

# VERONICA

CREATED BY LEWIS SHINER

NAME: VERONICA	WC NAME: NONE
OCCUPATION: HOOKER/EX-HOOKER	WC STATUS: NAT/ACE
ALIASES: NONE	ETHNICITY: UNKNOWN
BIRTH: OCTOBER 1963	DEATH: --
HEIGHT: MEDIUM	WEIGHT: MEDIUM TO HEAVY
EYES: UNKNOWN	HAIR: UNKNOWN

## BACKGROUND

Veronica is the daughter of Miranda, one of Fortunato's geishas. She never knew her father. She grows up in a middle-class Brooklyn neighborhood and attends Catholic school, but eventually follows her mother's career path and becomes one of Fortunato's favorite girls, although she never really buys into the geisha concept and hates the hooker life. She turns to drugs, especially heroin, as a relief.

One of Croyd Crenson's favorite dates, their relationship transcends the usual hooker/John bond, but the nature of Croyd's ace makes it impossible for them to have any kind of real life together.



Jerry Strauss also falls in love with her, but she can't return his affection and finally refuses to see him. When her drug habit worsens Ichiko forces her to seek counseling (November 1988). Her counselor, Hannah Jorde, seduces her and for the first time Veronica really falls in love. She meets Croyd one last time and says goodbye to him, and moves in with Hannah. Soon after, Hannah gets jumped in one of the first jumper attacks and, jumped again, ostensibly commits suicide in jail.

Veronica, probably infected by Croyd during his contagious stage, finally turns her card and draws an ace. Her power disrupts electrical current and somehow causes men to become violently ill. Afraid that she'll be next on the Jumpers's hit list, Veronica hides out with WORSE, a feminist group Hannah Jorde ran for awhile, but eventually strikes out on her own. She kicks heroin, gains a fair amount of weight, and takes various jobs in normal society, but she can't get Hannah's killing out of her head. She investigates, and eventually is caught in Latham's office, where his bodyguard Zelda batters her into unconsciousness (March 1990). Jerry Strauss rescues her before Zelda can finish the job, but Veronica remains in a coma until, once again, Jerry rescues her, breaking her out of a hospital where she's receiving standard care. When she wakes up Jerry tries to interest her in his plan to kill Latham. Initially she'll have none of it, but eventually comes around. When push comes to shove, however, she can't pull the trigger, and Mr. Nobody has to finish the job.

Veronica returns to her old Brooklyn neighborhood, the last place on Earth where she was really happy, to try to start her life all over again.

VERONICA			POWER LEVEL 4		
STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
+0	+1	+1	+0	+0	+1
10	12	12	10	10	12
TOUGHNESS	FORTITUDE	REFLEX	WILL		
+1	+3	+3	+2		
SKILLS:					
Bluff 4 (+5), Gather Information 2 (+3), Notice 2 (+2), Sense Motive 4 (+4)					
POWERS:					
Nauseate 5 (Ranged; Subtle)					
Alternate Power: Nullify Electronics 7 (Subtle)					
COMBAT:					
Attack +1, Grapple +1, Damage +0 (unarmed attack), +5 (Nauseate 5), +7 (Nullify 7), Defense +2 (+1 flat-footed), Knockback +0, Initiative +1					
Abilities 6 + Skills 3 (12 ranks) + Feats 0 + Powers 17 + Combat 6 + Saves 6 + Drawbacks 0 = Total 38					

DORIAN WILDE			POWER LEVEL 8		
STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
-2	+0	-1	+2	+2	+2
7	10	9	15	14	14
TOUGHNESS		FORTITUDE		REFLEX	
-1		+0		+0	
			WILL		
			+3		

**SKILLS:**

Bluff 6 (+8), Diplomacy 4 (+6), Knowledge (art) 10 (+12), Knowledge (behavioral science) 3 (+5), Knowledge (history) 6 (+8), Knowledge (popular culture) 5 (+7), Knowledge (streetwise) 5 (+7), Notice 4 (+6), Profession (poet) 13 (+15), Sense Motive 4 (+6)

**COMBAT:**

Attack +0, Grapple -2, Damage -2 (unarmed attack), Defense +0 (+0 flat-footed), Knockback +1, Initiative +0

**DRAWBACKS:**

Disability, common, minor, one hand (-2 points)

Abilities 9 + Skills 15 (60 ranks) + Feats 0 + Powers 0 + Combat 0 + Saves 2—Drawbacks 2 = Total 24

## DORIAN WILDE

CREATED BY VICTOR MILÁN

<b>NAME:</b> DORIAN WILDE	<b>WC NAME:</b> NONE
<b>OCCUPATION:</b> POET/ESTHETE	<b>WC STATUS:</b> JOKER
<b>ALIASES:</b> THE DIVINE WILDE (MORE OF A NICKNAME)	<b>ETHNICITY:</b> CAUCASIAN
<b>BIRTH:</b> CIRCA 1950	<b>DEATH:</b> --
<b>HEIGHT:</b> TALL	<b>WEIGHT:</b> SOMEWHAT HEAVY
<b>EYES:</b> UNKNOWN	<b>HAIR:</b> UNKNOWN

## BACKGROUND

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his “Ballad of Living Sheol” and known as the poet laureate of Jokertown, Wilde is a large man whose delicate features lose their handsomeness to bloat rather early on. He affects Edwardian-style suits that are usually in need of cleaning and pressing and prefers floral-scented body wash to bathing. He usually keeps his right hand in his pocket, unless he wishes to use it to make a point. The focus of his joker deformity, it’s a twitching, wriggling mass of tentacles that constantly oozes a putrid ichor.

He has been known to frequent Jokers’ Wild, the nightclub of the damned.

One of the Joker delegates on the WHO-sponsored around-the-world tour, he leaves the junket early, after the stop in Haiti (December 1986).



## WYRM

CREATED BY JOHN JOS. MILLER

<b>NAME:</b> CLARENCE; LAST NAME UNKNOWN	<b>WC NAME:</b> WYRM
<b>OCCUPATION:</b> MINION	<b>WC STATUS:</b> JOKER
<b>ALIASES:</b> BUTCH THE BULLY	<b>ETHNICITY:</b> UNKNOWN
<b>BIRTH:</b> CIRCA 1950	<b>DEATH:</b> AUGUST 1989
<b>HEIGHT:</b> ABOUT 6 FT.	<b>WEIGHT:</b> MEDIUM
<b>EYES:</b> YELLOW	<b>HAIR:</b> NONE

Wyrms’ Dexterity Drain is venom injected by his fangs. It is Linked to his bite attack, which does unarmed damage. If the bite attack damage is completely blunted (such as by an Impervious defense), then the Drain has no effect.

## BACKGROUND

Know as “Butch the Bully” at Sanguis Christi High School in New York, his card turns in his senior year (1969) and he becomes Wyrms, a tall, thin joker with reptilian features. Wyrms’ head is hairless, his nose a slight bump with a pair of flaring nostril pits.