.) She's a full-scale lioness apart from housecat tabby fur markings, courtesy of her mother, a Missionary's daughter. (Any strongly religious or rampantly Colonialist characters would object to her very existence; Missionary's daughters are NOT meant to marry handsome Native princes and convert to their religion. Absolutely Not Done.)</u> Warrior Priestess in Training.
Sophie D'Artagnan	
Susan de Ruiz	Mathematics Genius.
Chastity 'Soppy' Forsythe	(English Spy, departed rapidly 'For Her Health.')
Tatiana Bryzov	(Red Russian) Russian Sable From town of Ryshynsk. Very good singing voice. Aka Comrade Nyha Looks like Anastasia. Adopted by Oharu. Married Millicent Holmes, a Most Secrets Courier at the English Consulate.
Jane Ferry	Mixed breed. <u>Mongrel canine, I think. One year behind Amelia, inhabits the school archives.</u>
Islanders (Natives):	
Countess Rachorska	<u>White Russian Wolf. Although it's not been revealed yet, she's not really a countess but so many were exterminated by the Reds, there are families</u>

with only one survivor and nobody to deny they are who they say they are. Some folk have wondered why she didn't go to Vostok, where the Government has pensions and looks after exiled nobility. She's awfully good at sewing; maids get to know Everything about their mistresses after all..

Nuala Rachorska	(daughter, a civet) Has a Hunters License. <u>Well, half civet, half wolf. The "tragic" public story is she was born after her Mother was held captive by China Sea pirates for a year, after escaping the Bolsheviks. Actually there's a handsome civet male somewhere who was a cute cabin-boy at the time and could give a Quite different story</u>
Mr. Albert Sapohatan	Ferret (Intelligence) male. <u>Originally in charge of detectives on Spontoon, before an official force was set up.</u> Married Elizabeth Kathleen Brighton in late 1936.
Madame Maxine	<u>A Siamese cat, teaches deportment, fur styling, and "generally anything a girl wants to know."</u> She uses a Cranium Island designed and built device to 'train' young ladies in social skills. Or other things as they may request (slavery is NOT one of the wire reels. It is at the bottom of the harbors deepest point.)
Mrs. Mahoabe	(dance teacher CID&H school)
Doctor Monotega	(Medical Doctor)
Piet Van Hoogstraaten	Male. Beryl's -close friend-. Criminal.
Mrs. Ratahabe	(Hula Teacher, Dances during Tourist Season) Reptilian
Hoele'toemi household ((<i>FELINE</i>))	
Henery	(brother)
Jirry Hoele'toemi	(brother)
Jonni Hoele'toemi	(brother - oldest son)
Marti Hoele'toemi	(brother)
Moeli	(sister - youngest in family) <u>Married, with a family that would greatly surprise an anthropomorphologist..</u>
- Oiaroani	(sister)
Saimmi	(sister, High Priestess) 'a tall and stately girl indeed'
Tomma	
Naometa	Lives on Orpington Island, Chicken Spirit Priestess. <u>She's one of the (many) cousins. Spontoonie families are generally large and extended.</u>
Obaio & Uleria	Cooks at the SponTari Guest House
Herr Rassberg	
Violobe	One of the girls kidnaped with Molly and saved by Amelia hre first year in Songmark. Native Guide
Van Hoogstraaten	Family. Local upper class criminal family. <u>Mr. Van Hoogstraaten senior is copyright Stu Shiffmann, only mentioned as a one-liner in passing. His son Piet is one of mine.</u>

Islanders (Non-Native):

Judge Poynter	Male. Chief Magistrate. <i>Has a reputation amongst Spontoonies for absolute honesty and is still in office though he must be well over the retirement age for most other professions.</i> (SLB)
Baron von Krokk	Male. Reptile, cayman.. Criminal. Known to deal in... anything.
Captain Ryalsov	(owns a 40' ship)
Hsien	Male. Burmese feline. Criminal. Deals in living merchandise. Near untouchable, very intelligent and very careful.
Mr. & Mrs. Tanoaho	(run SponTari Guest House) <u>I'd think they're Natives, but I'm not sure.</u>
Lars	<u>Lard Nordstrom is actually a Native, of the Scandinavian NE end of the island. He tends to move in "Euro" circles though, and nobody's mentioned him as having family on Spontoon. Possibly an orphan of the Gunboat Wars? He's about the right age.</u>
Letitia Fosbury-Smythe	<u>Self-proclaimed 'Air Pirate Queen of the South Seas.'</u> <u>If she's been to Spontoon since taking up her post-Songmark career, is an interesting question. And if her aunt, Miss Devinski knows, she's not telling.</u>
Professor Kurt von Mecklenburg und Soweiter	Male, german, tall wolf mid-30's. Runs the <i>Bioreaktor</i> <i>Rated at twenty to thirty kilowatts</i> on Main Island.
Van der Veldt, Jan	Male. Lion. Smuggler.
Soweiter, Professor Kurt von Mecklenburg und	German. Wolf. Mid-30's. Runs a Bio-Reactor on Main Island.
Crusader Dorm	Songmark Students Nancy Rote, Eva, Maureen and Svetlana

Songmark Notes:

*Class of September 1934 **

by: Mr. Simon Barber

Editor's note: at Songmark, the class is given as the date they started, not graduated, and by its original class leader (though this may change, some dorms are rather volatile. Both Adele Beasley and Irma Bundt were in Prudence's dorm briefly in the first year, but the final line-up was soon worked out by the staff.)

Miss Akroyd's dorm

Prudence Akroyd

Species: Canine (lurcher/spaniel mix?).

Appearance: Long ears, tail and muzzle, mid-brown fur. Tall, slim figure.

Origin: Lancashire, England. She comes from a long-established manufacturing family who made their money in cotton-spinning and wool-twirling.

Prudence has maintained her position of class leader, having been recognised as having the main reserves of common-sense by the rest. She is generally solid and quiet, and full of surprises. "If in doubt say nowt" is her motto, and indeed she has a lot to keep quiet about. Her family would be surprised if she came back married, especially the one she plans to, as of Winter Solstice 1935 she has been officially Tailfast to Tahni (a spotted Hyena girl from Main Island.)

Naturally good at languages (even before leaving Lancashire she was also fluent in standard English and knew several words of Yorkshire) she has picked up a lot of Spontoonie, and like the rest of her dorm it is rumoured that not all the times they vanish with the consent of the Songmark staff it is to head out to party. Prudence was either the first or second dorm leader in her year to adopt Native dress, and her dorm loyally followed her lead.

Ada Cronstein

Species: Canine

Appearance: upright pointed ears, light brown fur, shoulder-length head-fur. Fairly short tail, medium height with an attractive figure.

Origin: Sealth City, NW coastal USA. Her family are into finance: she has mentioned her father being the only financier in town who was willing to issue a pawn ticket for a whole steel mill in 1918 with the post-war slump: in the Wall Street Crash he completely "cleaned up" on bankrupt businesses.

Ada is a vivacious and mischievous sort, whose idea of fun is one continuous party. She is a hard-working student and a top-class pilot in the week, and one of the leading lights of the formation swimming team.

Ada's friends tend to make fun of her admiration for aloof, powerful women who are highly unlikely to return her interest. If Ilse Klensch ever finds out about that picture of her on Ada's wall there is liable to be trouble...

Belle Lapinssen

Species: rabbit

Appearance: upright and highly mobile ears, light brown head-fur and golden-brown fur elsewhere. Slender figure.

Origin: Mid-Western USA, a small town in the Bible Belt.

Belle is only marginally less vivacious than her great friend Ada, and between 8 to 10% perkier (natural bunny species bonus.) Her one great fear is she will have to go home, where for some reason they would disapprove of most of her favourite hobbies...

Carmen Velasquez

Species: Mixtecan anteater

Appearance: tall, slender, with a very strange silhouette when she looks up courtesy of her record-breaking snout length. Has difficulty getting off-the-shelf hats and flying helmets to fit.

Origin: Mixteca. Her family run silver mines.

Carmen is certainly the most reserved of the four, and had most work to fit in with Songmark (her English is much better than when she arrived, and she is learning Spontoonie as are the rest of her dorm.)

If Carmen has any current problem it is a severe caffeine addiction: the Songmark cuisine serves a reasonable amount of tea and coffee rather than an unreasonable one. Give her a bottle of concentrate "Camp coffee" and she will not only drink it neat but lick clean the insides of the bottle. Anteaters are proud of their special features, and Carmen puts hers to many uses.

Missy K's dorm

It is not known why there are only 3 in this dorm; the dorm rooms are all the same size and it presumably makes group exercises hard to balance. Amelia's diary speculates that Missy K weighs twice as much as the smaller members of her dorm, but this makes little sense. When Sopyy Forsythe "resigned" she was immediately replaced from the long list of hopefuls on the waiting list; for some strange reason the staff chose Beryl.

Oloueha'he Kahaloa (Missy K)

Species: bear

Appearance: tall, very broad and powerful, initially rather overweight (but the very strenuous Songmark course burned a lot of that off.) Grey-brown fur, dark brown head-fur worn to shoulder length.

Origin: Spontoon, Main Village.

Missy K is not called by her full name as she claims nobody but a Spontoonie can pronounce it properly, and it irritates her greatly hearing it said wrongly by everyone, even including the staff. As the first Spontoonie to study at Songmark (most of her aviation-minded friends and relatives find the Technical High School on Moon Island perfectly adequate) she is determined to show what a "mere Native" can do, and is a fanatically hard worker. That said, she is bad-tempered, intolerant and suspicious; in her first year she disapproved of the other dorms learning the local language as she likes to keep secrets in it.

Before starting Songmark she became Tailfast and later engaged to Tabodo, a mink from her village who she loves to show off to her envious classmates. Exactly how she squared things with the tutors is not known, but she is on permanent one-month notice to postpone graduating for a year (maternity leave.)

Adele Beasley

Species: lop-eared rabbit.

Appearance: slender, athletic figure, light brown fur.

