**Issue 6 – Skulz Intro**

**The Current Situation**

* PCs attended a party at the Abandoned House
* They encountered Carl and a couple kids under the influence of Engenix
* They know Carl is dealing, but they don’t know much else

**Dead Girl**

* It is Thursday night, and one of the PCs has the radio on the campus station
* “Good Evening Xavier Banes, this is DJ Jane talking at you through the Dead of Night. It’s Thursday… Make that Friday, but that’s OK, because tomorrow is a holiday. That’s right – long weekend, so if you’re up now studying, what the hell is wrong with you… Here’s Debaser from the Pixies.”
* Jane has taken on the mantle of night-time DJ for the campus station, because everyone else needs to sleep

**I Need Your Help**

* At some point, Collette approaches Porsche
  + “I need to ask you something… I heard there was an incident at the party”
  + “Yeah… that was my brother” (Carl is her brother)
  + “I need your help. Carl is my brother, and he has fallen in with a gang and I think he needs help.”
* Collette knows that Carl is in league with the Skulz, but knows nothing more about the gang
* Ideally, Collette wants to see her brother removed from the Skulz’ influence and sent off to a rehab facility of some sort
  + She doesn’t want him hurt, and (unrealistically) she does not want him to face any legal repercussions
* She will ask Porsche to get he in touch with her friends
* The Tri-Alphs were heading to NY this weekend for a shopping trip… but Collette needs to deal with her brother’s situation

**Going to Town**

* The first bus to town is loading up Saturday to take kids to New Hearst
* See if anyone wants to head into town
* Carl is heading into town…

**Carl’s Story**

* Carl is Collette’s older brother
* He has always been a little resentful because his powers never fully manifested, whereas Collette’s became apparent at a young age
* He has always felt as though he lived in her shadow and that his parents favored Collette
* Recently, he was introduced to the Skulz and the wonders of Engenix
  + The drug caused his powers to fully materialize, but only when he has the drug in his bloodstream
  + He has since grown quite a tolerance to it, but still craves it because it energizes his powers
  + The Skulz have used Carl’s dependence on the drug to recruit him into dealing for them
    - Though Carl isn’t blameless here. He loves the feeling of power Engenix brings him and if given his way, everyone would try it

**Following Carl**

* Anyone who follows Carl will have a hard time – he seems to have a sense when he is being followed and can go desolid to evade pursuit
* If pressed, he will desolid underground into the sewer system and traverse the city that way
* However, if someone manages to keep on his trail, he will end up at the service entrance of Masque
* He will look around furtively, knock and then be let in by a mountain of a man

**Encounter with a Cat**

* One of the PCs in the city is walking the streets when they happen on a scene
* A bunch of small (jr high) school kids is walking home
* A group of girls is walking together taunting another girl who has turned down an alley
  + They are calling her “Poor Girl”
  + Telling her how she shops at the Goodwill, can’t afford new clothes, etc.
* If they happen to follow/take interest in the poor girl, she will continue on her way home, head down and dejected
  + But she is not paying attention to where she is going
  + She crosses the street with her head down and steps out in front of a car
  + See if the PC will act (remind them they cannot use their powers off-campus)
  + If they do not act, or fail a task, the girl will “come to” at the last moment, notice her peril and leap out of the way with the reflexes of a cat
    - Then she’ll look horrified and bolt away for her home
* If the PC is interested, Hellcat will end up home, jump/climbing up a fire escape in a trash-strewn alleyway, and letting herself in a window

**Stop a Mugging**

* Give another PC a chance to witness a mugging in progress
* It will be 3 gang members to 1 PC, or 5 to 2
* These are the Skulz… do they have any clues?
  + Yeah… maybe a matchbook for an under 21 club called the Masque
  + That is where the Skulz contact and recruit their underage members

**Masque**

* Masque is an underage dance club, known for the fact that everyone who comes in is given a mask and encouraged to wear it
* It is run by two Skulz lieutenants, Skull Crusher and Kalma
  + Their current mission is to distribute the test doses of Engenix