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1. Hiding In a Dive Bar Again.
2. We are worried about getting ratted out
3. Talon is captured
4. Kicking Ass in the back alley

Details

Friends in Low Places

Rook tells us, "I arrested Sol one time, but like, he's a nice guy. So I put in a good word for him and he served some community service. We're good friends." They aren't exactly honest but Rook knows them and we can hide there. It is pretty crowded, it's mostly dockworkers and people from the neighborhood. It is a blue-collar crowd, but they are proud of the jobs and happy. It's a nice place.

Talon is standing near the front door. He uses his "hat of disguise" and puts a large scar down one side of his cheek hoping to blend in a bit. Hans and Sky Blue are standing down toward the end of the bar having a drink.

Kryssle and Rook go to the backroom with Sol to have a discussion. The back room is a large separate storage area. It's got a second floor that Sol and Dia live in. The kegs and other bar supplies are stored in the backroom, and there is a small office as well. Sol immediately ask Rook "What are you doing here?" Rook explains that the "authorities" were after him, in order to get an item that he has! Rook wants Sol's help to get away.

Out front, several gentlemen try to walk into the establishment, They are very buff and slightly larger than the normal customers. You notice the bouncer briefly stop them, but one of them goes up to the bouncer and whispers something. For a brief moment, there's a pause, and the bouncer smiles and waves them in like everything's cool. We have seen this "mind trick" before.

As Sky Blue drinks, you can see where the alcohol goes because she becomes clear for a moment. She's already highly inebriated. She's been drinking like a fish and is very drunk. The owl is also drunk. Sky Blue doesn't metabolize the alcohol, it evaporates out of her. So she's steaming off booze.

Sol says, "You guys should stay back here. You should probably call your friends back here just in case they have images of you. I'm going to pretend like nothing's happening because that's what they would expect me to do." **Sol** picks up a keg, and throws it over his shoulders to head back up front.

Rook gets the strong feeling that **Sol** is going to rat them out. He grabs **Sol** by the throat in a slightly aggressive but not painful way. **Kryssle** goes full "godfather" on **Sol** and tells him that if he rats them out he will die, his family will die, and everyone he knows and likes will die a painful horrible death.

In the bar, the "authorities" are questioning everyone. They have a data pad and they flip through photos and one of them is almost a perfect likeness of **Rook**. One of the "authorities" stops and asks **Talon** if he has seen **Rook** and shows him the picture. Things are getting a bit dicey. **Talon** lets the rest of the group know that he is going out the front door and try to move toward the back of the bar. **Hans** and **Sky Blue** make their way to the back room.

You Want a Battle? (Here's A War)

The moment **Talon** gets out the front door, he sees the street corners are covered with guards. A "**Big Women**" comes up the **Talon** and casts "control person". **Talon** is a prisoner, but does a good job of answering her questions with as little information as possible.

The **Big Women** goes into the bar after securing **Talon** in a car. The rest of the party is in the backroom preparing for battle. **Kryssle** makes a number of Molotov cocktails, **Hans** is ready to fight and **Sky Blue** stands there quietly, radiating alcohol vapors. With a game plan quickly formulated, they open the backdoor and **Hans** fire bolts the first guy right in the face. His face melts off and he falls off the edge of the dock and floats away in the ether in flames. **Kryssle** runs out using her great strength and smashes a Molotov cocktail on top of the head of one of the other guards. The guard bursts in flame and she shoves him mightily in the chest and he goes off floating into the ether. Unfortunately **Kryssle** is standing in a circle of fire. The two bad guys on flame are slowly floating away.

To be continued



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