Origin: East coast USA. Her family are academics and archaeologists, specialising in investigating Native burial mounds.

Adele is something of a problem to her tutors, who took her on for her superb flying skills and were convinced that with the right training she could break her streak of bad luck. In the air she is unbeatable; on the ground every accident imaginable homes in on her unerringly. If her entire class walk along a jungle trail and one branch falls on it all day, it will hit her. What really puzzles the Songmark staff is that none of it is her fault; her techniques are as good as anyone's but the consequences tend to be painful. She is quite used to it, and rarely complains much as she is led away (again) to the Matron.

Charity "Soppy" Forsythe (Autumn 1934 – Easter 1935)

Species: grey squirrel

Appearance: Medium build, very average features, generally sour expression.

Origin: North of England, allegedly (but see below.)

"Soppy" claimed to be from Lancashire, the same as Prudence Akroyd; Prudence always said her accent was odd. She also claimed to be from a Quaker industrialist family; to convince the tutors to let her into Songmark she must have been quite convincing.

Whatever information records have on Charity (including her real name) is bogus, as she turned out to be a secret agent! She was last seen being rescued by a Royal Navy boat, and heading back to London to wreak revenge on all and sundry.

Beryl Parkesson (Easter 1935 onwards)

Species: mouse

Appearance: short but athletic, big ears, grey fur, and mischievous grin at most times.

Origin: English. Her parents are both career criminals.

Beryl came to Songmark from a famous boarding school that threw her out (the first expulsion ever in a history that has grand theft, murder and arson most terms) on discovering she had forged her criminal record. Beryl wanted to get into the famous Saint T's school (full name unknown) but claims getting caught by the Law is a sign of incompetence. She is a cheerful and mischievous type, able to tell the most outrageous lies quite convincingly, then adding unlikely but true facts just to confuse. As she has said, "*A truth that's told with ill intent / Beats all the lies you can invent.*"

A natural thrill-seeker, her natural haunts are casinos and shady night-spots. She has been banned from the main Casino on Casino Island, but has plenty of smaller venues to refine her gambling "system."

Beryl thinks of fraud and confidence tricks as a perfectly acceptable way of combining business with pleasure: she is rumoured to have sold a tourist the Rainbow Bridge before she finished her first-year, and convinced a class of newly arrived Songmark first-years that the Spontoon national anthem is "Althings bright and beautiful", and that they should sing it before every meal. Given that the Songmark intake is vastly less gullible than the general population, this is an achievement she takes pride in.

Her main partner-in-crime (what in other folk would be a romantic interest) is Piet van Hoogstraaten, son of the famous "International Businessman." Unromantically enough, Beryl and Piet spend much of their time swindling each other, to their mutual enjoyment.

Jasbir Sind's Dorm

Jasbir Sind

Species: Indian mongoose

Appearance: Tall, sinuous but surprisingly strong, grey fur with black facial markings.

Origin: India, the Native state of Utterly Pradesh. Contrary to common belief, many large parts of India were never under Colonial rule except as regards foreign policy and kept their own customs, military forces etc under their local rulers.

Jasbir is the oldest daughter of Indian nobility: she is indulged by her parents as the only one of her siblings with a passion for new technology (when you're a Maharaja, there is enough fun to be had already in traditional ways.) She has several interests that would not go down too well at home were they known; she is quite "stage-struck" and has a burning ambition to dance in the tourist shows at the Coconut Shell or other big venues. Her Tutors discourage this, but that has not discouraged her.

More respectably, she is one of the leading lights in the Native dance school on Casino Island, having been brought up watching and performing in Hindu dances which are not wholly different.

She is quite aware that when she leaves Songmark she will be returning to a far more structured, formal way of life where every eye will be on her. There will be little scope for adventure of any kind once she goes home, so she is determined to seek it on Spontoon while she can.

Irma Bundt

Species: Bovine

Appearance: Large, muscular frame, small horns, red-brown fur.

Origin: Geneva, Switzerland.

Irma's family are in the Swiss Defence Force, and she has inherited her national traits of common-sense, stability and determination. Although not the brightest of her class, she makes up for it with hard work and determination.

Her religion is a matter of some comment, as her family are devotees of the famous Dr. Rudolf Steiner, and attend the "Goethearium" dedicated to the philosophy of Goethe. There are none in the Pacific area so far.

Sophie D'Artagnan

Species: Otter

Appearance: sleek, agile, grey-brown fur with no prominent head-fur.

Origin: Bearn, a small department in the French Pyrenees.

Sophie tends to make light of having a famous ancestor, pointing out that ten times as many folk do great deeds than get remembered for them (and her family has enough heroic traditions for it to read as standard). She has the usual otter traits of playfulness, agility and a love of water.

Li Han

Species: house-cat.

Appearance: small, delicate, bobbed black head-fur and tabby markings. She is the smallest in her year; despite being a mouse Beryl is taller (counting the ears) and a few pounds heavier.

Origin: Kuo Han.

Han fits many people's idea of a shy, reserved Oriental, and indeed she is by far the quietest and least boisterous in her year. However, when sport or flying comes up all bets are off and she changes gear entirely, becoming a small whirlwind of energetic action. She is trained in various martial arts, and is almost unbeatable in terms of speed and agility.

Madelene X's Dorm

Madelene X (full name not recorded in Amelia's diary.)

Species: canine.

Appearance: long snout and tail, long ears with curly head-fur. Average figure.

Origin: 1^{ème} Arrondissement, Paris, France, and she won't let anyone forget it!

It is a common speculation in her year as to what sent Madelene to Songmark, as she spares no effort in looking down on it. Why the Tutors let her in is ten times the mystery, given the large number of applicants who would do almost anything (and the substantial number who would do absolutely anything) to get in. Her family name is said to be a famous one, and may well be that of one of the main French aircraft manufacturing firms. She kept it secret from her classmates till well into her first year.

Madelene is bright, witty and cultured, and scores highly in all her classes. Having said that, she is aloof and intolerant, and about as unsympathetic to "primitive Natives" as one can get. She is the only one who actually complains about seeing Natives in their traditional costume, but then her family have a large contingent of missionaries.

Susan de Ruiz

Species: desman (Pyrenean water-shrew.)

Appearance: short, dark brown fur, long shrew-like muzzle with long ears and flexible tip.

Origin: Spanish, from Navarre (up near the Pyrenees: she and Sophie D'Artagnan were born within 50 miles of each other, on opposite sides of the mountains.)

Susan is an averagely athletic and acrobatic student with one great plus; she is a mathematical genius. Given a page of complex navigational formulae she can just "see it" as if the result was already there; certainly examinations hold no terror for her. What most people need paper and slide-rule for, she can unerringly do in her head.

(2 other students)

On internal evidence from Amelia's diaries there should be 2 more in Madelene X's dorm, as Amelia said that only Missy K's dorm was less than four. Furthermore, she said Carmen and Belle were the two she knew least – which leaves a mystery. By elimination we can only say they are not Spontoonie, English, Italian or German as the Diaries have mentioned the number of those in Amelia's year.

Mr. Fredrik K.T. Andersson

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Albert Silfverlindh	Angelica's father and owner of a massive banana import business.
Angelica Silfverlindh	Feline, from Sweden. Daughter of a Banana Millionaire. Hates Bananas, trapped on Spontoon by a curse.
Silferangel (her airplane)	Translated: Silver Angel. Single engine (radial) Mono-floatplane. Very high performance. Built with many start of the art (1930's) materials.
Kama	Kitten, Female. Very powerful child who speaks only one word at a time. Adopted by Angelica Silverlinda and Ada Cronstein.
Ote'he	Badger. Female. Sister to Nuimba. Student to Oharu Wei.
Nuimba	Badger. Female. Sister to Ote'He. Student to Oharu Wei. Sapphic.
Tehepoa	Male. In love with Ote'He. One time Student to Oharu Wei. Now studying under a Wild Priest.
Jan van der Veldt	Male. 'Great White Hunter.'
Black Lotus	Female.

Characters Created by Mr. David Reese Dorrycott

From September 1935 C.E. to November 1936 C.E.

Characters on Spontoon & Related Islands;

Character names in *italics* are dead by November 25th, 1936.
Anything in **BOLD** is usually a Ship, Group or Business name.

- Barton, Lord Male. English. Badger. Collector of exotic items, such as the portfolio Bride of the Fire Queen. Has decided that a living Angelica Silverlindh is an exotic item that he simply must add to his collection. No matter the cost. Of course, she will require training, but that is such a little matter, being as his 'Club' contains many quite capable of such a thing.
- Benevedo, Nikki Ibarra Lily Female. Mare. About 27 years old. Lesbian. Songmark graduate, second class. Owns not quite half of Kart-Tombs Charter Flights. Extremely Dominate. Has a crush on Oharu. Member of 'The Committee.' Very long term business visa. Also known as The Red Lily under which name she 'trains willing tourists.' By contract only. Fillypino.
- Brighton-Sapohatan, Elizabeth Kathleen Female. Bobcat. Half owner (by inheritance) Of the Bar Everything ranch, Denver Colorado. In her guise as 'Sandy Doecan,' a Mata Hari style agent for Spontoon, she was Oharu's contact. An American half-bred (Cipangan/Whitefur.) Age around 26, Female, Semi-Straight (anything for the information.) With her cover completely blown 'Sandy' dies a few weeks before Elizabeth 'Arrives.' Foster daughter of one rather secretive Ferret belonging to Simon Barber. Marries Simon's character Albert Sapohatan. American-Spontoon.
- Brown, Mark Male. Fox. Married to a ratel. Of German decent, original surname Isbraun. One of Spontoon's best actors. Pilot. Speaks English, Spontoon and German. Not so good with English. Native Spontoon.
- Cartwheel, Alexander Male. Wombat. About 19. Has a crush on Tina Humber. Lives on Meeting Island and is a Guide. Has a younger sister named Carthagen aged 16. Native Spontoon.
- Cartwheel, Carthagen Female. Wombat. 16 years old. Acts as Chaperon to her brother when he dates Tina Humber. Not that she pays much attention as she has a boyfriend of her own. Wants to be a Doctor. Native Spontoon.
- Chaiki Female. Vixen. About 17 years old in 1935. Wife of Cipangu agent who 'accidently drowned.' Has not been seen since. Fate currently unknown. She may actually be alive, but I wouldn't bet any serious shells on that. Still one never knows on Spontoon. Japanese.
- Conchita Female. Mixtexa Hairless. Female. About 19 years old. Part of crew on **Peppers Delight**. Attacked by unknown creature while swimming several miles offshore of the islands. Mixtexa.

