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Jack the Blade



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Red Sinner

“THE LAST HAND”

- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2

FOR YEARS, THE PSYCHOPATHIC SERIAL STALKER-SLASH-KILLER JACK THE BLADE HAS ELUDED THE LAW WHILE WREAKING HAVOC WHEREVER HE WENT.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSIDERS HIM ONE OF THE TEN MOST WANTED AND DANGEROUS FUGITIVES IN AMERICA. HIS LIST OF VICTIMS GROWS AS HE MOVES FROM CITY TO CITY.

BUT LATELY, JACK HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON MILLENNIUM CITY, INTRIGUED BY THE EFFORTS OF ONE VIGILANTE TO BRING HIM TO JUSTICE. A VIGILANTE WHO KNOWS HIM MORE INTIMATELY THAN ANYONE ELSE STILL ALIVE.

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MILLENNIUM CITY, MI, USA
(FORMERLY DETROIT)

MILLENNIUM
CITY...

THE "CITY OF
CHAMPIONS".

WELL, IT'S A
HALF-TRUTH.

FOR MOST OF THE
CITY, IT'S FULL OF
OPULENCE AND HOPE.

A PLACE WITH SUPER-
SCIENCE AND
MYSTICISM AND
MILLIONAIRES AND
BILLIONAIRES.



AND THEN THERE
IS WESTSIDE.

THAT PART OF THE
CITY THAT HAS BEEN
FORSAKEN BY ALL
OF THAT PROGRESS
AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE DISTRICT THAT STILL
BEARS THE SCARS OF
WHAT HAPPENED TO
DETROIT DECADES AGO.

WHERE THE AIR STILL
REEKS OF POLLUTION,
WHERE THE ROADS ARE
STILL CRACKED AND
BLISTERED, AND
WHERE IT IS STILL
KILL OR BE KILLED.

THE GANGS LITERALLY
RULE WESTSIDE.

THE POLICE HIDE IN
THEIR LITTLE STATION
HOUSE AND LET HEROES
STEP IN AND DO THE
WORK FOR THE COPS.

BUT I'M NOT HERE TO
STOP THE GANGS.

I'M HERE FOR
JUST ONE
PERSON.



JACKSON BLASDEL,
"JACK THE BLADE"
THE MAN THAT KILLED
EVERYONE I LOVED.

THE MAN THAT
KILLED ME.



I'VE BEEN REBORN
AND REMADE WITH
ONE GOAL...

... TO BRING JACK
TO JUSTICE.
TO END HIM.



I'VE BEEN GIVEN TRAINING
AND THE TOOLS NEEDED
TO DO IT.

THE POWERS-THAT-BE
WILL NOT STOP HIM.
THEY MAY EVEN BE
HELPING HIM.

MAMMOTH: RETRIEVE

THAT LEAVES ME.

THE
Red Sinner



SOMEONE DOWN
THERE KNOWS
WHERE JACK IS.

AND I'M GOING TO
HUNT THAT PERSON
DOWN AND MAKE
THEM GIVE JACK UP.



RRRRRROOOOOOOOAAAAARRRRR

YOU DON'T PAY FOR
OUR PROTECTION,
YOU GET HURT.

C'MON, I GOT
KIDS TO FEED.

LIKE WE CARE.

THE BLACK ACES
RUN THE
DOCKSIDE AREA.

JACK WAS ONE
OF THEM ONCE.

THAT'S HIS
FAMILY.

YOU SHOULD.
YOU SHOULD CARE
FOR YOUR LIVES.

WHERE IS
JACK THE
BLADE?

THEY ATTACK AT ONCE.

I TAKE THE QUEEN
DOWN FIRST,
THE REST ARE
EASIER WHEN
SHE'S DOWN.

EVERYTHING IS A
BLUR FOR ME.

MY BLOOD-RED
BLADES FLASH
IN FRONT OF
MY RED VISOR.

HEY...
THANKS.

HE'S AN IDIOT.
I COULD HAVE
KILLED HIM.

RUN.
DON'T
STAND HERE.
RUN AND
DON'T STOP
UNTIL YOU
GET TO
YOUR KIDS.



NOW THIS IS
STRANGE.

WHAT'S SHE
DOING BY
HERSELF?



OOH!

CALL FOR THE OTHERS AND
I'LL GIVE YOU LARYNGITIS.
WHERE IS JACK THE BLADE?



JACK? THERE'S A
WHOLE LOT FULL
OF THEM.
JACK OF BLADES,
JACK OF PAIN...



JACK THE BLADE.
USED TO BE AN ACE.
NOW HE'S WORSE.
BUT YOU KNOW THAT
DON'T YOU?
YOU'RE NOT A REAL
QUEEN.




I... I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU MEAN...


YOU DRESS LIKE A
QUEEN OF PAIN, BUT
IT'S NOT EXACT.
YOU FREELANCED IT.
AND WHAT'S A QUEEN
WITHOUT HER COURT
OF JACKS?



YOU'RE WAITING
FOR SOMEONE.
JACK THE BLADE.
WHERE IS HE?



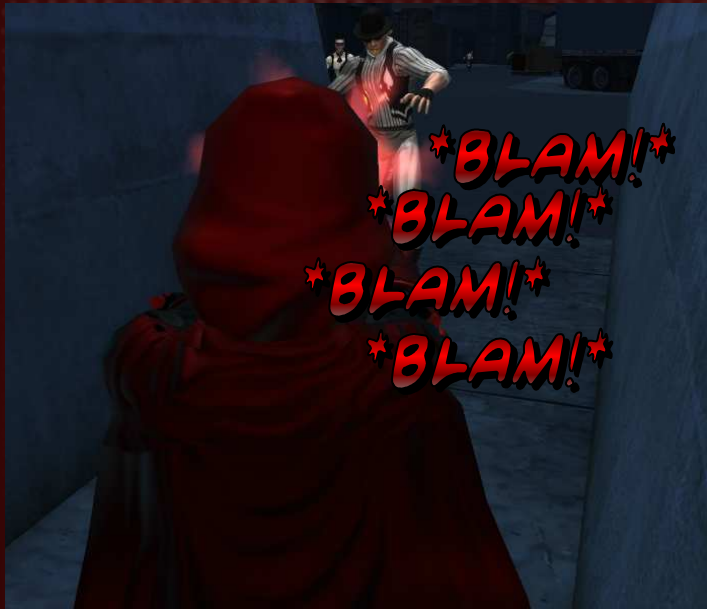
I DON'T KNOW.
HE'S SUPPOSED
TO MEET ME HERE.
BUT HE HASN'T...



HEY! RED
SINNER IS
ATTACKING
A QUEEN!



PRETTY QUICK
TO MOVE THAT
FAST IN HEELS.



BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!



TRANQ DARTS.

THEY'LL LIVE
BUT WITH
NASTY
HANGOVERS.




BUT NOW I KNOW WHO
I NEED TO FOLLOW.

THAT "QUEEN"
IS NOT WHO
SHE APPEARS.

SHE'S GOT JACK'S
SCENT ALL OVER HER.

QUESTION IS...

AT THE SAME TIME IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT...



... WHERE IS HE,
IF HE'S NOT
WITH HIS
"QUEEN"?







AAA

SH-SH-SHHH...
IT'S OKAY.
IT'S OKAY...



I PROMISED YOU I'D BE
THERE TO THE END, AND
I MEANT IT.
JUST LET IT HAPPEN.
IT'LL BE OVER SOON.



IT'S LIKE GOING
TO SLEEP IN A
WARM BATH.
JUST LET GO.



A FEW HOURS LATER...

"HER NAME WAS
VICTORIA
FORRESTER."



"SHE WAS THE
MATRIARCH OF
MILLENNIUM CITY.
ONE OF ITS
FOUNDING MEMBERS
AFTER DETROIT WAS
DESTROYED."

"CORONER SAID THAT SHE DIED OF EXSANGUINATION."

"SHE LITERALLY BLEED TO DEATH UNDER HER DRESS."

"ONE CUT PARALYZED HER, THEN THE SECOND CUT DID HER IN."

"BOTH WERE DONE IN A WAY THAT LEFT NO VISIBLE MARKS LOOKING FROM A DISTANCE."

UNITED NATIONS TRIBUNAL FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW (U.N.T.I.L.)
PROJECT MYCROFT HQ

ONLY SOMEONE WITH EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OF KNIVES WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

MAJOR XAVIER CROSS, U.N.T.I.L. INTEL OFFICER.

