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An introductory adventure for Tropicana, for 3-6 Novice Heroes or a Startup Agency. LowFy TV Studio is shooting its new monster movie in San José, featuring a giant prehistoric gorilla-anaconda hybrid. But on the set things keep going wrong day after day and rumours begin to circulate that the movie is cursed!

## INTRODUCTION

LowFy sent their best director, Miguel Bahia, to San José to make a low-budget direct-to-TV monster movie: *Gorillaconda!* (tagline: “Yes, exactly!”). But everything on the set goes wrong: vermin infestations, thefts, people vanishing, and the 90’s starlet Darla Hendricks is always dazed and confused by odd nightmares. To the people on the set, the movie is cursed and the Gorillaconda could also be more “real” than expected. Heroes can be part of the troupe; actors, TV stars, local guides or guards, drivers, pilots, private security, reporters or paparazzi, or any other kind of people useful for a US movie. As an Agency, they could be hired by the producers to handle logistics and security on the set.

One way or another, they soon find themselves in big trouble!

## GAME MASTER BACKGROUND

There is no Gorillaconda, of course, and the movie is not cursed at all. All the accidents on the set have a mundane origin and are actually due to director Miguel Bahia and his factotum Wilson Stripes. The director was assigned a very low budget and his career is in free-fall, so he decided to fuel the legend of a “Cursed Movie” as a sort of viral advertising boost for his new “masterpiece”, before his own final downfall. The heroes will understand this situation just before the final showdown...

## SCENE 1 ACTION!

*Your jungle camp is now shrouded in darkness and only a few torches and campfires shed some light on it. Your native guides fled in the afternoon, terrified by local legends about the monstrous “Temburo-Suka”, the “Ape-Snake”...*

*Until tonight you thought that it was a legend and your group was here just to make a sensational documentary about this living fossil...*

*But now you’ve changed your mind: distant drums echo through the jungle, the coming storm shakes the trembling trees and the colossal Gorillaconda emerges crawling from the bush, beating its fists on its chest and screaming its hideous cry at the stars!*

### ...AND CUT!

The heroes and NPCs are on the set of this Z-movie, while the director is shooting this terrible scene. They are very close to an Azcali village on the Rio Grande, Ayleguà, which provides most of the supplies for the movie. After two weeks on the set, they know that the movie sucks, that everything is going wrong and that the director Miguel Bahia and the “star” Darla Hendricks are going completely crazy. They also have a “real gorilla” in a cage, from San José Wildlife Park, for the close ups. She is very docile and good-tempered, her name is Bonga and, of course, rangers and veterinarians from the Park ensure she is in her best condition.

At a certain point, Darla comes out from her van and starts screaming: enormous spiders have invaded her van...

When she arrives in front of the Heroes and the other people, and everybody is looking at her... she looks at something over their heads and screams again...