Conroy, Teresa	Female. Otter. Student at S.I.T.H.S. American.
Dassher, Jacob	Male. Border collie. About 37 years old. Second 'in command' of the English Consulate. Polite, rather handsome. Highly intelligent. English.
Dia-Kura	Female. Feline, Calico. Priestess on Meeting Island who has taken non-sexual interest in Helen Whitehall and her son. She helped Helen work through the worst of her madness. Prefers Dia or Kura. Native Spontoan.
Dal, Avonaco	Male. Hound. Around 40. Extreme sense of humor (not interested in practical jokes.) In charge of Communications for the Spontoan Intelligence Agency. Native Spontoan.
Evers	Male. Hound, common. Around 50 years old. Contact man for an otter cloth peddler on Eastern Island. Native Spontoan.
Farrson, Lord	Male. About 65 years old. 'Old Stovepipe' for his predilection to wearing high topped hats. In charge of the English Consulate. Not playing with a full deck. English.
Garner, Albert Fennigen, Esquire	White Tailed Deer. 'Enforcer of Prussian Justice.' Uses a female skunk as his assistant. Said assistant is an ex-Prussian athlete for the 1932 Olympics (swimming) who is kept in control by a combination of drugs and hypnotism. P. Callie's actual duty to locate local young ladies or men whom she then drugs. They are then usually instructed by Garner to kill a specific target, then themselves. To date is has been a highly effective plan with over eleven 'expatriates' liquidated. Note, the drug used does not allow short termed memory to be sent to long term memory. Once P. Callie is removed from the drug her last memory will be of a meal while held in solitary confinement. Nothing else. She will have lost several years of her life, forever. Moldavian.
Girarad, Dalphas Filiberht Oberon	Male. Brittany Spaniel. About 35 years old. Homosexual. Dapper German agent that contacted Oharu for her 'special art.' Works as a courier for the Japanese on occasion. Exceptionally dangerous. French.
Fletcher, Billy Tom	Male. Wildcat. About 47 years old. American Singer contracted to Spontoan. Stage name is Wildwood Weed. From the state of Tennessee. American.
Fumiyo	Female. Vixen. About 15 years old. Assistant to the Miko Urako. Native Cipangu-Spontoan.
Grankvist, Blossom	Female. Housecat. About 22 years old. Heterosexual. Beginning writer. Married American writer Harcourt Fenton Swordfire (see Rictor, Boguslaw.) Moved to America with husband. Spontoan.
Guzemon, Doctor	Leopard. Male. Effeminate. Owns a large share in <i>Kanaka & Muumuu Coconut Wine</i> . Native Spontoan.

<i>Hanson, Robert</i>	Male. Brown Bear. About 21 years old. Related to owner of Peppers Delight . Attacked by unknown creature while swimming several miles offshore of the islands. Deceased. American.
Harkness, Samuel	Main villain in the Mary Wrightwood novels. Heros are Donald and George (who are fey in truth.) N/A.
Hawkins, Carter	Alias for Two Red Stones. Native American.
Himee, Hinatea	(see Lolo)
Hoffman, Elsia	Female. German Spitzmäuse (mouse.) Bi-sexual. About 33 years old. Native Guide, private eye, part time secret agent, general nosy character. Very competent. Member of 'The Committee.' Native Spontoon.
Hjertstedt, Lovisa	Fictional name used for Angelica Silvferlindh in the very, very 'blue' limited edition art portfolio titled <i>Bride of the Fire Queen</i> .
Humber, Alexia	Mink. Female. About 19 years old. Eighteen months older than her sister Tina. Originally mentioned in passing by Mr. Simon Barber. One of two sisters who sailed an ocean going yacht BLACK ROSE from England to Spontoon in the hopes that their actions would find them a place in Songmark. Unfortunately this was not so. Currently works for the Spontoon medical establishment taking care of an American F2F DUCK amphibian, in the hope that next year they will both be accepted. Has an earthy voice when compared to her sisters lighter, more energetic tones. English.
Humber, Tina	Mink. Female. About 17 years old. Younger sister to Alexia, has a young native very much interested in her (see Alexander Cartwheel.) Has decided not to become serious unless either Songmark rejects them a second time or she completes the course. Very much the romantic, tends to step on paths not exactly safe at the moment, yet somehow manages to avoid disaster. Very much respects her older sisters decisions. English.
Heartford, Alice K.	Female. hedgehog. Married. Works as Executive Secretary at the English Consulate on Spontoon. Husband works in " the ultra do not admit it exists secret area." English.
Mr. H'shoshon	Male. Groundhog. About 40 years old. Portly, a solicitor land & lease agent based on Meeting Island. Deals with mid-to high value equipment as well. Completely legal. Has three wives (all live together.) Helen Whitehall's solicitor (lawyer.) Native Spontoon.
Huakava	Female. Panther. Very old, sexuality never mentioned. Spontoon High Priestess. Has taken Oharu as her last student. Dies in October, 1936. Selects Saimmi Hoele'toemi as her replacement in October, 1936. <i>Saimmi is Mr. Simon Barber's character</i> . Native Spontoon.
Illie Fishhunter	Female. Arctic Fox. About 29 years of age. Professional body-guard/assassin. Only speaks Cantonese. Native. Kitnapped from Spontoon Island & enslaved around 1912 at the age of five years. Extremely deadly. Apparently has 'talent' as well. Speaks only Cantonese as of March 1936. Re-learning her native language slowly (she has trouble with learning new languages.). Native Spontoon.

Montrose, Herbert K. Male. Grey Owl. About 50 years old. Lawyer. Extremely Honest. Prefers to deal in Euro vs Euro cases (where he can milk his client.) Native Spontoon

Moro Male. Wolf. About forty. Water Taxi pilot and special agent for a certain ferret. Has for some unknown reason decided that Oharu Wei is his special project (not love or sex.) Amerindian tribe decent. Spontoon.

Natasha Female. Hound. About 34 years old. Spontoon priestess. Native Spontoon.

O'Tool, Katrina Lt. Female. Badger. About 28. Police Administrator (not officer) assigned to von Toews. Spontoon.

Parker, Bob Male. Fox. About 23. Reporter for radio LONO.

Passan, Doctor Porcupine. Male. Grey from age. Has been 'About to retire' for so long people can't remember. Native Spontoon.

Patricia Female. Prairie Dog. Heterosexual. About 18 years old. Songmark First year that stumbles onto Oharu after enraging Red Dorm (ref: Simon Barber.) 1936/1937 Songmark School Year. Story was a Tossoff that was accidently released too far. Will be folded into later chapters. *Released to Mr. Simon Barber, Feb. 2006.* United Moaru Chiefdoms.

Polychronopoulos, Henrika Female. Skunk. 21 year old. Second year Songmark girl captured by trickery on Krupmark Island. Sold to Kuo Han to be broken into slavery. Purchased by Oharu and returned to Songmark. Greek.

Ray, Tasha Lee Female. *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (eagle.) About 30 years old. Air Traffic Controller. Heterosexual (maybe) and very (very) open minded about partners, as long as they are pilots. Unmarried. Member of '**The Committee.**' Native Spontoon.

Reeds, Captain Alicia Code name used by Sandy Doecan. Code name has, now been retired.
N/A

Rewa Female, a grandmother. Hired by Helen Whitehall to be her son's nanny while she is at work teaching, or otherwise called away and unable to take her son with her. Native Spontoon.

Rictor, Boguslaw Male. Rabbit. About 36. Tourist. Writer of the Mary Wrightwood adventures, in the style of Linda Carlton / Nancy Drew. From Logansport, Indiana. American.
aka Bog
aka Harcourt Fenton Swordfire

Riverstone, Doctor Annette Patricia Female. Otter. Around 25 years old. Bi-Sexual. Half blackfur. Former **Pan Am** Air Hostess (Flight Attendant) American. Medical Doctor, floats between hospitals, clinics and dragging her mangey carcass from village to village. Came up with the idea to turn the **DUCK** she arrived on into an Air Ambulance. Given Asylum on Spontoon from American Government (falsely accused of being a spy.) American.

