

## ELEANOR BAUGHMAN

<b>Appearance:</b>	American Tourist
<b>True Nature:</b>	Psychologically Abused Professor's Wife
<b>Job:</b>	Sculptor
<b>Motivation:</b>	To find a happy life
<b>Secret:</b>	Has murdered her husband
<b>Hit Points:</b>	5

Eleanor is the wife of famed academic Donald Baughman. Her marriage until recently had been a very unhappy one. Donald enjoys psychologically torturing people - none more so than his wife. He takes out all his social and mental frustrations on her, belittling her achievements and making her feel inferior. After he used a piece of her sculpture as an unfavorable example of the delusions of the artistic mind, at an international conference she finally snapped. Knowing they were going on a holiday to the remote country of Al Amarja, where she had heard life is cheap, she bided her time. As soon as they arrived she acted, drugging him with sleeping pills in his cocoa and smothering him with a pillow as he slept. She dumped the body in an old abandoned sewage tunnel and informed the hotel he had gone back to New York but she would stay on for a few weeks. She then made the most of Donald's money buying services from a local prostitute, Faith. She has started to feel more than a passing affection for Faith – indeed, she has fallen in love or at least lust. She buys Faith gifts to try and win her affection and although Faith is very grateful, Eleanor can't help thinking she is only putting on an act for a client. Eleanor would dearly love her affection to be honestly reciprocated. Recently she gave Faith a locked jewel box for safekeeping. It hides her dead husband's research notes - these notes could be quite valuable at a later date, as he was working on the "Theory of Everything" - a philosophical equivalent of the Grand Unifying Theory.

However Eleanor's new lifestyle changed all of a sudden, when a couple of days ago a man with a crooked nose turned up at the hotel reception claiming to be her husband. He said he was amnesiac but had Donald's wallet and drivers license. She thought he had probably stolen them but in her panic about what to do thought up a rather brilliant plan.

From Faith, she had heard about a drug called "Fugue" which can allow flesh to be sculpted into new shapes. While the stranger was still in his dazed and confused state she brought a large dose from the local drug dealer Mathurin Turgot. Making sure he was in a deep stupor she sculpted his face into a very passable likeness of Donald's. The new "Donald" accepted the change without comment making her think his story about losing his memories is probably true. He has not said a word about blackmail and his devotion and gratitude to her seems sincere and is rather touching. Unfortunately she has to keep buying more "Fugue" to renew the facial change (always while he is in a sedated sleep). But his face is starting to settle into the new shape and soon he will resemble Donald permanently. Turgot has been asking for more and more money for the "Fugue" - at first it was \$500, now \$1000 per dose. Eleanor is late on the last payment and Turgot is getting impatient. She has also asked Turgot about aphrodisiacs (with the hope of using one on Faith) but he is unlikely to help until she settles her debt with him. She has 'confessed' to Donald that she is addicted to Fugue and needs \$2000 to get her next hit.

The fake Donald has some kind of a strange brand mark on his chest - it resembles an

Egyptian hieroglyph. He asked Eleanor where he got it from and she said it was an accident when they were in Cairo - that he had been interested in a strange scarification technique and the confused natives performed it on him before he could protest. Not very clever but the best she could come up with at the time - what would induce someone to get a painful brand - surely it couldn't have been voluntary?

Tonight they are meeting with the famed author Bruno Roth, who is the author of "The Perpendicular Grimm". He has been a friend of Donald's for years although Donald felt that some of Bruno's ideas in one of his books, were rather close to some of his own theories - not that he could ever remember discussing it with him. Not that Eleanor really cares - and certainly the fake "Donald" won't remember this rivalry. She and "Donald" are meeting Bruno in one of the private booths in Sad Marys Bar.

When she came in she saw the local street personality Hippensteel sneak off to the men's toilets earlier this evening. As soon as she left Elias Bettelheim, the elderly toymaker sneaked away after her. Perhaps there is some kinky sex thing going on. Ugh. Do you even want to know?

## OBJECTIVES

- Prevent anyone from finding out that you have murdered Donald. Also help the impostor maintain the facade.
- Get Faith to leave Al Amarja with you and live happily ever after
- Find out who the impostor really is and if he really has lost his memory

## ABILITIES

**Animal Empathy:** Animals get along well with you. You may ask an animal to do one small, non-dangerous task for you that it must obey, such as "go away," "wait here" or "go get Donald." This task can last no longer than two minutes. Usable 5 times. (Charm)

**Quick:** You are particularly nimble and quick. When you are involved in combat you act first in a round. Additionally, you may run away from the combat as an action without granting others a chance to attack you. Usable 5 times. (General Ability)

**Insight Through Art:** You are good at gaining an insight into people by seeing how they react to your art. To do this you must spend at least two minutes talking with the individual, then show them your sculpture item. They must then truthfully answer a yes/no question, which you must ask them about in character as they view the sculpture. Usable 5 times (Charm)

**Sucker For a Pretty Face:** You are easily charmed by others, especially those who are attractive. The first time a charm ability is used on you, one of the limited uses of that ability is not consumed. Subsequent uses consume a use as normal. (Flaw)

## EQUIPMENT

- 1 last dose of fugue (vial of blue liquid)
- About \$60 (spent most of her money on Fugue or Faith)
- Needle and syringe

## Bitter Tears at Sad Mary's Bar and Girl

- Small sculpture (your art)