

In Her Majesty's Name

Van Dorn Detective Agency

Name/Type	Pluck	FV	SV	Spd.	Cost	Talents	Basic Equipment
Isaac Bell	2+	+3	+4	+1	61	Leadership +3, Marksman, Fanatic	Mauser C96 (Carbine), Chain Shirt, Knife
Archie Abbot IV	4+	+3	+3	+1	23	Leadership +1	Mauser C96 (Carbine), Brigandine
Marion Morgan	3+	0	+1	0	32	Medic, Intuitive	Pistol, Magneto-static Waistcoat, Magneto-static Umbrella
Walt "Texas" Hatfield	4+	+2	+4	+1	35	Marksman	Military Rifle, Brigandine, Knife
John Scully	4+	+3	+2	0	30	Tough, Stealthy	Shotgun, Knife, Brigandine
Grady Forrer	4+	+4	+2	0	33	Tough, Strongman	Pistol, Combat Knife, Brigandine
Detective	5+	+1	+2	0	10		Pistol, Brigandine

Isaac Bell may add an Ornithopter (+20) or Rocket Pack (+5)

Detectives may substitute for their pistol:

Shotgun +2

Carbine +2

Arc Pistol +4

Arc Rifle +6

Any figure may add:

Knife +3

Breath Preserver +2

Faraday Coat +5

Vulcan Coat +2

Walt Hatfield may add a Monocular Targeting Array (+7).

The Company may add one:

Arc Generator +20

Machine Gun +26

Flamethrower +11

Steam Carriage (May be armed and/or armored)

Van Dorn Detective Agency

Founded by Joseph Van Dorn, The Van Dorn Agency has achieved astonishing success and growth, and now has offices in all American cities of consequence, plus agents in the major European capitals. Van Dorn's clients now include the American government, and their cases range from robberies and foreign espionage to sabotage and the protection of wealthy and/or very important clients. Van Dorn, with its motto "We never give up," has eclipsed the vaunted Pinkerton organization in national importance. The Van Dorn Agency is dedicated to the pursuit of justice and the protection of the innocent.

Isaac Bell

Isaac Bell is the chief detective for the Van Dorn agency. A tall, ripcord-lean man of 30 with a thick mustache that glows as golden as his precisely groomed blonde hair, he favors white suits with a white wide-brimmed hat. Born into a very wealthy banking family, he chose to use his prodigious talents and intellect as a detective rather than enter the family business. At Yale he was the top Ivy League boxer, so he has exceptional fighting skills as well as being a crack shot. His great wealth allows him to stay current on all the latest technology, and to equip his company out of his own pocket if necessary. He is especially fascinated with advances in transportation, and is an expert driver/pilot of all manner of conveyances, whether on land, sea, or in the air. Driven by a fanatical pursuit of justice, he instinctively anticipates impending danger and is very hard to bring down.

Marion Morgan

With straw-blonde hair, coral-green eyes, and a classic hour-glass figure, gorgeous Marion Morgan is the fiancée of Isaac Bell. The same age as Bell, Marion was the first woman graduate of Stanford University. She has bent her prodigious intellect towards the study of medicine to aid Bell and his company of Van Dorns as a medic. Marion shares Bell's intuitive sense of danger and his calm in the face of danger. Not being one to take chances, Bell has equipped her with the latest Magneto-static protective equipment.

Archibald "Archie" Abbot IV

With flaming red hair and mustache, Archie is Bell's most trusted associate. Built like Bell, tall and lean, the aristocratic Abbot was also an excellent boxer at Princeton, losing only one bout in his career---to Bell, of course. Abbot's wife Lillian is a railroad heiress, so he is also quite rich. A top-notch intellect, better-than-average marksman and brawler, and a natural leader, Archie has no other special attributes of note.

Walt "Texas" Hatfield

A former Texas Ranger, Hatfield is lean as a steel rail and considerably tougher. A crack shot and excellent tracker in his beloved Texas backcountry, he has now adapted equally as well to urban environments.

John Scully

A first-class detective, and a good shot with his favored weapon, the shotgun, Scully is a short, round man with a moon face, rock-hard muscle, and a quick mind. His specialty is blending into the background in any environment and disappearing, sometimes for weeks at a time, in his undercover search for leads and information.

Grady Forrer

Grady is Van Dorn's top research operative, but he loves to get into the field whenever he can. A brawling grizzly bear of a man with an immense chest and stomach, he is driven by a ferocious determination to track down the minutest details in a case. His prodigious memory makes him a regular Victorian super-computer, and his immense strength allows him to handle the heaviest of weapons, like machine guns or flamethrowers.

Detectives

Van Dorns are a cut above other detectives, as the great success of the agency allows Joseph Van Dorn latitude to pick only the best candidates. In addition, Isaac Bell's great clout and immense wealth generally gets him whatever special equipment needed for the job at hand, no matter how new and unusual.

NOTES

Best-selling author Clive Cussler created the Isaac Bell character in 2007 with his novel **The Chase**. There are now six books in the series. The books are set in the first decade of the 20th century and feature super-detective Isaac Bell of the fictional Van Dorn Detective Agency. The characters easily lend themselves to the **In Her Majesty's Name** world.

Like much of his later work, these novels tend to be assembly-line productions with little character development and less-than-sparkling dialogue. Bell and his Van Dorns, however, have much to offer as an IHMN company. The books' characters, even Bell and the lovely Marion Morgan, may be one dimensional, but that leaves us much leeway in writing our own story.

Always front and center is Bell's love and mastery of technology. He has driven his custom Locomobile race car across the country to catch a villain on a train; taught himself to fly to protect an aviatrix in a cross country race; took over the controls of a top-secret super-fast US Navy craft to ram a submarine which was about to torpedo the Great White Fleet; and went undercover on a moving picture set in the guise of a flamboyant motorcycle stunt man.

The descriptions of the characters are Cussler's, except Grady Forrer never takes to the field and has no affinity towards heavy weapons, and Marion Morgan never joins the Van Dorn Agency in any capacity. She was, however, pressed into service as a nurse during the Great San Francisco Earthquake.

In the first novel, Cussler let us know that Bell and Marion marry and live to ripe old ages: this, plus their many close escapes from danger, explains their low Pluck scores and Fanatic/Intuitive talents.

These characters are based on the first five novels. I have not read **The Striker**.