

## **DARKWING CHARACTER REFERENCE for English-speaking artists**

This file will provide you with a short guide to the characters of Darkwing for the comic book contest.

### **PLOT OUTLINE:**

Earth; a not too distant future. While the world suffers the effects of the energetic crisis, EnerFed Corporation is about to test a new quantum reactor which could produce unlimited amounts of energy. But the test is sabotaged by mysterious cyborg attackers, and the dream of a better world turns into a disaster.

Peter Klein, EnerFed's chief of security, while attempting to save a scientist remains trapped in the laboratory when the Prometheus reactor explodes. Believed dead, he finds himself stranded in a world named Corown, where everything he thought only existed in fantasy seems to be reality. Not long after his arrival, the village of Candal is attacked by a giant dragon monster, the Teraskar; in order to fight the beast, Peter accidentally picks up the Sword of Seven Eyes, a terrible weapon said to belong to Xagash, the sleeping Blind God, which imbues him with incredible power.

In the wake of these tragic events, Peter finds himself turned against his will into the Darkwing, herald of Xagash and, according to a prophecy, future destroyer of the world.

Burdened with this terrible curse and stranded on an alien planet, Peter embarks on a dangerous journey to reach the capital city of Solenor, where Sleeping Dragon, Grand Master of the ancient order of the Solar warriors, may find a way to free him and send him back home.

### **CHARACTERS:**

#### **Peter Klein/Darkwing - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/peter-klein/>**

Despite being an ex-Marine corporal, Peter is all but your classic military type. In fact, he's even a nerd of sorts, deep into fantasy stuff and roleplaying games. After his sister was killed in a terrorist attack he's been trying to raise the best he could his niece Amanda, a teenager girl with issues. After becoming Guardian of the Sword of Seven Eyes he is trained by the Toras priests as a swordsman. Peter is brave, tough and with a sharp sense of irony. However, when he gives in to wrath, the Sword transforms him into the Darkwing, a cruel and invincible warrior of incredible power who lashes out at his enemies in brutal feats of berserk rage. Peter is at constant struggle with the will of his living sword and attempts to repress its evil.

#### **Lyse - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/lyse-settebecchi/>**

Lyse Sevenbeaks is a 13-years old girl Peter meets in Candal. After saving her from the Teraskar, he becomes close friend with his adoptive father, and in the following weeks Lyse falls deeply in love with him. After a series of tragic events, Peter is forced to leave Candal and Lyse swears that one day she will conquer his heart. Lyse mixes grace and purity with a determination much beyond her years; she's also discovered to be a radiant, possessing latent but potentially immense Spirit powers, and for some reason the Sword seems bent on eliminating her, which makes it dangerous for her to be around Peter.

#### **Lidia - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/lidia/>**

One of the cyborgs involved in the Prometheus accident, Lidia has lost any memory of her true origins, but she claims she hails from the future, and some place called "Mekanus". According to her, she and three other cyborgs were sent back to stop the incident from happening by killing the saboteur, another cyborg. However their mission failed and after the explosion she and her teammate Lerryt both ended up on Corown just like Peter. Damaged in the blast, Lerryt developed a psychotic personality, forcing Lidia to play the happy married couple with him, while in fact abusing her both physically and mentally. After some time she and Peter meet again on Corown; Peter engages Lerryt in a brutal fight, ultimately freeing her from the mad cyborg, and Lidia becomes a faithful companion of Peter along his journey. Lidia has the skills of an

exceptional marksman, a powerful cybernetic body and advanced healing nanotech in her blood, however she can get as emotional as any woman. Particularly when it comes to Peter...

**Tom Taravon** - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/tom-taravon/>

Tom's a young rogue, who joins Peter in his quest after he saves him from an angry mob. He claims to be searching for his brother Eric, who went missing in Solenor years ago. Tom is a little scoundrel, always after loot, women and fame, one which he hopes to gain as future king of thieves; however he becomes sincerely attached to Peter and Lidia. Tom isn't a strong fighter, but has great dexterity on his side, and he's very good with his throwing daggers; however he adamantly refuses to kill anyone, because he regards theft as an art made of skill. Despite his tragic childhood, he behaves like the goofball of the group, always making jokes and putting everyone in trouble, often solving the same situations he's created by a mix of skill and dumb luck.

