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**BULLETS AREN'T MADE
OF SUGAR AND SPICE...
AND NEITHER IS SHE!**

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ISSUE #1

- RISE FROM THE ASHES -

SARAH MUST NAVIGATE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS AS SHE TRIES TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH BEHIND HER NEW IDENTITY, THE IRON ROSE.

SHE DISCOVERS HER OWN STRENGTH AND COURAGE AS SHE FIGHTS FOR JUSTICE IN A WORLD RULED BY GREED AND VIOLENCE.



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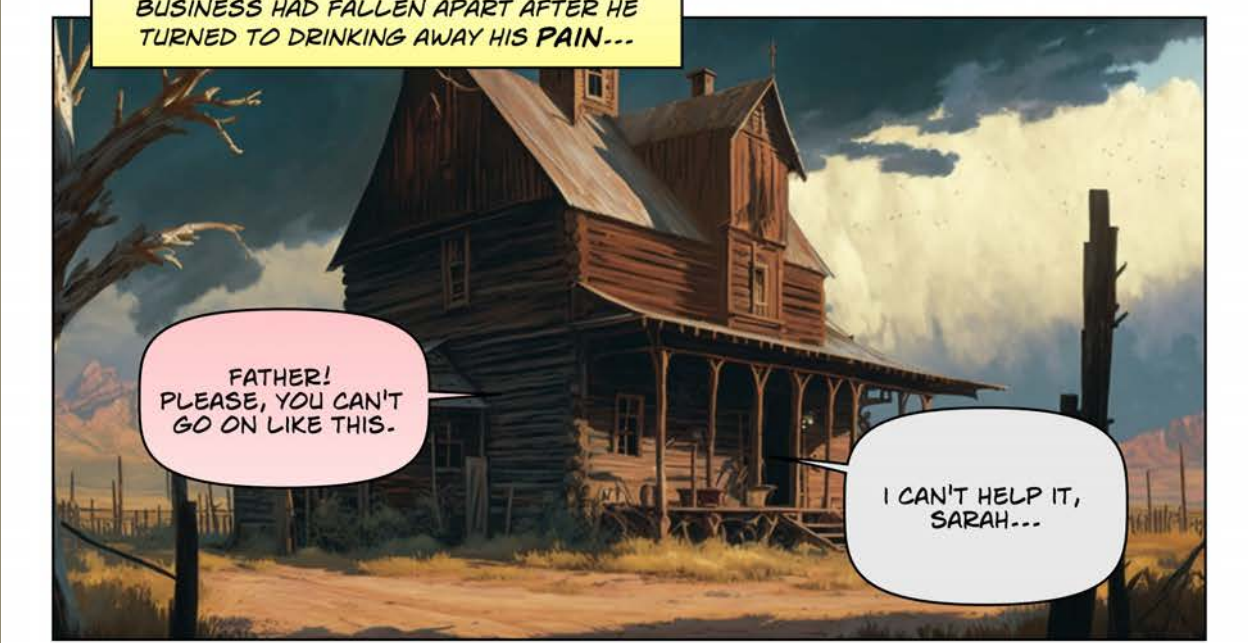
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THE YEAR WAS 1874, AND THE WILD FRONTIER WAS A LAND OF ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES, WHERE LAW WAS SCARCE AND DANGER LURKED AROUND EVERY CORNER.

THE SUN HAD JUST SET ON THE DUSTY PLAINS, BRINGING THE END TO ANOTHER DAY, BUT MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A CHANGE FOR **SARAH JAMES**, A YOUNG GIRL WHO CALLS THIS DESOLATE PLACE HOME.

SARAH HAD NEVER KNOWN A LIFE WITHOUT STRUGGLE. HER MOTHER HAD PASSED AWAY WHEN SHE WAS JUST A CHILD, AND HER FATHER'S ONCE-SUCCESSFUL SHIPPING BUSINESS HAD FALLEN APART AFTER HE TURNED TO DRINKING AWAY HIS PAIN...



FATHER!
PLEASE, YOU CAN'T
GO ON LIKE THIS.

I CAN'T HELP IT,
SARAH...

