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EPISODE I
The Boy and **The Jungle**

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"The individual does actually carry on a double existence: one designed to serve his own purposes and another as a link in a chain, in which he serves against, or at any rate without, any volition of his own."

—Sigmund Freud

THE DESK OF SUPERPOWERS
INTELLIGENCE SECTION AGENT
TERESA MATLIN

BURNING THE MIDNIGHT
OIL AGAIN?

NO, WELL YES SORT OF
DIRECTOR CROSS.



Daily Sentinel

Sentinel Serpen

For the last eighteen months a killer has been staying on the Fourth of July and ending finally with last night's capture thanks in no small part to the City's officers in a joint task force with their "Big Six" The Superpowers Intelligence Section whom deemed the killers methods of escape part of off-world technology. Yet, the greatest asset from this reporter is that of the masked vigilante, known to some as the Ouroboros. He (or she) has made a name for themselves as of late as one half of the

THE "OUROBOROS?" WHEN DID THIS ONE BECOME ACTIVE? I DON'T REMEMBER THIS GUY.

ONLY RECENTLY SIR, HE OR SHE SEEMS TO BE MAKING A NAME FOR THEMSELVES IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

ANY AFFILIATIONS THAT WE KNOW OF?

"Terrifying Two," according to some analysts the Gargoyle and Ouroboros have contributed directly to a 17% decrease in supercrime in the last 4 and 35% to crimes committed by normals.

Last night the Dragon of Justice was able to capture the Calendar Collector, a killer who would rape, mutilate, kill and preserve his victims in a makeshift mausoleum. He had been all telepathy tech used by Nu World soldiers according to an inside source.

ACCORDING TO ANALYST REPORTS WE'RE LOOKING AT WHO USED TO BE THE BLUE JAY, PARTNER TO THE GARGOYLE.

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? I THOUGHT THAT KID WAS DEAD OR MIA? THAT SICK BASTARD -

JACK FRIGHT, YES THE MAN OF MANY MASKS, HE WAS LISTED AS THE CULPRIT IN BLUE JAY'S DISAPPEARANCE. HOWEVER IT'S MY THEORY THAT HE HAS SOMEHOW SURVIVED AND MATURED.

WE HAVE AND SECRET IDENTITY ON FILE FOR THIS GUY THEN?

NO SIR, UNFORTUNATELY WE DO NOT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE MAINTAINED A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF UNITED, THE GARGOYLE HAS NEVER AGREED TO RELEASE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION ON HIMSELF OR HIS "BELL-TOWER FAMILY" MEMBERS. NEVERTHELESS WE MAY HAVE A PROBLEM.

THEORY? WHAT IS IT THAT YOU THINK IS HAPPENING HERE?

IF I WERE A FORMER KID WONDER, WHO WAS CAPTURED AND POTENTIALLY TORTURED OR WORSE FOR THE BETTER PART OF MY FORMATIVE YEARS AND THEN SOMEHOW ESCAPED THERE WOULD BE FEW THINGS ELSE ON MY MIND BESIDES REVENGE. THE PROBLEM IS, WHERE DO I FIND JACK? HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME BUT HIS INFLUENCE STILL LINGERS IN THE STREETS AND SUPER-CRIMINAL WORLD.

SO WHAT THEN? YOU THINK THAT HE'S GOING AFTER EVERYONE HE THINKS COULD GIVE HIM ANSWERS TO JACK'S WHEREABOUTS?

NO, ITS MUCH MORE CALCULATED THAN THAT. TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER CAPE BEING A CAPE, BUT UNDER A TRAINED LENS IT'S CLEARLY ESCALATION. HE WANTS SOMEONE TO KNOW HE'S STRONGER, HE'S SMARTER, HE'S SERIOUS. HE ISN'T AFRAID TO GO AFTER THE BIG FISH. HE ALSO ISN'T AFRAID OF PUTTING A FEW OF THEM IN THE MORGUE IF NECESSARY.

BUT YOU'RE SAYING ESCALATION, MEANING THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT MORE BODIES?

WELL, YES THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM BUT MORE SO I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RETALIATION....