IN OTHER WORDS, SOMEONE LIKE JACK.

JUST LIKE HE DID IN CLEVELAND TWO YEARS AGO, AND CINCINNATI BEFORE THAT.

WE HAVE A WORKING AGREEMENT.

THE POLICE DIDN'T WANT ME AT THE CRIME SCENE, GIVEN OUR HISTORY*, BUT I HAVE AN ASSOCIATE IN THE F.B.I. WHO PULLED A FEW STRINGS.

(* EDITOR'S NOTE: THE REASON WHY WILL BE REVEALED IN "FUTURE'S GUARDIAN" #24)

THE POWERS-THAT-BE IN THE CITY ARE SCARED.

FORRESTER WAS ONE OF THEIR OWN, ALBEIT SOMEWHAT OF A RECLUSE AFTER HER HUSBAND DIED.

SHE WAS A PATRON.

JACK USES WOMEN LIKE THAT FOR MONEY AND FOR SOMEPLACE TO HIDE.

SOMETHING THAT... SOMEONE I... KNEW... DISCOVERED FIRST-HAND.

ME... BEFORE JACK KILLED WHO I WAS*.

NORMALLY THE WOMEN ARE A LOT YOUNGER THAN HER.

BUT JACK IS A PSYCHOPATH SO A PATRON'S AGE IS IRRELEVANT TO HIM.


SHE WAS JUST A MEANS TO HIS END.

(* ISSUE #2)



SO WHY DID HE
KILL HER?

SHE WAS GIVING
HIM MONEY AND
A PLACE TO HIDE
THAT NOBODY
WOULD DARE
SUSPECT.

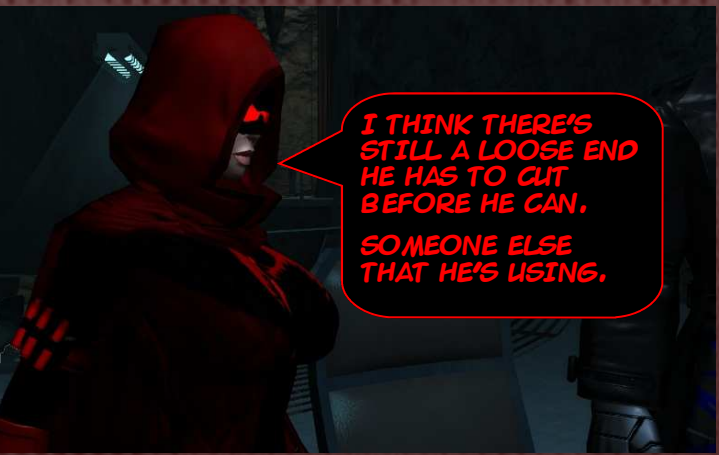


THERE'S ONLY ONE
REASON WHY.
HE'S GETTING READY
TO LEAVE THE CITY.



"GETTING" READY
TO LEAVE.

THAT MEANS HE
HASN'T LEFT YET.
SO WHY HASN'T HE
LEFT ALREADY?




I THINK THERE'S
STILL A LOOSE END
HE HAS TO CUT
BEFORE HE CAN.
SOMEONE ELSE
THAT HE'S USING.



OR... MAYBE
IT'S YOU.

MAYBE HE CAN'T
LEAVE UNTIL HE
CUTS YOU AS A
LOOSE END.



HE'S NEVER DONE
THAT TO ANY OTHER
INVESTIGATOR.
OR, FOR THAT
MATTER, MY
PREDECESSOR.



RAVENCLAW WAS A
GOOD MAN.

BUT I DON'T THINK
HE WOULD HAVE AN
EFFECT ON JACK AS
YOU'VE BEEN SINCE
YOU STARTED
HUNTING HIM.

JACK SEES ALL
WOMEN AS OBJECTS
TO PREY ON.

IF HE'S THAT STUPID TO
TRY TO PREY ON ME,
THEN HE'S SLIPPING UP.

NO... THERE'S
SOMETHING ELSE GOING
ON THAT HE NEEDS TO
FINISH FIRST.



WELL?
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



IT'S A GOOD
LIKENESS...
ALTHOUGH YOU
GOT THE BOOTS
MIXED UP.



BUT IT WAS JUST
ENOUGH TO GET
HER ATTENTION
WHILE THE JACKS
HAD NO IDEA WHY
I WAS THERE.

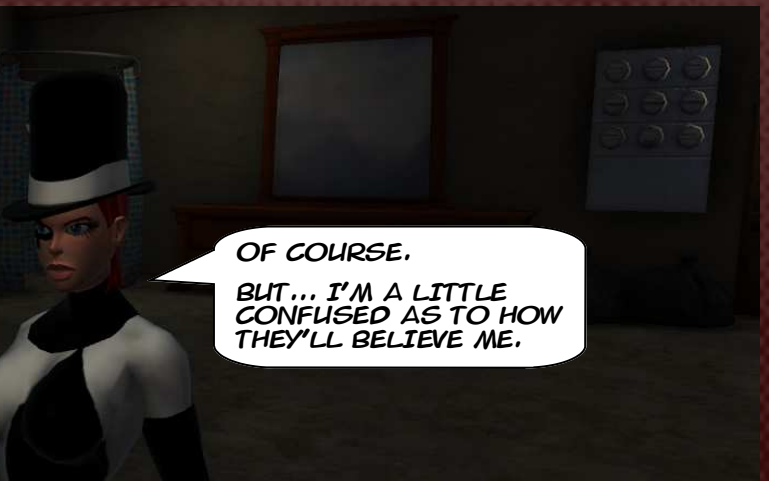
AND I TOLD HER
JUST WHAT YOU
TOLD ME TO SAY.



MY LITTLE SINNER...
THINKING SHE'S GOT
A BEAD ON ME WHEN
I'M THE ONE ABOUT
TO STING HER.



WE'RE SO CLOSE
TO THE BIG
PAYOFF.
YOU KNOW WHAT
YOU HAVE TO
SAY NEXT?



OF COURSE.
BUT... I'M A LITTLE
CONFUSED AS TO HOW
THEY'LL BELIEVE ME.



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THAT,
DARLING.



JUST...
DON'T...
MOVE.

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END UP BEING YOUR
HERO HEADQUARTERS!**

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I REMEMBER THE
BLADESTH...
THE BLOOD-RED
BLADESTH...
CUTTING INTO ME.

8 WCOC EXCLUSIVE - GANG MEMBER ASSULTED



STHE... STHE CUT MY
CHEEKSTH... MY
ARMSTH... MY BELLY...
STHE... CUT
STHOMETHING INTO
MY STHCALP.
THEY WON'T TELL ME
WHAT IT STHAYSTH.

8 WCOC EXCLUSIVE - GANG MEMBER ASSULTED



"THISTH ISTH FOR
JACK"... STHE KEPT
ON STHAYING.
"THISTH ISTH FOR
JACK..."
I DON'T EVEN KNOW
WHO THISTH "JACK"
ISTH.

8 WCOC "QUEEN" VICTIM OF ASSAULT BY RED SINNER



IF THOSTHE...
THOSTHE OTHER
GUYSTH... IF THEY
DIDN'T TRY TO
STHTOP HER, I
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO RUN AWAY.
WHY? WHY DID STHE
DO THISTH TO ME?

8 WCOC RED SINNER SUSPECT IN ASSAULT



HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY
THAT THE "QUEEN", WHOSE REAL
IDENTITY HAS YET TO BE
CONFIRMED, WAS RUSHED TO
MERCY BY AMBULANCE AFTER
AN ANONYMOUS CALL TO 9-1-1.
IN ADDITION TO THE FIFTY-
THREE CUTS INFLICTED ON HER,
THE WORD "SIN" WAS CUT INTO
HER SCALP.

MILLENNIUM CITY POLICE ARE
INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER
AS A ROGUE HERO INCIDENT.
FOR MORE ON THIS WE TURN
TO DEFENDER OF THE
CHAMPIONS.

8 WCOC VICTORIA CROWNSTONE - WCOC AFTERNOON NEWS ANCHOR



IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
EVERYONE TO REMEMBER THAT
HEROES ARE NOT ABOVE THE
LAW. THERE ARE LINES THAT
WE DO NOT CROSS NO
MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCE.
IT IS SOMETHING WE HAD TO
LEARN WHEN ONE OF OUR
OWN, NIGHTHAWK, CROSSED
THE LINE INTO VIOLENT
VIGILANTISM.