DESPITE THE CHALLENGES SHE FACED, SARAH WAS STILL A DREAMER. SHE LONGED TO ESCAPE THE STRUGGLES OF THE FRONTIER AND MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR HERSELF AND HER FAMILY, BUT SHE WASN'T SURE HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.



I'M SORRY, SARAH. PLEASE FORGIVE AN OLD MAN FOR HIS SORROWS.

I MISS YOUR MOTHER SO MUCH.

SO DO I. BUT WE MUST CONTINUE ON, WE HAVE NO CHOICE.



MAYBE YOU NEED A CHANGE FROM THIS PLACE, DEAR. IT'S FAR TO DEPRESSING HERE... YOU COULD LIVE WITH MY SISTER, ABIGAIL.

WITH HER FATHER STRUGGLING TO STAND, HE STUMBLES TO THE FLOOR.

CRASH!

AHH! HELP AN OLD MAN UP, WON'T YOU.

YES FATHER. COME MORNING I WILL WRITE AUNT ABIGAIL... AND ASK HER PERMISSION.





SEVERAL WEEKS LATER.

THE DAY CAME WHEN SARAH RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM HER AUNT, INVITING HER TO COME LIVE WITH HER AND START A NEW LIFE - SHE KNEW THAT THIS WAS HER CHANCE TO TURN THINGS AROUND.

SHE PACKED HER BAGS, SAID GOODBYE TO HER FATHER, AND SET OFF ON A JOURNEY THAT WOULD CHANGE HER LIFE FOREVER.

AND SO, AT THE TRAIN STATION.



ONE TICKET, PLEASE.

HERE YOU GO, MISS.

LEAVING US ARE YOU?

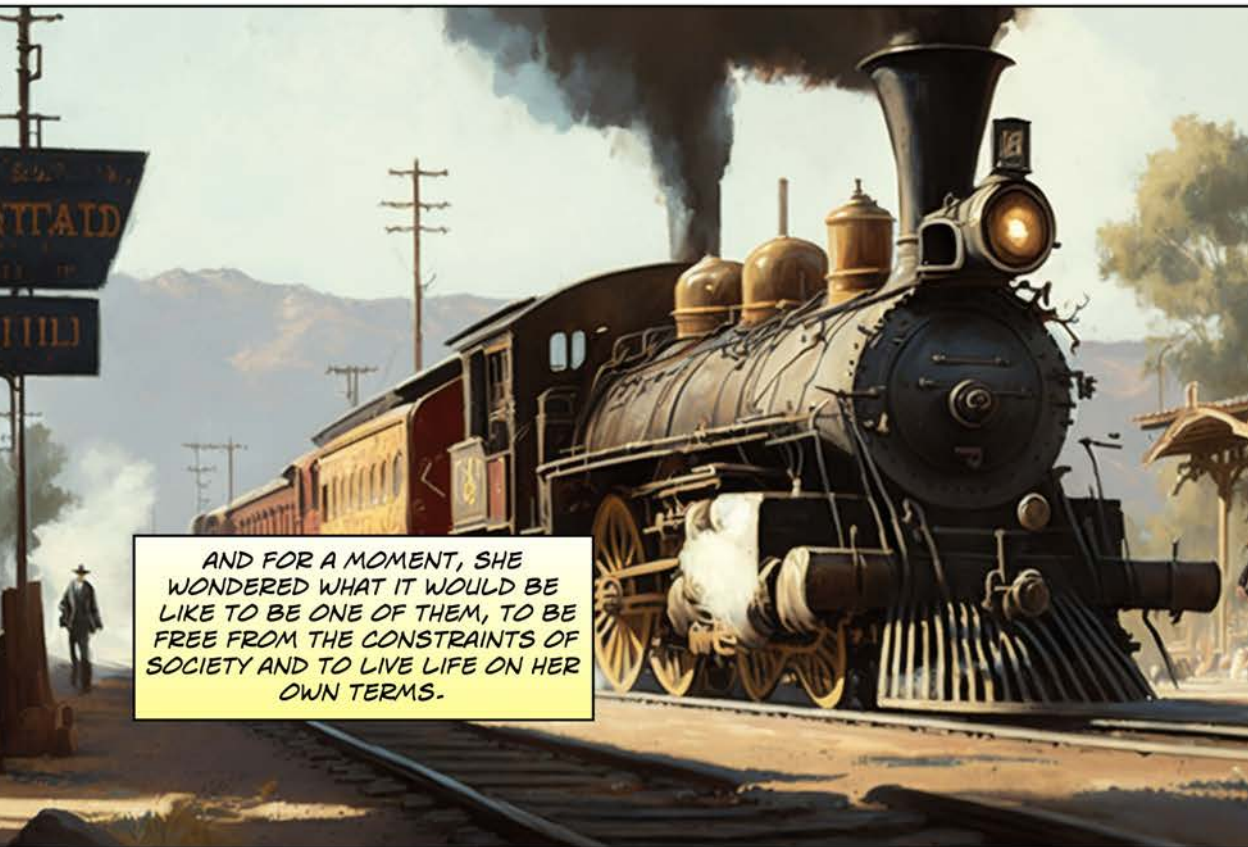
YES SIR. YOU COULD SAY I'M STARTING A NEW CHAPTER IN MY LIFE.

