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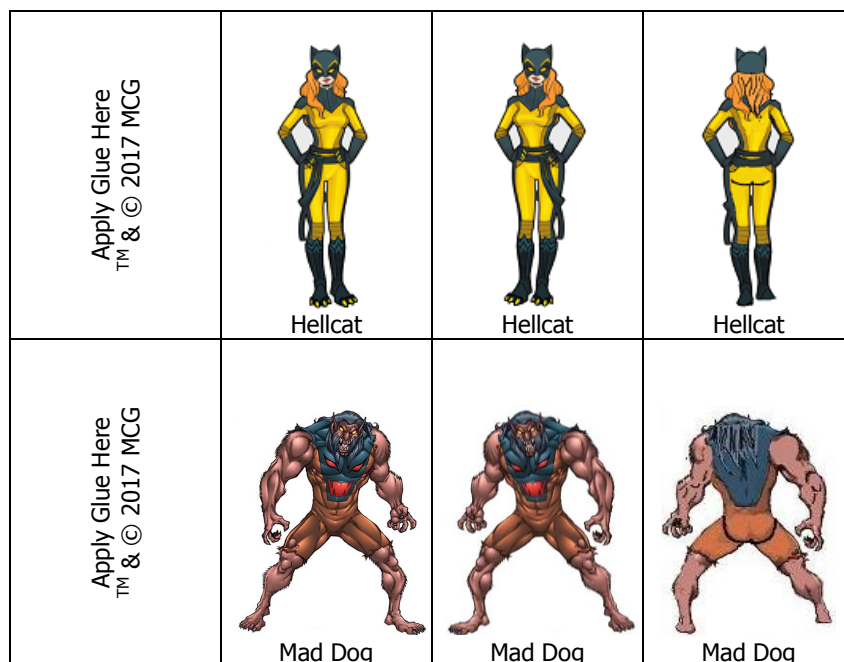
Marriage made in **Hell**

Divorced, and loving it...

In the past, The Marvel-Phile was one of the best resources for new and updated information pertaining to the Marvel Super Heroes Role-Playing Game. We are hoping to continue that fine tradition with the "New Marvel-Phile". While we are certain that each edition will bring something new and exciting for those that still enjoy this great game. We are still not 100% on the format that we will be using. What is coming down the line in the future is still up in the air. Let us know if you like what we are doing here, or if you want to see something different. Requests are also welcome, but please bear in mind, that we cannot possibly accommodate all requests. However we are hoping that this new format will be for the better, as in our opinion provides more options to our gamers.

This issue is about a couple with a complicated past. The subjects of Patsy's mother's writing, Patsy Walker and "Buzz" Baxter were childhood friends that seemed destined to be together. However, Baxter grew to be a jealous and controlling husband, and the marriage ended in divorce. Over the years, the couple have fought against each other; many times initiated by Baxter as he tries to seek revenge against Walker.

Please enjoy and feel free to give us feedback.



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STATISTICS:

F EX (20)
A EX (20)
S EX (20)
E EX (20)
R GD (10)
I GD (10)
P EX (20)

Health: 80

Karma: 40

Resources: GD (10)

Popularity: 10 (Patsy Walker)/
 5 (Hellcat)

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Patricia "Patsy" Walker

Occupation: Adventurer and small business owner; formerly paralegal, supernatural investigator, government agent, homemaker, model, actress, newspaper columnist

Legal Status: US citizen

Identity: Secret

Other Known Aliases: Patricia Baxter, Patricia Hellstrom, Cat, Penelope Lovelight

Place of Birth: Centerville, California

Marital Status: Divorced

Known Relatives: Joshua Walker (father); Dorothy Walker (mother, deceased); Sophia McConnell (maternal aunt); Bea (step-mother); Mickey Walker (brother); Robert "Buzz" Baxter (ex-husband); Daimon Hellstrom (ex-husband); Percy Walker and Birdseye Walker (cousins); Jim Walker and Joe Walker (paternal uncles); Martha Walker (paternal aunt); Barry (step-brother); Ted Trent (ex-fiancé); Mike Herald (ex-fiancé)

Base of Operations: 68 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York City, New York; formerly San Francisco, California; Alaska; Titan; Avengers Mansion, Manhattan, New York City, New York; Montclair, New Jersey; Centerville, California

Past Group Affiliations: Patsy Walker Temp Agency, Law Offices of Jennifer Walters, PLLC ; formerly Alaskan-based Initiative agent, Lady Liberators, Avengers, Defenders, Legion of the Unliving, Centerville Globe, Patsy Walker Enterprises

Present Group Affiliation:

KNOWN POWERS:

Psionic Detection: Good Rank

Infrared vision: Good rank.