Dragon of Justice Foils Armored Car Robbery

By LANE PARKER

Saturday night all was quiet in the city unless you were on the Upper East Side where an explosion at the New Haven Bank leveled a city block following an armored car robbery as the trucks arrived at the bank for a cash delivery. While the robbery as a whole is set somewhere in the two million dollar range, the cash and armored car service guards were saved by the mask'd hero or marauder to some of the Ouroboros. The hero was able to apprehend the assailants who were now identified as contractors of the East Coast, Victor Sevarino, more commonly known as "Moby Vick" following is appearance altering accident as a young mob enforcer for the Gotti Family.



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RETALIATION FROM WHO? JACK'S PSYCHO CULT? HE'S GONE FOR NOW, WHAT'S IT MATTER?

"All the N
Like

NO, NOT JACK, EVERYONE ELSE. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND SIR THAT THE EAST COAST HAS BEEN A CESSPOOL FOR BOTH NORMAL AND SUPERCRIME FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, ALLOWING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME COMFORTABLE.

SO BECAUSE THIS KID WHO WE THOUGHT WAS DEAD BUT MIGHT JUST HAVE BEEN TORMENTED FOR YEARS ON END, AND IN THAT TIME HAS BECOME SOME SORT OF SUPER...SUPERHERO IS POTENTIALLY BAD FOR US, NOT GOOD?

WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT TO A META-MOB BOSS LIKE, MOBY VICK, THINGS ARE GOING GREAT, THE REGULAR EVERYDAY PERSON DOESN'T KNOW WHATS GOING ON AND THE CAPES ARE TOO BUSY TAKING ON PLANETARY-SCALE THREATS TO REALLY WORRY ABOUT WHAT TO THEM IS JUST AS NASTY CUT ON AN OTHERWISE PRETTY BEAT UP BODY.

SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN THEN? THEY DON'T CARE? WHATS THAT GOT TO DO WITH DRAGON BOY?

IT MEANS, THAT THE EAST COAST IS NO LONGER A SMALL CUT, ITS A BAD INFECTION AND UNITED IS TOO BUSY TRYING TO FIX THE BROKEN ARMS AND RIBS TO WORRY ABOUT THE NUMBNESS ON THEIR LEG...

THIS NEW PLAYER, CODENAMED "THE OUROBOROS" IS ADDRESSING THAT INFECTION, ALONG WITH THE GARGOYLE, ACTING AS AN AGGRESSIVE ANTIBIOTIC. SO NOW THE PROBLEM IS THAT AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN EATING SO WELL FOR SO LONG AND SOMEONE COMES IN TAKES YOUR PLATE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

GODDAMNIT, ALRIGHT GET THE REIGNS ON THIS ONE. AS SOON AS YOU'RE TOPSIDE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE LOCAL LEOS IN THE AREA, TAKE HUNDLEY WITH YOU.

ME SIR? IN FIELD, IM BETTER SUITED AT MY STATION SIR, ANALYZING DATA AND MAKING CALLS TO -

GOOD LORD, MALTIN, YOU'VE GOTTA GET YOU HANDS DIRTY SOMETIMES. BRING THE CAPE IN FOR DEBRIEFING. WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?

RIGHT, OF COURSE SIR. FIRST THING TOMORROW.

STILL THOUGH, I WONDER, IF THIS IS OUR GUY THEN... WHERE WAS HE?



CAIRO, EGYPT

10 YEARS AGO

"HE WAS THE ONE WHO PULLED ME OUT OF THE HOLE I WAS IN."



"HE WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT EVER DID ANYTHING FOR ME!"





BEN WEST AKA
THE GARGOYLE

"HE FOUGHT FOR ME. HE WAS A REAL HERO!"



WAIT!



WHERE.

IS.

HE.

HU-HULA...THE HULA VALLEY, THAT'S WHERE THEY WENT.

PLEASE... PLEASE DON'T KILL ME...



A group of people is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sunset sky in a forest. The trees are dark and their trunks are visible in the foreground. The people are standing on a ridge or path, looking towards the right.

"WHEN BEN FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO ME IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE..."

The scene is similar to the first panel, showing silhouettes of people in a forest at sunset. The lighting is slightly darker, and the people are more spread out across the ridge.