TAKE CARE, NOW.

AS SARAH BOARDED THE TRAIN,
SHE COULDN'T HELP BUT
IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE
TO LIVE LIFE ON THE RUN.



SHE HAD ALWAYS BEEN
FASCINATED BY STORIES OF
OUTLAWS AND GUNSLINGERS.



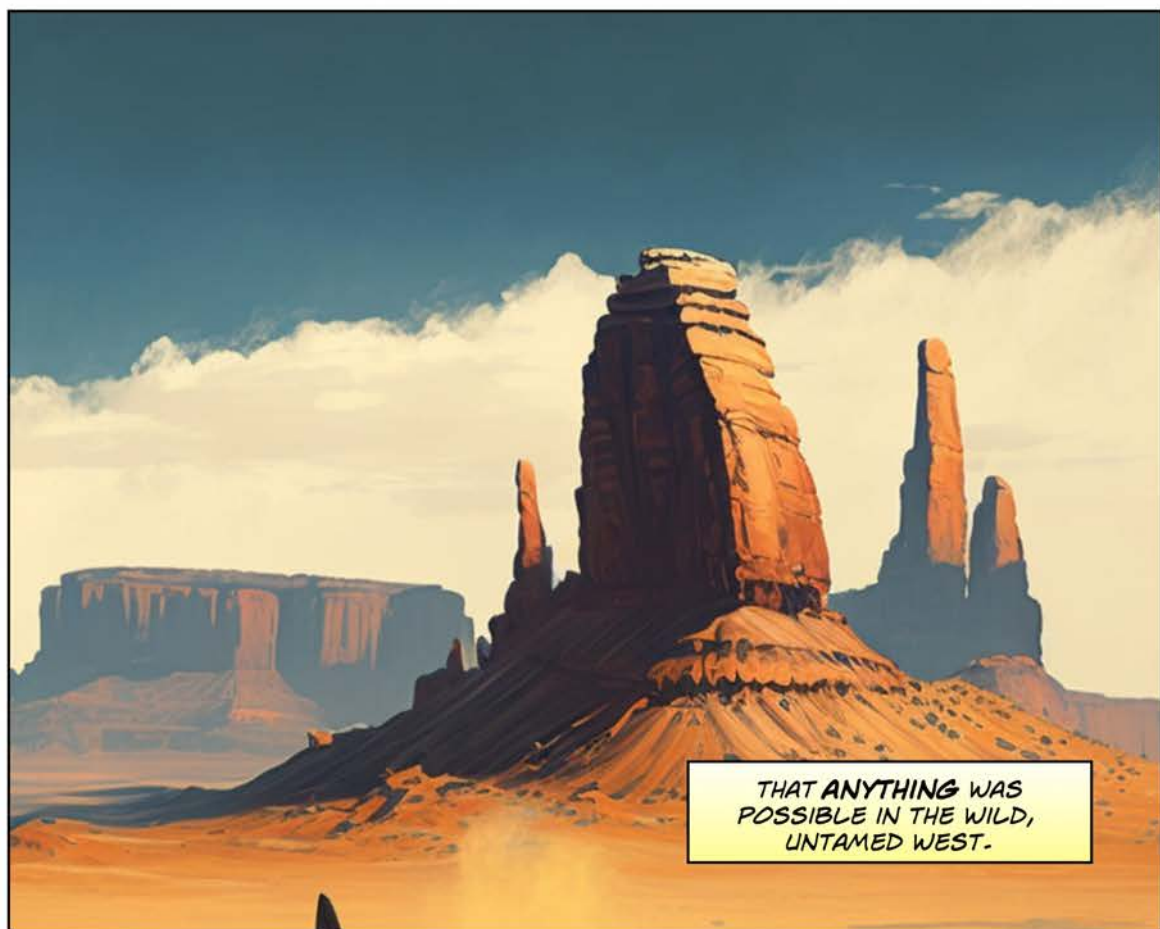
AND FOR A MOMENT, SHE
WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD BE
LIKE TO BE ONE OF THEM, TO BE
FREE FROM THE CONSTRAINTS OF
SOCIETY AND TO LIVE LIFE ON HER
OWN TERMS.



