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Ron Jaeger's character profile

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Date of birth: November 19th 1984

Name: Ron Jaeger

Gender: Male

Species: Fox

Weight: 63KG

Height: 5ft 3"

Colourings: Crimson and white fur with black nose pads and pink paw pads

Hair: White

Eyes: Green

Favourite colour: Yellow

Clothing: Opened green T-shirt and blue jeans

Footwear: None

Accessories: Gold pendant (neck), gold watch (left wrist), engagement ring (left ring finger).

Marital status: Married

Ancestry: American

Occupation: Rhythm guitarist of Naked Flame

Residence: 78 Delbin Way, Weron, North Triston

Standing at a height shorter than many other vulpines, Ron is a member of a species commonly seen in North Triston, but by no means has his life been uneventful. He has seen several rises and falls, both in his family and in his long musical career. An only cub, he remembers his parents grooming him to eventually take over his father's printing business once he was ready to retire, all the while encouraging him to do whatever it took to make as much money for himself as he possibly could.

However, he lacked the devotion to money that both of his parents had. While they had encouraged his dream to enter the medical profession, he had realised that this was only because of how well it paid. Though it was something he wasn't going to give up on, he also adored heavy metal music and had learned to play an acoustic guitar at school, soon developing the desire for his own electric guitar.

When his grandfather on his mother's side died, he received a small share of his inheritance and used it to buy an electric guitar, much to the disapproval of both of his parents. They had believed it was a wasteful way to spend the money and saw it as a sign that he wanted to throw away the wealth and aspirations they had for him. But this proved to be no dissuasion, for he started performing for the talent show his school was running, winning it two years running. But even this did not convince his parents of his dedication.

Throughout his years in high school, he received the nickname Inferno as a result of the patterns in the fur on his chest, which form into a flame shape. But it was during this time that he came across two demos that were released by a Metalcore band who had formed not long before he had started there, Naked Flame. He found himself taking a liking to their music and had quickly become a big fan, clamouring for their next release no matter how long it was in the making.

His big break was to come just after his third year at high school began in late 1999 when the band advertised that their rhythm guitarist, Wendy Garrison, had become pregnant and had chosen to leave so that she could care for her new family. This had come just one year after their bassist had needed to leave after his father and sister were both murdered. Hoping he would have a chance, he signed up for the auditions, during which he was able to perfectly play the two songs he was asked to perform. This led to him being chosen as their new rhythm guitarist, for which Wendy had wished him well.

Between his studies, he both performed for the band and contributed towards their songwriting, though was not credited in their debut album due to it having already been written and recorded by the time Wendy had left. Nonetheless, he joined the band on their next tour, but as the band's youngest member and the only one

still at school, he was not allowed to be absent for more than one week at a time due to his coursework and exams, preventing them from taking their place on a further world tour that the guitarist had wanted to partake in.

With much knuckling down and catching up between his tours, he passed his exams with high marks. Despite this, his family were not satisfied with his progress, namely due to them feeling that he was putting his passion for music before his education. For several years, he dismissed their words as coming from creatures who wanted to stand in the way of achieving his goals.

His next few years were busy ones for him. Rather than going to college like his parents desired, he spent a lot of them touring around the world and contributing to his band's next two releases. But in November 2000, it was forced to take a temporary hiatus when two of his colleagues were seriously injured in two separate car accidents. Things began to grow more tense at home, as no matter what his family said to him, he remained interested in his band above any long term career they suggested.

He loved the attention he and his bandmates got, there was no denying that. But once his next tours concluded following Hannah and Travis' recoveries, he finally relented and signed up for college in the summer of 2003, taking up a course in medical studies. He had to confess – working as a General Practitioner had still sounded appealing to him despite the pressure from his family and he didn't want to throw away the chance. Even if he didn't get to use these newly found skills in a practical sense, he would still be able to use them at concerts if he noticed anyone in his audience was suffering serious medical problems.

However, what he didn't know was that this very course would alter the course of his life forever. When his course's second year began just after Naked Flame released their third album, *Immolation*, he met a kitsune on his way out of the building after one of his longest days. Though she at first had not seemed to know he was there, he knew right away that he was in love. And for the rest of that week, this kitsune, whoever she was, seemed incapable of leaving his thought patterns.

He kept crossing paths with her, but lacked the courage to try and get her attention until she finally noticed his presence. Initially, she didn't want to embrace how he felt, wanting their love to remain a fantasy. But eventually, she was swayed, and their relationship flourished from there, readying himself to risk everything, even his very life, just to be with the woman he adored.

During this time, he left Naked Flame to form his own band, wanting to try a hand in Death Metal when he met the famed Vic Hargreaves, a bat with gold fur, at a concert. In this band, he would take the role of lead guitarist, while Vic would be the lead singer and rhythm guitarist. Joining him were his college friends Freya, a panther with dark blue fur, and Andrea, a pale Neko with white fur. Having both performed together in their previous band, they too liked the idea of switching genres, leading to them reprising their roles as the bassist and backing vocalist and drummer respectively. Thus, the foursome formed what would become Vic's brainchild, Unprovoked Attack.

The band was in attendance for their wedding and performed at the after party, and although Jackie objected at first due to not sharing Ron's love for Metal music, she was still impressed with their performance, feeling it added to the atmosphere. Following his relations with his parents reaching an all time low, he did not invite them to the wedding. He had moved his possessions out when he had moved in with Jackie, but by now, they could imagine no place better than in each other's arms.