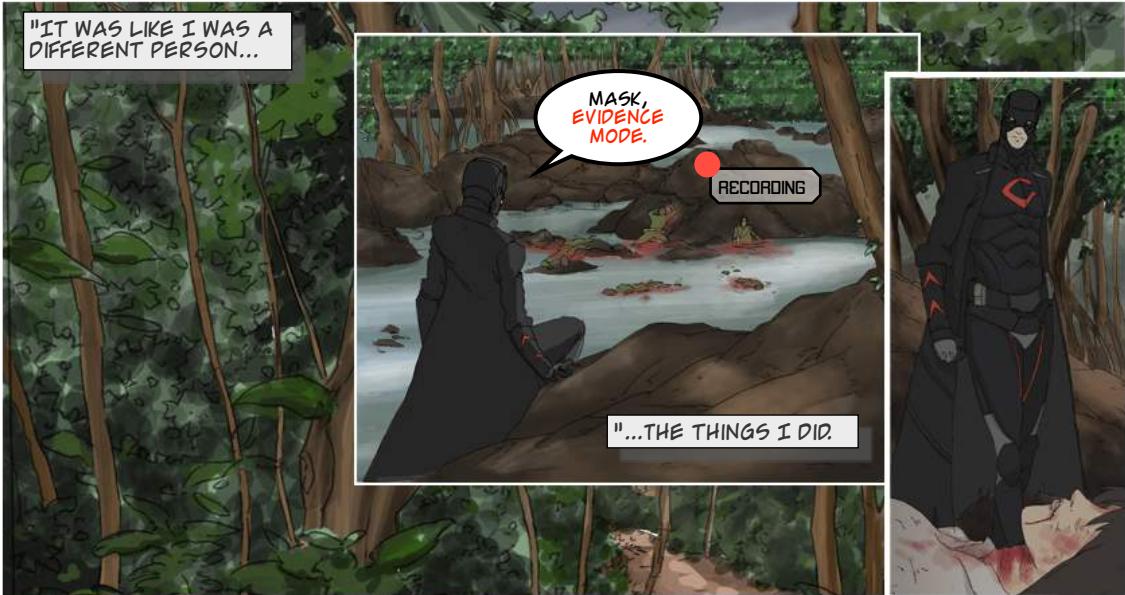
"THE DAMAGE WAS DONE..."

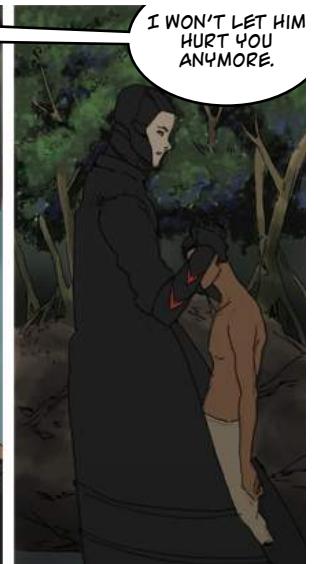
The silhouettes of the people are more distinct in this panel. One person is walking away from the group towards the left, while others remain on the right side of the ridge.

"...I WASN'T THE SAME ANYMORE."

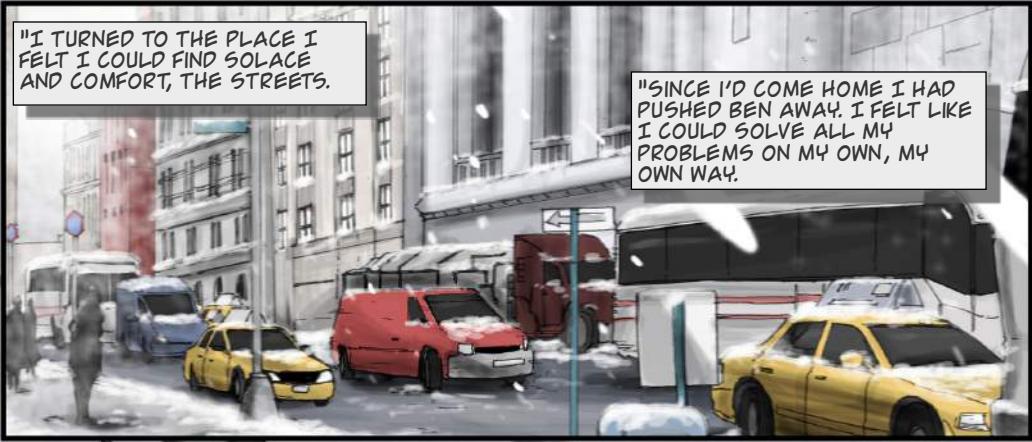
A person is shown in mid-air, falling or jumping through the forest. The person is silhouetted against the sunset sky. In the background, a group of people is silhouetted on the ridge, watching the fall.