BUT AS THE TRAIN CHUGGED ALONG, SARAH SHOOK HER HEAD, BANISHING SUCH THOUGHTS FROM HER MIND. SHE WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE A FRESH START, TO PUT HER PAST BEHIND HER AND TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR HERSELF.



AND YET, AS SHE GAZED OUT THE WINDOW AT THE PASSING SCENERY, SHE COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL A THRILL OF EXCITEMENT, KNOWING...



THAT ANYTHING WAS POSSIBLE IN THE WILD, UNTAMED WEST.

BUT JUST AS SARAH WAS LOST IN THOUGHT, A SUDDEN JOLT ROCKED THE TRAIN, FOLLOWED BY A TREMENDOUS **EXPLOSION** - THE CARGO CARS IN THE BACK OF THE TRAIN HAD BEEN CARRYING DYNAMITE, AND THE ROUGH RIDE HAD CAUSED IT TO **IGNITE**.



SARAH WAS THROWN FROM HER SEAT AS THE TRAIN CAREENED OFF THE TRACKS, AND SHE BRACED HERSELF FOR THE IMPACT.

FOOM!!



MIRACULOUSLY, SARAH SURVIVED THE CRASH, BUT SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT. AS SHE PICKED HERSELF UP, SHE REALIZED THAT SHE HAD A NEWFOUND SENSE OF PURPOSE, AS IF HER THOUGHTS JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION HAD SOMEHOW TAKEN HOLD.



SHE NOW REMEMBERED A LIFE AS A FEARLESS FEMALE GUNSLINGER, LIVING OUTSIDE THE LAW AND ANSWERING TO NO ONE.

SARAH KNEW THAT SHE COULD NEVER GO BACK TO HER OLD LIFE, AND THAT FROM THIS MOMENT ON, SHE WOULD BE KNOWN AS A GUN-SLINGING COWGIRL, RIDING THE WEST WITH A SIX-SHOOTER IN HER HAND AND A FIRE IN HER HEART!

