

Silvaire Roadhouse/IF-128.36

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As he often did, [[Kennedy Loser]] sought out Roadhouse Jr. to talk - inviting her over for dinner in a classic Crabs tradition. Loser spoke of a shared frustration with the trials the team had faced at the hands of gods, fans, and even on occasion other teams. Unfortunately this was not something Roadhouse was interested in hearing, and as she parted Loser could only wish he had been able to get through sooner.

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When the deaths began, Roadhouse remained visibly unaffected, drawing a curtain between her and the world even as she saw teammates, former and current, put in her line of fire. Furious, it was [[Pedro Davids]] who took her to task on the subject. For all her loss he was quick to match his own, even as the only player left on the team with his flinch hanging over him. From there it was a realization that Roadhouse almost killed the fox who killed the sun with her, and that perhaps she might have other options. It's not better right away, but After that it is

different. She began to speak to others for the first time about how the game had affected her. - not all of the team, but the ones who were there on Day X, and there in the Big Leagues. While she still struggled not to lash out, she tried and one day she hoped she might get better.

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In season 22 it was league renowned player [[Jessica Telephone]] that reached out to her to talk over dinner. Coming with her own history of Day X in the Discipline Era, Telephone spoke frankly to Roadhouse about what might happen next. Speaking of the difference between fault and responsibility, and of what you can control and what you cannot. Privately she quickly realized that her words weren't sinking in for Roadhouse and could only hope that when the time finally came, she would remember them.

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As the deaths began to pile up, Roadhouse watched as her instability spread to teammates and friends, describing it as "fate making a punishment for those who thought they could get away with this for so long". When the time came, Roadhouse made a request of [[Yurts Tunbo]] to allow her four victims to be memorialized in the way traditional to Crabs players - having their ashes turned into [[Memorial Pearls]] and distributed to their loved ones. Trumbo agreed to the request, and Roadhouse offered to personally deliver the pearls to those who were willing to see her. This led to some heartfelt reunions, difficult conversations, and rejected apologies, but they were steps Roadhouse felt that she had to take, with one such conversation centering around her former co-captain [[Parker Meng]] during the delivery of Helga Moreno's remains.

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As the team entered season 15, they were plagued by redaction. Early in the season Roadhouse saw [[Forrest Best]] disappear after their game, and [[Nagomi Mcdaniel]] and [[Alyssa Harrell]] were both attacked multiple times by consumers, until they too were redacted in the semi finals of the postseason. It was then that teammate [[Brock Forbes]] revealed to both Roadhouse and [[Tot Fox]] that, based on his own knowledge, that the two of them were only a handful of attacks away from being redacted themselves. The two were left waiting for the next game to start, knowing it may have been their last, when Fox dragged Roadhouse to an old abandoned bunker that had previously been home to Best. The two of them spent the night there reflecting on what might be next, and in the morning before the Mild league finals, they each took a memento from Best's collection of assorted fine clothes, accessories, and stolen goods. Roadhouse considered that, "stealing something just seems like what it would have wanted us to do."

===On the Boston Flowers===

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====A Debt - The Intent to Kill====

From an early age Roundhouse was taught that to kill was to make a conscious decision made by the gunslinger. That it was about control, and that the worst sin of all was to fire your gun off without intent, and to kill without the conscious choice to do so. In season 20 Silvaire lost their Flinch modifier, and gained a Debt. With the dangerous potential crackling under their skin they made their own decisions, and Roadhouse had always been an excellent shot. Over the course of the season fans saw clean hits, singles, home runs, and anything that kept the ball away from the outfield, fouling to destroy stadium lights, fences, and trees over letting someone catch one of those deadly outs. For Roadhouse it was always their intent that mattered and they kept an iron grip on their newfound curse.

===Return to the Crabs===

In Season 22 Silvaire returned to the Baltimore Crabs, this time pitching, and continued their efforts to control their debt. As the seasons dragged on however, the debt hung heavy over Roadhouse's shoulders. While the fans seemed to be confident that Roadhouse's luck would continue, Roadhouse himself was gradually exhausted at the efforts required to keep the rest

of the league safe. In season 23 the dam broke, and Roadhouse caused the unstable incinerations of [[Jon Halifax]], [[Gunther O'Brian]], [[Helga Mornea]], and [[Helga Washington]]. This was a difficult time for Roadhouse as they searched for ways to deal with these emotions. It was said that they often returned to the [[Memorial Bat Gardens]] in Boston as a kind of repentance, trading out the outfield of the Crabitat for the walls of The Garden, even as their mazes sprouted around them and The Garden watched them grow.

