

# TOY SOLDIERS

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## The Crash

An 18-wheeler driving along Interstate 820 West swerves into an army convoy, colliding with an oil tanker carrying "hazardous material." The explosion is heard across the built-up suburb of North Richland Hills, Texas, part of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. *Unknown:* The convoy was escorting a gelatinous entity discovered in the fracked oil wells of the Gulf of Mexico. When the oil tanker carrying it ruptures, it escapes, flowing down from the raised interstate and into the sewers.

## Gearing Up

In addition to a bicycle, all the kids can have one suitable mid-90s item.

## Investigate

A mile-long section of I-820 has been cordoned off by army men near North East Mall. **Spot Hidden** (SENSE TROUBLE) notes an oil tanker on its side, ripped open. Hard success (or a 1-point spend) notes a slick dripping down from the elevated highway.

## At Home

Gurgling comes from the toilet in the house. In the bowl, something black leaks to the surface of the water; it is viscous and horrid smelling.

## At the Mall

An animate black ooze chases people inside; havoc reigns. When it covers someone, they melt horrifically (SAN 2/1D4+1; SANITY 1).

## Blockbuster

The best source of Occult info in the DFW metroplex. **Library Use** (LIBRARY USE) finds *The Blob*, *The Thing*, *Tremors*, and any bad horror movie you like. "Of course! It has to be vulnerable to something!"

## Toy Soldiers

After poking around too much, the kids are caught and brought in by soldiers to speak with a low-level lieutenant, Lt. Bradley. Bradley warns them off and attempts to escort them to a military truck to evacuate them (in which case run a version of *Run for the Hills*), but the kids can use interpersonal skills to learn information about the Gel's movements (using the sewers, spreading throughout residential neighborhoods, staying away from the glass factory).

## Glass Factory

The first three vulnerabilities can be found here: lime and sodium (both added to sand before baking) and heat. The kids might lure the creature here to attack it.

## Albertson's

The other three of its vulnerabilities can be found here: carbon dioxide in the form of dry ice, bottled water, and salt. There is a run on supplies as people grab what they can before escaping ("it's the apocalypse!"). Before the kids can get away, they're confronted by the local schoolkids gang who will take everything they've acquired if they fail.

## The Gel

A sentient gelatinous lifeform, the Gel evolved in the deep pressure of the earth, essentially a living fossil fuel formed from the pressurized corpses of a billion dead organisms over the course of millions of millennia. (SAN 2/1D8 to witness; SANITY 2) The Gel is vulnerable to...

1. Carbon Dioxide
2. Water
3. Glass
4. Heat
5. Lime
6. Sodium
7. Nothing

## The Kids

The kids are not all right. They come from broken homes, have been bullied, and marginalized, but they take care of one another; they are each other's chosen family. Before play, ask each player one question about their character's upbringing.