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*Felicia Hardy*

# BLACK CAT



Felicia Hardy, A.K.A. the Black Cat, had been busy. At the behest of her mentor and current patron, the Black Fox, Felicia and her crew hit the Frick Collection, the Sanctum Sanctorum, and 4 Yancy Street. Their haul--a painting, a piece of paper, and an old book--wasn't as shiny as Felicia's usual fare, but it was all in service of a larger scheme: robbing the extradimensional vault of the New York Thieves Guild, currently run by the deadly Odessa Drake.

But even the best thief in the world needs a break. After stealing from the Fantastic Four, Felicia took the night off--only to learn the next morning that the Black Fox had been kidnapped!

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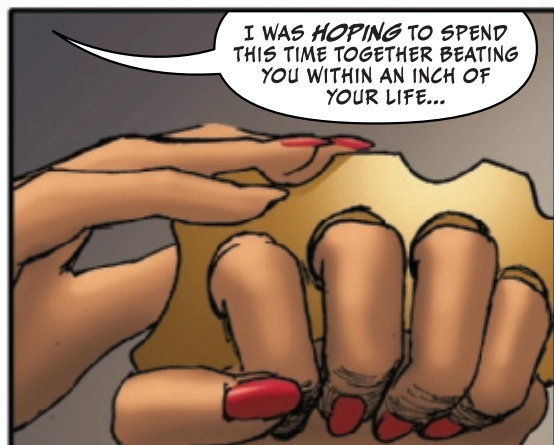
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YOU'VE GOT  
ME IN A *SPOT*.  
FOX, MAKE NO  
MISTAKE.

YOU  
ARE SIMPLY  
*TOO OLD* TO  
TORTURE.



I WAS *HOPING* TO SPEND  
THIS TIME TOGETHER BEATING  
YOU WITHIN AN INCH OF  
YOUR LIFE...



...BUT  
YOU SIMPLY  
*DON'T HAVE*  
THAT INCH.



YOUR EVIL  
OLD SOUL *WILL* BE  
SHUFFLING OFF THIS  
MORTAL COIL *SOON*  
ENOUGH, BUT I WON'T  
HAVE A *MOMENT* OF MY  
SATISFACTION STOLEN.



BECAUSE  
NO ONE

*STEALS*

FROM

ME.



SO PERHAPS  
WE SHALL HAVE A  
CONVERSATION.

WHY  
DO WE  
BECOME  
THIEVES,  
FOX?



BECAUSE WE WANT  
SOMETHING...

...SOMETHING  
WE CANNOT  
HAVE.

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PRECISELY.

AND  
SO WE  
TAKE  
IT.

Koff  
Hack



MY FATHER  
TAUGHT ME  
THAT.

JUST AS  
YOU TAUGHT  
HIM THAT, WHEN HE AND  
WALTER HARDY WERE  
APPRENTICED TO YOU.



IT'S  
VERY APT,  
ISN'T IT.

THE WANT.  
THAT'S  
WHAT IT ALL  
REVOLVES  
AROUND.



"THE THINGS  
WE HAVE.

"THE THINGS  
WE WANT.



"THAT'S WHERE  
WE CAME FROM.



"THOSE WHO  
HAD NOTHING,  
AND WANTED  
EVERYTHING.



"THOSE WHO  
WOULD TAKE  
WHAT THEY  
WANTED.

"THIEVES.



"THEY CAME  
TOGETHER WITH  
THEIR BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS,  
FOR SUPPORT  
AND SAFETY.

"SWORE OATHS  
OF FRATERNITY  
AND LOYALTY WITH  
ONE ANOTHER."



BUT  
THEY WEREN'T  
THE THIEVES  
GUILDS YET.

KOFF



"NO, IT WASN'T UNTIL *SHE* APPEARED, THAT THEY WOULD REACH THEIR *FULL* POTENTIAL.



"AN IMMORTAL GODDESS IN RED, WHO APPROACHED THOSE WHO WANTED WHAT THEY COULDN'T HAVE.



"LIKE AN ALCHEMIST...



"...SHE REFINED THEM FROM THE DROSS THEY WERE...



"...INTO THE GUILDS.

"CANDRA, THE BENEFRESS.

"SHE WHO MADE THE ANCIENT COMPACT WITH THE THIEVES GUILDS, OFFERING THEM WHAT THEY *TRULY* COULD NOT HAVE, WHAT THEY COULD NOT *STEAL*, NO MATTER THEIR GUILF AND EXPERTISE."



IMMORTALITY.



EXACTLY.