Married life has been sweet for the couple, despite his touring taking him away from her for months at a time. Despite this, they still kept in touch, although due to the violent nature of Vic's lyrics, elected not to make any music dedicated to her under the band's name, so he settled for serenading her each time he returned home instead. Despite Ron and Jackie having different tastes in music, they have many other interests in common and will often plan their romantic evenings around them.

While he was grateful that she understood about his commitments to the band, he in turn found himself missing her intensely whenever he was away from her. He never felt that he was what many called tied down, for Jackie did not attempt to stop him from leaving, instead staying focused on her own job at a bookseller. He gets on well with her family, though with the exception of her younger sister Agnes, finds that he's normally the thinnest creature present due to their love for food.

While he went from strength to strength with his new band, he sometimes wondered how his previous band got on. He continued following them and was impressed that the replacement rhythm guitarist had been able to handle her duties well. However, he received a phone call in January 2009 from Brad, who informed him that the former lead singer, David, had died due to a massive heart attack a mere few months after stepping

down. Saddened by this news, he pitched the idea of dedicating Unprovoked Attack's next release to his memory, which indeed includes a song named *David's Ode*.

Eventually, Ron and Jackie began to develop a desire to bear cubs of their own. Eventually, soon after Unprovoked Attack released their third album, Jackie became pregnant. In what they each described as the happiest moment of their lives, their son David was born on April 14th 2011, who they named in honour of Naked Flame's late lead singer. He bore a blend of their colourings to make orange fur combined with his white and also had his mother's purple eyes and her many tails. Early on, David showed signs of having inherited his mother's magical abilities, but had difficulty controlling them, sometimes unintentionally causing havoc in their household.

He did not know it, but his career would soon see a downturn. At the end of that year, he had been shocked to see that one of his former bandmates and the woman who had replaced him, Travis and Lindsey, had appeared on the televised news stations and on the front pages of North Triston's newspapers. They had both left the band on the same day when they had discovered that Lindsey's daughter had been a serial killer who had attracted the nickname The Black Widow Killer as a result of her actions. What's more, she had also attempted to murder Travis before the much publicised events that had taken place on the roof of the Burr General Hospital.

After splitting up with her boyfriend, Freya became dissatisfied with the band's musical direction and had admitted to forming a crush on Ron. Still devoted to Jackie, he rejected her advances and Vic had warned her not to seek romance with either of them. This led to her leaving the band shortly afterwards, never to try and contact any of the members again. Jackie had been shocked to hear about what had happened, having herself considered each of the band's members to be good friends.

Less than a year later, Andrea was crippled in a near fatal train crash and was left paralysed from the waist down, leaving her unable to continue performing. While he got on well with the replacement performers, the loss of one friend and the disablement of another dealt him a huge blow despite Andrea being able to stay on as the band's manager for a time.

Several years later, he would find himself no longer associated with any musical act at all. Vic broke up the band in early 2016 when the woman who had replaced Freya, a cheetah named Anne Bartlett, was found murdered outside a disused warehouse. Ron had been left in a deep depression as a result of this, with both him and Jackie having come to see her as a good friend. In the time he spent at home, he seemed barely able to interact with others, even his own wife and son.

Even with the circumstances, he wasn't willing to give up yet. Proud though he was to see his son getting on well at school, he had found himself wondering how the other cubs perceived him and Jackie, as while they still adored each other, they had completely different walks of life. He had found himself debating whether to return to music and try and form another band or put his qualifications to use and find a GP's office that was looking for doctors. He was dismayed to find that he couldn't choose both due to each option requiring him to devote a lot of his available time to them.

It wasn't long before his former band Naked Flame had got in touch. They had needed to part ways with their rhythm guitarist due to his ill health. In a heartbeat, he reclaimed his former place in the band, although he came back to a band that had changed considerably. While Brad and Hannah were still there, a fox named Terrence was now the lead singer, while a horse called Joan was the drummer. Though he was already aware of David's death, it still saddened him not to see him with the band.

He still remembered a lot of their former material and had continued to listen to their music during his time out of the band, meaning he did not need very long to get up to speed for their next tour. Just before he was due to leave, Jackie revealed that not only had she been promoted to a managerial role in her job, but she had fallen pregnant for a second time. What's more, she was carrying twins.

Their daughters were born on February 16th 2017, three days before their predicted due date. They were named Anne, in honour of the bassist Ron had seen as a friend, and Melody, in honour of one of Agnes' friends who had died in a car accident during her pregnancy. David was delighted to meet his new sisters, and just like him, they had inherited their mother's eight tails and her magical powers. Their fur differed from his, consisting of their father's crimson and their mother's gold. So proud was he of his growing family that he composed his very own song to use in his next serenade to them once he returned home.

Though his life has taught him many harsh lessons, both he and Jackie remember the reckless behaviour of his much younger years, during which time she had considered him to be a very foolish man. Further, he had been too trusting of others during this time and would act without thinking situations through, resulting in

him getting into several dangerous scenarios, one of which almost cost him his life. Indeed, these experiences were reflected in one of the more recent tracks Naked Flame released, titled *Lay Down Your Cards* and featuring a look at how differently he approaches things as an older fox.

While some call attention to him being half a foot shorter than his wife, others mention his green eyes, seen as an uncommon eye colour amongst many species, but not as rare as the purple eyes Jackie has. The flame shape on his chest turns heads too, leading him to wear his shirts open in order to show it and his toned chest off. He has a lot of physical strength from training in a gym during some of his downtime, and though he does not often resort to violence, he knows how to hold his own in a fight. When he isn't performing, he enjoys crime novels and romantic films, as well as spoiling Jackie with her favourite sweet treats.

