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RAMS Team Bios

A supplement to the Recovery & Marine Salvage adventure series

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PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: [REDACTED]

PERS REF: **FATMAN**

ALT PERS REF: **FAT MAN**

PERS STATUS: **UNKNOWN**

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

The few details we know about the Fat Man come from the mission file ROGUE HORSE RECOVERY. The de facto leader of Recovery & Marine Salvage, Inc. [SEE REF - RAMS] started his military career straight out of surgical residency and qualified as an Army Medical Field Surgeon in time to take part in Operation Desert Storm.

During a routine patient transfer by helicopter, the team received flash traffic about a tank crew that had taken a hit and were far from the nearest field hospital. The trauma team unanimously volunteered to proceed to the incident site despite warnings that the area was not secure. Shortly after landing the medical team was attacked by local militia fighters which were likely deserters from the Iraqi army. The helicopter crew and medical team were KIA and [SEE REF - FATMAN] was also assumed killed in the exchange. Securing the crash site and recovery of bodies was delayed several days until resources could be diverted to the location. The helicopter crew and medical team were posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

Approximately four months later military intelligence units received a tip that a splinter militia group was holding an American in a remote village near [REDACTED]. Surveillance assets were assigned to the village with a low priority tasker. During one of the routine flyovers anomalous events were detected and MITEL [SEE REF - ARCHANGEL] raised the priority of the surveillance tasker. Several days of surveillance indicated the possibility of a lone wolf asset conducting an unsanctioned guerilla operation against village residents. The description of the lone wolf asset matched the description of the missing doctor and MITEL felt the evidence compelling enough to conduct a ground operation to investigate and dispatched elements of [REDACTED] to secure the village and investigate with a secondary objective to take the lone wolf asset into custody if possible or termination if capture was not possible.

Entering the village, team leader [REDACTED] found the village abandoned except for one individual identifying himself as the missing doctor. After recovery and debriefing MITEL ordered the case records sealed and instructed the recovered asset should remain listed as KIA. An engineering team was dispatched to cap the well and level the village and [SEE REF - FATMAN] subsequently disappears from any official records. Details in the mission file ROGUE HORSE RECOVERY indicate that [SEE REF - FATMAN] may have been tasked to develop a black ops team [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS] to conduct deniable operations against drug cartel cash shipments.

Though the mission file doesn't state the decommissioning date, it's believed that the [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS] operated until late 2010 or early 2011, sometimes in conjunction with other agency and

military assets [SEE REF - ANGEL]. Besides supplying cash for agency black projects the team was occasionally activated for a variety of recovery operations when deniability was expedient. After 2011 further references to [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS] cease but Recovery & Marine Salvage, Inc. [SEE REF - RAMS] existed as a corporate entity until 2016 and has been enlisted in agency operations as described in mission files EYE OF HORUS SALVAGE, DRAGON FIRE RECOVERY and FALLING STAR RECOVERY. Recent reports indicate the remaining members of the team are no longer engaged in recovery services and may be retired and living somewhere in the southeastern area of Florida.

Recovery and Marine Salvage, Inc. filed for corporate dissolution in 2016 and reorganized as RAM Space, Inc., a company registered in New Mexico.

PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: [REDACTED]

PERS REF: **Q**

ALT PERS REF: **CUE BALL** (SEE MEDICAL SUPPLEMENTAL)

PERS STATUS: **UNKNOWN**

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Specialist Q had the most conventional special operations trajectory of any of the [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS]. He went from Army basic training to infantry school, followed by SOPC, SFAS and the "Q" course with an 18B - SF Weapons Sergeant MOS. His country of specialty was Russia and was fluent in that language after Live Environment Training (LET).

His career in Special Forces Operations was stellar and his post-service recruitment by either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] was a virtual certainty. It was during his first extended deployment that his parents were killed in a traffic accident, which he didn't find out about until months later. He had no other siblings or close relatives.

It was on a mission to Colombia, gathering intelligence on a group of former Russian Spetsnaz hired as security by a drug cartel, that the specialist was trapped in an ambush by cartel fighters and was presumed killed along with the rest of his team, though the body was never recovered.

