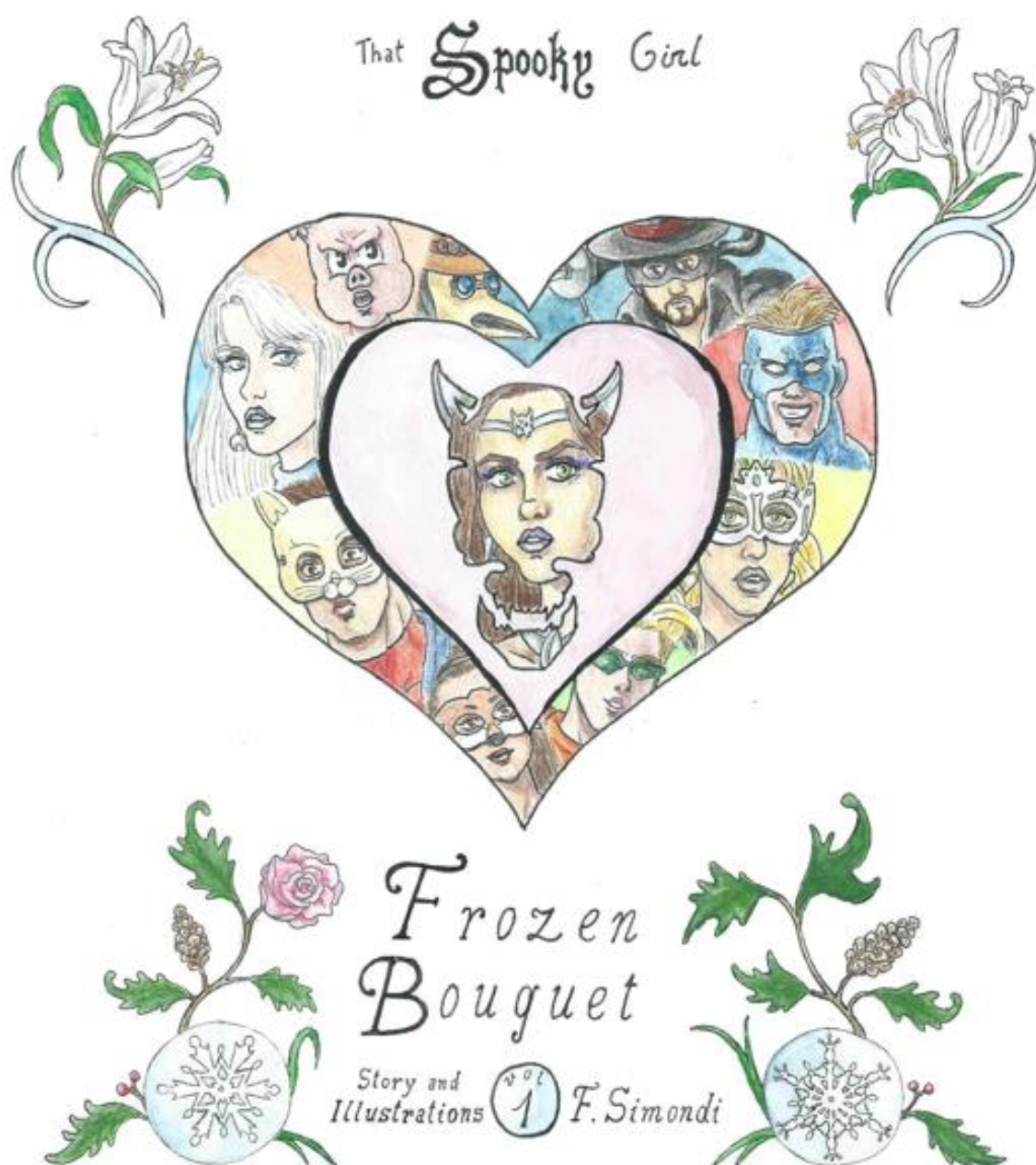


## Part 1



### Summary

A new trend has recently started around the world: the rise of professional superheroes, registered masked vigilantes that support local law enforcement in exchange for some government contributions. While their identities are known to the police, these professional heroes operate under aliases and are often real celebrities, receiving remarkable sponsorships based on their popularity.

Started overseas, the trend has become quite widespread also in Europe, including the Czech Republic, which has its own fair share of superheroes, such as the like of Captain Truth, Golden Princess, Whiskers Mask, and El Espadachin Negro.