IF RED SINNER IS
WATCHING, I URGE HER TO
DO THE RIGHT THING AND
TURN HERSELF IN SO THE
POLICE CAN PROPERLY
INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER.

8 WCOC DEFENDER - LEADER OF THE CHAMPIONS - URGES RED SINNER TO SURRENDER

BENEATH THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS
OF MILLENNIUM INSURANCE...

THE "RAVEN'S LAIR"... RED SINNER'S
BASE OF OPERATIONS.

OF COURSE I
DIDN'T DO
THAT TO HER!

AFTER ALL THAT I'VE
BEEN THROUGH...

AFTER ALL THE TIME
YOU AND YOUR
BROTHER HAVE SPENT
TRAINING ME... WHAT
THE TIN-SHEN MONKS
TAUGHT ME...

DO YOU HONESTLY
THINK I'D BE SO
BRUTAL TO DO THAT
TO **ANYONE?!**

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF
YOU DID IT OR NOT!

IT'S ABOUT PERCEPTION.
YOU'VE BEEN LEAVING
LITTLE "MEMENTO" SCARS
ON THESE GANG MEMBERS
EVERYWHERE YOU GO.

SAMUEL DE RAVEN, MY
WORK BOSS AND MY
MENTOR AS RED SINNER.

LEAVING A CLUT OR
TWO IS NOTHING LIKE
CARVING HER UP AND
WRITING MY NAME IN
HER HEAD.

THIS IS JACK'S
DOING. WE BOTH
KNOW IT!

AND IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF HE DID IT!
TO FRAME YOU? NO
DOUBT!

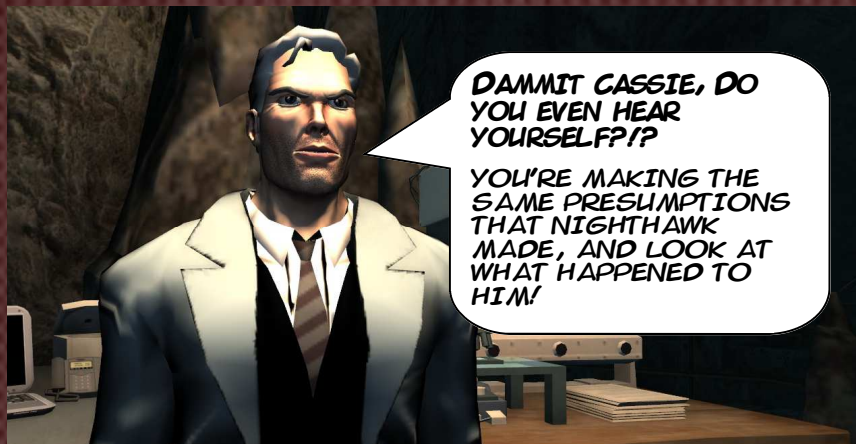
BUT NOW HE MADE IT
LOOK LIKE YOU'RE
UNSTABLE, EVEN
DANGEROUS.

MAYBE THAT'S A
GOOD THING.

MAYBE THAT'S
WHAT I NEED
OUT THERE.

MAYBE THE GANG MEMBERS
AND THE GANG LEADERS
WILL BE SO AFRAID OF ME
NOW THAT THEY WON'T HIDE
JACK ANYMORE.

BECAUSE THEY'LL BE SO
AFRAID OF ME CARVING MY
NAME INTO THEIR SCALPS.



DAMMIT CASSIE, DO YOU EVEN HEAR YOURSELF?!

YOU'RE MAKING THE SAME PRESUMPTIONS THAT NIGHTHAWK MADE, AND LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM!



DEFENDER WAS JUST ON THE NEWS TALKING ABOUT HOW HIS FORMER ALLY IS STILL CONSIDERED A WANTED CRIMINAL.



IF THE POLICE DECIDE TO PRESS FORWARD WITH THE ROGUE VIGILANTE CASE, THEY COULD CHARGE YOU WITH MALICIOUS ASSAULT.

THAT MEANS THAT THE HEROES WILL BE GOING AFTER YOU.

THAT INCLUDES YOUR FRIENDS OVER IN PROJECT MYCROFT.

THAT MEANS MAJOR CROSS WILL BE ORDERED TO SPEND HIS INTEL RESOURCES TO FIND THIS PLACE SO HE CAN SHUT YOU DOWN!

AND *I* WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU THEN!

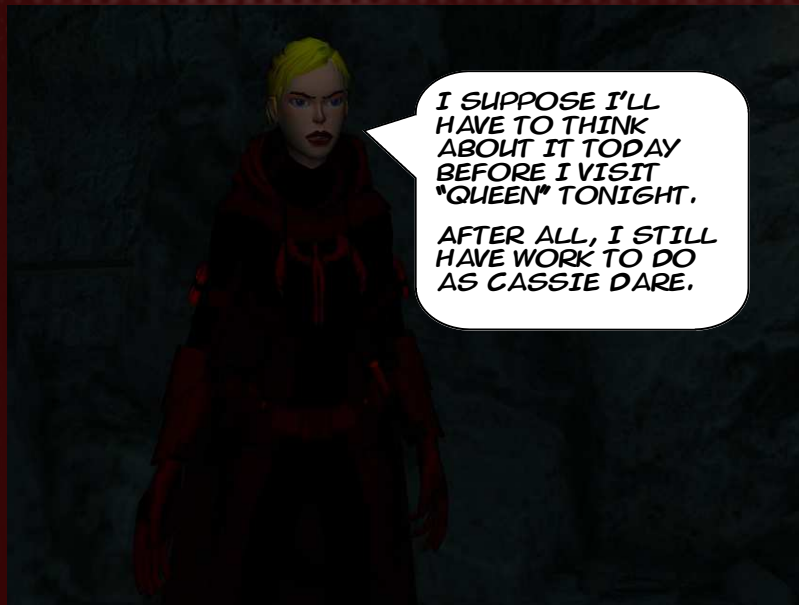


SO... WHAT, YOU'RE SAYING I SHOULD TURN MYSELF IN?

LET JACK WIN AND GET AWAY?

I'M SAYING THAT YOUR METHODS OPENED THE DOOR TO HAVING THIS VERY SITUATION HAPPEN.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET THROUGH THIS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE THOSE METHODS.

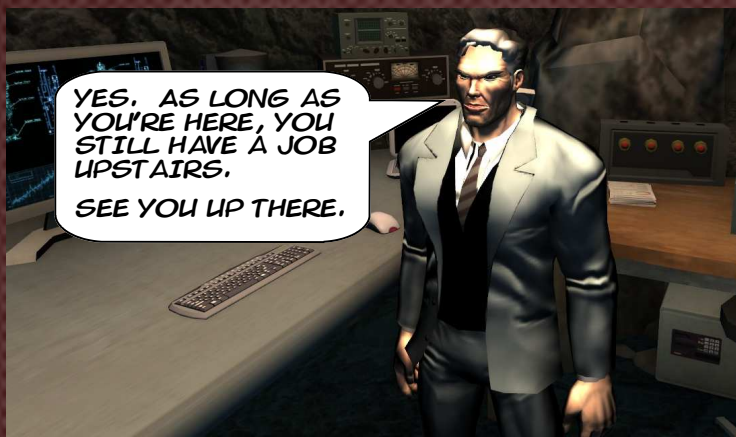


I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT TODAY BEFORE I VISIT "QUEEN" TONIGHT.

AFTER ALL, I STILL HAVE WORK TO DO AS CASSIE DARE.



I STILL HAVE A JOB AS CASSIE DARE, RIGHT?

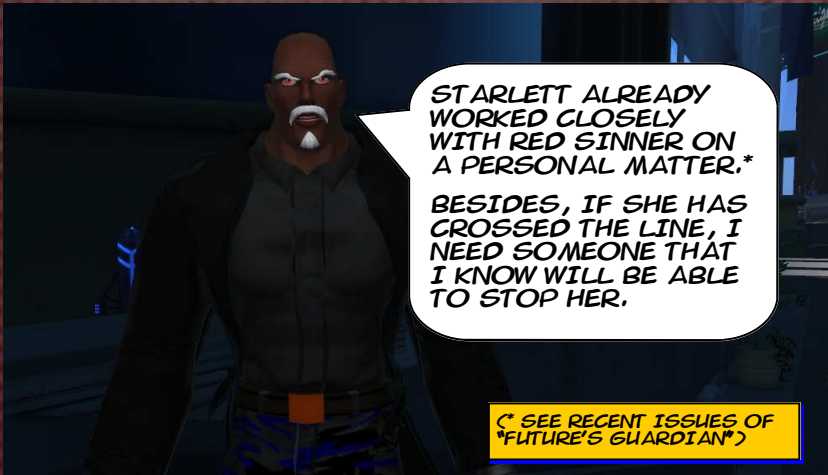




START WITH THE HOSPITAL, YOU KNOW SHE'LL SHOW UP THERE AT SOME POINT.