"EVERYTHING I'D BEEN THROUGH IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AWAY FROM HIM HAD WARPED ME INTO A MONSTER!"





"I TURNED TO THE PLACE I FELT I COULD FIND SOLACE AND COMFORT, THE STREETS.



"SINCE I'D COME HOME I HAD PUSHED BEN AWAY. I FELT LIKE I COULD SOLVE ALL MY PROBLEMS ON MY OWN, MY OWN WAY.



"OUT THERE I FELT LIKE I COULD BE WHO I REALLY WAS.

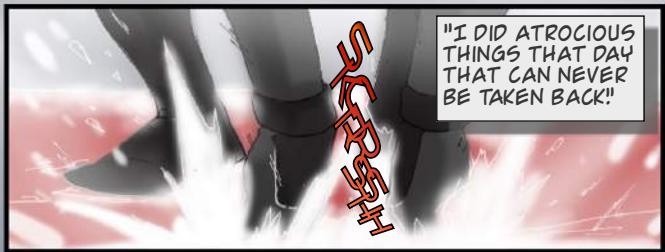
"I FOUND NEW ADDICTIONS, NEW WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE PAIN.



BA-DOOM



"THEN, A WHILE BACK I HAD A RELAPSE, BAD ONE.



"I DID ATROCIOUS THINGS THAT DAY THAT CAN NEVER BE TAKEN BACK!"



AHHH!!

"WORST PART IS, IT FELT SO GOOD TO LOSE CONTROL!"

AHSE CITY INTERFAITH CENTER, TODAY

...AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT. MY NAME IS SEAN AND I AM IN RECOVERY.

THANK YOU, SEAN. THAT WAS WONDERFUL, I THINK I SPEAK FOR THE GROUP WHEN I SAY IT'S NICE TO FINALLY SEE YOUR WEAKNESSES. NOW YOU CAN REALLY COMPLETE YOUR RECOVERY. WELL THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

HI SEAN!



SO UH, THANKS FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE DOC BUT DON'T EXPECT ME TO DO THAT AGAIN SOON.



OH, I'M PRETTY GOOD AT GETTING PEOPLE TO DO THINGS THEY DIDN'T KNOW THEY COULD, LETS EXPOSE THOSE REAL FEARS.



WHOA, IF IT'S EXPOSURE YOU WANT...



THIS IS HOW I COPE.

OR AT LEAST HOW I TRY.

VERY FUNNY. DON'T WORRY YOU'LL BE SHARING ALL YOUR SECRETS SOON ENOUGH, WE JUST NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.

UNFORTUNATELY A STAY AT THE BETTY FORD CENTER WON'T FIX ME.

AND I CAN'T EXACTLY TELL THEM I'M NOT ADDICTED TO DOING LINES BUT **SNAPPING NECKS.**



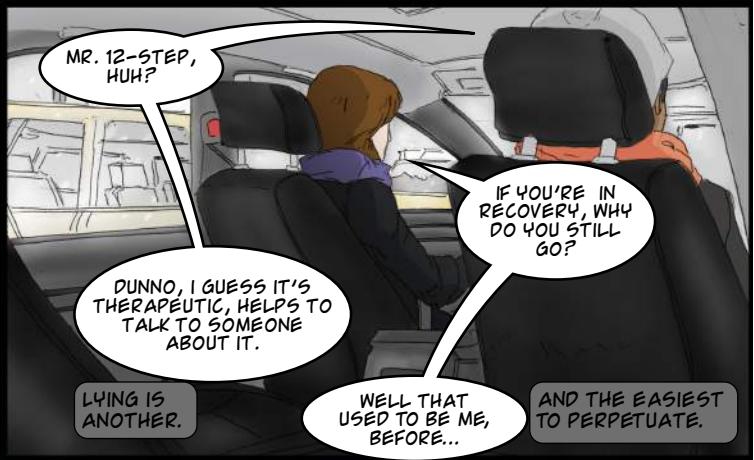
OVER HERE
"MR. 12-
STEP."