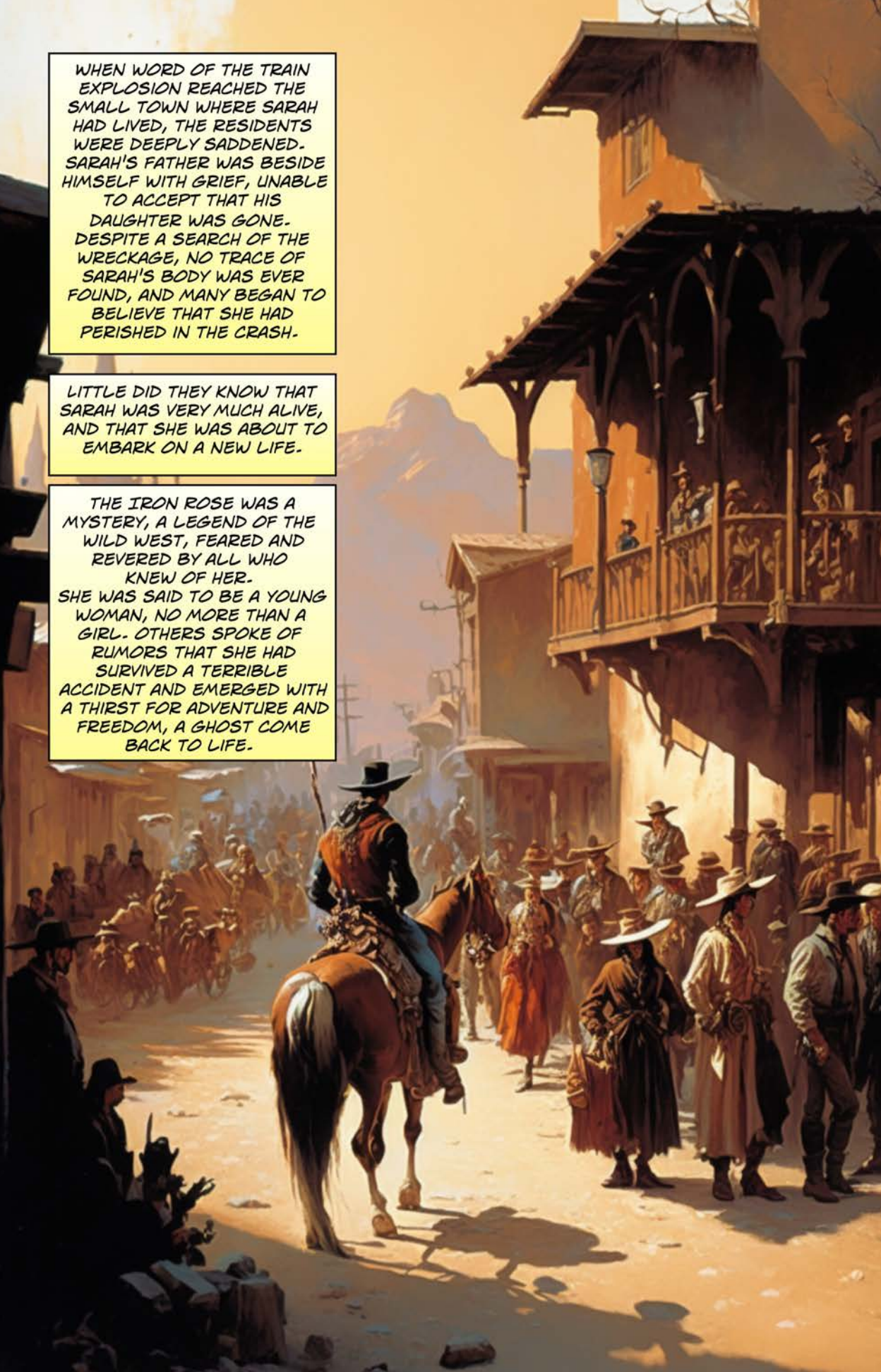
GOING BY HER NEW NAME...

THE IRON ROSE

WHEN WORD OF THE TRAIN EXPLOSION REACHED THE SMALL TOWN WHERE SARAH HAD LIVED, THE RESIDENTS WERE DEEPLY SADDENED. SARAH'S FATHER WAS BESIDE HIMSELF WITH GRIEF, UNABLE TO ACCEPT THAT HIS DAUGHTER WAS GONE. DESPITE A SEARCH OF THE WRECKAGE, NO TRACE OF SARAH'S BODY WAS EVER FOUND, AND MANY BEGAN TO BELIEVE THAT SHE HAD PERISHED IN THE CRASH.

LITTLE DID THEY KNOW THAT SARAH WAS VERY MUCH ALIVE, AND THAT SHE WAS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A NEW LIFE.

THE IRON ROSE WAS A MYSTERY, A LEGEND OF THE WILD WEST, FEARED AND REVERED BY ALL WHO KNEW OF HER. SHE WAS SAID TO BE A YOUNG WOMAN, NO MORE THAN A GIRL. OTHERS SPOKE OF RUMORS THAT SHE HAD SURVIVED A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AND EMERGED WITH A THIRST FOR ADVENTURE AND FREEDOM, A GHOST COME BACK TO LIFE.





AS THE MOURNERS GATHERED TO BURY WHAT THEY BELIEVED TO BE SARAH'S REMAINS, THEY COULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED WHAT SHE HAD NOW BECOME.

HER FATHER REMEMBERED SARAH WITH TEARS AND PRAYERS, HIS DAUGHTER WAS NOW GONE. AND IN AN EERILY SIMILAR WAY AS HER MOTHER HAD **DISAPPEARED...** SO MANY YEARS AGO.