It wasn't until several months later when approached by [SEE REF - FATMAN] that Operations Command discovered the specialist was still alive and had been rescued by another joint operations team [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS] operating in the area. At the request of [REDACTED], the specialist was listed as KIA and his personnel records associated with his service, including DNA, fingerprints, training and medical records were deleted and any paper copies destroyed.

Command assumed the specialist had been recruited to another black ops deep cover team and never pursued the matter. To this day no trace of the specialist's real name, family history, education or service record exist.

MEDICAL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: [REDACTED]

PERS REF: **Q - Medical**

ALT PERS REF: **CUE BALL**

PERS STATUS: UNKNOWN

MISSION REF: [REDACTED]

SUPPLEMENTAL:

During a routine sweep and clear mission in [REDACTED] undertaken in cooperation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] federal agencies, mission specialist [REDACTED] was wounded when he became separated from the rest of his unit approximately 5 km outside [REDACTED]. Caught an ambush by [SEE REF - OPFOR] the specialist was struck in the area of his groin by a 7.62mm x 51 round during a firefight with [SEE REF - OPFOR] supported by local cartel fighters.

The bullet struck the subject's penis just behind the glans and along the dorsal side of the corpora cavernosa. The bullet then continued through the specialist's upper thigh, missing the femoral artery by approximately 4mm.

Due to blood loss and austere battlefield conditions, emergency surgery was performed in the field by [REDACTED]. Some surgical debridement was necessary to close the penile wound and broad spectrum antibiotics administered to prevent infection. While emergency aid kept the specialist from bleeding to death in the field, the surgery left the subject's glans with a slightly bulbous appearance, but otherwise functional.

Because the wound largely healed before the specialist could get to a qualified medical facility, reconstructive surgeons advised the specialist that surgery to repair the cosmetic appearance of the glans would carry the risk of nerve damage and erectile dysfunction. The specialist opted to accept the minor physical deformity rather than risk permanent injury.

The unusual bulbous appearance of the subject's glans earned him the call sign "Cue Ball" among other mission personnel. During the decommissioning of the team [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS], the specialist's personnel reference was shortened to Q.

PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: [REDACTED]

PERS REF: V

PREV REF: **PUTA LOUCA**

PERS STATUS: **UNKNOWN**

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Growing up in Rocinha, one of the largest and most violent favelas (slums) outside of Rio De Janeiro, specialist V spent her early life poor and fatherless. Although never confirmed by investigation or the specialist herself, there were rumors that her early life in the slums was complicated by frequent abuse at the hands of an older male relative. An infection during adolescence that went untreated left her unable to have children and, at the age of 14, she found work as a courier and “comfort girl” for one of the favela’s many drug gangs. There she quickly worked her way up to lieutenant and a position as one of the few female enforcers. It was in that position she earned the moniker Puta Louca (Crazy Bitch in Portuguese), a name and reputation that would stick with her and inspire terror in the slums, particularly among men.

Eventually apprehended by Brazilian authorities, Puta Louca was facing multiple counts of murder, extortion, drug trafficking, prostitution and money laundering. In prison with her legal options exhausted and abandoned by her gang, she was approached by the Serviço Nacional de Informações, later called the Agência Brasileira de Inteligência [SEE REF - ABIN], Brazilian Intelligence, and trained as an operative with a branch of the Brazilian Special Forces. During training the specialist excelled in marksmanship, jungle survival and hand-to-hand combat.

Though an effective and fearless operative the specialist had frequent problems with both the chain of command and strategic focus. Despite a string of successful operations, a termination order was issued for Puta Louca on [REDACTED]. Getting a tip that termination was imminent, the specialist escaped to Colombia where she tried to hire herself out as a “sicario” or hitman for the cartels but met with limited success. Trying a different tact, she formed a small criminal gang and was planning on hijacking shipments of cash from the cartels.

During one of her attempted raids the specialist was wounded in an exchange with [SEE REF - FATMAN] [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS] which were raiding the very same cash drop. The specialist was secured, provided medical treatment and later recruited by [SEE REF - FATMAN] where she became one of only five women to qualify for combat ops with the [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS].