I HAVE FEW
CONSTANTS
IN MY LIFE.

HANNAH
IS ONE.

SHE WAS A TRAUMA COUNSELOR
THAT BECAME SOMETHING...ELSE.



MR. 12-STEP,
HUH?

DUNNO, I GUESS IT'S
THERAPEUTIC, HELPS TO
TALK TO SOMEONE
ABOUT IT.

LYING IS
ANOTHER.

IF YOU'RE IN
RECOVERY, WHY
DO YOU STILL
GO?

WELL THAT
USED TO BE ME,
BEFORE...

AND THE EASIEST
TO PERPETUATE.

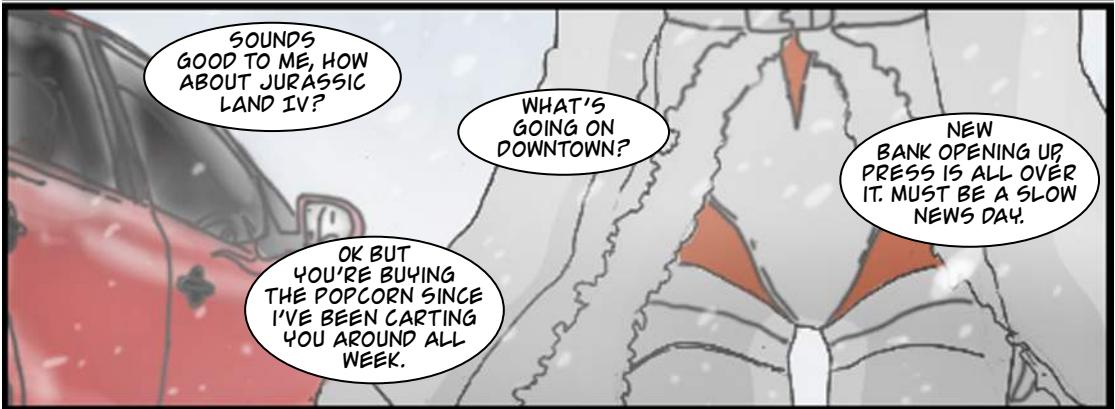


HOW WAS I
SUPPOSED TO KNOW
YOU'D BE SO PHYSICALLY
ATTRACTED TO ME? YOU
PRACTICALLY THREW
YOURSELF AT ME.

OH
PLEASE. ANYWAY,
HOW ABOUT A MOVIE
TONIGHT?

♪

BUT THE BIGGEST ARE
THE OTHER MONSTERS
THAT ROAM THIS CITY.



SOUNDS
GOOD TO ME, HOW
ABOUT JURASSIC
LAND IV?

WHAT'S
GOING ON
DOWNTOWN?

NEW
BANK OPENING UP
PRESS IS ALL OVER
IT. MUST BE A SLOW
NEWS DAY.

OK BUT
YOU'RE BUYING
THE POPCORN SINCE
I'VE BEEN CARTING
YOU AROUND ALL
WEEK.



