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Superintendent Zoe Banbury's character profile

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Date of birth: December 2nd 1974

Name: Zoe Sophie Banbury

Gender: Female

Species: Husky

Weight: 84KG

Height: 6ft 2"

Colourings: Green and white fur with black pads

Hair: Black hair tied back in a bun

Eyes: Blue

Favourite colour: Blue

Clothing: Black and dark blue police uniform

Footwear: None

Accessories: Silver watch (left wrist), engagement ring (left ring digit)

Marital status: Married (maiden name McCallister)

Ancestry: English

Occupation: Superintendent of the Gracilis Gardens police station in Ramsdell, Borna City, South Triston

Residence: 9 Zeara Avenue, Clinstering, Borna City, South Triston

Zoe's long career has seen her make a solid name and reputation for herself as a strong and charismatic leader in South Triston's police force and earned her a lot of regard in the community. Her career first began in December 1993, mere months after the fall of the brutal United Front of South Triston, and it had not taken her very long to begin her rise through the ranks. Despite this, she has resisted attempts to promote her to the position of Borough Commander due to believing that her abilities are better suited for the front lines than the administrative side of policing.

Known to be the first member of her family to have gone into the police, she is a husky sporting green and white fur and a head of black hair tied back in a bun. Though her parents were apprehensive about this at first, their opinion soon changed when they saw her start to make an impact in the community. As a result of her many years of service, she has become very fit and gained a muscular physique, whilst also maintaining the sharp intellect she believes her job demands. Whilst some may fear her, those who meet her blue eyes see warmth and compassion, although she isn't afraid to put her paw down when she needs to.

She desired to make a difference in the nation she called home once the ban on her species joining the police was lifted almost immediately after the South Triston Democracy Party entered power, passing her training courses with very high marks. As a result of the United Front's rule, she knows what it feels like to be ostracised and still sometimes faces this even so many years later. Despite commanding a lot of respect from her officers, some creatures admit to feeling intimidated by her simply due to her species, whilst some of the hardened criminals she has come face to face with have used this as a psychological weapon.

Due to the United Front's hatred for species other than humans, she had regularly found herself treated with open contempt under the assumption that she could attack at any moment. Whilst many of her school peers resisted this indoctrination and defied a law preventing humans from forming friendships with other species, some of them did not and she had found herself having to defend herself from them, both physically and verbally, regularly getting herself into serious trouble in the process and at one point almost causing her family to be marked as Enemies of the State.

Nonetheless, it was during these years when she met and fell in love with Michael, another husky who bears blue and light brown fur as opposed to her green and white. Despite the repressive laws aimed to prevent their bond from convening, they got together any time they shared their classes and quickly formed a strong relationship. They eventually married in September 1994, with Zoe becoming pregnant with her first pup Jared soon after. Over the span of four years, she bore three more pups, who they named Rachael, Tracey and Lionel, only taking short periods of time off between these births.

Due to the memories of a harsh childhood, she is a good sympathiser with victims of crime and has learned how to talk down suspects in dangerous situations. These traits are particularly evident when she is called upon to interview crime suspects, for she will never go straight on the attack when she is still looking for sufficient evidence. It is a skill both she and the public alike have found to be particularly useful in diffusing otherwise deadly scenarios. Whilst an Inspector, she briefly worked as a hostage negotiator, remembering a time just before the turn of the millennium when she had been able to save an entire family from being slain by a murder suspect who had taken them prisoner.

Whilst it hasn't been without its spills, she has remained steadfastly devoted to her job, sometimes to the point where she has placed it above her own family. Though for the most part they understand the nature of her work, she has still sometimes felt unable to fully commit to matters outside of work, particularly during major operations. When she deals with the public, she is sometimes reminded of the different path in life that her younger brother Travis took, having shown more of an interest in music than policing and becoming the drummer of a Metalcore band named Naked Flame.

Indeed, she has on occasion been reminded of its importance the hard way. In February 2001, just after being promoted to Superintendent, she was personally involved in a murder case that spiralled out of control. A human man had killed his wife when she called for a divorce after being informed about him having visited a strip club in the area. He had then killed her sister too when she had revealed she had witnessed the murder. This resulted in their father hunting down Michael and taking him and their four pups hostage. He blamed Zoe for the deaths of his daughters and wanted her to feel his loss and despair. Fortunately, she was able to defuse the situation and save her family, whilst the human was taken into custody.

Seven years later, while Zoe was away attending a press conference, a dragoness stormed her police station, upset about the murder of her sister in a species related attack. She had demanded that the officers assigned to the case be charged for her death as a result of them bailing the human who was responsible despite him being a suspect in another attack. When it was explained this was not possible, she took two Inspectors and four Sergeants hostage. When her demands were not met, she set the building on fire using her flames.

Zoe immediately returned when she had learned what was happening when Detective Inspector Roger Harding had phoned her, following the dragoness having destroyed the radio communications equipment. But when she arrived, she found herself held at gunpoint. After a brief standoff, she was able to grab the gun from her, getting shot in the arm herself, and she was arrested whilst the fire brigade dealt with the blaze. The dragoness later received life in prison for her actions, with Zoe spending an evening in hospital both for her own injury and those of the officers caught up in the incident. The memories of this day and the deaths of five of her officers as a result of the fire still haunt her so many years later and she has vowed never to allow it to happen a second time.

Consequently, she discourages any family members from coming to visit her police station due to not wanting them to get caught in the crossfire of any future events like these. But in December 2011, Travis had almost become the last victim of his girlfriend's daughter Nancy, now known as The Black Widow Killer and as one of the most sadistic and deranged serial killers in history. Fortunately, her boyfriend had arrived home just in time and had managed to save him, requiring her to afford him police protection from her.

She feels a lot of gratitude for the man who rescued him, a Neko named Wesley Parry, who later joined her force as one of her Police Constables. Due to his experience from having been the boyfriend of a serial killer, she considers him to have a strong ability to get inside the minds of murderers for such a young officer, leading to her assigning him to cases involving unexplained deaths. Despite his painful memories of his time with Nancy and believing himself indirectly responsible for the deaths of some of her victims, she believes that he may one day prove to be an integral part of Borna City's Murder Investigation Unit.

She has a dim view of the press due to them having clung onto the habit of decrying certain species for their roles in many news events. Hers proved to be no exception, particularly when a large scale investigation was carried out when it transpired that many chances to detain The Black Widow Killer had been missed, thereby allowing her to claim the number of victims she had. During this time, her relationship with the press was at its worst, particularly when one journalist had visited her and asked for information she knew that, if released, had the potential to endanger her officers.

As a Superintendent, she never shies away from confrontation in situations that require it, but is also known for maintaining a level head. Though it may appear otherwise at times, she knows never to take her family for granted after the day she had almost lost all of them. When she is not at work, she enjoys romantic films and crime novels as well as spending time with her family. She is a grandmother, having seen Jared and Rachel start families of their own. She also has a weakness for both chocolates and various whiskies, leading to her officers and her family alike giving her these as presents on her birthdays.