MY BELOVED, SARAH.
NOW I'VE LOST YOU BOTH...



TWO YEARS LATER

GUNSMOKE GULCH - 1876

WELCOME TO THE DUSTY STREETS OF GUNSMOKE GULCH, A FRONTIER TOWN IN THE HEART OF THE OLD WEST - A ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE PLACE, WHERE GUNSLINGERS, GAMBLERS, AND PROSPECTORS RUB ELBOWS WITH COWBOYS, SALOON GIRLS, AND SETTLERS. A PLACE WHERE THE STRONG THRIVED AND THE WEAK DIDN'T LAST LONG. BUT DESPITE IT'S DANGERS, GUNSMOKE GULCH ATTRACTED A DIVERSE AND COLORFUL CAST OF CHARACTERS, ALL DRAWN TO ITS PROMISE OF GOLD, ADVENTURE, AND A NEW START IN THE AMERICAN WEST.



ONE SUCH COLORFUL CHARACTER IS MONTANA JOHN.

ROSE!
IRON ROSE...


MONTANA. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE IN TOWN

YEAH, BUT I'M NOT ALONE.
RED WANTS TO TALK WITH YOU.

HE SENT ME TO TELL YOU TO EITHER JOIN US, OR YOU FACE THE CONSEQUENCES.

CONSEQUENCES? I'VE FACED WORSE THAN WHAT RED CAN DO.





YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, RED'S GOT EYES AND EARS EVERYWHERE. HE KNOWS EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON IN THESE PARTS. IF YOU DON'T JOIN US, HE'LL MAKE SURE YOU NEVER MAKE IT OUT ALIVE.

MONTANA JOHN WAS NEVER ONE FOR TALKING ABOUT HIS PAST, BUT THERE WERE RUMORS FLOATING AROUND ABOUT HIS TIME AS A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER DURING THE CIVIL WAR. SOME SAID HE DESERTED, OTHERS WHISPERED ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN WAR CRIMES. REGARDLESS OF THE TRUTH, ONE THING WAS FOR CERTAIN - HE WAS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH - NO ONE DARED CROSS HIM.



I DON'T **SCARE** EASILY, JOHN, YOU KNOW THAT. I CAN **TAKE CARE** OF MYSELF.



CAN YOU **REALLY?** THE LAW AND BOUNTY HUNTERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AFTER YOU, BUT NOW RED IS AFTER YOU. YOU'RE RUNNING OUT OF **OPTIONS**, ROSE. IT'S TIME TO FACE THE REALITY OF YOUR SITUATION. YOU NEED US.

LATER, INSIDE THE RUSTY SPUR.



RED, A RUTHLESS OUTLAW WHO GAINED HIS POWER THROUGH CUNNING AND VIOLENCE, CREATING A REPUTATION FOR BEING ONE OF THE MOST FEARED MEN IN THE OLD WEST! - DESPITE THAT BRUTAL REPUTATION, HE HAS A CERTAIN CHARISMA THAT DRAWS PEOPLE TO HIM, AND HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS SLICK TACTICS AND SMOOTH TONGUE. THOUGH MANY VIEW HIM AS A MONSTER, RED SEES HIMSELF AS A VISIONARY.

ROSIE!

GLAD YOU
COULD MAKE IT.

DON'T CALL ME
THAT...
YOU KNOW I HATE
THAT NAME!






HAHA, YEAH,
I FORGOT HOW FIRED
UP YOU GET WHEN I
CALL YOU **ROSIE!**

OK, OK... I'LL TRY NOT
TO BE AN ASSHOLE.
I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE
POINT. YOU GOT A
**REPUTATION AS A GIRL
GUNSLINGER. YOU'RE THE
BEST SHOT IN THE WEST.
BETTER THAN MOST
MEN.**

I KNOW THAT...
SO WHY ARE YOU AND ME
TALKING ABOUT IT?

LET'S JUST SAY I
NEED YOUR **HELP** AND
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH OF
A CHOICE IN IT. I CAN
PROTECT YOU OR
MAKE YOUR LIFE A
LIVING HELL.
IT'S UP TO YOU.




AND WHAT'S IN
IT FOR ME?