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==Descensions, of Another Sort==

===An Act of Lances===

Dark tidings were afoot in the Internet League. Everyone smelled it coming. One resurrection might be a miracle. Two makes a pattern. But three? Three would be systemic.

When [[Chorby Soul]] first took the league by storm, the Crabs were too busy fighting their own fight to process. [[York Silk]]'s own resurrection had him held in precarious balance, coping with his own death and rebirth, his calm and his far, far from calm. [[Forrest Best]], [[Alyssa Harrell]], and [[Nagomi McDaniel]] vanished without a trace, and even if the team could see that it was all connected, they were left reeling. Tripping at the finish line, the bitten and battered Crabs choked in the semifinals, and it felt like all their losses were in vain. Silvaire, especially, struggled for air. Alone and spiraling, she reached out, and grasped for something to anchor her in the flood.

On the last day of the season, the Moist Talkers shut out the Wild Wings under the maelstrom song of the Black Hole, and Silvaire wasn't watching the game. She was listening, she was reaching. Not outwards, to family, nor comrades, nor the ghosts of her god, but reaching in, stoking the coal of her frustrations with that hungry, beautiful song, and reaching, reaching, for "purpose".

She found it. On the Season 15 election, the Baltimore Crabs were dismantled. On the first day of Season 16, there was nobody left to stop her.

===An Act of Pikes===

York was Silvaire's one lead on the chaos unfolding throughout the league. Though he was off the team—only there because of his mom, and left the first chance he got—the two of them had been fast friends that one season. Over the phone, he explained what little he could. It wasn't enough.<ref>Perhaps by design. After all, he did redact one of the [[Liquid Friend]]lead investigators]]. Did they get too close?</ref>

Silvaire has always been a decent player of the splort, but she had a knack for the big picture, seeing the stars aligning, seeing the game behind the game. It was part of why [[Brock Forbes]] took particular interest in training her. He was gone now, too. Having so little to work with was deeply aggravating. So when Silvaire, two strikes down, caught sight of [[Brisket Friendo]] suddenly standing on second base that first game, she didn't hesitate to fire off her signature home gun. Grabbing Friendo by the collar as she passed second base, she dragged them home and right to the dugout, determined to pull on this thread until the whole damn thing unraveled.

After witnessing her rash behavior, the team was very, very split on Silvaire. Tot Fox and Luis Acevedo were ravenously enabling her investigating, Pedro Davids and Parker Meng were trying desperately to reel her in before she blew up the team, or herself, probably both. Fish Summer was new, Kennedy Loser was haunted, the rest of the Crabs were just trying to keep everything together.

[[Parker Meng]] was particularly incensed over this. She just arrived on the team at the request of [[Pedro Davids]] to help reorganize after losing all three team captains in a sense last season, and it seemed like she was set on Day 1 to get dragged down with them into this mess. The two of them had thought to loop Silvaire in on managing the team, but she was on a warpath with no dissuasion, and if the three of them were ever in a room together Pedro would find himself having to mediate more often than he could deal with his own responsibilities.

Not even two weeks had passed when Silvaire got stranger. On Day 16, [[Tot Fox]] scored a solo home run, and passing by [[Alston Cerveza]] at third base, communicated something to him that opened his ears to the horror and the beauty of the Black Hole's aria. The two of them came to the dugout together, where Cerveza was given a temporary jersey and commemorative merch. Since witnessing this, Silvaire was especially quiet. Her bat had broken earlier in that same game, perhaps it was a signifier of something to come. It's hard to read the stars under the accretion disk, but perhaps the Black Hole was the only star they needed aligning. Finally, she had a plan.

Over the next forty games, something changed in the team. One by one, they were tentatively on board with Silvaire's agenda. It had a dozen moving parts, and if any one of them went wrong it would end in failure, but the math checked out. Even some of Kennedy's ghosts seemed into it. Everyone but Meng, whose animosity hardened with her skepticism. The two of them took on the role of nemeses, which amounted to...doing the others' work behind her back, driving Pedro up the wall, and a lot of glaring from across the room. It was kind of tame, actually,

as if even Meng started to wonder if this might just work. And on Silvaire's end, maybe she just warmed up to her along the way.