Rousseau, Phil	Male. Fox. About mid-50's. Works for the Spontoan Intelligence Agency. Native Spontoan.
Shirane, Fumiyo	Female. Red Fox. About 16. Assistant to the Spontoan Miko Urako. Of Cipangu stock is a born native.
Shiva	Female. Star nosed mole. About 55. Works for the Allthing. Spontoan.
Silvertow, Ille	Female. Mephiti (skunk). Age about 60. Owner of a legal cargo warehouse and shipping company called SILVERTOW STORAGE . Part time hack writer. Ille is one of those few who come up with many of the crazy myths and rituals tourists believe are real. Part of ' The Committee .' Native Spontoan.
S.P.Q.R.	<i>Spontoan Private Quixotic Rescue</i> . A single American F2F DUCK amphibious aircraft painted lavender on the top, blood red on the bottom. Marked with Red Cross Medical Symbols. Official owned by Annette Riverstone. Used by entire medical community for emergency flights only.
Two Red Stones	Male. Cougar, around 29 years old. USN Intel Officer posing as Embassy Marine. Native Apache. Actually an American Secret Agent, ex-Marine. Native American.
Steinhauer, Major	Character in the Mary Wrightwood novels. Love interest. N/A
Toews, Antonius von	Male. Schnauzer. 53 Years old. Ex-Prussian Military Intelligence run out by political changes. Never married. Denied by family (though mainly for those same political reasons.) Hates Hitler. Jovial attitude in most cases, ignores the standard Prussian mold unless it suits him. Long term Spontoan resident. Prussian.
Underwood, Miss P. Callie	Female. Skunk. Exceptionally small (4'11") she was one of Prussia's proposed 1932 Olympic contenders for diving (swimming.) Vocaly against the revolution (Hitler) but considered too important to liquidate, she was placed into Doctor A.F. Garner's care 'for experimentation.' P. Callie turned out to be an excellent subject, falling so deeply under the Doctors control that she publically renounced her previous statements and shot her best friend to death in public ' <i>as an example to the people that weakness cannot be permitted.</i> ' She is Garner's 'assistant.' Prussian.
Urako	Female. Vixen. Around 17 years old. Heterosexual. Miko for Spontoan Island Shinto Shrine on Casino Island. NOTE: <i>Miko's are not romantically or sexually active. Upon becoming such, they are no longer Miko's. It is an extremely serious life change.</i> Native Spontoan.
Viper, Becky	Female. Lynx. About 32 years old. Lesbian, dominate. Part owner of The Double Lotus with her four 'life companions.' Usually the bartender for The Double Lotus (<i>TDL copyright Mr. Simon Barber.</i>) Native Spontoan.
Vundebund, Elisha	Female. Poodle. About 57 years old. Extremely high society, extremely rich. Lost over three million dollars worth of jewels (and all her clothing) when she fell off U.S.S. Moonsprite in 1933 enroute to Spontoan Island. American.

Wallsome, Jaco Male. Fox. Second in charge to Elizabeth Sapohatan. Native Spontoon.

Wazuka Female. Vixen. About 5 years old. Potential candidate for Miko on Spontoon Island. Native Spontoon.

Wei, Oharu Female. Mouse, around 27 years old. Lesbian. My Main Character. Martial Art is Yawara Misogi Training. Learning to be an Island Priestess. Non-combative (physically.) Cipangan (Japanese.) Dark walnut colored fur with golden highlights in private areas. Birth name Eizawa (Eizawa Oharu) took name of Osui (Filth) upon arriving upon Spontoon. Was given the name Wei by the Natives of No Island. Wei means Fresh Breeze. Sometimes called Kahuna Wei. Has Arrived. Cipangu-Spontoon.

Whitehall Antonius James Male. Bulldog. Son to Killian Whitehall and Helen Whitehall. Born May 20th, 1936 after a long, dangerous labor (he was much too large for his mother to birth normally.) Native Spontoon.

Whitehall, Helen Maggy Sneed Female. Half Afgan, half Pine Marten (Cat Crainn). Age around 27 years old. Bi-Sexual but has sworn off men in honor of her now dead husband. Mother to Killian Whitehall's only legitimately known child, Antonius James Whitehall, a son. Phd in Palenotology. Teaches at S.I.T.H.S. Killian Whitehall's widow (see Nightmares are not always dreams.) Extremely well off, founder and soul owner of **Aviation Airways**, a fact only weekly magazine about all things regarding aviation, with a heavy leaning to true (verifiable) stories. Maiden name Sneed. From a ranch in Wyoming. Southern Baptist. Considered Arrived though not officially. Maiden name was Doctor Helen Maggy Sneed, Phd (Palenotology.) Given asylum from **Brotherhood of the Boneless**. American.

Wilfred Male. Hedgehog. 'Ancient.' Butler at the English Consulate. English. He knows things.

Wrightwood, Mary Female. Vixen. Maybe 20? Fictional Character created by Boguslaw Rictor in the vein of Nancy Drew, Perils of Pauline and Linda Carlton. Always in trouble, always barely getting out of it. A series of at least twenty books published by 1936. Written on average one every two months. N/A

Yoana Female. Rabbit. About 30 years old. Died of influenza around 1931. Kjellfrid's younger sister. Married to Mr. Sapohatan (Simon Barber's character.) Left no children. Native Spontoon.

Characters Not On (or originally on) Spontoon Island;

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Rear Admiral Hiroaki Abe	Male. About 50 years old. In overall command of IJN Tone and IJN Chikuma . Cipangu.
<i>Ah-lam</i>	Male. Ratel. About 50 years old. Pirate. DOA on Cranium Island. Macao Pirate. Unknown.
<i>Taisa (Colonel) Akimoto Heiji</i>	Male, About 40 years old. IJN Navy Intelligence officer that selected Oharu for Spontoon. DOA. Cipangu.
<i>Biff Armstrong</i>	Doberman. Male. About 37. American bit-part actor who stayed on Spontoon, acting as an 'explorer.' Actually an act to get favors from female tourists. DOA Cranium Island. American.
Atsuko	Rabbit. Female. About 23 years old. Personal Maid for Lady Tsukiyama Cipangu.
Billy	Mongoose. Male. About 70 years old. Alcoholic customs agent at Toonabo, Mildendo Island. Milendo Island.
<i>Bunrakuken</i>	Male. About 38 years old. Ships stoker for the Burat Maru . Murdered on Tilamooka Island. Cipangu.
' <i>Commander, The</i> '	Bulldog. Male. About 51 years old. Commander of GR team, widower. Ultra-Nationalist. Died on Eastern Island while attempting to murder Molly Procyk (<i>Simon Barber's character.</i>) American.
Deckard	Male. About 32 years old. Pilot. One of the group Sandy Doecan was navigator for. Known as Deck. Sweden.
Eddy	Cocker Spaniel. Male. About 16 years old. Works for Pan American Airlines on Midway Island. Energetic, friendly. Guam.
Emperor for Life Bubba Joe Bob Willy Two Toes Junior	Male. Ram. Maybe 30? Ruler of South Thomas Island.
Floral and Marley	ref: Laurel and Hardy. American.
Flumbulger, Doctor	Male, Groundhog. Zoologist, grey furred. Tillimook.
Francine	Female. Pan Am Air Hostess stationed in Hawaii for the Clipper aircraft. American.
Albert Flintstine	Fox. Male. Late 40's. Pan Am lawyer in Ohau, Hawaii. Dapper. Views business in a rather odd light 'Let them know everything, it blows over much more quickly that way.' American.
Major William Forrester	Panther. Male. About 42 years old. Naval Officer USN, Hickam Field Security. American.

Georgette Female. Works in the Miami (Florida) main office of **Pan American Airways**. Contact for the lawyer Albert Flintstine. American.

Captain Shiba Granite Female. About 49 years old. Half owner of the private freighter **Three Moons** (crew own other half.) Part time slaver, whatever puts silver in her pocket. No morals. *Originally mentioned (unnamed) by Mr. Simon Barber.* Unknown.

General Harper Bulldog. Male. About 51 years old. British Naval Officer. Reassigned by The Major from Hawaii to the Falkland Islands. British.

Major Thomas William Hawkins Bulldog. Male. About 42 years old. Of the Royal Hampshire. 'The Major.' Saved Annette and Oharu's life on Big Island (Hawaii.) Claims to be retired, actually a very good British Agent. Appeared upon Spontoon Island interested in several people, Amelia Bourne-Phipps (*Mr. Simon Barbers Character*) being one of them. British.

Kathleen Tiddles Hightower Otter. Female. About twenty five years old. Flight Attendant for **Pan American Airways**. Actually a very successful US Navy intelligence agent. Very smart, very deadly, very good actress. She can fool a star nosed mole. American.

Hikaru Seamstress in Oahu. Works for the Hilton Hotel. Hawaiian.

HiYung Porcine. Male. 60's. Member **Brotherhood of the Boneless**. Killed in a duel by Killian Whitehall. DOA NANAD. Chinese/Korean.

Hokes, Captain Sherman Male. Bloodhound, around late twenties. American Naval officer, Personnel. Stationed at Guam, bought drug from Doctor A.F. Garner. American.

Horace Male. 60's? Scientist on Cranium Island. Creates energy generating devices seen only in Science Fiction. Successfully tapped and drained the fragment on Cranium Island of all its power, though there was a great deal of leakage. Unknown.

Whitehall-Hunter, Elizabeth Female. Bi-sexual. 33. Artist who befriended Oharu while the mouse was still a Miko (though wavering heavily.) Lives on Tahng Island, Tilamooka with her husband. Tilamooka.

Huntley, Louise Female. Vixen (fox.) About 29. News reporter for the San Frisco Eclectic Examined. American.

Ambassador Ischinger Doberman. Male. About 60 years old. German Ambassador to Hawaii. German.

Jacob Male. About 50 years old. One of the group Sandy Doecan was navigator for. Canadian.

