



THE LIFE OF
NEW ORLEANS

STORY BOOK

STORY SNIPPETS

SNIPPET #01

There's blood everywhere, but Thumper's wife Stella worked as a nurse during the war. She's already staunching his wounds. He might make it.

Thumper grabs you by the hand and pulls you close to make you listen. "The Rat King is behind this. Mark my words. The vermin are finally making their move."

You squeeze his hand and give him a sharp nod. "Save your strength. We've got this."

SNIPPET #02

Cut off from any reinforcements, the young rat who shot Thumper throws his snout to the ground and surrenders. "Cease fire! S'il vous plait!"

For a moment, you debate making a messy end of the rat to send a message to the rest of the vermin invading the city. But maybe more killing doesn't really help end the killing. What would Thumper want you to do?

"Please," he whimpers. "I'll give you all I've got."

You can hear the Bloodsuckers buzzing about, holding off for the moment while they wait for your answer. They won't wait long...

- › **If you decide to grant mercy, read Snippet #10.**
- › **If you decide to put the rat down, read Snippet #15.**

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SNIPPET #03

You undo the last mooring line and push off from the pier with a mighty shove. As the riverboat drifts away from land, carried off by the Mississippi's powerful current, you wave a curt goodbye to the vermin left stuck on the land.

Even the Bloodsuckers don't seem to want to follow you out over the surface of the Big Muddy, perhaps afraid that you might blast off a wing and leave them to drown in the dirty waters.

- › **Any heroes which are on land but within one big square of the edge of the boat can scramble aboard in time. Place their figure in any unoccupied small square on the boat that is closest to their original position. Then place a Vulnerable marker on each of those heroes.**
- › **Only figures on the boat remain in the fight, remove all other figures from the map.**
- › **Heroes left on land catch up with the rest of the group at the start of the next scenario.**
- › **Deactivate all spawn points.**

SNIPPET #04

"You cannot defy the will of the Rat King?" the cottonmouth spits with his last, venomous breaths. "Warm-bloods better prepare for the End. The Great One is comin', and he's bringin' a reckoning!"

The rats are working with snakes now? You hope that this is just a one-off, but you fear that it signifies something bigger.

The Rat King must really be desperate to take over New Orleans if it decided to strike an alliance with the cold-blooded killers known as the Bayou Biters. Maybe that's how they got all spurred up to launch this city-wide attack.

And just who is this "Great One." The Rat King? Or someone else?