MONEY, POWER, AND A
CHANCE TO BE PART OF
SOMETHING BIGGER.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS
TAKE CARE OF MY
RIVAL.



I'M NOT A
KILLER FOR
HIRE...



YOU WILL BE IF YOU
WANT TO STAY ALIVE.
THE CHOICE IS YOURS,
ROSE.



AND SO...

HIS NAME IS **BILLY**.
I WOULD HAVE TWICE THE WEALTH TODAY IF HE HADN'T TAKEN EVERYTHING FROM ME.

IT'S TIME TO **SETTLE THE SCORE**.

I NEVER SUSPECTED ANYONE COULD TAKE ANYTHING FROM YOU RED...

HAHA! THAT'S A GOOD ONE, ROSE!

COOL IT, JOHN!



THEN - 10 YEARS EARLIER...

THE TRUTH IS, BILLY'S FATHER WAS ONCE A SUCCESSFUL RANCHER AND BUSINESSMAN, BUT HIS LIFE TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE WHEN RED CAME INTO THE PICTURE. RED'S SCHEMES RESULTED IN THE RUIN OF THE BUSINESS AND LED TO THE DEATH OF BILLY'S FATHER.



NOW - UPSTAIRS IN A HOTEL ROOM OF THE RUSTY SPUR. BILLY SITS IN FRONT OF A MIRROR AND CONTEMPLATES HIS FATE.

I'VE WAITED TEN HARD YEARS FOR THIS MOMENT... RED'S DOWNSTAIRS, I HAVE TO MAKE MY MOVE.



THE SHADOWY FIGURE OF BILLY
SLIDES UP TO THE BAR UNNOTICED.

HE LISTENS IN ON THE CONVERSATION
AND DOES HIS BEST ...

YOU **GOTTA** TAKE HIM OUT
ROSE. HE DISRESPECTED ALL
OF US

HE **DESERVES** WHAT'S
COMIN' TO HIM.

... TO CONTROL HIS RAGE.

HE'S A PUNK...
NOTHING YOU CAN'T
HANDLE.

SO WHAT DO YA
SAY?



I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BEING YOUR PIT BULL, RED. FIND SOMEONE ELSE.

RED BURNS WITH RAGE AS HE WATCHES ROSE LEAVE, BUT HE'S NOT DONE WITH HER YET.


AND JOHN GIVES CHASE...



ROSE!
C'MON, WAIT UP.
I'M NOT LIKE RED,
YOU CAN TALK TO ME.

I WON'T DO IT,
JOHN.
KILLING SOMEONE
JUST BECAUSE RED
WANTS ME TO IS NOT
THE KIND OF PERSON
I WANT TO BE.





I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, ROSE. BUT YOU GOTTA UNDERSTAND WHAT'S AT STAKE - YOU DON'T WANT TO **CROSS** HIM.

I DON'T CARE. I WON'T BE A PART OF THIS. I MAY BE AN OUTLAW, BUT I'M **NO** HIRED KILLER.

I KNOW YOU'RE TOUGH, ROSE. BUT RED IS DIFFERENT. HE'S GOT A LOT OF RESOURCES, A LOT OF MEN. YOU MIGHT BE IN OVER YOUR HEAD.

WE GOT NO **QUARREL** BETWEEN YOU AND I... LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY. I CAN HANDLE RED. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.



AND SUDDENLY BILLY
MAKES HIS MOVE ON RED...

TEXAS RED!

WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T
BILLY. I THOUGHT YOU'D
BE SIX FEET UNDER BY
NOW, BOY.

YOU TOOK MY FATHER
AWAY FROM ME AS A
BOY. NOW IT'S TIME
FOR PAYBACK.

PAYBACK? FOR WHAT?
YOUR OLD MAN WAS A
FOOL.



YOU RUINED MY LIFE!
AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO SUFFER.



OH, BILLY... C'MON NOW.
YOUR DADDY DIDN'T LISTEN...

AND YOU DIDN'T
HEED MY WARNING...
HUNTING ME DOWN
LIKE THIS.

NAH, YOU SHOULDA
STAYED AWAY, BILLY.
NO ONE ELSE WAS
SUPPOSED TO
GET HURT.