After a somewhat rocky start, specialist V became an integral member of the operations team and one of only four personnel who remained after the [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS] were decommissioned. Using the funds she acquired in the [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS] the specialist bought an extensive ranch in northern Brazil. There she housed, clothed and fed a small number of orphans rescued from her old neighborhood. At the ranch the kids received a quality education, including in-demand job skills,

along with training in tradecraft and industrial espionage. Over time the specialist used the orphans as the basis of a private intelligence network called Os Anjos [SEE REF - THE ANGELS], with extensive reach inside the Brazilian government. The Angels were fiercely loyal to the woman who rescued them from near certain death in the slums and gave them a path to a better life.

It's widely rumored in Intelligence agencies that elements of Os Anjos within the government were behind the Brazilian government's "pacification project" to clean up the slums and disarm the gangs in 2011. Eventually specialist V turned oversight and operation of the ranch over to a management team and became less involved with the daily operations of Os Anjos network after 2012, though she still spent the majority of her down time at the ranch.

Specialist V spent progressively more time at her jungle hideaway until the events detailed in mission file ROGUE HORSE RECOVERY called her back to the U.S. After the events detailed in mission file BLUE TANGO SALVAGE specialist V rarely returned to her home country, except as necessary to renew her visa. Eventually the specialist married and applied for permanent resident status under the name [REDACTED], which was granted.

The last operational record for specialist V is recorded in the mission file EYE OF HORUS SALVAGE. After that mission the specialist adopts a support role and there have been no additional operational records, no return trips to her home country and no reported contacts by either the Brazilian Intelligence or Os Anjos.

Given the lack of official records, police reports or surveillance sightings it is assumed at this writing, that the specialist is retired and living off the grid somewhere in southeastern Florida.

PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: [REDACTED]

PERS REF: **D (DEEK)**

PERS STATUS: **UNKNOWN**

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Specialist D was injured during a training exercise in underwater demolition that occurred during joint exercises at [REDACTED]. The concussive force of the blast shattered his pelvis, right leg, lower spine and right arm. Thanks to quick action by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the specialist was pulled from the water and transferred to [REDACTED] medical facility where he underwent six months of corrective surgeries.

Originally doctors told him he would never walk again and suggested another set of surgeries to that would make his confinement to a wheelchair permanent but more comfortable. The specialist refused additional surgeries and continued with a rehabilitative program at [REDACTED] to the limits of his coverage. While not able to walk unassisted, the specialist was eventually able to stand with the aid of crutches and other assistive devices and earned a conditional driver's permit that could be used with specially modified vehicles. The specialist still has tinnitus, occasional headaches and insomnia, which neurologists suggest are permanent with only limited treatment options available.

After his departure from active duty the specialist used his educational benefits to earn degrees in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. His early work in the emerging field of autonomous drone technologies caught the attention of the Pentagon and the specialist worked his way through several classified programs including [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

It was during his time at the Pentagon that the specialist was first presented with information leading him to suspect the training mishap was not an accident. Attempts to open a formal inquiry were rebuffed by command but the specialist continued investigating the incident on his own. Ignoring repeated calls by supervisory personnel and command to drop the matter the specialist was eventually found guilty of inappropriately accessing military data systems and his security clearance was suspended. He was subsequently issued a termination notice on [REDACTED].

At that time was he was approached by [SEE REF - FATMAN] to join a newly formed special operations unit [SEE REF - SNEAKY BASTARDS] as a technical and communications specialist. No official records of subsequent activities exist but, in the years after the specialist accepted the position with [SEE REF – SNEAKY BASTARDS] three of the five training exercise supervisors died in accidents and two officers in charge of the training program went missing and were declared dead in absentia.

There has been no official investigation of the training accident, the coincidental deaths of supervisory personnel or the missing officers to this day.

Due to the phonetic similarity between “V” and “D”, D’s official reference is typically Deek.

PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: AMBER MORRISON

PERS REF: AMBER

PREV REF: HEATHER

PERS STATUS: UNKNOWN

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Amber Morrison was added to the team through the usual recruitment process for individuals without a military or law enforcement background. Because she was hired after the team had been out of its original line of work for several years, there was only a minimal effort to obscure her personal records and she was never assigned an operational code name. Subsequent events, detailed in various mission files, made additional efforts to erase her digital history both ineffective and unnecessary. Amber is one of the few people connected to the Recovery and Marine Salvage [SEE REF - RAMS] team with a known history.