YOU SURE YOU WANT ME FOR THIS? STARLETT WOULD BE BETTER SUITED TO JUST FOLLOW HER.



STARLETT ALREADY WORKED CLOSELY WITH RED SINNER ON A PERSONAL MATTER.*
BESIDES, IF SHE HAS CROSSED THE LINE, I NEED SOMEONE THAT I KNOW WILL BE ABLE TO STOP HER.

(* SEE RECENT ISSUES OF "FUTURE'S GUARDIAN")



BUT... TAKE NO ACTION WITHOUT CHECKING WITH ME FIRST.



YOU'RE THE BOSS...
BOSS.

WHOOOOOOSH



YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE SENDING AN ASSASSIN AFTER HER.



YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A HERO CROSSES THE LINE!

HOURS LATER...

WHY ARE
YOU HERE?

NO CRIES FOR HELP,
NO THREATENING TO
CALL THE NURSE.
YOU KNOW I DIDN'T
DO THAT TO YOU.

I JUST HAD SURGERY...
LATEST FROM HARMON
MEDICAL.
THEY FIXED MY FACE,
PATCHED MY SCALP.

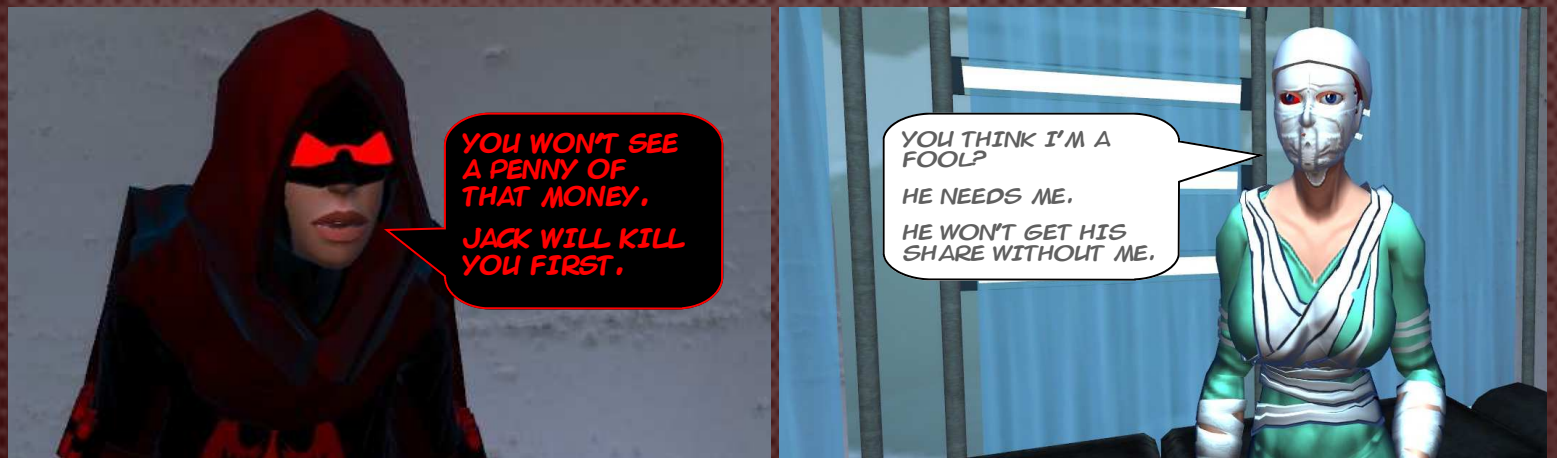
YOU'RE NOT A
GANG MEMBER.
YOU'RE A HUSTLER.
WHAT'S YOUR
NAME?

IT'S NONE....

...
IT'S IVY.
IVY EISNER.

IVY, YOU KNOW HE'S
USING YOU, RIGHT?
HE MAIMED YOU TO
GET TO ME.

YOU DON'T THINK I
DON'T KNOW THAT?
WAY I SEE IT, IT'S
WORTH THE PAIN.
I GET A NEW FACE
AND A NEW LIFE.



MILLENNIUM CITY POLICE
CITY HALL DISTRICT

I TAKE IT YOU
GOT THE EMAIL
I SENT YOU.

I DID, AND I RAN
IT BY OUR CRIME
LAB PEOPLE.

THEY CONFIRMED
WHAT YOUR DATA
SAYS.

THE METAL SLIVERS
EXTRACTED FROM
IVY'S SKULL HAD NO
TRACE OF FOREIGN
BLOOD IN THEM.

RED SINNER'S KNIVES ARE ETCHED WITH
THE BLOOD OF JACKSON BLASDEL'S
EARLIER VICTIMS.

IF SHE HAD MAIMED IVY LIKE SHE
CLAIMED, THEN TRACES OF THAT
BLOOD WOULD BE IN THOSE SLIVERS.

THE SLIVERS ARE CLEAN, WHICH MEANS
RED SINNER DIDN'T ASSAULT IVY.

THE EVIDENCE
SUGGESTS THAT.
BUT IT DOESN'T
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN IT--

DON'T TELL ME
THEY'RE GOING TO
DO IT, MARTINS!

CITY HALL HAS
AUTHORIZED A
SETTLEMENT TO IVY
EISNER.

THEY'VE ORDERED US
TO BRING RED
SINNER IN FOR
QUESTIONING AND
LIKELY CRIMINAL
CHARGES.

IF YOU HAPPEN
TO KNOW HOW
TO REACH HER,
TELL HER TO
COME IN.

AND SHE WILL
NEED A REALLY
GOOD LAWYER.

MEANWHILE AT THE SERVER ROOM OF MILLENNIUM INSURANCE...

I GOT YOUR TEXT.
WHAT'S UP?

YOU KNOW HOW THE CITY AGREED TO PAY THE SETTLEMENT TO IVY EISNER?

RIGHT, AND TURN MY OTHER LIFE INTO A POTENTIALLY WANTED CRIMINAL.

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY A LITTLE BIRDIE PUT A BUG IN MY EAR TO "FOLLOW THE MONEY" WITH REGARD TO THE LATE VICTORIA FORRESTER.

THE ONE KILLED BY JACK? DON'T TELL ME... SHE HAD A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY THROUGH US.

ONE OF THE COMPANY'S FIRST CLIENTS.

MY FATHER PERSONALLY BROUGHT HER AND HER HUSBAND OVER AS A WAY TO SHOW STABILITY IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE CITY.

OF COURSE IT'S BEEN SO LONG THAT PEOPLE TEND TO FORGET SHE EVEN HAD A POLICY WITH US.

NOT ONLY WAS IT FULLY-FUNDED, BUT IT WAS RECENTLY AMENDED.



TO A NEWLY-
FOUND SON?
A GRANDSON?
DISTANT COUSIN?

TO A NEPHEW.
JOSEPH BLAZE.
AND HIS WIFE:
EVE BLAZE.