NEWS 4

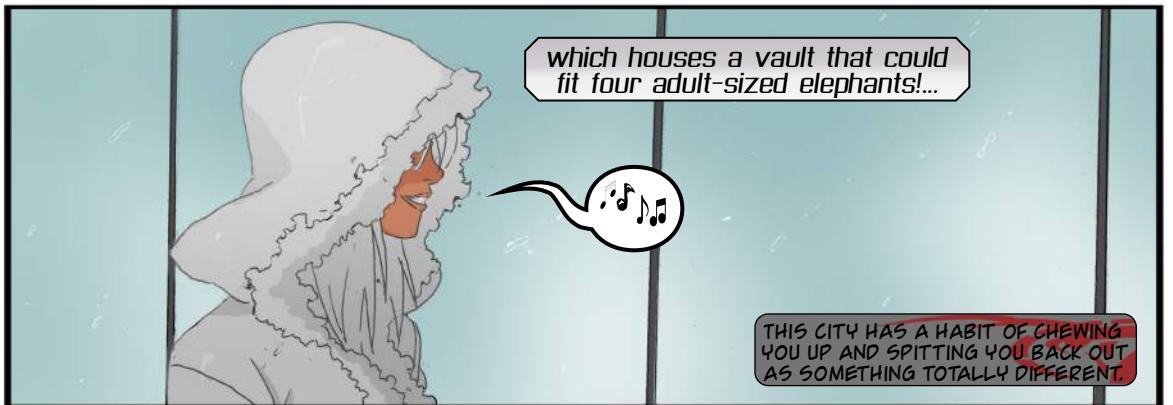
Reporting live from Ember Square...

..Largest bank in the city...



...over a dozen multi-million dollar clients have opened...

The amount of cash on hand is unprecedented...



which houses a vault that could fit four adult-sized elephants!...



THIS CITY HAS A HABIT OF CHEWING YOU UP AND SPITTING YOU BACK OUT AS SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT.



< TIME TO CUT THE RED TAPE . >

THERE'S A STORY ABOUT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL FROM ACROSS THE SEA SHE MET A MAN WHO HAD A TICKET TO A NEW LAND FULL OF DREAMS.

*TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN.

THE GIRL TOOK THE MANS OFFER AND SHE MADE HER WAY TO AMERICA.



BUT SHE WAS TRICKED AND THE CITY TOOK AWAY HER GREATEST GIFT, HER BEAUTY.

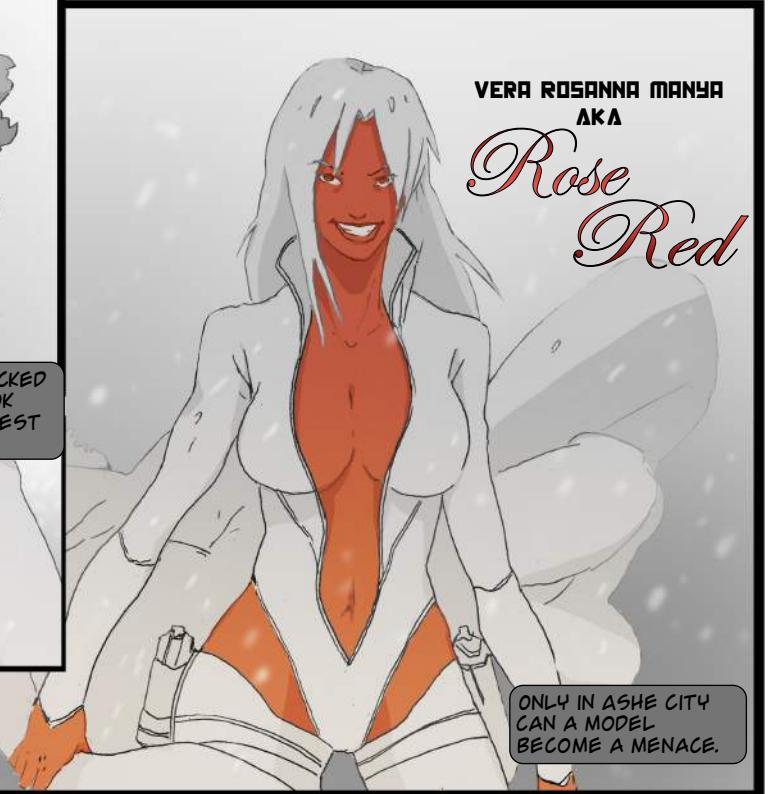


THERE WERE NO DREAMS, ONLY NIGHTMARES.



VERA ROSANNA MANYA
AKA

*Rose
Red*



ONLY IN ASHE CITY CAN A MODEL BECOME A MENACE.

< ALRIGHT BOYS, LET'S MAKE THIS A REAL GRAND OPENING! >



WELL, MAYBE IN MILAN.

< FIND THE BANK MANAGER, ROUND THE OTHERS UP. >

