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Philippa Callaghan's character profile

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Date of birth: December 8th 1981

Name: Philippa Callaghan

Gender: Female

Species: Mouse

Weight: 64KG

Height: 5ft 7"

Colourings: Light gold fur, pink skin

Hair: Black

Eyes: Blue

Favourite colour: Yellow

Clothing: Black jeans and yellow polo shirt

Footwear: Black trainers

Accessories: Silver ring (right hand)

Marital status: Single

Ancestry: Canadian

Occupation: Electrical engineer

Residence: 486 Thorpe Marriott Road, South Archeria

Philippa's species is considered a rarity in South Archeria near the north eastern coastline of North Triston, for very few humans or mice occupy the town, which largely consists of families who fled from South Triston during the earlier days of the United Front's rule over it. These residents remember the times when they would make aggressive demands of North Triston and threaten them with war if those demands were not met.

Despite having earned a degree in Electrical Engineering, she has never stayed in one business for long, having only spent months at a time within each one before drifting to find what she considered better opportunities. She had originally dreamed of becoming a bounty hunter as she grew up, but she had to pull out of official training after she sustained serious leg and pelvic injuries in a hit-and-run incident. To her dismay, the driver responsible has never been found, but the car that rammed her was later found burnt out behind a night club.

Many years later, just before her 21st birthday, she started to develop pain in her left foot. She had thought nothing of it, even though none of the medications she took for it proved to be any use. It came to a head on the day itself, when, rather than spending an evening on the town, she hosted a dinner party at her home. While she was giving a speech, she suddenly felt faint and light headed and then she collapsed. When she woke up, she had been rushed to hospital where it was explained that the fur on her foot had gone and the flesh on it had started to turn black, and that she had fainted due to a sudden drop in her blood pressure.

The doctor had informed her that she had contracted necrotising fasciitis from bacteria entering a wound she had sustained while she was repairing a machine at her then current job, and the only way to treat her and prevent the infection spreading further was an amputation. At that stage, her left leg was the only limb affected and the doctor wanted to ensure it did not reach any of her other limbs. She chose to go through with it, despite her fears of not being able to get around with only one leg.

The nine hour operation was successful and the surgeons had managed to save her knee joint. She spent several more weeks recovering in hospital and purchased a stainless steel pegleg a few days after she got home. She had to learn how to walk again, and eventually she was able to get on with it well enough to walk without crutches as normally as if she had never lost her leg. She found that in the few months afterwards, she felt her stump getting painful, combined with her missing the feeling of her leg being present.

Though thankful to be alive, she found that she was attracting a lot of stares whenever she appeared in public. But this didn't dampen her confidence. Instead, she became more outgoing and started to feel the desire to begin dating, and eventually decided to try building her own prosthetic leg rather than paying for a custom made one.

She has since gone on to provide vital engineering roles for several businesses local to South Archeria, and has demonstrated her attention to detail and her desire to reach her objectives. With some help from a fellow colleague, a tabby cat named Rona Ellison, she has put together a remote-controlled vehicle to compete in the country's yearly robot combat championships.

Together they built Rabiata, a wedge-shaped machine with a very powerful flipper that has been seen to hurl competing robots high into the air. However, they did not see much success until 2009, when they managed to reach the second round of the Semi-Finals before losing to the eventual Grand Champion, Cuttersaurus.

The next year saw them return as the seventh seed, when they formed their now famous rivalry with the team behind Hawksbeak, a robot with a powerful vertical crushing arm as its main weapon. Rabiata was able to get all the way to the Grand Final, and dispatched Barracuda in the first eliminator to face Hawksbeak in the final fight. However, they lost this fight after putting up a poor defence and never being able to flip Hawksbeak over.

Returning as the second seed the year after, they hoped to meet again in the very last fight of the series just as they had done the year before. However, Rabiata suffered a surprise loss in the second round of their heat the following year. Put up against a newcomer to the competition, Codswallop, the pneumatic system powering its flipper exploded spectacularly during their fight. After spearing the rams on the arena wall and then being flipped over, Rona and Philippa were eliminated, and they had to build an entirely new machine due to the severity of the damage.

Their new machine, Tantrum, used completely different internal components from its predecessor and had yellow paint as opposed to red with its name stencilled on both sides. Its flipper was much more powerful, being able to throw opposing robots clean out of the arena. This machine was able to reach the Semi Finals in every appearance to date, defeating the then reigning champion in one such appearance.

In appearance, she sports light gold fur that coats her body from head to toe, and the symbolic large ears that form a pair with her white whiskers. Partially covering them is a head of black hair that she allows to rest over her shoulders, finishing a little short of her elbows. She also has a long thin tail which bears no fur, and she's known to play with it in her paws if she becomes impatient. She is seen to be a very friendly woman who cares about her friends very deeply, although rather shy in the face of company she has never before seen. She can, however, be rather opportunistic, and she is somewhat of a materialist.

Philippa has also been known to be a rather proficient liar, and has sometimes used this to get things she really wants. She is rather obsessed with money, and will look for ways to make it or obtain it any way she can. She treats roboteering as her main passion and is always thinking of ways to improve her machine. She likes to swim and she has a strong interest in the film industry. In her spare time, she likes to listen to Death Metal and produce digital art. She is a strong chess player, having achieved a high rating at the online chess club she regularly plays on.