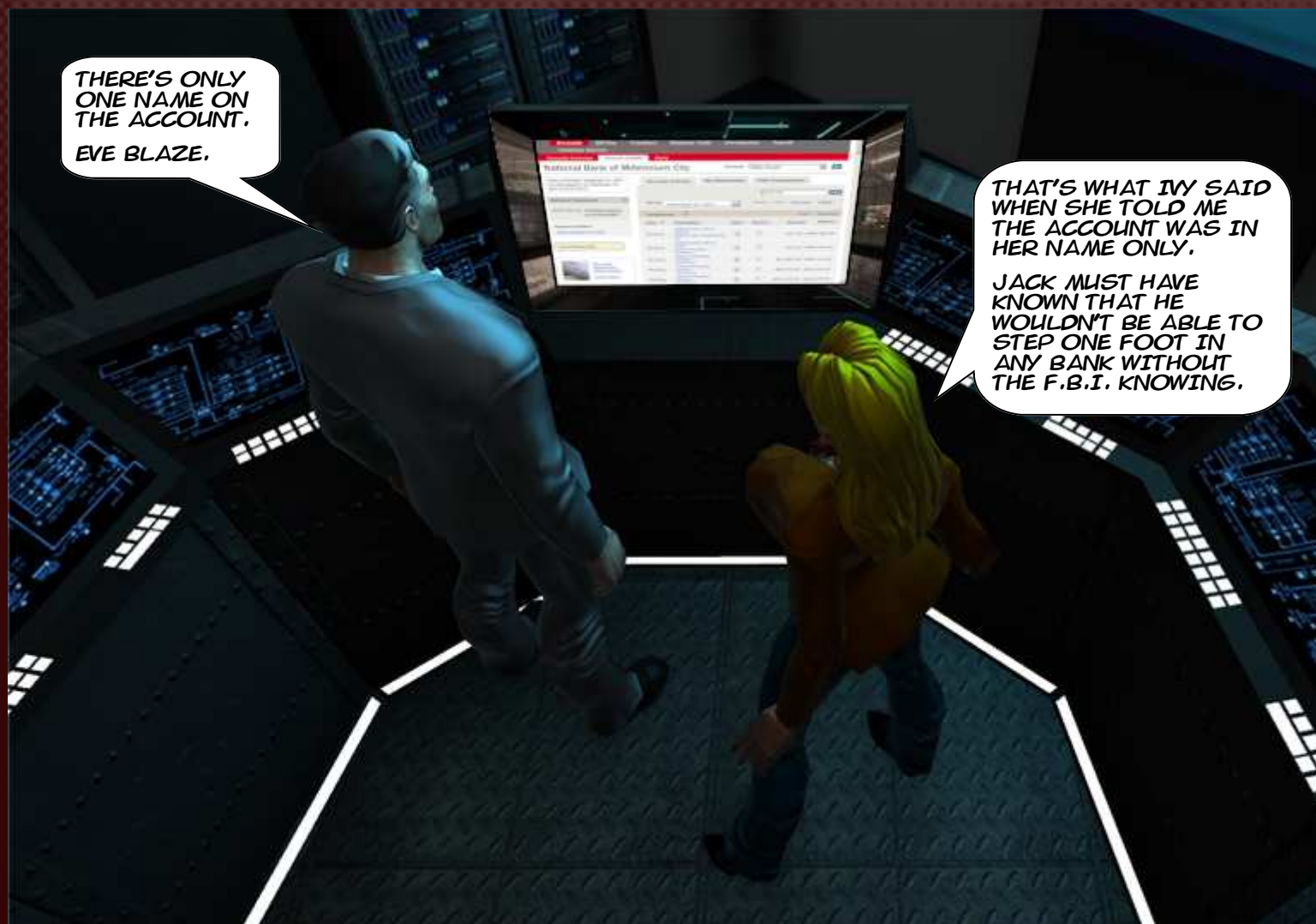
A NEPHEW.
THAT DOESN'T
SOUND THE
LEAST BIT
CREEPY.

SO JACK IS
"JOSEPH" AND
IVY IS "EVE".



WE PAID OUT THE
INSURANCE AS
SPECIFIED IN THE
AMENDED POLICY
TO THE ACCOUNT
LISTED.


BUT THIS IS WHAT
THE BANK SEES...



THERE'S ONLY
ONE NAME ON
THE ACCOUNT.
EVE BLAZE.

THAT'S WHAT IVY SAID
WHEN SHE TOLD ME
THE ACCOUNT WAS IN
HER NAME ONLY.

JACK MUST HAVE
KNOWN THAT HE
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO
STEP ONE FOOT IN
ANY BANK WITHOUT
THE F.B.I. KNOWING.

A man in a suit (Jack) and a woman with blonde hair in a yellow jacket (Ivy) are in a dark control room. Jack is speaking to Ivy.

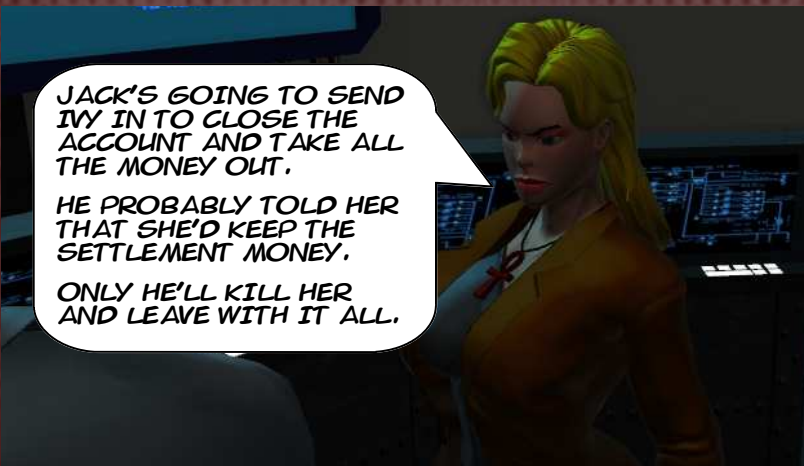
JACK RECRUITS IVY, USES HER TO SET UP THE ACCOUNT FOR DEPOSITS. BASICALLY TO SERVE AS HIS BANKER.

THEN, WHEN IT'S TIME, HE GETS HER TO WITHDRAW THAT MONEY FOR HIM.

WAIT... WHAT'S THIS?

A SECOND DEPOSIT. THE SETTLEMENT MONEY!


WE'RE THE POLICY UNDERWRITERS FOR THE CITY.

Ivy is looking at a computer screen in the control room.


JACK'S GOING TO SEND IVY IN TO CLOSE THE ACCOUNT AND TAKE ALL THE MONEY OUT.

HE PROBABLY TOLD HER THAT SHE'D KEEP THE SETTLEMENT MONEY.

ONLY HE'LL KILL HER AND LEAVE WITH IT ALL.

Jack is speaking to Ivy.

CASSIE, YOU'D MAKE ONE HELL OF A BUREAU AGENT. SO WHAT NOW?

Jack is standing in the background of the control room, looking at a screen. Ivy is in the foreground, looking at him.

I'LL REMIND YOU IT'S STILL DAYLIGHT AND THE POLICE WILL HAVE A WARRANT OUT FOR YOU.

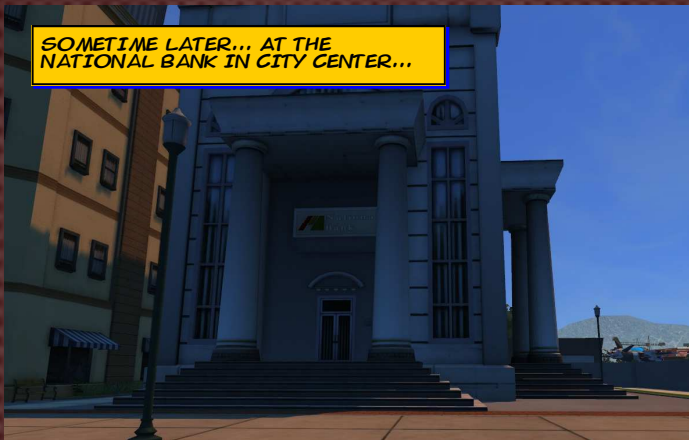
RED SINNER IS NOT GOING OUT THERE. NOT YET.

CALL YOUR OLD FRIENDS IN THE F.B.I. AND THE U.S. MARSHALLS.

TELL THEM THAT RED SINNER WILL BE BRINGING IN THEIR MOST WANTED FUGITIVE.

MEANTIME I HAVE TO CALL MAJOR CROSS AND I CAN'T DO IT AS CASSIE DARE.

SOMETIME LATER... AT THE NATIONAL BANK IN CITY CENTER...



A LEISURELY STROLL LATER
IN WESTSIDE...



JACK? WHERE
ARE YOU AT?



OV'R HERE.



I GOT IT ALL.