Magic detection: Typical rank.

Telekinesis: Good rank.

Iron Will: Incredible resistance to mind control

Mind Blast: Good rank

COSTUME:

Although the Cat costume was needed to enhance Patsy's physical attributes, she has discovered that she retains her heightened physical abilities even without the costume.

Costume Summoning: Since returning from the dead, she has gained the ability to summon her costume on command, magically exchanging it for

whatever clothing she was wearing at the time.

Claws: retractable claws do Excellent damage.

Cable-Claw: self-firing grappling hook with 30-foot cable.

Shadow-Cloak (lost): The Shadow-Cloak provided her with the following abilities:

Extra-dimensional transport: She could transport herself and others to other dimensions, acting as instant teleportation. Additionally, she could retrieve weaponry from extra-dimensional armories.

WEAKNESS:

Patsy's mental abilities are not reliable. If under stress, make a Red Psyche FEAT roll, and if successful, she is able to use her Telekinesis or Mind Blast until the danger has passed. If her Psyche FEAT roll is successful, her Iron Will is also active.

Talents: She is an expert in Occult Lore and Martial Arts A and C.

Contacts: Patsy is a former member of both the Avengers and Defenders and could call on them for aid if need be.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:**ROLE-PLAYING NOTES**

Patsy wants to be a superheroine. It's her dream and her way of coping with her abused past. Although she initially begged her way into the field, she is determined to stay there as a worthwhile member of the elite club. The survivor of two failed marriages to troubled men, she seems to be leery of further relationships, and instead focuses more on her friendships with She-Hulk and some of the other female heroes.

HISTORY:

Patricia" Patsy" Walker was the only daughter of Joshua Walker, an aeronautical engineer, and Dorothy Walker, a comic book writer. While she was still a child her mother acted as her agent, helping her at modeling and commercial work. Dorothy Walker's greatest success was the creation of a comic book named after her young daughter, featuring romantic adventures of Patsy and her real-life friends as teenagers. The Patsy Walker comic book was very popular and continued for over a decade, as Patsy grew into and out of her teens.

Patsy Walker felt very strange about her mother's fictionalized exploitation of her, and was relieved when the series ceased publication. Constantly exposed to comic books, Walker grew to idolize the heroes her mother's colleagues wrote about. However, she ceased daydreaming soon after high school and married her childhood friend, Robert Baxter (who had appeared in the Patsy Walker comic as her romantic interest). Baxter was in the officer's training program of the Air Force, and Walker spent the next several years of her life on numerous Air Force bases. While her husband was assigned to a security post at the heavily government-subsidized Brand Corporation in New Jersey, Patsy Walker met the Beast and learned his secret identity. Walker had long idolized "super heroes", and she solicited the promise from him that, in exchange for keeping his secret, he would help her become a "super heroine".

When her marriage came to a bitter end, she sought out the Beast, who was a member of the Avengers, to remind him of his promise. Tagging along with the Avengers to investigate criminal activities at the Brand Corporation, Walker discovered the costume worn by Greer Nelson in her identity as the Cat. (The man who financed the creation of the Cat, Mal Donalbain, was a former employee at Brand. His property, including the prototype Cat-suits was later confiscated by the Brand Corporation.) Putting the costume on, Walker dubbed herself Hellcat and used her natural athletic abilities to help the Avengers. Walker believed that the costume had somehow enhanced her agility and speed, and by the power of suggestion more than anything else, it had.

Although she hoped to join the Avengers, Hellcat was persuaded by the Titanian priestess Moondragon to accompany her to Titan to undergo a period of training. During her stay on Titan, Hellcat's minor psionic potential was artificially enhanced by various electronic/organic devices and was given extensive martial arts training.

Upon her return to Earth, she met the Defenders and decided to accept their offer of membership rather than that of the Avengers. Hellcat remained a core member of the loosely-organized

Defenders for several years, becoming particularly close to the Valkyrie and Nighthawk.