BUT NOW I'M GONNA END YOU.
THE WAY I ENDED YOUR DADDY ALL
THOSE YEARS AGO!



I'VE HEARD ENOUGH, RED.
I DON'T **BELIEVE** A WORD YOU'VE SAID
ABOUT BILLY. IT'S CLEAR TO ME NOW
THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO
BE TAKEN OUT!



WHOA... THIS JUST GETS
BETTER AND BETTER!
FIRST BILLY COMES HERE,
TRYING TO TAKE ME ON...
NOW YOU!
DON'T WORRY, YOU BOTH
WON'T LIVE TO **REGRET** IT.
MARK MY WORDS, KID!




OH, I WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA **WHAT** YOU'RE
UP AGAINST.

THEN JOHN IS STRUCK WITH FEAR AS HE OBSERVES ROSE UNDERGOING A TRANSFORMATION BEFORE HIM.

ROSE!
WHAT THE...?

RED!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HER!?

WELL, DAMN!
I NEVER EXPECTED THIS!



UNLEASHING AN UNPRECEDENTED OUTPOURING OF POWER, ROSE TRANSFORMS BEFORE THE EYES OF ALL, ELICITING REACTIONS OF SHOCK AND AWE FROM ALL EXCEPT ONE MAN...

ZZZZZZTTT!



ALRIGHT ROSIE,
YOU WANT TO PLAY?

LET'S PLAY!

TO BE CONTINUED!

**INNOVATIVE STORYTELLING
AT THE INTERSECTION OF
TECHNOLOGY AND IMAGINATION.
WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF
SYNTHETIX**

**SYNTHETIX IS REVOLUTIONIZING THE
COMIC BOOK INDUSTRY BY COMBINING
THE LATEST IN AI TECHNOLOGY WITH THE
IMAGINATION OF THE WORLD'S BEST COMIC
WRITERS. USING AI WE ARE ABLE TO CREATE
CHARACTERS, WORLDS, AND STORIES THAT
ARE TRULY UNIQUE AND CAPTIVATING;
PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT'S
POSSIBLE IN THE WORLD OF COMICS, AND TO
PROVIDE READERS WITH AN IMMERSIVE AND
THRILLING EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER.**



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Background on the Character's reference and story.

THESE WERE THE IMAGES USED TO TRAIN MIDJOURNEY FOR EACH CHARATER. THE SEEDS WERE THEN DEVELOPED FURTHER TO GENERATE CONSISTENT CHARACTER DESIGN.

CHATGPT TOOK MY IDEAS AND CREATED THE FLOWING STORY ARC. THANKS FOR READING AND HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE BOOK!



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TEXAS RED



RED, ALSO KNOWN AS TEXAS RED, WAS A NOTORIOUS OUTLAW KNOWN FOR HIS LOVE OF WHISKEY AND CRUEL NATURE. ACCORDING TO LOCAL LEGEND, RED'S LIFE OF CRIME BEGAN AT THE AGE OF TWELVE, WHEN HE BURNED DOWN THE ORPHANAGE IN WHICH HE WAS RAISED.

MONTANA JOHN, ALSO KNOWN AS JOHN, WAS A TRUSTED ASSOCIATE OF TEXAS RED, THE NOTORIOUS OUTLAW LEADER. WITH HIS SHARP SENSES, HE ACTED AS A VIGILANT ADVISOR TO THE OFTEN INEBRIATED RED. DESPITE HIS UNWAVERING LOYALTY, RUMORS CIRCULATE ABOUT A DARK EVENT FROM A DECADE AGO THAT CEMENTED JOHN'S ALLEGIANCE TO RED, WITH SOME SPECULATING THAT RED DEFENDED THE HONOR OF JOHN'S SISTER.



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MONTANA JOHN

J. ABRAHAM



BILLY



WILLIAM, OR BILLY AS HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN, WAS DRIVEN BY A THIRST FOR JUSTICE AFTER HIS FATHER WAS TRAGICALLY TAKEN BY THE NOTORIOUS OUTLAW, RED. DESPITE HIS MOTHER'S PLEAS FOR CAUTION, BILLY COULD NOT RESIST THE URGE TO SEEK REVENGE AND HEADED TO TOWN WITH HIS GUNS IN HAND, DETERMINED TO MAKE A STAND.



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