Doctor Johansson	Ring Tail. Male. About 70. Mad Scientist on Cranium Island. Works with Mind Control and Mind Exchange (and anything else he can dream up involving fiddling with a subjects brain.) Swedish.
The Kaaloa family.	NeNe (a type of Goose, known as the Hawaiian Goose.) Two adults, three children. Hawaiian.
Kakalina Kaaloa	NeNe Female. About 17 years old. Female, involved in the Ohau Goddard Club (OGC.) Hawaiian.
Kension	Male. About 50 yeas old. Star Nosed Mole. Monk dropped off with twin sister chipmunk nuns at Krupmark. (Or were they really of a religious order?)
Ki	Male. Young boy that took over Oharu's stall when she left the temple in Cipangu. Cipangu.
<i>Kanonier Knopf</i>	Doberman. Male. About 23 years old. One of the four German military 'aids' sent to kill Oharu, Annette and Kathleen on Oahu. They failed. German.
<i>Babbet Marie LeBatelier</i>	Female. French Poodle. Killian Whitehall's first true love. Was eight months pregnant when died. Killed in Hun heavy artillery barrage in later part of the Great War. Killian couldn't even find her street afterwards. French.
Sheen & Chi Li	Female. Panda sisters. Around 30 years old. You name it. Servants of Brotherhood of the Boneless. Ran off to West China with Sying at end of NANAD. At least one is carrying Killian Whitehall's child. Perhaps both. Chinese.
Lien aka Furball	Female. Siamese. Around 19 years old. Captain Granite's latest 'Ships Cat.' Mentally & emotionally shattered by now. Chinese.
<i>Ruth Ester Leibowitz</i>	Female. Mink. Heterosexual. Around 24 years old. Helen Whitehall's best friend and assistant. Murdered and 'processed' by Madam Xiùme in China. NANAD. Jewish American.
Malou	Female. Saimese .About 25 years old. Lesbian by choice (a rarity.) Currently lived in Dalian. She is the woman Nikki supposable sold to Kou Han. Rescued by Nikki, Mark and Oharu. Very much in love with the mare. Speaks Cantonese and some Spontoon. Chinese.
<i>Mark/Franklin</i>	Male. Bulldog. About 33 years old. Grunt & Communications Expert for GR Team, unmarried. American.
Miguel Gomez	Male. About 12 years old. Treated by Annette Riverstone for a burned hand (boiling water.) Note; Humans are exceptionally rare (dying out) in my version of this world. Hawaiian.
Mrs. Gomez	Female. About 30 years old. Husband is a fisherman. Brought her twelve year old son Miguel to Annette Riverstone for treatment in Hawaii. Hawaiian
Professor Jural Jenkins	Male. Mink. About 59. Rational, with rare moments of enlightened insanity. Cranium Island Mad Scientist. He works with plants. His theory that intelligent mobile plants are the future rulers of Earth. His American wife

Suzanne was eaten alive by one of his giant Venus Flytraps while he was away, his only son discovered 'The Guardian' and was.. Absorbed. His eldest daughter is missing, presumed by him to be dead as well. Only his youngest daughter Sarah survives. If you could call madness survival. German.

- Megan Jenkins Female. Mink. About 27. Archeologist. Prisoner of her younger sister Sarah. Locked in what was either a tomb or Holy Chamber (rather large.) She is deathly afraid of both her sister and father. The only surviving Jenkins family member not in some way changed by the creatures of the ancient temple they live in. Has made a study of the carvings she has access too and learned 'things.' American.
- Sarah Jenkins Female Mink. About 23. Scientist on Cranium Island, prefers animal biology, specifically sea life. Her younger brother Bill was eaten as she watched by some kind of Guardian within the temple complex they have taken over. Her mother was later eaten by one of her fathers giant Venus Flytraps, again in front of her. Locked her older sister in a hidden chamber to protect her from their father after her mothers death. Quite insane, though hers is a very logical insanity, thus exceptionally dangerous. American.
- Markham Couple. Agents of Sandy Doecan in Hawaii. No other data.
- Bartholomew Matthews Male. Rabbit. Mid 50's. Heterosexual. **Pan Am.** Top Manager (CEO) on Ohau, Hawaii. Married (Ellen, wife in Boston.) Not a happy marriage. He keeps hoping she will file for a divorce. Enamored with Annette's friend Kathleen and Susy White, his paw-selected bat secretary. Specist vs Moles, mice and the like (but strangely not bats.) American.
- Professor Merker* Male. Archeologist. About 80 years old. Crazy about lost civilizations like Atlantis, Mu, Lemur and the Seven Rainbow Cities of Antarctica. Died of heart attack on site in the summer of 1935. British.
- Captain Edger 'Bill' Merryman Male. Husky. About 29 years old. Naval Officer USN Hickam Field Security. American.
- Miller Male. 'Empath' Alice/Diane claimed could control anyone. Note; 'Empath' is one who has very delicate control of their ability to scent and release scents. Able to instill fear or love by adjusting their own scent. Rarer than Humans. American.
- Mina Female. About 20 years old. Secretary to *Taisa (Colonel) Akimoto Heiji* Cipangu. Cipangu.
- Mindy Saracen Female. House Cat. About 26 years old. One of the group Sandy Doecan was navigator for. Canadian.
- Unteroffizer Nieman* Male. German Shepard. Leader of the Germans sent to kill Oharu, Annette and Kathleen on Oahu. He failed. German.

General Panahi	Male. Meercat. About 57 years old. In Hawaii to secretly meet with British and American representatives regarding a mutual defense pack with his country (Persia.) Official (secret) representative of ruling Persian Government. Wife was attacked on the China Clipper en-route to join him. Saved by Oharu. Persian.
Mrs. Shariat Panahi	Female. Meercat. About 28 years old. Mother of twin boys (about 6 years old.) Wife to an important military officer, General Panahi. Was attacked on the China Clipper by Oberst Unruh and badly injured. Expected to recover fully. Persian.
Ensign Parker	Male. Dalmatian. About 19 years old. Assistant to Bill Merryman in Naval Intelligence. Transferred 'elsewhere' due to lack of imagination (Little America?) American.
Patterson	Male. About 21 years old. Secondary navigator of the group Sandy Doecan was navigator for. Scotland.
Obergefreiter Pfrommer	Male. Doberman. About 24 years old. One of the four sent to kill Oharu, Annette and Kathleen on Oahu. Only survivor, crippled for life. German.
<i>Pion</i>	Male. Chinese Warlord killed by Sying in NANAD for his two aircraft. Chinese.
Potterman, General Williak	Male. Army officer mentioned by Mrs. Lynette Harkens. American.
Reinholst, Amelia	Female. Captains the Sea Fairy . Tramp freighter.
<i>Reiss, Alice/Diane Ester</i>	Female. Raccoon. About 33 years old. Interrogator for GR team, married, husband is Jewish. Highly Homophobic. American.
Robert	Male. About 38 years old. One of the group Sandy Doecan was navigator for. French.
Roger	Male. About 22 years old. Customs agent at the international airport on Ohau. American.
<i>Saggath</i>	Male. Age ? Species ? Brotherhood of the Boneless . Hunts in Western Australia, mainly Roo's. Unknown.
<i>Schwarzkopf, Pfalzgrafin</i>	Vixen. Female. Around 22 when hung during the Great War. Very upper society. Head hangs on the wall of the French Assemble Hall as a warning. Spy. Prussian.
<i>Shaiming</i>	Male. About nineteen years old. Traitor. Dalian National. Chinese.
Shazeer	Female. Fennec. Around 22 years old. Sying's great love. Servant of Brotherhood of the Boneless . Ran off to West China with Sying at end of NANAD. Carrying Killian Whitehall's Child. Chinese.
<i>Doctor Shi</i>	Male. Goat. About 50 years old. Member Brotherhood of the Boneless . 'He fell down the stairs and broke his neck' Sying said. Chinese.

Nesbeit Sincere	Male. About 37 years old. Action Adventure movie star, quite popular. Very handsome. Has rather interesting contacts in Germany. Once married to Annette Riverstone. American.
Sying	Male. Bull. Member Brotherhood of the Boneless . Lives in China. Runs various 'farms.' Helped Killian, Helen & Illie escape China. Chinese.
Susy White	Female. Pipistrelle bat. Age 20. Bright red fur. Secretary to Bartholomew Matthews. Scottish.
<i>Takana</i>	Female. Rabbit. Sandy Doecan (aka Elizabeth Brighton) mother. Died a little after childbirth from complications. American.
Takana	Female. Rabbit. Age unknown (elderly). Painter who also creates maps for the temple Oharu served. Was known by Oharu while the mouse was still a Miko. Cipangu.
Titto	Female. About 19. Cranium Island servant of Sarah who was 'experimented' upon. Nothing will attack her now, even her own mother is deathly afraid of her. Her eyes glow a deep gold all the time. Only Sarah is completely comfortable around her. Titto is secretly completely in love with Sarah (much as Oharu is with Molly), else she would have killed her a very long time ago. Kills by draining life force, which makes her stronger for a short period of time. She must 'eat madness' once a month. This returns the victim to sanity for a period of five to seven days. Very talented artist (great at making 'ancient maps.')
Tullio	Male. Pot Bellied Pig. About 40 years old. Speaks Italian and fair German. Purchasing agent for an unnamed lioness who loves the Blood Hunt. Offered 5,000 English pounds for Nikki. Has a male Lemur assistant. Italian.
Lady Tsukiyama	Female. Mouse Age 27 A military advisor to His Imperial Majesty Akihito. Oharu's missing oldest sister. Extremely intelligent & well versed in Military/Government matters. Attempted suicide after arranging the deaths of all those involved in her sisters defilement. Stopped by the Emperor in person. Japanese/Cipangu.
Ulani	Female. Hound. S.I.T.H.S. student learning Hula. Native Spontoon.
<i>Oberst Unruh</i>	Porcine. Male. About 40 years old. Involved in an assault on the China Clipper , stopped by Oharu. Served in WWI as a sniper. Killed by his own people. German Military agent. German.
Vidhyalakshmi	Female. Mongoose. S.I.T.H.S. student studying Hula. Native Spontoon.
Wallsome, Jaco	Male. Fox. Around fifty. Works for the Spontoon Intelligence Agency. Native Spontoon.
Wambenger, Latakia	Female. Marsupial Mouse. Heterosexual. About 49 years old. Australian Abroginie female. Wiradjuri clan. Very deadly. Hawaiian.
Wambenger, Justin	Male. Pack Rat. Hetrosexual. About 57 years old. Native Hawaiian, Insurgent Master Spy. Master aircraft mechanic & metal fabricator. Has a

really strange sense of humor. Excellent mechanic, horrible shot. He could 'Miss the barn wall from inside, with a scattergun. At two paces.' Hawaiian.

Whitehall, Killian James

Male. Bulldog. Age about 40. Attempted to break the Boneless story. Long time field reporter for the **London Thymes** and others. Started reporting at the beginning of The Great War. Somehow involved with Inspector Stagg (in the past.) Occasionally used the name Captain Samuel Wilde Parker. Of the 1st Middlesex Regiment. Buddhist. Dies of a brain tumor in Nightmares are not always Dreams in November, 1935. British.

