

SUMPWATER TALES

First encounters

By Pip Noggins

The shotgun blast was still echoing around the disused loading dock as Jugger fell to the ground. As his fellow gangers leapt for cover, the red emergency lighting threw chaotic shadows onto the walls.

This reporter is not one to say I told you so but as I warned last issue, open warfare was bound to happen once the Enforcers left.

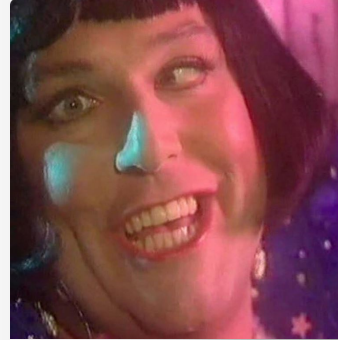
“Yeah Roxy got him good. The dumb oaf never knew what hit him. And this loading dock is going to make a sweet place to hole up in.” JJ of The Spite Girls speaking after encountering The Wrecking Crew yesterday.

It seems the brief firefight that occurred in Girder Falls came about quite by accident. With both gangs keen to expand their operations the rivals simply blundered into each other whilst scouting new territory. With the fighting frantic and at close quarters the victory rather surprisingly went to the Spite Girls who after getting the first kill in the opening seconds of the battle kept the remaining Goliaths isolated and then dealt with them one at a time.

One of the girls, known as Roxy, is reported to have took down two of the Goliaths herself whilst a young Juve named L’il Auto Annie bravely distracted the remaining Goliath. (No-one knows how she managed to survive going toe-to-toe with him and avoid his attacks).

Is this just an isolated incident or the start of an endemic cycle of gang warfare the likes of which Sumpwater Falls thought it had left behind? Who can say, but join me in the bumper next issue where I take a brief look at the gangs involved.

Septic Peg



What does the future have in store for you...?

The giant and the princess stumble blindly like new borns.

Nine pillars of gold, one tarnished, one sold.

Mrs M no, the other furnace.

Wanted. Surgeons and Rogue-Docs for immediate work. No experience necessary as there will be plenty of on the job training. Must have own tools.

Public Notice. Due to last cycle’s explosion in Manufacturum Beta-7-Beta, the price of corpse starch has temporarily been reduced until the over-supply issue has been resolved.



A security-pict capture of Goliath gangers entering the loading dock.