Eventually she met Daimon Hellstrom, who in his costume guise of the Son of Satan, joined the Defenders for a short time. After he was cured of his demonic aspect she found that she was in love with him. Renouncing her costumed identity, Patsy Walker decided to wed Hellstrom. The couple was married in Greentown, Ohio, where her father currently resided. The wedding, attended by several of her Defenders colleagues, was interrupted by her ex-husband "Buzz" Baxter who had assumed the costumed guise of Mad-Dog, and the Mutant Force. The Defenders repulsed the attack and Hellstrom himself subdued Mad-Dog. The Hellstroms then moved to San Francisco and established themselves as occult investigators.

Sometime later, however, Hellstrom's dark soul reasserted itself and Patsy was driven mad at the sight of it. She languished in a near-vegetable state for months afterward until the mercy-killing entity Deathurge sensed her despair and, at her request, freed her spirit from her body, effectively killing herself.

Patsy had ended up in the realm of the demon Mephisto, fighting an eternal battle in the so-called Arena of Tainted Souls, alongside fallen Avenger Mockingbird. Months later, the Avenger villain Grim Reaper resurrected Patsy and Mockingbird, among others. Mockingbird was able to send a warning to her husband Hawkeye about a plan Hellstrom was developing. Hawkeye and the Thunderbolts confronted Hellstrom and then used their sorcerous connections to go to Hell in order to restore Mockingbird. They were tricked, however, by Hellstrom, and the Thunderbolts rescued Patsy instead, restoring her bodily to Earth.

Patsy again was pitted against her childhood rival, Hedy Wolfe, who was reprinting issues of the old Patsy comics. Hedy sought revenge, duping both of Patsy's ex-husbands into attacking her.

Later, Patsy and her agency fought against her old friend, the Black Cat and her gang who was seeking to rule the New York underworld.

STATISTICS:

F RM (30)
A IN (40)
S IN (40)
E IN (40)
R TY (6)
I EX (20)
P TY (6)

Health: 150

Karma: 32

Resources: TY (6)

Popularity: -10

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Robert "Buzz" Baxter

Occupation: Colonel in the United States Air Force (retired); former security consultant to the Brand Corporation; subversive

Legal Status: U.S. Citizen with a criminal record

Identity: Known to the authorities but not to the public

Other Known Aliases: None

Place of Birth: Centerville, California

Marital Status: Divorced

Known Relatives: Patsy Walker (ex-wife); Rachel Ford (estranged wife); Dorothy Walker (ex-mother-in-law); Joshua Walker (ex-father-in-law); Kenny Baxter, Betty Baxter, and Sheree Baxter (cousins)

Base of Operations: Mobile; formerly North Carolina; Camp Carlson, California; Centerville, California

Past Group Affiliations: Former agent of Roxxon Oil/Brand Corporation; agent of Professor Power's Secret Empire; ally of Mutant Force; United States Air Force, Assault and Battery

Present Group Affiliation:

KNOWN POWERS:

Claws: Mad-Dog's claws do Remarkable Hack and Slash damage.

Bite: Mad-Dog's bite does Remarkable Hack and Slash damage and unleashes a toxin that causes the victim to make a yellow Endurance FEAT Roll or be paralyzed for 1-10 rounds. If Mad-Dog paralyzes his victim, they must make an Endurance FEAT roll each round; failure indicates loss of an Endurance rank, and if the victim drops below Feeble, death occurs.

Resistance to Psychic Attacks: Baxter has Excellent resistance to psionic attack forms.



Armor Skin: Excellent

Heightened Sense of Smell: Baxter's sense of smell has been heightened, and he can detect, remember, and track a person by his or her scent. Excellent.
Heightened Sense of Hearing: Baxter is able to detect sounds beyond the natural range of hearing for an ordinary human, and can also detect normal sounds at greater distances. Good rank.

Talents: Baxter has Acrobatics and Martial Arts C, and E. He also has Military and Piloting skills.

Contacts: Mad-Dog had connections with the Mutant Force and Roxxon Oil. He may also have maintained some of his military contacts.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Mad-Dog's major goal in life was to get revenge against his ex-wife, Patsy Walker. He is an angry man who loves to hurt people. With his military background, Mad-Dog loves to give orders and take charge (especially if it gives him a chance to belittle people). Mad-Dog is very confident in his abilities (over confident) and enjoys a fight,

especially if he gets to hurt someone he once loved. Unfortunately, Baxter often loses control and goes berserk in combat.