Whitehall, Willy

Female. Bulldog. About 35 years old. Adventuress. Killian's only sister. British.

Wolten, Annie

Female. Captains the **Bright Whale**. Tramp freighter. Australian.

Worst, Kapitanleutnant von

Fox. Male. About 23 years old. Arranged the death of *Oberst Unruh*. German.

Xiùme, Madam

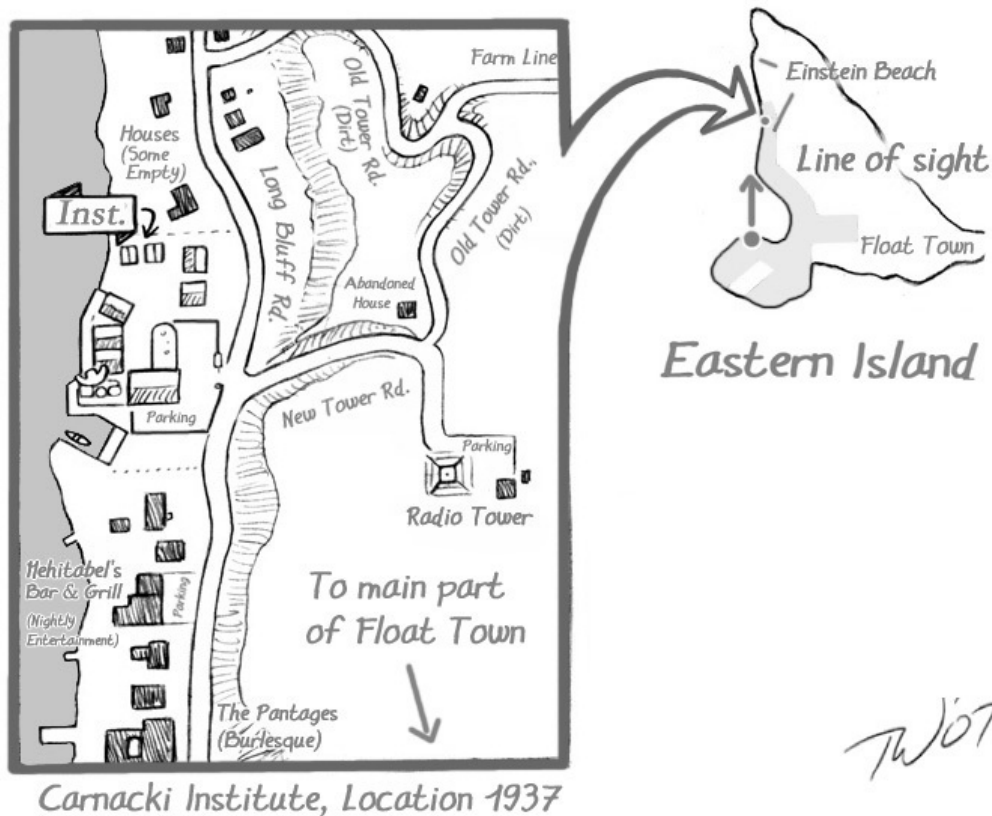
Russian wolfhound. Female. Bi-sexual. Vicious. Member **Brotherhood of the Boneless**. Thanks to Killian's actions she was accidentally 'processed.' Russian/Chinese.

Zarahoff, Jade

Mink. Female. Hetrosexual. From some unnamed European family (perhaps Royalty?.) Married a shrew. Moved to Cranium Island. Had two children. A boy and girl. Boy killed by Cranium Island Monster after leaving his bedroom window open. Alpha, the daughter, attended Songmark and married Nancy Rote. Nationality unknown.

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A Few Footnotes on Eastern Island of Spontoon & Certain Other Subjects of Local Interest *Taral Wayne (Local Historian and Seasonal Vacationer)*

General

Float Town – First of all, I gave the town a nickname, “Float Town.” Ken didn’t want to officially name it that because it would preclude anyone else naming it, but conceded it might be an alternative, just as people talk about “The Big Apple,” or “Gotham,” when they mean New York City.

Einstein Beach – The western stretch of the north end of Eastern Island I dubbed Einstein Beach. (Named after an artsy-farsty minimalist modern opera, “Einstein on the Beach,” composed by Philip Glass. I owned a copy once. I think it may well be the most boring piece of music ever composed. But I only named the beach on Eastern Island that because of the word play, not because I thought it boring.

The Carnacki Institute For Applied Studies in Temporal & Para-Dimensional Science

– Located a mile or so up Long Bluff Road from the main docks of Float Town. Founded by its current director, Dr. Roswell Bletchley, in 1913, the institute only moved to its present location in the '20s. (The City Fathers of Burbank, California, made it abundantly clear to the Doctor that his institute was no longer welcome after a certain mishap never mentioned in either the City chronicles nor in the official history of the Institute.) The Carnacki Institute bought and renovated a run-down Spanish style beachside hotel, originally built in 1899, then added a new wing in 1926. The old boathouse was lost in a mysterious fire in 1928, and replaced by the current boathouse a year later. Pre-fab workshops and storage sheds sprang up behind the main building in the early '30s. As the Institute's activities expanded, so did the number of resident investigators, until there were insufficient rooms available in the old hotel, and a number of staff cottages were added to the north end of the grounds.

“The Big Revolving Door” – technically the Parastitial/Parachronic Refractor Grid, and sometimes called the “Waffle Iron” as well – was constructed in early 1934. It has undergone several upgrades, becoming larger and more outrageous-looking each time, but has always served the same function: to so distort and torment space-time that it becomes possible to snatch something from a different plenum, for study. However, it has never operated in a predictable or entirely safe way. For that matter, there has been little objective evidence that it has ever performed its intended function. All that is really clear is that it uses astonishingly large amounts of electrical energy, sometimes causing blackouts of the entire island, followed rapidly by angry complaints from Islanders. A small assortment of unimpressive objects – mostly rocks and sticks, and one dead insect – are purported to be specimens brought back from other realities. Skeptics claim they represent rocks, sticks, and one dead insect that are more likely from a near-by source. Say, the beach next to the main building... But most observers are willing to concede that perhaps the Door did actually transport these objects the few hundred feet from the beach to the lab by some sort of super-scientific mechanism. But they go on to add that it would be a lot less trouble to walk over to the beach and simply pick the stuff up.

Funding for the Institute is something of a mystery. It makes no profit from its activities, as none of its discoveries have yet proved to have practical applications. Dr. Bletchley himself seems to have no assets of his own. Judging from his shabby appearance and dingy lab smocks, he could easily be mistaken for a penniless bum. His habit of wearing an aluminum foil skull cap, however, betrays him as merely a harmless kook. Most of the actual expertise at the Institute appears to be possessed by the interns, and Mr. Smollet, the janitor... who is also the highest-paid employee.

When operating, “The Big Revolving Door” creates an annoying whine that can be felt rather than heard over most of the Lagoon side of the island. The shimmer, or glow, can be seen from anywhere in the Atoll, reflecting from the sea or lighting up the sky over the hills. A persistent rumour has it that the Door did **once** perform as intended, and brought in Visitors. This has never been confirmed nor, perhaps significantly, denied by the Institute. Most Spontoonies regard it only as a local urban legend. The Visitor and her party refused to comment.

Long Bluff Road – A two-lane, blacktop road running along the bottom of the bluffs on the west side of the north end of the Island. There is little out that way, so it tends not to be well maintained, and the center line has probably not been repainted since 1919. A four-foot stretch remaining between *Mehitabel's* and *The Pantages* is defiantly shown to skeptics who refuse to believe it ever existed at all. There is no street lighting. The road was originally built to service the automated light at the northern tip of the island, but also to give access from the west to the island midlands, above the Long Bluffs. The road is built over an narrow apron of rocky debris, eroded from the heights on the east side. By and large it is uninviting ground, supporting little but scrub brush, and sword grass that can give nasty cuts even through your Bermudas. It is somewhat more verdant by the beach, where palms were planted in the early years of the past century, and once laboriously cared for. In recent years, they have been left more or less to fend for themselves, and have grown disheveled. Most of the homes that were built along the north end of the road have since been abandoned as too much trouble to keep up, and too far from town to be convenient. The road is still in use as the quickest

route to the Old Radio Tower, and the sole means to sneak off to *Mehitabel's Bar & Grill* for a quick drink... or a long one on Wet T-shirt Night. The Carnacki Institute is located at about the mid-point of Long Bluff Road, but at pretty much the end of creation, as Eastern Islanders understand it. Beyond are nothing but empty bungalows and scrub grass.

The Long Bluffs – These are a line of steep, light grey tufa cliffs, running the length of the north peninsula of the Island. Between the foot of the bluffs and the beach, real estate values are almost nil, despite a paved road most of the length. Past the Carnacki Institute are a few empty bungalows and then just the beach, the bluffs, and the road between them. Above the bluffs is the interior of the island, a tableland that slopes eastward to the sea, and is mostly given to planting. Sisal, copra, and smoke-weed (a less toxic relative of tobacco) are the usual crops, but it's not at all uncommon to find a little bhang growing privately out back of many farmhouses. The bluffs can be surmounted by two roads, each turning off Long Bluff Road. The Old Tower Road, which climbs the hundred-foot height through a natural defile, is dirt. The New Tower Road, a little closer to town, climbs up a man-made cut and is paved. It meets Old Tower Road at the top, and both join with Farm Line.

Mehitabel's Bar & Grill – *Mehitabel's* is about as disreputable as a joint can get without actually being a biker bar, or physically dangerous. It is a wonderful place for customers to pretend they are slumming somewhere dangerous, though, and the owner is undeniably eccentric, occasionally even mysterious. It isn't a place for Big Operators or Notorious Smugglers. It is more for small-time dreamers and down-and-out failures, who don't feel up to more rigorous environs. It is a place you can feel comfortable in, without any fear that anyone will ask you about a Maltese Falcon, or want passage from the atoll under an obviously assumed name. Apart from the well-managed atmosphere, *Mehitabel's* serves excellent steak, succulent beef pies and banana truffles to die for – but, curiously, the customer is well-advised not to order from the seafood menu. The owner, Mehitabel herself, is averse to fish and barely tolerates it in her establishment. The shrimp is apt to come from a can, and the fish likely to be battered in bread crumbs and only recently unfrozen.

