
Thomas Cumani

“The key to being a good manager is keeping the people who hate me away from those who are still undecided.”

— Casey Stengel

“Drive thy business or it will drive thee.”

— Benjamin Franklin

You are the boss of Springfield. You are the boss of Springfield. You, Tommy, are the boss of the entire city of Springfield. Well, this is all kind of overwhelming.

You always knew that this was supposed to happen eventually, but you always thought of it as something that wouldn't come up until the distant future. Well, it looks like the future is now.

Dad brought you up to be headstrong and productive. He always told you, “The most important things in this world, son, are not being brilliant, or physically strong, or rich. The most important things to getting ahead are working hard and knowing how to deal with people.” You think you learned his work ethic well. Everything you've done in your life has been a mirror of the focussed attention your dad did everything with. Really, it's how you believe he succeeded at everything he did.

You remember back to 1914, when you father first managed to get his candidate for mayor, Frank Anderson, elected. You were 28 at the time. When he heard the results of the election, he called you into his office and said, “Son, you're looking at the new boss of Springfield. I own this town and someday it will all be yours.”

Your brother Billy didn't like that much. He was pretty sure Dad meant *yours* not, “to be shared between the two of you.” Maybe he was right. Of course, Billy's always been a bit jealous of you. You were older. You could do more. Everyone always thought of you and not him as the heir to your father's legacy.

Of course, now that you're in charge, you're not about to give it up. After all, you're the boss of Springfield, you've got to be strong and act tough or else everyone else in this town will eat you alive.

Now that you're actually in charge of things, you figure you'd better start running them because, if you don't, someone else will and pretty soon it'll be too late for you to take it back.

You identified a few key people in the organization and asked them to stick around Impunity for a while after the funeral so you could talk to them. You figure you'll have a chat, figure out what they're about, try to come up with ways to be useful and helpful to them and make them like you. This business is all about other people's perceptions. If you can get all the people around to respect you and recognize that you're in charge, you'll be in charge. If you can't, you won't.

First off, there's Bernard Porcellato. He was one of your dad's old cronies. He likes to talk about how he fixed the election 1914. Claims he voted for Anderson something like eight times personally. You've heard the story a lot. Who knows? Maybe it's true. Now, Bernie is what people call a go-to guy. You go to him when you have a problem and he makes it go away. He knows almost everyone and can get almost anything. If you ever need a favor done, he's your man. It'd be really good to get him to support your control of the family. He's very well connected and very influential.

Then there's Athony Pesotta. He runs the family's bootlegging. This is where most of the families money comes from so you'll want to do what you can to help him out. He's got a still on the outskirts of town somewhere (you don't know where, he's very secretive about that sort of stuff) and he imports a bunch of hooch from Chicago. He then sells the stuff to various club owners around Springfield and serves it at his own clubs. He's got three dives around town. Well, he *had* three until one of them got busted Tuesday night. No one is quite sure how it happened but somehow the feds got tipped off to the place and staged a raid. All of your people got out okay, but the place was shut down and all the hooch seized. You bet Tony is real pissed about that, so you should see what you can do to help him out.

Lastly, there's Benjamin Weinstein. He was one of your dad's top enforcers and hit men. He used to be a driver for your

father back in 22. Apparently, he single-handedly foiled a hit on your father, facing down a barrage from a dozen gunmen. Ever since then, Dad has liked him a lot. So much that he let him marry your half sister Deb despite the fact that he's Jewish. He is very competent, very well liked and, most importantly, very dangerous. If you have a "problem" he would be the best person to have take care of it. If he's clearly in your camp, people will think twice before opposing you.

You figure if you can talk with all three of them and keep them all happy that will be a really good start to cementing your control of the organization.

Unfortunately, you may not get a chance to do all this before you need to start acting as the head of the family. A man named Michael Gavin, one of the competing crime bosses in Springfield, asked to meet with you today to discuss some unfinished business of your father's. By this, you presume that he's talking about Jack Forester.

You don't know all that details of this story. In fact, you know disturbingly little of your fathers business. He only started grooming you to be his successor a few months ago and you really don't have a good handle on how many things work. But you do know that your father was hiding Forester from Gavin for some reason. Maybe one of your other associates can tell you more.

The Gavin organization isn't quite as large as your own, but it's close. Dealing with him is going to involve something of a tight-rope act. On the one hand, you don't want to look like you just cave in and give him everything he asks for. If you do that, you'll wind up looking weak in front of everyone and it'll be downhill from there. On the other hand, you should try to actually work with the guy and make sure that things keep going smoothly between your two organizations. Back when your father was alive, the two families seemed to have an understanding. If he storms off from this meeting in a huff and is unwilling to do business with you, people might view this as a failing of competence on your part.