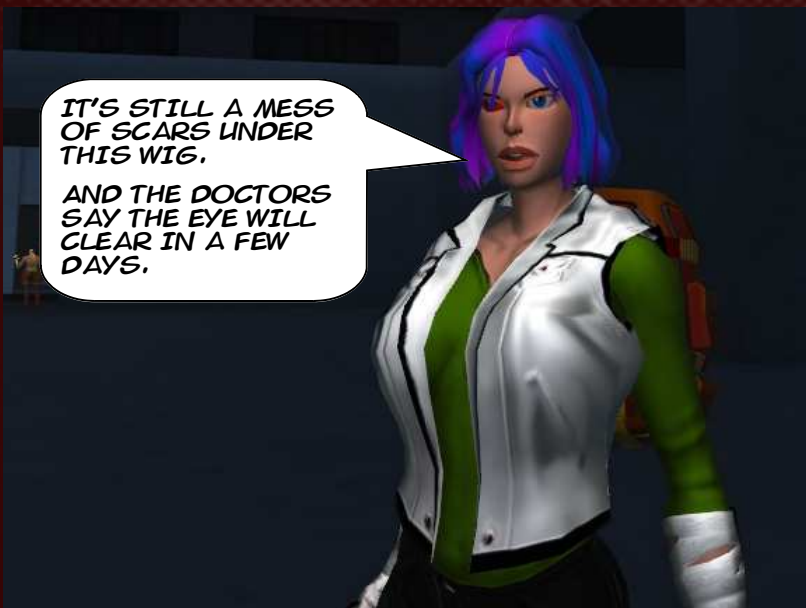
I EXPECTED
NOTHING LESS,
DARLING.

THEY FIXED
YOU UP
WELL...
'CEPT FOR
THE EYE OF
COURSE.



IT'S STILL A MESS
OF SCARS UNDER
THIS WIG.

AND THE DOCTORS
SAY THE EYE WILL
CLEAR IN A FEW
DAYS.



TWO PACKS
JUST LIKE WE
TALKED ABOUT.
I TAKE THE
SMALLER ONE
AND YOU GET
THE REST.





YEAAAAAH...
'BOUT THAT...



NO... YOU WOULDN'T!
WE'RE... WE'RE
PARTNERS!



GET ONE THING STRAIGHT...
WE AREN'T PARTNERS!
WE NEVER WERE!

YOU THINK JUST 'CUZ WE HAD
SOME FUN THAT YOU'D BE ON
EQUAL FOOTING WITH ME?
I'M THE ONE THAT FOUND YOU.
I'M THE ONE THAT GAVE YOU
YOUR SHOT AND TOLD YOU
WHAT TO DO!



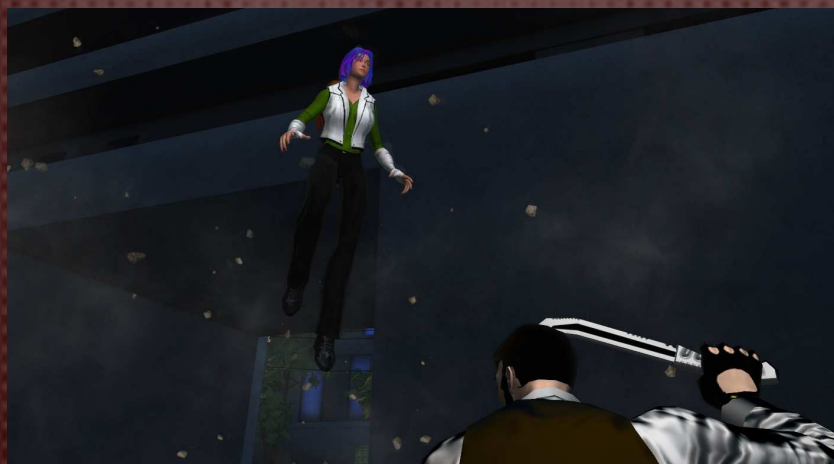
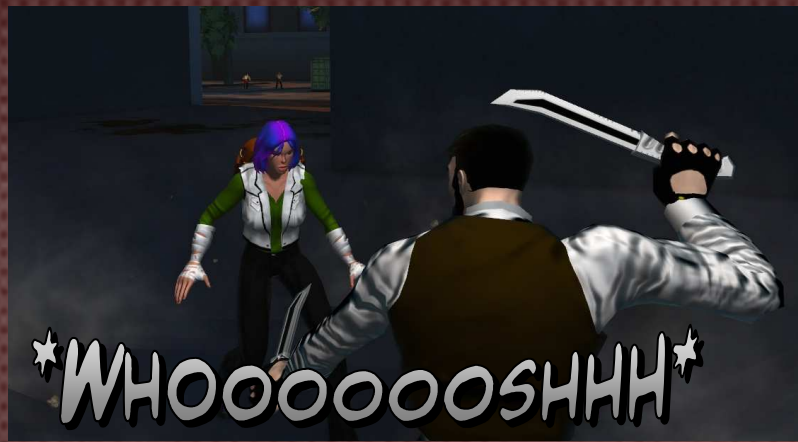
THIS HAS BEEN MY PLAN FROM
THE START AND I GET TO
DETERMINE HOW MUCH MONEY I
WILL LEAVE YOU WITH WHEN I GET
OUT OF THIS CITY!


AND RIGHT NOW I'M THINKING
I'LL TAKE ALL OF IT.



NOW YOU'RE GOING
TO PUT DOWN THE
BACKPACK AND STEP
AWAY FROM IT.

AND I PROMISE
YOU I'LL LEAVE
YOUR NEW FACE
ALONE AS A
CONSOLATION.






IVY'S WITH THE
FEDS. SAME WITH
THE MONEY.
AND THERE'S NO
RUNNING AWAY
THIS TIME.



MY LITTLE SINNER.
I'VE BEEN
DREAMING OF THIS
SHOWDOWN SINCE
WE FIRST MET.



I'M GOING TO ENJOY
PEELING YOUR MASK
OFF AND SEEING
WHO YOU ARE
BEFORE I LET YOU
DIE BY MY BLADES.

YOU'LL NEVER GET
THE CHANCE.



SLASH



SLASH

SLASH



GOING FOR
THE JEWELS?

FOR ALL THE
WOMEN THAT
YOU KILLED.

HE'S GOOD.

SEASONED.



HE HAS
EXPERIENCE
WITH KNIFE
FIGHTS.



SLASH

HE'S HONED HIS
SKILLS WITH
GANGS AND OTHER
CRIMINALS.



BUT HE'S
SLOPPY.

UNDISCIPLINED.



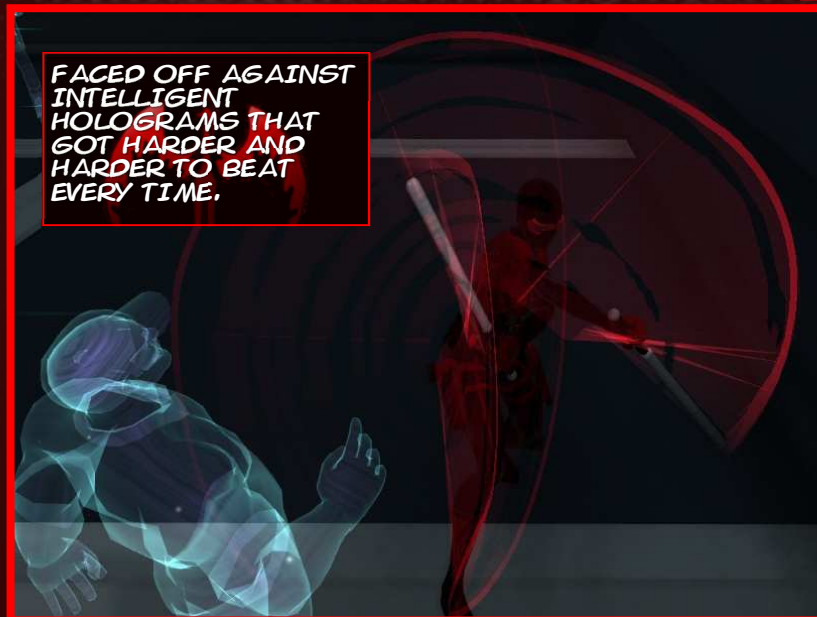
I LEARNED FROM
THE TIN-SHEN
MONKS ON HOW
TO FIGHT.



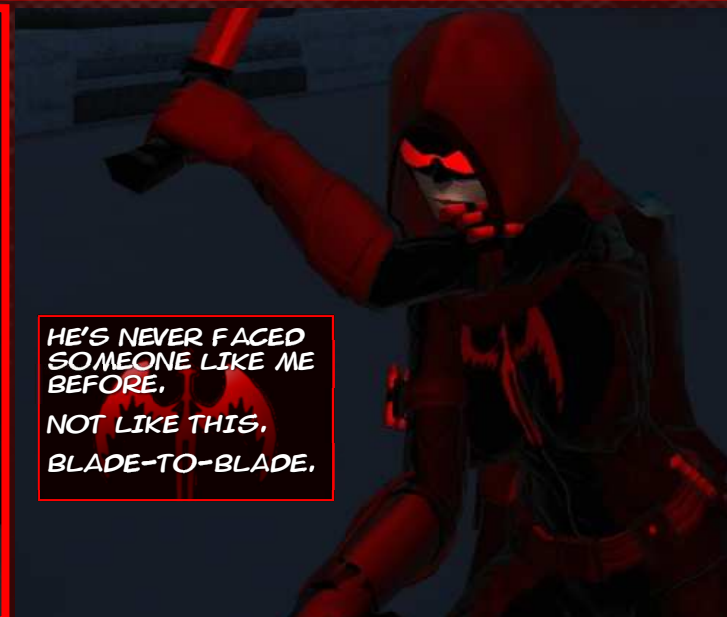
HONED MY
SKILLED IN THE
POWERHOUSE BY
RAVENCLAW.