Despite the decidedly un-maritime menu, the nightly entertainment at *Mehitabel's* includes a Sailor's Night every Monday, featuring ditties, shanties, fishing songs, and doleful ballads about disasters at sea. Tuesday Night is for sing-alongs, Wednesday for local Jazz Bands, Thursday for reading Poetry, and Friday nights are Wet T-Shirt Nights. Also Wet Apron Night, Wet Panties Night, and, if not careful with their hands, Wet Customer Night. Sunday is respectfully dedicated to Soul and Gospel... or so it says on the sign out front. In actual fact, *Mehitabel's* is closed Sunday. She couldn't find any genuine Soul artists, and hates Gospel. One Saturday afternoon a month there is Vaudeville. The regular comedian is W.C. Frawley, who had been wowwing them in the Isles from one side of Casino to the other for 30 years before opening at *Mehitabel's* in 1929. He probably hadn't had one new joke in all that time, either. But that's only part of the campy fun. Some of the other entertainers on Vaudeville Saturdays have been known to have actual talent... but not often. Customers are discouraged from throwing bottles or cutlery, but stale rolls are provided as needed. After the show, W.C. strolls among the tables, hobnobbing with the dinners as he sweeps the floor. One of the chief attractions of *Mehitabel's* is of course Mehitabel O'Riley. A torch singer when she was younger, she is still a looker, and though never on the billing, sings at least once on most nights of the week. She also cooks for special customers, and flirts outrageously. Wives do not generally approve of their husbands spending time at *Mehitabel's*, but that doesn't prevent many of the mechanics, dock handlers or warehouse workers of Float Town from sneaking there at least once during the week.

The Pantages Burlesque Theater – Whatever possessed the Shmengilli Brothers, Gino and Marco, to build a lavish, baroque, 500-seat burlesque theater on the fringes of a blue-collar town in 1894, will probably never be known. But they did. It was splendid enough for a Caruso. Strangely enough, the brothers were never able to attract Caruso to *The Pantages*, nor any other act or performer of note. W.C. Frawley held top billing for three disastrous weeks in 1899, before the brothers finally threw in the towel and declared bankruptcy. The theatre lay empty for about fifteen years before it was bought by C.C. Barker, a wealthy tour boat operator who had a sudden, near-fatal attack of Culture. *The Pantages* was fully restored to its original luster, and opened with the best talent the Atoll could muster. This was mainly Shakespearian revival, cellists,

temperance lecturers, scientific discourses, ballet, jugglers, operatic arias sung by fat ladies past their prime, barbershop quartets and hula dancers. Even the indefatigable Frawley took a turn or two on the stage. Needless to say, the barbershop quartets and hula dancers were by far the most popular. In less time than it took to add up the proceeds, *The Pantages* rid itself of any pretense of Culture. That tour boat operator didn't get rich by bucking a trend. The theater was a modest success for several more years, but inevitably the cost of upkeep grew, while profits if anything declined, and in 1922 there was a suspicious fire. There was no attempt to prosecute for arson, but suspicion naturally fell on C.C. Barker, who made no bones about being rid of a costly white elephant. Fortunately, the fire did little damage to more than backstage, but it was enough for Barker to close the theater. It lay empty until late 1926, when the Glad Fellows Lodge in Float Town bought the theater for a pittance. It was used Thursday nights for lodge meetings, Friday nights for Bingo, and was available for rent the rest of the week to any act that needed a stage. An obscure and rather decrepit film director from the U.S. – who was living in retirement on Casino Island – was hired as caretaker, and given rooms backstage. A coat of whitewash over some of the slightly charred spots was apparently adequate to make the apartment livable.

It turned out that Woodrow Edsel LaRoue was many-talented. He not only locked up at night and watched the furnace, but he also counted receipts, paid bills, looked after repairs, was master of ceremonies and even booked the acts. In short time "Woody" LaRoue ran the theatre, and for the first time *The Pantages* made a steady, if small profit. Although *The Pantages* is no longer the splendid island of theatrical elegance it once pretended to be, it has a loyal following who come week after week and generally do little damage to the surviving woodwork, the chipped gilt cherubs and fading maroon velvet upholstery. A typical weekend bill might include a jug band, comics (not old Frawley, of course), a soft-shoe act, a clown with seltzer and slapsticks, strippers, and, of course, barbershop quartets. Mehitabel herself sang at *The Pantages*, as "Belle O'Riley" from 1927 to 1928, before she opened her own establishment up the road. "Woody" himself would provide entertainment to anyone who had time to listen to his bottomless trunk of stories about Filmiland. Anyone who could get away from work during lunch hour found a boon companion at *The Pantages*, and a ready bottle of whiskey to share. Kids of all ages played hooky from school to sneak into *The Pantages* and hear about starlets who couldn't keep their knickers up, and leading men who were not all they seemed. When "Woody" LaRoue passed away in 1937, half of Float Town paid their respects at the funeral. Somehow the *Pantages* went on, though much of the style was gone forever. Now and then, though, someone swears they see "Woody" chomping a big old stogie at the head of the stairs leading to his old rooms, or pacing the stage in the shadows. But when they look again, of course, he is never there. He's only in everyone's heart.

The Tesla-Maru – Nothing more, really, than a broken-down old tug that the Institute bought in 1933, because it was inconvenient to use the regularly scheduled ferry to other islands, and because it was thought it might be useful for scientific studies. The former advantage was never really apparent, as the expense and constant maintenance of the boat turned out to be more than it was worth. And the latter benefit never materialized at all. Nothing about Temporal & Para-Dimensional investigation ever required anyone to leave the laboratory. Still, the scientists at the Institute secretly enjoyed taking turns at the wheel and playing captain, so no-one for a moment ever considered giving up the *Tesla*. It's used on routine runs to pick up supplies a mile down the road at Henson Wharf, as well as for weekend excursions to Casino Island to let off some steam. Once in a while, too, the interns take their girlfriends on a picnic to one of the remoter beaches. Nevertheless, you can be sure that every year Mr. Smollet, the janitor, depreciates the *Tesla-Maru* on the Institute's tax return.

S.S. Sirius – The freighter that usually brings the Carnacki Institute's imported scientific bric-a-brac to Eastern Island. It is owned and operated by the J.N.W. Turner Forwarding Company and flew the Canadian flag, though technically its headquarters were some Caribbean island tax shelter. While the owners may or may not be entirely on the up-and-up, the skipper of the *Sirius*, Captain Argyle Chester, is as honest as the day is long, and has had long experience with a variety of different sorts of oddball scientists, as well as adventurers and other seasoned sea-dogs like himself..

Henson Wharf – Last wharf on "Rust Bucket Row." The row consists of a number of middling-sized

docks normally occupied by ships of no great prestige or cargo capacity. From there one has a clear view across the bay to the Bluffs and the north end of Eastern Island. It is the usual berth of the *Sirius*, and also where the *Tesla Maru* ties up on its runs to Float Town for the Institute's sundry needs every week. It's said that Henson Wharf was named after a captain with the peculiar habit of talking to frogs.

Injun Joe's Diner – A classic chrome diner from the era when there was nothing classical about them yet. It began as a lunch pail with stools, that served blue-collar meatball specials for thirty-nine cents, coffee for a nickel and pie for a dime. Nothing would be distinctive about it if it weren't for the 1932 Rose-Noble Speedster out back. Joe no longer races it himself, but after retiring "OI' Number Five" he sponsors other drivers in the annual Speed Festival's Three-Island Road Event. (All around Eastern Island the first day. The circuit of Casino Island on the second day. Main Island end-to-end on the third day.) "Injun" Joe Pirelli is not, of course, a North American Indian. His father was an Italian merchant, and his mother was from Calcutta. With his dusky complexion and prominent nose, he easily passed as an Apache or Sioux at the race track. To go along with the gag, Joe sometimes brandished a spanner as though it were a tomahawk and gave a war-whoop on his victory lap. The joke didn't stop there. One of his mechanics was, in fact, a full-blooded Navaho, named Charlie Dashee, who everyone called "Paisan." Injun Joe and "OI' Number Five" won two of the Three-Island races twice, and all three of the races in 1936, the year he retired. No one had ever won the Golden Shell for all three races in an Event, nor has anyone since. Joe proudly displays the Shell for all to see in the most important place in the diner – over the coffee maker. Bottomless cup, naturally.

Sparky's Full Service – Although there are still gas pumps in front of "Sparky's Full Service," it hasn't been a gas station, as such, for some years. Only "regulars" are permitted to fill up. Instead, Sparky's is the only native automobile manufacturer on the entire Spontoon Atoll. Production is a steady five vehicles per year. Three of them are the Model 6 *Casino Island Royale* salon cars, and the other two the Model 1 *Kodiak Flyer*, a high performance roadster. So far none have been exported, but Sparky is hoping to expand production to eight as soon as customers abroad can be found. Technically, "Sparky's Full Service" is the "Knowles Atoll Motor Works," but the sign out front of the workshop has never been replaced. Sparky herself is Angelina Francesca Maria Knowles, half Irish and half Old California Spanish. She abandoned ribbons and crinolines before she was 15, and has worn greasy jeans or coveralls ever since, much to the disapproval of both sides of her extensive and painfully proper family. She worked in a munitions factory during the Half-War, earning enough to buy her first car at the age of 19. Before six months had passed, she had completely rebuilt it, and was building a second out of spare parts that had somehow accumulated during her alterations on the first. Her parts supplier, a childhood crony named "Sticky Fingers" Harry Goniff Jr., had graduated to Grand Theft Boat & Auto and was currently doing two to five years, so Sparky found herself in need of a new source of parts. She decided to open a full-service garage and fix other people's cars. It was less honest, but definitely safer than crime.