Lastly, don't even think of killing him. If he doesn't return from Impunity, it will likely touch off a war between your two families that could destroy both organizations.

There's also some old war buddy of Benjamin's named Philip Rickson. For some reason, Benjamin thought you should meet him, though you're not entirely sure why. Hopefully it's not a big problem.

But the problems don't end, or start, there. Before your father died you were working on a plan to impress him. To do so, you figured a demonstration of your business skills would be best. And of course by business you mean *money making*. What better way to do so, you thought, than by filling the one empty niche in Springfield's underworld: drugs. You noticed that there was a sufficient lack in the supply side of things that it would be easy to rake in the dough if you filled a bit of the demand. You hooked up with an Austrian you knew by the name of Joseph Bauer who had contacts in Europe. The man was able to move huge volumes of opium into the area, and not cheap shit, good Turkish hop. Problem is that he turned up dead a couple of weeks ago and you're not sure why or by whom. It would be nice to find out so you can see if somebody is setting up to oppose you, but it's probably not worth ruining any other deals or put yourself in danger over.

On the bright side, you have got at least one person you know you can trust. There's a guy named John Barcelione (aka Johnny the Tooth). He used to work as an enforcer for your dad. He's a big guy; looks tough; looks like he'd be good in a fight. When you father died, he just assumed he'd start working for you and volunteered to follow you around today and make sure nobody tried nothing.

Well, that's enough dallying. You might as well get started running this town. Remember, act tough, and don't show any signs of weakness.

Notes

- Most people call you Tommy.
- You were born May 12, 1886 in Springfield Illinois.
- Your brother Billy was born August 4, 1888.
- Your mother, Maria, died of tuberculosis in 1901.
- Leon remarried in 1905 to Angela Cumani.

- Your half sister Deb was born November 9, 1906.
- Angela died in 1921 in a car accident. No foul play was suspected.
- Deb and Benjamin were married on June 9, 1925.
- You have \$8,000 to spend as you see fit. This is the money that you have access to as a result of being the head of a crime family. You shouldn't waste it but you are free to spend any or all of it if you feel it will further either your personal goals or the good of the family.
- Although the family business generates money at a decent rate, it also has substantial expenses. As such, it will likely be some time before you have access to substantially more money than the above. Thus, if you want to give someone money for something, you either need to do it out of the above money, acquire additional money in-game somehow, or have the person be willing to wait several weeks or months post-game to get their money.
- Tony's three clubs are The Juniper Lounge (119 School Street in Springfield), The Vermillion Club (84 Broadway in Springfield), and The Silver Fox (800 Parker Avenue in Springfield). The Juniper Lounge was the one that was busted on Tuesday.

Goals

- Help out Bernie and secure his loyalty.
- Help out Benjamin and secure his loyalty.
- Help out Tony and secure his loyalty.
- Don't let Gavin walk all over you but don't make him storm out in a huff either.

Contacts

- Leon Cumani (deceased): Your father and the former boss of the Cumani crime family. He'll be missed.
- William Cumani (Xavid Pretzer): Your younger brother. He's always been kind of jealous of you.
- Debora Weinstein (Karen Czaplicki): Your half sister. You don't actually keep in touch with her too much these days.
- Susan Forester (Lori Swan): Dad's former mistress. You don't know her but she never caused you any problems and seemed to keep Dad happy enough.
- Bernard Porcellato (Rickland Powell): He was one of your dad's old cronies. Likes to talk about how he fixed the election 1914. Very well connected and very influential.
- Athony Pesotta (Janice Walsh): Runs the family's bootlegging. A good, solid, dependable guy with a good, solid business sense.
- Benjamin Weinstein (Don Ross): Deb's husband. He was one of your dad's top enforcers and hit men. Very competent, very well liked, and, most importantly, very dangerous.
- Jack Forester (not in game): Some guy that your father and Gavin were fighting over.
- John Barcelione (Doug Freedman): Johnny the Tooth used to work as an enforcer for your dad. Looks like he works for you now.
- Michael Gavin (Cheryl Ann Costa): A big time Irish mobster. Apparently after this Jack Forester fellow. You hear he also runs a few casinos around town and sometimes stocks them with Cumani alcohol.
- Philip Rickson (Jason Rownd): Some guy that Benjamin thought you should meet.

Memory/Event Packets

- none

Bluesheets

- none

Greensheets

- Leon Cumani's Last Will and Testimate

Abilities

- Knock Out
- Assist
- Wound

Items

- .38 “Lemon Squeezer” Revolver *Starts loaded.*
- 8,000 Dollars *See the GMs before gamestart.*
- 80 Dollars

Stats

- Combat Rating: 2