FACED OFF AGAINST
INTELLIGENT
HOLOGRAMS THAT
GOT HARDER AND
HARDER TO BEAT
EVERY TIME.



HE'S NEVER FACED
SOMEONE LIKE ME
BEFORE.
NOT LIKE THIS.
BLADE-TO-BLADE.





MY
OPENING...



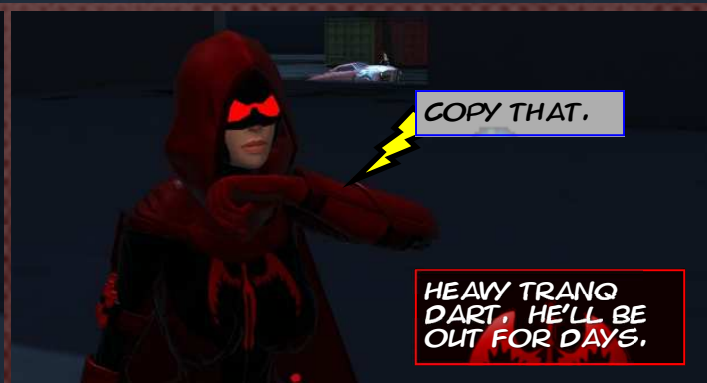
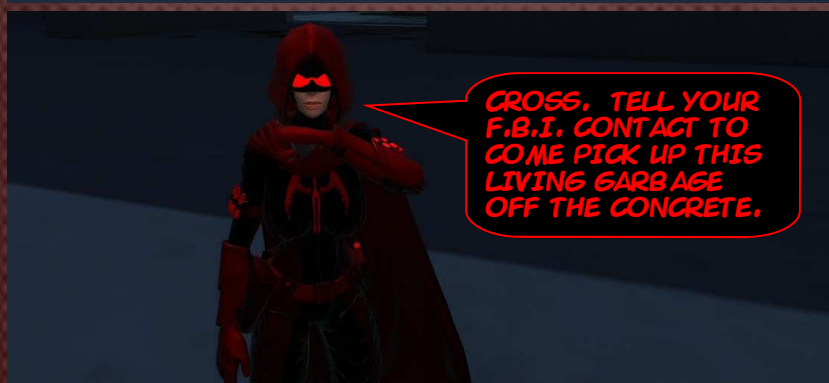
HUFF-HUFF
YOU'RE
GOOD.

HE'S HURT.
HE KNOWS IT.











NIGHTHAWK.



RED SINNER.

CONGRATULATIONS
ON NOT KILLING
YOUR PREDATOR.



I SWORE THAT I WILL BE
THE ONE TO END HIM.
AND I WILL DO IT.



IT JUST WON'T
BE TODAY.
HE NEEDS TO
SUFFER BEHIND
BARS FIRST.



THEN, FOR HIS
SAKE, I HOPE HE
NEVER LEAVES.
MEANWHILE...



DON'T MAKE MY
MISTAKE.

STAY ON THAT
SIDE OF THE LINE.
YOU WOULD NOT BE
WELCOMED ON
THIS SIDE.



"Better than a bag of Old Dad's candy!"
- Louis Friend

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MINUTES AGO

"AND THERE HE IS... JACKSON BLASDEL... BEING TRANSFERRED TO FEDERAL CUSTODY."

8 WCOC JACK THE BLADE IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

NOW THE POLICE ARE TAKING NO CHANCES WITH HIM, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE SO FAR AWAY FROM THE JAILHOUSE.

8 WCOC JULIE MORGAN - WCOC NEWS - WESTSIDE

FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS, JACK THE BLADE WAS IN THE JAIL INFIRMARY FROM THE INJURIES SUSTAINED IN HIS PROLONGED KNIFE FIGHT AND THE HEAVY SEDATIVE INFLICTED ON HIM BY THE VIGILANTE RED SINNER.

ONCE BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE TOO FAR, RED SINNER'S DETERMINATION TO BRING THIS MASS-MURDERER TO JUSTICE WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH BLASDEL'S ACCOMPLICE COMING FORWARD TO ASSIST IN HIS CAPTURE.

8 WCOC F.B.I. MOST WANTED FUGITIVE CAUGHT THANKS TO RED SINNER

BLASDEL'S ACCOMPLICE, WHOM I AM NOT AT LIBERTY TO IDENTIFY RIGHT NOW, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING RED SINNER, AS WELL AS CLEARING RED SINNER'S NAME IN THE ASSUMED ASSAULT.

8 WCOC MCPD CHIEF JAMES SURHOFF - AN HOUR AGO

WE ARE BEING TOLD THE UNNAMED ACCOMPLICE WILL BE ENTERING THE FEDERAL WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM AFTER SHE GIVES HER TESTIMONY.

8 WCOC JACK THE BLADE IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

OUR LISTENERS IN THE HERO COMMUNITY HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS ON RED SINNER'S METHODS, BUT WE ALL ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THERE WAS A RUSH TO JUDGEMENT AGAINST HER.

8 WCOC MAD VYKING - DAWN RADIO PERSONALITY

WE'RE ALL GLAD THAT SHE WAS NOT ONLY CLEARED BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO BRING THAT KILLER DOWN ALIVE.

A LOT OF SOULS WILL REST EASIER AFTER TODAY.

8 WCOC MAD VYKING - WWW.DAWNRADIO.LIVE



EXCUSE ME.



I JUST NEED A FEW MINUTES WITH YOUR PRISONER BEFORE YOU LEAVE.



I HAVE TO SAY THE NEW LOOK IS GOOD ON YOU, MISTER BLADEL.



I TAKE IT YOU'VE COME TO SET ME FREE.



QUITE THE OPPOSITE.
I'M HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT TO FREE YOU.



WHAT?
AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU OVER THE YEARS?



OUR MUTUAL ASSOCIATES HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE WORK YOU'VE DONE FOR THEM IN THE PAST... BRINGING CHAOS WHEN NEEDED, STIRRING TROUBLE IN THE PLACES THEY WANTED RILED UP.

THEY'VE ALSO LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN YOU'VE HAD YOUR... "FUN".
THEY'VE EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO STEER THE ATTENTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE HEROES AWAY ON OCCASION.

HOWEVER...

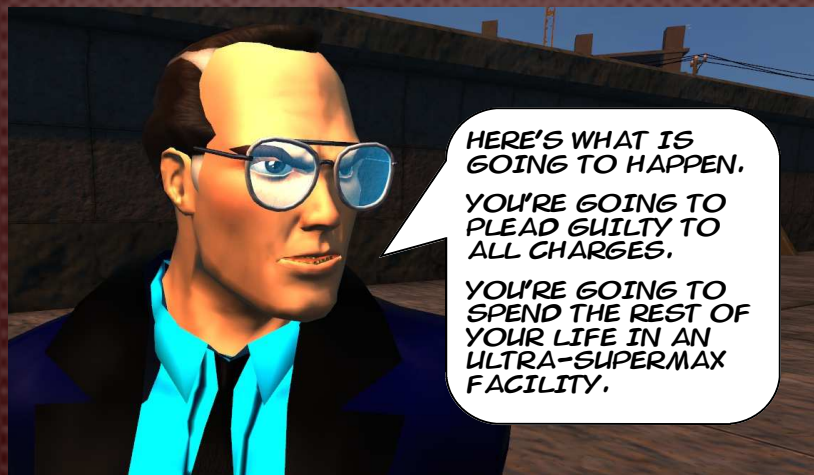


... YOU ALSO
KILLED ONE
OF THIS
CITY'S
FOUNDERS.

SHE WAS A SWEET
ELDERLY WOMAN
AND YOU SEDUCED
HER AND THEN
MURDERED HER
FOR THE MONEY.