It's no coincidence that on Day 56, the two players on base when Silvaire carcinated Alston a second time were her biggest ally, Tot Fox and her remaining cynic, Parker Meng.<ref>Or perhaps it was, since it's all happening in a simulator, but don't tell the wiki people that, they'll lose their minds</ref> It was as if she were taunting Silvaire, telling her to go ahead, mess it all up. She didn't. Again, the nauseating ecstasy of the Black Hole shook Alston to his core. In the dugout, Silvaire explained everything, the paperwork was signed, and the plan set in motion. After the game, Alston returned to the Moist Talkers, and they sorted out their end of the deal.

The Crabs are ecstatic. They'll still have a ways to go, pitching especially, and there are still a few essential things left to wrap up, like firing [[Fish Summer]] out of a cannon, but with everything locked in, they'll have fixed their lineup and credit score in a single season. Brisket Friendo will see play, and the league will finally have some answers. With the pressure off, Meng finally relented and let Silvaire have a moment to gloat before the two of them made peace, if anything for Davids' sake, and the three of them took on captaining responsibilities smoothly for the rest of the season. If that were the whole plan.

But Silvaire had a knack for the big picture, and contingencies had to be made. Thirty two days later, the stars aligned. Chorby Soul dies a second time. While Meng and Davids' are out of the office, Silvaire files a second round of paperwork.

In the Season 16 elections, when Chorby Soul again took the league by storm, Silvaire was ready. The answers they'll all wait for are essential, but they didn't satisfy, they didn't fulfill her hunger for purpose. Chorby Soul rose, and immediately switched out for Silvaire, dropped right into the hornet's nest. In Boston, of all places. She wasn't going to wait around for answers, damn the consequences, the Crabs can handle Chorby on their own. She looked around the room she found herself in, got to work on wringing out the answers herself, and there was nobody left to stop her. Perhaps she came to regret that.

===An Act of Death===

Silvaire played for the Flowers, and very little more can be said. Whatever paths that thread led her down took her far, far from the batting box. After a game, she left to continue the "faena". Brock Forbes, the only familiar face on the team, maybe knew more than he let on, but he wouldn't divulge details to anyone. He was more aware than most the dangers when one is in so deep.

On the first day of Season 17, Chorby Soul died a third time. On the second day, [[Luis Acevedo]] followed. If Silvaire had something to say for it, she said it where no one heard.

The only correspondence between Silvaire and another person during this time was a madly scrawled letter to her grandfather, Silvaire Sr., on the eve of Season 21, the contents of which he hasn't disclosed.

When Silvaire was next seen, the number of hermit crabs in her wake had doubled. Her hands were steady and her eyes fixed cleanly on the pitcher. Unflinching eyes, and hands stilled by the certainty of one's own failure. Maybe she got those answers she was looking for all this time, but she never said. Maybe she even felt like she saw her purpose through, but she never said.

When Silvaire hit Walton Sports with a ball, no eyes looked their direction. Her debt wasn't like their debt. She brought back the old ways.

==A Porta Gayola==

When the bull dies, they bring out the next. Silvaire held back on the Flowers, not a single instability chained during Season 21. The next season, she returned to the Crabs, and as a pitcher. There, too, she held back. As she readjusted to a more normal life in the chaos of the late Expansion Era, learned about the new developments she barely paid attention to, the new faces, the new worries, something brewed in her mind.

Whatever her intents were in Season 23 are unknown, but the pattern was made clear when Silvaire stopped holding back:

: [[Helga Washington]] was incinerated, and the instability chained to [[Jon Halifax]], incinerating him as well.

: [[Gunther O'Brian]] was incinerated, and the instability chained to [[Kaz Fiasco]], surviving

: [[Helga Moreno]] was targeted three times, and incinerated the third, and the instability chained to [[Tot Fox]], surviving

: [[Tot Clark]] was targeted three times, surviving, only to be incinerated by a rogue umpire next season

Jon Halifax and Tot Fox were ex-Crabs, Kaz Fiasco a current Crab, all of which could be considered some of the more capable on the roster, in the absence of the incinerated or the preserved. Helga Moreno was partnered to Parker Meng, and Tot Clark to the late Luis Acevedo, both of whom Silvaire had left behind without closure to go after the ressurectors.

Silvaire had not struck a single Crab or ex-Crab during her instability, even when on the Flowers, but her target pattern clearly showed indirect strikes, both literal and otherwise, against her teammates. She always had a knack for seeing the game behind the game.

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