Growing up in the borough of Manhattan in New York City, Amber's early life was one of pampered luxury. In her early teens her parents divorced due to her mother's ongoing issues with alcohol addiction. It is likely during that tumultuous period that Amber first came in contact with someone who would eventually become her mentor in the sex trade. Less than two years after the divorce, her father was remarried to a woman from his office who had two kids from a previous marriage, only one of which still lived with her. The details of that time have never been documented but it's believed that disputes over money put Amber at odds with her stepmother and motivated her to consider the sex trade as means of gaining financial independence.

While there is no official arrest record there are file references that indicate Amber, operating as an escort under the name Heather, showed up in FBI files related to an ongoing organized crime investigation. The investigation centered around the wholesale drug trade tied to the son of the [REDACTED] crime family. The FBI case files were sealed when the primary suspect was killed and Heather disappears from the investigation records at the same time. Originally investigators believed that Amber was terminated along with the primary suspect and the records were archived when the investigation was concluded. There were no more official records until an Amber Morrison applied for a Florida driver's license three years later.

Amber's first contact with the RAMS team was when she was contracted as a call girl on an as needed basis by [SEE REF - FRED JEFFERS]. Amber entered active duty with [SEE REF - RAMS] as documented in mission file ROGUE HORSE RECOVERY. Shortly after entering employment with RAMS Amber earned her nursing degree with an emphasis on trauma response.

It was because of her nursing background that during dive training aboard the Salvage Star, mandatory for all ops members, the captain at the time, [SEE REF - FRED JEFFERS], assigned her collateral duty as the Star's infirmary nurse. For a brief time Amber did double duty in RAMS ops and aboard the Star but

the personnel issues eventually forced her to choose between ops or full-time duty on the Salvage Star as detailed in mission file BLUE TANGO SALVAGE.

Because of her personal association with [SEE REF - FATMAN] Amber's known operational career is documented in the team's final five mission files. Following the events detailed in mission file FALLING STAR RECOVERY Amber's operational status was changed to INACTIVE due to physical limitations and is currently listed as UNKNOWN.

PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: **CHARLOTTE THIBODAUX**

PERS REF: **[ALTERNATE SPELLINGS MAY EXIST]**

PREV REF: UNKNOWN

PERS STATUS: **INACTIVE**

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Charlotte Thibodaux is the youngest and most famous member of the RAMS team and the one with almost no official records before joining RAMS. What little is known about Charlotte's history before her life in Florida had to be pieced together from interview fragments, past associates and media accounts since starting her modeling career.

While Charlotte may indeed be her first name, her last name is likely taken from the town of Thibodaux in south central Louisiana. That aligns with fragments of information in mission file BLUE TANGO SALVAGE where she admits to growing up near Houma. A search of official records in Lafourche Parish turns up no one by that name and no missing persons report of anyone matching Charlotte's description. There is a birth certificate for someone of the same name and age in Terrebonne Parish but no other official records and no records for the people listed as her parents. In interviews she claims to have been homeschooled by devoutly religious parents and grew up in the swamps around Bayou Lafourche where her father ran a gas station and brokered crawfish. None of that could be confirmed despite repeated attempts by reporters and journalists to document Charlotte's life story as the community is notoriously suspicious of outsiders.

Trouble began for Charlotte when her parents died in a mysterious boating accident, which newspaper accounts seem to corroborate. In an interview with Vogue she claims to have been taken in by an uncle who also took over the gas station when she was 14. While Charlotte's records are fragmentary, the uncle had an ongoing involvement with Louisiana law enforcement. In prison three times, his rap sheet included poaching, smuggling, drug possession, possession with intent to distribute and association with an ongoing criminal organization linked to prostitution.

While speculative, it's believed that the uncle got Charlotte involved first with drugs and later in the prostitution trade. Whether her participation, in either activity, was voluntary is unknown. What is known is the uncle and a number of his associates died in a warehouse explosion in New Orleans in 2010. The deaths were ruled a homicide but a large number of potential suspects has handicapped the investigation. It's not until two years later that a Charlotte Thibodaux applied for a Florida driver's license, listing an address outside of Okeechobee in the south-central part of the state.