SUFFICIENT TO SAY,
MISTER BLASDEL,
THAT IS SOMETHING
THAT CANNOT BE
FORGIVEN.



HERE'S WHAT IS
GOING TO HAPPEN.
YOU'RE GOING TO
PLEAD GUILTY TO
ALL CHARGES.

YOU'RE GOING TO
SPEND THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE IN AN
ULTRA-SUPERMAX
FACILITY.



OUR ASSOCIATES
WILL DO EVERYTHING
THEY CAN TO MAKE
SURE THAT YOU STAY
THERE UNTIL YOU DIE
OF VERY OLD AGE.

AND IF YOU DO FIND
YOURSELF OUTSIDE
OF THOSE WALLS?



THEN YOU WON'T HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT RED
SINNER OR NIGHTHAWK
COMING AFTER YOU.

IN FACT YOU'LL BE
PRAYING THAT THEY
FIND YOU FIRST.


THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF
PEOPLE IN THIS CITY WHO WOULD
SCOUR THE EARTH TO END YOU
FOR WHAT YOU DID TO VICTORIA
FORRESTER. INCLUDING MYSELF.



I TRUST THAT YOU
UNDERSTAND THAT
MESSAGE LOUD
AND CLEAR.


WE'LL BE
WATCHING YOU.
ALWAYS.






WELL, THE SETTLEMENT
MONEY HAS BEEN
RETURNED AND THE LIFE
INSURANCE MONEY HAS
BEEN PUT IN A TRUST
FOR VICTORIA'S ACTUAL
RELATIVES TO CLAIM.

GOOD. I HATE TO
THINK THAT THE MONEY
WOULD GO NOWHERE.




STILL.. JACK WAS
ONE OF THE BEST IN
BEING ABLE TO
MAKE SOMEONE FEEL
LIKE HE'S THE ONLY
ONE THAT CARED
FOR THEM.



AND NOW, THANKS
TO YOU, AND A
LITTLE HELP, HE'S
LOCKED UP FOR THE
REST OF HIS LIFE.



IT'S ABOUT
THAT TIME,
ISN'T IT?




I GUESS IT IS.
IT'S GOING TO BE A
LITTLE DIFFERENT
BEING OUT THERE
TONIGHT.



NEW NIGHT, NEW LIFE.
THAT'S WHAT MY
BROTHER USED TO
SAY AFTER HE CAUGHT
A FUGITIVE AND WENT
BACK OUT.



THEN I HOPE I CAN
LIVE UP TO THAT.
DON'T WAIT UP.



JACK IS GONE.
HE'S NOT DEAD, BUT
HE WON'T BE COMING
BACK ANYTIME SOON.

AND I FEEL A PART
OF ME IS GONE,
THAT PART THAT
WAS OBSESSED
WITH ENDING HIM.

BUT I'M STILL HERE.

AND SO IS THIS CITY.



I DESIGNED MY
BLADES FOR JACK
AND HIS COHORTS.

ETCHED WITH THE
BLOOD OF HIS
VICTIMS.
BLOOD FOR BLOOD.

BUT JACK IS GONE.
I ENDED HIS CRIME
SPREE AND SENT HIM
TO PRISON TO ROT.

SO IT'S TIME TO
PUT THE BLADES
AWAY.

I STARTED MY TRAINING
WITH THE MONKS USING
STICKS AND THEN WORKED
UP TO USING BLADES.

THESE COLLAPSIBLE
BATONS WILL STING,
BUT THEY WON'T KILL.
AND THIS RED IS FROM
DYE, NOT BLOOD.

MY SINS HAVE BEEN
WIPED CLEAN.
NOW IT'S TIME TO
GO AFTER THE SINS
OF OTHERS.

END

"HE WHO CHRONICLES..."

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

UNITED NATIONS TRIBUNAL on INTERNATIONAL LAW Project Mycroft

From: Major Xavier Cross

Subject: Red Sinner - Assessment

When I first reached out to the vigilante known as Red Sinner, it was in the hopes of recruiting her and her talents to Project Mycroft. Her willingness to dive into a criminal gathering and defeat them quickly reminded me so much of other vigilantes like Nighthawk.

However, it did not take long for me to realize that this person is driven on a singular mission: finding the fugitive Jackson Blasdel, a.k.a. Jack the Blade; a notorious former member of the Black Aces gang who had since become the most wanted criminal nationwide.

I initially suspected that Red Sinner was either a victim or related to a victim of Blasdel, given her obsessive determination to find him. However, after observing more of her activities, it became obvious that she was a surviving victim of Blasdel. Her connection to the fugitive hunter Ravenclaw, not to mention the continued use of the red gunship dubbed "The Mammoth" that was previously his, has led me to suspect that she was saved from Blasdel's bloody assault in Rhode Island that had earned him his top place in the most wanted category.

In order to secure her services as an investigator, I offered her our information on Blasdel and his operations. Thankfully she did not stray from her mission and her assistance was invaluable. So much so, that when one of my associates had a personal problem with a stalker, I recommended she reach out to Red Sinner for help.

Recently, Red Sinner was falsely accused of aggravated assault against a member of the Black Aces gang. A female operative called a "Queen", who was cut fifty-three times all over her body and had the word "SIN" cut into her scalp. The "Queen" told the police and a WCOC reporter that Red Sinner was the one that assaulted her, and that she did so in retaliation to the woman's alleged connection to Blasdel.

In order to prove Red Sinner's innocence, I had the metal slivers from the victim's skull - allegedly from Red Sinner's knives - compared to the slivers extracted from an alien weapon that Red Sinner disarmed from a "King" earlier that evening. The two slivers did not match. The slivers from the alien weapon contained foreign biological material later determined to be human blood. The slivers from the assault on the "Queen" showed no such biological material, which leads one to conclude that the knife used was not the one that Red Sinner possesses.

While this test did clear Red Sinner of the assault, it also brings a disturbing subject of her primary weapons and the fact that they are etched with human blood. DNA traces could not identify a single person, which leads one to suspect that the blood is a collection of various human subjects. The potential health risks of such interaction with potential targets would be enough to force an official intervention should this become public. Thankfully I am told she has since discontinued their use, preferring to use collapsible batons that are not etched with biological material.

Red Sinner continues to operate as a lone figure, keeping most of her activities to herself. It is hoped that continued activity with Project Mycroft will eventually allow her to open herself more as a vigilante and possibly a future member of our group.

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From the Author: The Bad Guy Falls

Red Sinner's origin story has now come full circle. The man that "made" her has finally been caught.

When it came to developing the character of Jack the Blade, I came to the realization that this was not someone that I could keep bringing back as a regular villain.

Some villains are so good they can come back again and again. DC's the Joker and Marvel's Loki are such iconic agents of chaos that you can't help but bring them back over and over again. But then you have characters that really just are one-tune figures that have a limited shelf life.

In DC, Joe Chill is one such character. Although he played an important role in the creation of Batman - as the one that made young Bruce Wayne an orphan that fateful night in Crime Alley - he quickly vanished from the scene. There's been little said about Chill other than he may or may not have been caught and he may or may not be behind bars and that he may or may not have died. You don't really see Batman obsessed with hunting Chill down for what happened to him. Instead, he focuses on all criminals, no matter if they are master supervillains like Joker, or just ordinary thugs like Chill.

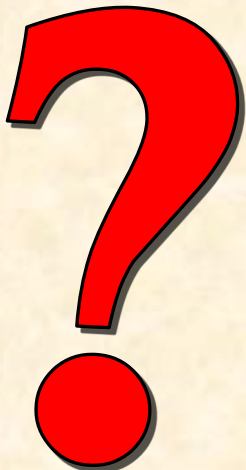
Jack the Blade is a manipulator and a homicidal psychopath. Even though he is notorious and a wanted felon, he's pretty much a two-dimensional character. He's an agent of chaos because it benefits him. He uses and manipulates people - especially women - because it pleases him. There's nothing redeeming about someone like him. There's really no chance that you could some day see him as changed or reformed, because that would take away the only thing that made him who he is.

Bringing in Nighthawk, the former member of the Champions, was something I wanted to do for a while, to sort of pass the torch from one vigilante to another. He'll always be a part of the city, but now there's someone like him out there still on "this" side of the law.

Jack the Blade created Red Sinner in the same way that Joe Chill created Batman. He will always be remembered for that, although he may not want to take too much of a credit for it. His downfall will serve to bring Red Sinner into being more of an avenging force instead of just an obsessive victim seeking justice.

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