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THE JERSEY DEVIL MADE ME DO IT

For the past 260 years, rural New Jersey has been haunted by a legendary hoofed creature with the wings of a bat and the legs of a crane. Few who've grown up travelling the winding country trails of Southern New Jersey are unfamiliar with the stories of THE JERSEY DEVIL.

There are numerous sightings of the Jersey Devil through the years, but it is naval hero Commodore Stephen Decatur who managed to fire a cannonball through the creature in the early 1800's at the Hanover Iron Works.

He's been irritable ever since.

When the EGBs decide to take a well deserved break, like any full time NYC student who can't afford Ft. Lauderdale, they head for ATLANTIC CITY. Unfortunately for them, they need Roland's Mustang to get them there. Although not thrilled about spending a week at "Detroit on the Atlantic", Roland is willing to drive them if they can stop by the COMMODORE STEPHEN DECATUR MUSEUM in Hanover, right in the heart of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. He's taking 19th Century American History at (COLLEGE) and is doing a paper on his hero Decatur, the greatest American naval commander of the 1800's. Roland's even gone so far as to buy an antique lantern purportedly belonging to Decatur which he hopes to have authenticated at the museum.

It's bad enough that the Pine Barrens are a grim and desolate wilderness, but it also has the distinction of being the home to the Jersey Devil, which the EGBs quickly discover when the creature attacks them en route to Hanover. Defenceless without their proton packs, the Extreme Ghostbusters play a dangerous game of cat and mouse with the flying demon in Roland's 1967 Mustang.

Once they reach the museum (which is made from the hull of Decatur's frigate, the *United States*) they are safe. For some reason, the Jersey Devil is repelled by the Commodore's ship. Examining the museum's contents, Kylie makes a startling discovery: Decatur was a 19th Century Ghostbuster! The unidentified objects in his ship are antique ghost fighting weapons. They realize that his famous battles with the "pirates" in Algiers were really thinly veiled ghostbuster adventures.

Roland thinks that the Jersey Devil (Decatur's ancient nemesis) must be attacking them because he has the Commodore's lantern, but Eduardo points out that the lamp is much older than everything else in the ship. The museum's

custodian recognizes the artifact as SHROUD'S LANTERN, long missing from Decatur's inventory. The lantern was said to have been present in 1735, at the birth of the Jersey Devil at the Shroud estate in Leeds Point.

Meanwhile, the Jersey Devil has completely sealed off the Pine Barrens from the outside world. The sun should've risen hours ago, but the creature has trapped them all in an endless night. Cut off from Egon and their high tech ghostbusting equipment, Roland, Garret, Kylie and Eduardo must "MacGuyver" together a (literal) proton cannon. Unfortunately, just as it had failed to bring down the Devil for Decatur at the Iron Works 160 years ago, the ingenious weapon has little effect on the supernatural being. Jersey Devil rails on.

Finally Garret realizes that the antique lantern, which was present at the creatures arrival into our plain of existence 260 years ago, contains the residual energy from the dimensional rip which brought the Jersey Devil here. The EGBs must lure the Jersey Devil close enough to the lantern to release the remaining energy and force the Jersey Devil back to its own plain. Home after two and a half centuries.

With most of their Spring Break blown, the Extreme Ghostbusters pile into Roland's Mustang and head for Atlantic City. They're finally starting to feel lucky.

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