HISTORY:

Robert Baxter was the childhood friend of Patsy Walker, who would one day become the costumed crimefighter Hellcat. While he and Walker were still in early adolescence, Patsy's mother Dorothy began writing fictionalized romantic adventures of her daughter as a teenager in a series of comic books. At Patsy's request, Dorothy based a character in the comic book on the neighbor boy Patsy admired, Robert "Buzz" Baxter. As Baxter grew to the age of the character based on him, Dorothy Walker began to increasingly dislike him, but as a popular supporting character in the Patsy Walker comic, she could not write his fictional counterpart out of the series. To the elder Walker's dismay, Patsy married Baxter shortly after the two graduated from high school. Baxter joined the U.S. Air Force and after serving a tour of duty overseas, the newlywed couple moved onto an airbase in North Carolina. Disturbed by certain incidents that occurred to him in Vietnam, Baxter was tense and irritable as they tried to adjust to married life. When Baxter was promoted to captain, he was sent to the civilian-owned Brand Corporation to supervise the security surrounding certain projects for which the government had contracted Brand. Baxter was vexed by the presence of the mutant Beast on the premises, unaware that he was secretly newly-hired genetics expert Henry McCoy. At one point, Baxter's wife sheltered the wounded Beast from her

husband and provided an alibi for him in exchange for the Beast's promise to help her become a costumed crimefighter.

Soon after the Beast fled Brand, Patsy Walker divorced Baxter. Baxter remained at Brand, eventually being promoted to colonel. Walker returned to Brand some months later in the company of the Avengers to investigate the illegal activities of a private army quartered there. It was at Brand that Walker assumed the identity of Hellcat, and journeyed with the Avengers to the Squadron Supreme's dimension. Upon their return, the Avengers were captured by Brand operatives, but Walker managed to escape and threatened to use her Hellcat claws to scratch Baxter's eyes out if he did not release the Avengers. After she raked his face to show she meant business, Baxter complied. The Brand Corporation was shut down by its parent company Roxxon Oil after an official investigation revealed Brand's illicit activities. Enraged at the way he was humiliated by his ex-wife, Baxter vowed vengeance. After resigning from the Air Force, he began treatment at Roxxon's Mutagenic Department in order to acquire superhuman abilities. The treatment augmented his strength, speed, and agility, and gave him certain canine-like characteristics. He dubbed himself Mad-Dog.

Leaving the employ of Roxxon, Mad-Dog was recruited by agents of the Secret Empire, and allied with the Mutant Force, attacked his ex-wife Patsy during her wedding ceremony to Daimon Hellstrom. Vanquished by his ex-wife's friends in the Defenders, Mad-Dog was placed in S.H.I.E.L.D. custody, but was later freed by the Secret Empire. Mad-Dog aided Professor Power in his attempt to launch a satellite that would trigger a

major nuclear war, but the Defenders managed to thwart the scheme with the aid of S.H.I.E.L.D.

Much later, Mad-Dog abducted and intended to kill Hellcat, but was defeated by her. Following that, he has worked with Crossfire, and continued in the on-again, off-again employment of Roxxon Oil.

Mad-Dog eventually went through further mutation and married a woman named Rachel. He was involved in a Secret Empire scheme to take over a High School run by Professor Power; however, the new Nomad stopped their scheme and the pair ran from the Empire but Professor Power was captured. Mad-Dog went on the run from them because they wanted to punish him for his previous failures. Nomad went after him, seeking how to find the Secret Empire. Mad-Dog is eventually reached with the help of Araña. However, before Baxter could say anything, he was blasted unconscious. He was later strapped by Professor Power to an operating table to receive his punishment.

The next time Mad-Dog appeared it was summoned by high school classmate Hedy Wolfe, Patsy's rival. Hedy told Mad-Dog that Patsy had a cure for his mutation, prompting Buzz to seek his ex-wife. He attacked a karaoke bar where Patsy headed with her friends and had a fight with her new assistant Jubilee. Outside the club, he found Hellcat being tortured by her other ex, Daimon (who Mad-Dog mockingly called "Hell-boy"). Mad-Dog proceeded to go after Patsy, who tried to convince him Hedy was lying. The struggle only ended as Daimon used his powers to send Hellcat to another dimension, but was later able to return. His current whereabouts are unknown.