

Battleground Weird War II

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Prof. Phineas & Greta Reed: Phineas Reed was one of Germany's greatest geneticists, second only to Arnim Zola. Reed is responsible for numerous bio-weapons employed by the Nazi military and has developed various agents to stifle the zombiefication of the dead. In fact, his experiments have been so popular that Zola has secretly developed an intense jealousy of his competitor. After a sudden diagnosis of terminal brain cancer, Reed pleaded with his mentor Zola to imprint his mind into another body so that he may live on to help protect the Fatherland. Zola agreed and instead of imprinting Reed's mind into his intended subject, Zola transferred it into the body of one of the lab's test monkeys. Reed was held within Zola's personal laboratory for months until it was damaged by an Allied bombing, which made it possible for him to make his escape. Reed attempted to report his imprisonment to his commanding officer but was dismissed as a prank of Zola's twisted mind. Devastated, Reed vowed to repay Zola for his treachery and is now actively performing subversive attacks against Zola and the Nazi's Bio-Weapons Division, of which he was formerly employed. These acts are in no way related to helping the Allied cause, as Reed acts only in his best interests. Prof. Reed is capable of simple speech within his new monkey body and still retains his vast knowledge. Phineas is assisted in these attacks by his wife Greta. Greta is Phineas' lifelong lover since the two meet in grade school. Greta was a famous Burlesque dancer in Berlin before the war and is a very beautiful, talented actress. She is also very intelligent, knowing how to read and write several languages, as well as being somewhat knowledgeable in her husband's scientific field. Shocked at her lover's current state, Greta pledged to take on her husband's revenge against Zola and his Nazi masters. Their love is of such intensity that she has come to accept her lover's current, but hopefully temporary, state. Currently, the two are performers in a sideshow act in a famous German circus that often travels just behind the front to entertain the troops. It is from here that they stage their attacks against their despised enemies. Greta continues her Burlesque shows and Reed is Bobo, the Super-Monkey, performing as her assistant during the performances. The two hope to force Zola to reverse the transference and then exact their final revenge against their tormentor.

Names: Phineas & Greta Reed

Occupation: Circus Performers, Ex-Geneticist

Nationality: Germany

Political Affiliation: Ex-Nazi Party

Military Affiliations: Ex-Second in Command to Germany's Bio-Weapons Division

Base of Operations: Bonner & Klein's Traveling Circus, Occupied Europe

Height: 3' 3" (Phineas) / 5' 11" (Greta)

Weight: 78 lbs (Phineas) / 110 lbs (Greta)

Eyes: Brown (Phineas) / Blue (Greta)

Hair: Brown Fur (Phineas) / Blond (Greta)

Actions: The Reed's both have 2 Actions as normal.

Senses: Greta has normal human senses and all normal rules apply but Phineas has the senses of a Monkey and are slightly altered. Phineas's eyesight is as normal but his hearing and smell are greatly enhanced. He will detect movement at double the normal range as well as smell things that might be out of the ordinary up to 15".

Strength & Toughness: Greta has the normal strength and toughness of a woman who engages in extensive physical activity. Phineas is of normal strength and toughness of a monkey of his type. All damage will be at a -1 to the result. When fighting in close combat, Phineas will suffer a +1 to his final score due to being of weaker strength than that of a normal human.

Movement: Both may move at the normal rate. In addition, Phineas can climb up anything as if he were moving on a flat surface and is also able to leap up to 5". Phineas may also swing and jump to multiple items or surfaces with a successful Skill Check.

Training: Phineas is of genius level in all known scientific studies and above genius in genetics. Phineas also has all the strengths and weaknesses that a monkey would possess. Greta is an accomplished acrobat and dancer as well as fluent in most European languages. Greta was also an assistant to her husband and is somewhat knowledgeable in genetics and basic scientific thought.

Leadership: Phineas has a 19-2 Morale where as Greta has a 17-2.

Weapons & Equipment: The duo is equipped with common weaponry and explosives available to the German army. The two also have special items and equipment that Phineas has created for use in their raids.

Phineas Firearms: With the help of his wife, Phineas has engineered several firearms that may be manipulated by his monkey hands. Phineas has access to several pistols and a sub-machine gun of this type so he will not suffer from any penalties with these firearms. If Phineas picks up a weapon on the battlefield he will suffer an additional +2 penalty to fire due to his inability to handle it properly.

Alluring Wiles: Greta is a very famous and well know Burlesque dancer and is capable of manipulating many to her needs. She will go to any length to get what she or her husband wants so anything is possible. This is often how the duo obtains information and weapons for their activities. Greta can attempt to beguile anyone of any sex with a successful Skill Check. If successful, she is able to convince her target or targets to do one of the following below for the number of Actions per game.

Manipulation Chart

Type of Manipulation	Actions Manipulated
Ask for help for something	Number of Actions it take to finish the task
Have a drink, smoke, etc.	D10 Actions
Flirt, small talk, etc.	D20 Actions
Have sex, etc.	2D20 Actions

Manipulation Modifiers

Woman	+3
Married	+3
Civilian, Off Duty Military	-2
Military, Police, etc.	+1