"Sparky's" was the only the second gas station and garage on Eastern Island in 1926. By 1928, the number of vehicles on the island had grown from 47 to an incredible 81. Business was brisk, and soon license numbers would jump to three numerals. Sparky's real love was building cars, though, not just adjusting the timing or cleaning the carburetors of other people's automobiles. She had just finished her fourth car, the best one yet, when someone offered her \$2,000 for it. \$2,000 was a lot of money in 1928, nearly half again that in modern dollars of 1941. She sold her first production Model 2 *South Pacific*, as she later dubbed it, and immediately began another. With the money, and a stake from "Sticky Fingers" Harry, she built a larger workshop, hired another mechanic, and was in the business of making cars. Thus, from little wing nuts do mighty pillars of industry begin. The *South Pacific* ended production in 1931, to be followed by the Model 1 *Typhoon Emperor*, a much more luxurious model that appealed to customers with fatter-than-average wallets. The Model 2 was bigger still, and the Model 3 too big for most of the Atoll's narrow roads. The new Model 1 *Casino Islander* of 1934 was a more practical car, and the "Royale" version substituted elegance for sheer size. Profitable as the touring cars were, Sparky's interests lay more in the direction of sports models. The Model 1 *Swiftcurrent* led to the Model 1 *Swallowtail*, and that, in 1936, to the first model *Kodiak Flyer*, the most successful of the sports car line. As of this writing, six have been produced! And the Model 2 is already on the drawing table. "Sticky Fingers" has been promised a job as chief purchaser for the firm, just as soon as

he's finished his third stretch "inside." Sparky was always a bit sentimental about anyone who could tell at a glance a properly machined tappet or bushing before "acquiring" it.

Aviation

Pan Nimitz Airlines – One of a number of medium-sized carriers servicing the Nimitz and Cook Seas area, with destinations in Samoa, Kuo Han, Hawaii, Vostokiye Zemlya, Tilamooka, Canada, the U.S. and Mixtexa. Beginning with a few 18-seat *Sword* Tri-Props in the late '20s, Pan Nimitz completely re-equipped itself with more modern Lalande *Lackawanna* mail planes and Carreidas 57 *Aleutian* 22-seat passenger carriers in the mid-'30s. In 1936 PNA inaugurated a premium service flight from most major destinations. The new fleet of 14 Carreidas 90 *Chilkoot* carriers can seat 28 in comfort, and have a cruising speed 30 mph faster than the older *Aleutians*. Initially, PNA didn't plan to fly the new plane in, or out, of the main airport in Spontoon Atoll, as the *Chilkoot's* landing speed and minimum runway-length exceed the facilities available on Eastern Island. Fortunately, an agreement was reached whereby the airport authorities would upgrade the tarmac, as well as extend the main runway by 200 feet, just barely meeting the new plane's requirements. Service into Eastern Island began in October 1940. It is not known whether the field can be improved enough for the upcoming C-90-1A model. The newer *Chilkoot* will be large enough to seat 30, has a longer range, and is faster. It is expected to enter PNA service in 1942.

Carreidas 90-1A Chilkoot – The Carreidas *Chilkoot* is an all-new, stressed aluminum skin design, powered by two DeWitt *Mercury* 600 h.p. radial engines. Its twin tails give it exceptional handling for operation in tight airspaces such as mountain passes, valleys, and small islands. The original C 90 model sat 28, cruised at 240 m.p.h., and had a range of 1200 miles. The upgraded C 90-1A, which will enter service in 1942, seats 30, cruises at 255 mph, and has an extended range of 1400 miles. Expectations for the next generation, *Chilkoot II*, run high – seating for 40, a top speed of 275 mph, and a range of 1800 miles. Still in the design stage, the C 90-2 is expected to replace the 90-1A in 1948. However, some indications are that advances in technology may render the 90-2 obsolete before it ever flies.

Northair-6 Super Sea Hog – The Northair Company was well known for building sturdy, dependable, practical aircraft that tended to lumber along like dodos in flight. The *Sea Hog* was no exception. But when the *Super Sea Hog* was introduced in 1941, observers remarked on its much-streamlined appearance. Larger engine nacelles promised enough extra power to turn even a brick like the *Hog*, into something almost nimble. They were right. Its improved performance and enormous capacity – up to four tons of cargo, or 22 passengers – guaranteed the plane the title of "Workhorse of the Pacific Seas." The last and best type, the N-6-22/404, is powered by two Marine-Electric Type 404 *Typhoon* engines, rated at 1100hp each, and manages to pull the *Super Sea Hog* through the sky at a surprising 225 m.p.h. As well, its normal range of 1350 miles can be extended with external fuel tanks. Pan Nimitz Airways was operating a fleet of 26 by 1938, employing them mainly for specialized deliveries, routine transport and passenger service to the smaller islands, where only a seaplane could land. Their advertising boasts that PNA offers courteous attendants, delicious in-flight meals, a well-stocked bar, the most comfortable seats in the Central Pacific, and up to 800 destinations! Few of these are daily flights, of course. In fact, over 600 of them can only be reached by chartering the plane. But there's no question that this versatile aircraft is all that made it possible.

Talbot-Leland Sea Gorgon, Type B – Talbot-Leland had been mainly known for racing planes, and had last achieved victories in the late '20s. But in 1936 the company strove for new contracts by introducing a military version of their most successful racer. The original *Gorgon*, Type A, was not a success. However, the greatly redesigned *Sea Gorgon*, Type B found a niche that it filled nearly perfectly. Several modifications had been made to the basic airframe to adapt it to Pacific Island use. Low-profile, ultra-light

floats gave it the ability to operate almost anywhere – in lagoon or open sea, even in lakes sufficiently long for a take-off and landing. With two “duck feet” below, the single tail was modified into a split-tail for increased stability. As well, the entire rear portion of the fuselage was canted upward to clear the surface on steep take-offs. While not as powerful as some fighters, and not especially nimble, the *Sea Gorgon* was a compact and speedy gadfly by comparison. Only its modest firepower – two .30 cal. machine guns in each wing – put it at disadvantage to larger marine fighters. In time, however, the *Sea Gorgon* was withdrawn from active service by all Marine Air Corps. Its small frame could not be fitted with larger, more powerful engines. At a 235 m.p.h., it fell behind in the race for speed.

A.V. Roe Nootka Sea Master D-B.4 – There were few more radical cargo planes ever designed than the *Nootka Sea Master*. It might almost have been better named the *Sea Monster*, it was so huge. Two parallel fuselages from the *Nootka* D-B.3 shared a common wing that was powered by four huge DeWitt *Twin-Jupiter* engines, rated at 2600 h.p. each, and were up-rated in the last flying model to 2800 h.p. each. The right-hand fuselage contained the pilot’s cabin and a voluminous cargo area that was loaded in the conventional way. The left-hand fuselage, however, was exclusively cargo space, and the nose section was hinged so that sealed containers could be loaded, or entire vehicles driven in. The tail-planes were mounted at the top of large rudders, to keep them well clear of the heavy spray as this monster took off. Although eight of the type were actually completed and flown, the *Nootka Sea Master* never went into actual production. Problems with weight distribution were never entirely solved, with the fully-loaded plane tending to crab to the left in flight. Nevertheless, all eight were put to intermittent use, and are leased by A.V. Roe to customers with a very heavy load to move.

Vickers-Armstrong CB-3 “Manchu” Duck – The profile of the *Duck* could not be mistaken for any other seaplane afloat. It was very nearly the same size as the fuselage, and for good reason. It was a fuselage. Unlike other floats, which were generally hollow, compartmented structures designed only to provide buoyancy, the *Duck’s* float was connected to the upper fuselage by a companionway and ladder. It enclosed as much crew or cargo space as the upper fuselage. The *Duck* was unique also in that its float section had a functional rudder to improve maneuverability in the water. It was not, however, ideal for landing on an airstrip, as the retractable undercarriage had an unavoidably narrow stance. On water, though, the broad beam of its lower section gave it nearly the stability of an ordinary boat. While civilian models were cargo-capable, the military type was designed to fight, and was well armed with eight forward firing .50 cal. machine guns, and two more in a powered, semi-retractable dorsal turret. The most famous of all *Ducks* was the “Manchu Duck.” Owned and piloted by a legendary adventurer, and crewed by a motley band of eccentrics, wherever the sea-green float plane with its distinctive tail insignia was seen, there was sure to be a lost treasure, a secret temple or a ruined city, and plenty of excitement.

Supermarine SP/D-301 Super Orca – The word “super” is used all too often in aviation history for aircraft that are neither super, nor remarkable in any way at all. The Supermarine *Super Orca* is an exception. The jet-powered seaplane, introduced to service in 1951, was far ahead of its time. Twin turbo-jets are mounted above the wing, to keep the inlets clear of spray. Most ingenious are the folding wing tips, whose outboard pods become floats. Although the main hull provides most of the buoyancy, the outboard floats give the *Super Orca* rock-solid stability in the water, whether at rest or in motion. It can literally skate the surface at 150 m.p.h. when conditions are right. The unique role of the *Super Orca* is described by the Supermarine Company as a “defender.” It is large for a fighter, but far more agile in the air than any light bomber or patrol plane. The mission it was designed for is to escort larger, more vulnerable aircraft from island to island. When encountering a threat, the *Super Orca* can adopt a protective stance, using its remotely controlled rear barbette with twin .50 cal. machine guns to shield another plane. Or it can go hunting with the four 20mm cannon mounted in its nose. The pilot, co-pilot and navigator are seated in a tandem cockpit, while the radar-operator/gunner occupies a cubicle amidships. Normally two radar sets are shipped, one forward and one dorsal, to provide superior coverage. Top speed is classified but usually reported as over 375 mph, which is astonishing for a seaplane. The *Super Orca’s* normal range is 800 miles, but up to four external drop tanks extend this to 1200 miles.