Her modeling career has been much easier to document. Describing her ancestry in a television interview as "part Cajun, part Creole and part alley cat" her unique physical qualities quickly gained her notoriety on the modeling circuit, eventually culminating with an exclusive contract with a European

auto manufacturer. Her bio lists her as 5' 11 inches and 128 pounds and she has won several awards for both modeling and, more recently, acting.

After the events documented in mission file DRAGON FIRE RECOVERY a tabloid ran an article featuring a New Orleans prostitute who claimed Charlotte used to work with her, backed by a man claiming to be a former client. Charlotte's agency sued the tabloid, which later printed a retraction when the prostitute changed her story and the former client disappeared. The case was settled out of court for an undisclosed sum.

After the events detailed in mission file FALLING STAR RECOVERY, Charlotte's current status is listed as UNKNOWN but believed to be INACTIVE. Her modeling career eventually expanded to include movie and television roles, including a recurring role in an action series based on a comic book. She's one of the few actors in the series who insists on doing her own stunts. She lists addresses in central Florida, Santa Monica, California and Vancouver, B.C. and her Facebook fan page lists her relationship status as married.

PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: **FRED JEFFERS**

ALT PERS REF: **TOW BOAT**

PERS STATUS: **INACTIVE**

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Though an integral part of operations, Fred "Tow Boat" Jeffers is the only person on the RAMS team to use his real name. There were several reasons for that, the primary being he functioned largely in a support role and he served as the public face and president of the Recovery and Marine Salvage, Inc. corporate entity. Jeffers ran everything water related at RAMS, including government and private deep sea salvage operations which included [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The only ship not run by RAMS and under Jeffers direct control was the container ship, which was owned by a shell company registered and flagged in [REDACTED].

Besides being a ship captain and master dive instructor, Jeffers is rated to fly both fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

Jeffers early smuggling career is recounted in mission file ROGUE HORSE RECOVERY and his operational status is currently listed as INACTIVE, believed to be retired.

PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: **CHRIS POINDEXTER**

ALT PERS REF: **THE AUTHOR**

PERS STATUS: **ACTIVE**

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Chris Poindexter is a freelance writer and photographer living and working in sunny, tropical South Florida. He writes for a number of publications on a wide range of topics including personal finance, science, technology, travel and general interest. Beside RAMS series, he's also written books on full-time RVing and a soon to be released book on the rideshare industry called Bad Trip - An Inside View Of The Rideshare Industry.

Working as a staff scientist at a classified research lab, a government regulator and later a contractor for the U.S. Navy, many of the story lines in the RAMS series are drawn from both the headlines and actual declassified mission files. Most of the book characters are loosely based on composites of real people he's met over the years, though any resemblance to actual people, living or dead is, of course, strictly coincidental.

It was his love of author John D. MacDonald and the Travis McGee mystery series that prompted him to write the first five books of the series from the perspective of the Fat Man, the informal leader of the RAMS team. Chris' original concept for the Fat Man and crew was a movie storyboard developed in the early 2000s, which is why the series lends itself so well to a first person narrative. The Fat Man's perspective acted like the "camera" moving from shot to shot through the story. Though not able to garner the budget or backing for a video production, he eventually packaged the story into a series of books.

You can see many of the actual places where the book stories are at by following the author's Instagram feed at [@South Florida beat](#). Most of the locations mentioned in the book are real, though the names have been changed in some instances to protect the guilty.

PERSONNEL HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL

PERS NAME: **AARON ROSEN**

ALT PERS REF: **THE GRAPHICS GUY**

PERS STATUS: **ACTIVE**

MISSION REF: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Aaron Rosen of Pixel-Mesh.com is the RAMS series graphics guy and cover designer. An avid reader of thriller and action adventure novels, Aaron has been involved since the very first story. Aaron has not only provided graphics support but his ideas were the inspiration for some of the characters and plot elements in the RAMS story lines.

A native and resident of Southern California, Arron enjoys camping and exploring with his wife and two kids. Aaron's other career is in disaster management and he's also a volunteer medic on a helicopter rescue team.

Without his unbridled confidence and constant, enthusiastic support it's quite likely the series would never have made it out of the concept stage.