

THERE IS A MAN. AND IF YOU CAN FIND HIM, AND IF HE BELIEVES IN YOUR PLIGHT, HE AND HIS TEAM WILL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
SOME CALL THEM OUTLAWS, REBELS, ROBIN HOODS. TO MANY, THEY ARE HEROES. NO POWERS TO SPEAK OF, JUST SKILLS, SMARTS AND THE DRIVE TO PUT THINGS RIGHT.

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WHILE PROTECTING SOME TRUCKERS, HAWKEYE AND HIS NEW PARTNER RED WOLF STUMBLED ACROSS A SHIPMENT OF EPIDURIUM, A SYNTHETIC SKIN USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LIFE-MODEL DECOYS. THEY ENLISTED THE HELP OF THE CHICAGO-BASED VIGILANTE KNOWN AS NIGHTHAWK AND HIS PARTNER, TILDA JOHNSON, TO TRACK THE SHIPMENT BACK TO AN ABANDONED COAL FACTORY...WHERE THEY WERE ATTACKED BY NICK FURY SR. AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS! WAIT, AREN'T THOSE GUYS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD?



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SOMEDAY, SOMEONE WILL WRITE A BOOK ABOUT ME, AND IT WILL BE A-MAZ-ING.

IT WILL INCLUDE MY FABULOUS SENSE OF FASHION, HOW I USED TO COMMAND AN ARMY OF WEREWOLVES, AND THE TIME I ALMOST KILLED CAPTAIN AMERICA.



WHEN PEOPLE READ THIS BOOK, THEY WILL KNOW ME BETTER. THEY'LL KNOW THAT I HAVE FORGOTTEN MORE ABOUT ROBOTIC ENGINEERING THAN ANYONE ELSE HAS EVER KNOWN.

BUT IT WON'T ALL BE GLORY, BECAUSE THE BEST STORIES ARE MORE THAN JUST TALES OF TRIUMPH AND BEING FABULOUS.



THE BEST STORIES ALSO WADE INTO THE WATERS OF FAILURE AND HUMILIATION.

AND TO BE SURE, THE TALE OF TILDA JOHNSON, QUEEN OF THE WEREWOLVES, ROBOTIC ENGINEERING GENIUS AND ALL-AROUND FABULOUS FASHIONISTA...WELL...

...IT DOES MORE THAN WADE IN THE WATERS OF FAILURE AND HUMILIATION.



I DAMN NEAR DROWNED.

LIKE ALL THE GREATS THAT CAME BEFORE ME...



...I FACED THE CHALLENGES THAT THREATENED TO DESTROY ME. I MADE MISTAKES. ALIGNED MYSELF WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE.

I DID THINGS THAT WOULD PAINT MY LIFE IN TONES OF ARROGANT STUPIDITY AND IMMATURE FOLLY.



AND FOR THAT, I ALMOST DIED.

WHEN MY DEATH WAS IMMINENT, I DIDN'T PRAY TO GOD.



INSTEAD I CURSED MYSELF, FOR ALL THE WAYS I COULD HAVE DONE THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

AND I PROMISED MYSELF THAT IF I LIVED--WHICH SEEMED HIGHLY UNLIKELY--I'D TURN MY LIFE AROUND.

YEAH, SOMEONE REALLY NEEDS TO WRITE A BOOK ABOUT MY LIFE. IT WOULD BE STRANGER THAN FICTION--IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE, BUT SO INCREDIBLE YOU'D WANT TO BELIEVE IT.



I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT SOMETIMES.

BUT IT'S MY LIFE. I LIVED IT. AND THANKS TO HIM...



...I SURVIVED IT.

SOMEDAY, SOMEONE WILL WRITE A BOOK ABOUT ME--ABOUT MY ASPIRATIONS OF GREATNESS, AND DROWNING IN MY OWN FAILURE AND HUMILIATION.

THE SECOND ACT IS WHERE THINGS WILL GET REALLY GOOD.

THE SECOND ACT OF THE BOOK WILL BE THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD, BECAUSE IT WILL BE ABOUT THE TRUE ME--THE ME I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE.

BUT HERE'S THE THING-- THAT WILL BE THE FIRST ACT OF THE BOOK. THAT WILL BE THE BEGINNING.

IT WILL BE ABOUT RESURRECTION AND REDEMPTION IN THE WAKE OF SPIRITUAL DEATH.

WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

YOU'RE TILDA JOHNSON--DEADLY NIGHTSHADE--ROBOTIC ENGINEERING EXPERT. I NEED SOMEONE LIKE YOU WORKING FOR ME.

I CAN LEAVE YOU HERE TO DIE--I COULD KILL YOU MYSELF, AND NO ONE WOULD CARE...

...OR YOU CAN TURN IT AROUND AND PUT YOUR SKILLS TO WORK DOING SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

THAT BOOK SOMEONE
NEEDS TO WRITE ABOUT
ME--IT WILL BE AMAZING.

NOW.

YOU
AND JONES KEEP
AN EYE ON THESE
TWO...



...I'LL
DEAL WITH THE
RIFFRAFF
OUTSIDE.

KWOOOSH

NIGHTHAWK,
MOVE!



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