**Kai** - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/kai/>

Kai is a powerful Solar Archmaster, protégé of Sleeping Dragon himself. When Peter awakens the Sword, the Grand Master sends him to Candral to watch over Peter and escort him in his journey. In addition to his amazing fighting skills, Kai can manipulate Positive Energy for healing, defense and attack. Despite being a monk, he's not always very philosophical in his attitude, sometimes even prone to feats of rage. He has an history with Sindel, whom he's been trying to capture for years.

**Landar** - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/landar/>

Landar is Peter's horse. He's an intelligent elven steed, exceptionally fast, and with quite a personality too. Formerly in possession of the Sevenbeaks family, he's given to Peter as a gift for saving Lyse's life during the Teraskar attack. After a bumpy start Landar bonds deeply to Peter and becomes a trusted companion for him. He only accepts Peter and Lyse as his riders.

**Durin Irondart** - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/durin/>

Durin "Irondart" Dumithral is the dwarven blacksmith of the Toras monastery where Peter is trained. He's not quite the holy man, in fact he's always making moves on Peter and seems to have a love story with others of his brothers too. He is a genius at building weapons, responsible for creating Peter's expandible shield and other equipment he uses. He also seems to have his own agenda, being a secret informant to the Solar within the Toras monastery.

**Vonatar** - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/vonatar/>

A war has been brewing for decades between the Euras empire and the Grey Lands, and the mysterious Vonatar may just be the one to finally ignite it. This mighty necromancer has been gathering an immense military force in the fortress of Vraag; when Peter departs from Candral, he sends his servant Sindel to take the Sword of Seven Eyes from him. Vonatar is the supreme priest of Exus, the Raven God; his ultimate purpose seems to convert every last human being to his religion and build the realm of his deity in the mortal world. Despite his fanaticism, Vonatar is utterly pure and selfless in his faith, willing to make any sacrifices, even personal, to impose his ideals. The full extent of his powers is still unknown. Nothing is also known about his identity, or what his face looks like behind that skull mask.

**Sindel** - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/sindel/>

Sindel is a xaeling warrior, meaning she has demonic ancestors. Her bloodline hails from the demons of Xagash who invaded Corown during the Blind God's first coming, 2400 years ago. She is Vonatar's right hand and performs all sorts of tasks for him, especially recruitment, recovery of artifacts and assassination. Yet, she doesn't seem to be very faithful to him; she's insolent and doesn't believe in his religion, acting mainly to fuel her own purposes. Under her stunning beauty, Sindel has the heart of a monster, possibly more twisted than Vonatar himself; she loves to kill and revels in every despicable action she makes. As a Negative Energy radiant and an apprentice of sorcery, she can perform some deadly techniques, such as the Dark Lightning. She can also transform into a full-fledged demon when faced with a powerful opponent. She and Kai are old enemies, and fought each other several times over the years.

### **Amanda Adams - <http://worldofdarkwing.com/bibbia/personaggi/amanda-adams/>**

Amanda is Peter's teenage niece. She lost her mother when she was 11, and her father abandoned her, so she was adopted by Peter, the only family she had left. Amanda has a near-genius IQ, but she's also conflicted and unstable, dealing with serious issues in her emotional life and rebellious to discipline, making it somewhat hard for Peter to raise her. She hates school and has trouble making any friends. She's an amazing hacker, going by the nickname T@lita, but she abuses her skills by taking part in risky and pointless attacks to government databanks out of a need for attention. She can be arrogant, brash and sweet at the same time. Despite she and Peter not always getting along very well, Amanda loves deeply her uncle and losing him leaves her totally heartbroken. Afterwards she's adopted by Jasmine Shanis, but living with the woman partially responsible for Peter's death proves difficult for her.

### **Jasmine Shanis**

Jasmine is a brilliant scientist from Iran, working for EnerFed. She's the one who invented the Prometheus reactor and Peter considers her a best friend, almost family. When Peter sacrifices his life to get her out of the lab during the incident, Jasmine swears to adopt Amanda out of gratitude for him. But his good intentions meet hard obstacles; on one side, Amanda blames her for Peter's death, and on the other the government wouldn't give her Amanda because of her middle-eastern origins. After dealing with Amanda's anger, Jasmine attempts to fool the social services by hiring a fake husband, getting involved in a dangerous game of lies in order to grant Peter's final wish.

Jasmine hates passionately all forms of religion and feels no connection to her Islamic origins; she was brutally driven away by her family when she chose to work for an American company and has not seen them since, neither she has worn anymore *chador* or hair covering clothing. She also divorced her first husband and has an 8-years-old kid, Devon.