Far from the public eye and all the glory, there is instead Jana Novaková, a 26 years old girl who did not finish veterinary school and is instead working a boring job as an accountant at a big firm. One day she instinctively saves a piglet from being run over by a car, only to find out that it was not a regular animal, but a talking creature allegedly arrived there by accident from what he calls the astral world. After being offered a place to stay at Jana's flat, the magic pig decides to reward her with a crystal that he was carrying with him. Reacting to Jana's wishes, the crystal can turn her into a superhero capable of incredible feats, such as superstrength and the ability of generate and control flames. Without bothering to go to the administrative procedures as any sensible person, Jana assumes the identity of Nemesis, Torch of Justice, going around to fight crime and often causing more damage than what she tries to prevent due to her devastating powers and lack of training, despite the attempt of Dola the Pig to act as her mentor.



But Prague's heroes have more on their hands than just some thugs and few low-level criminals.





One day, without any apparent explanation, monstrous creatures from the local folklore, such as water-goblin, witches, and even dragons, suddenly began to appear across the city and its surroundings, terrorizing the population.



Luckily, the city was ready to face such menace, with the top ranked heroes like Golden Princess and Whiskers Mask being able to hold their own and even defeat such supernatural creatures, which unexpectedly find their more fearsome opponent in the rash and inexperienced but strong and driven Jana.



But monsters are not the only cause of trouble for our heroes. During various operations to take down the organization of Bily Kralik, a young and eccentric druglord selling his hallucinatory White Rabbit drug, El Espadachin Negro and Whiskers Mask cross their paths with a terrifying hitwoman, Selene the Lone Wolf, who possesses magical powers such as laser beams and blades. After becoming a collateral damage of



Jana's clumsy attempt to to help the other heroes, Selene swears revenge against the fiery brunette, decided to prove that she is the top dog in town. Which does not seems to work out very well for her, who despite her strenght and powers is easily defeated by a distracted Jana after challenging her to a duel.



As for the repeated monsters attacks, Dola the Pig notices how they do not seem to simply be wreaking havoc for the sake of chaos, but they are also trying to collect energy from the people they terrorize.

This is because behind those creature there is a powerful entity, Ice Queen Morana, embodiment of winter, who has summoned them to the physical world. After being accidentally awoken from her confinement by Andrej Pokornj, a greedy natural gas tycoon planning to make huge profits from a potential eternal winter, the weakend ancient goddess is trying to use human souls to restore her full astral powers.





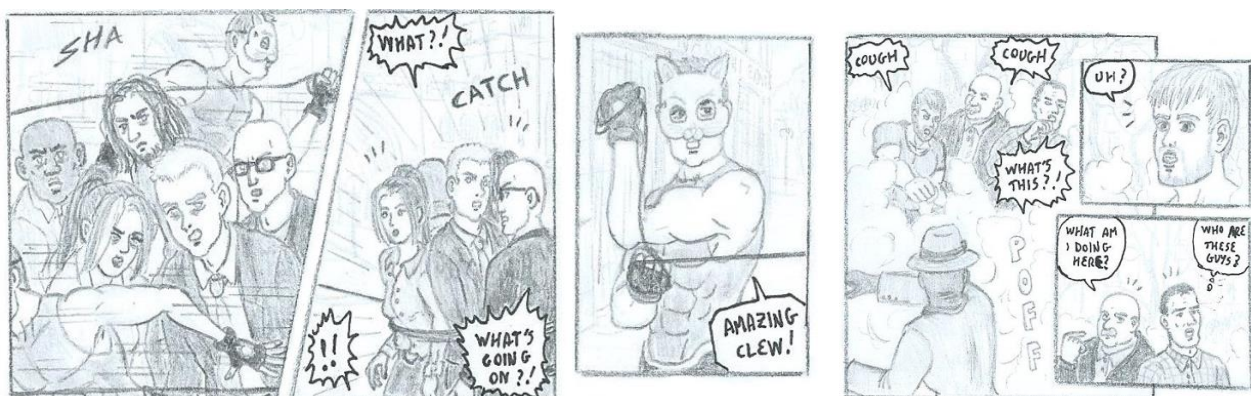
Tired of seeing her evil schemes being repeatedly thwarted by the heroes, the Ice Queen unleashes her most powerful servants, Kosteĭ the Immortal and Čert, to finally get rid of her pesky opponents.



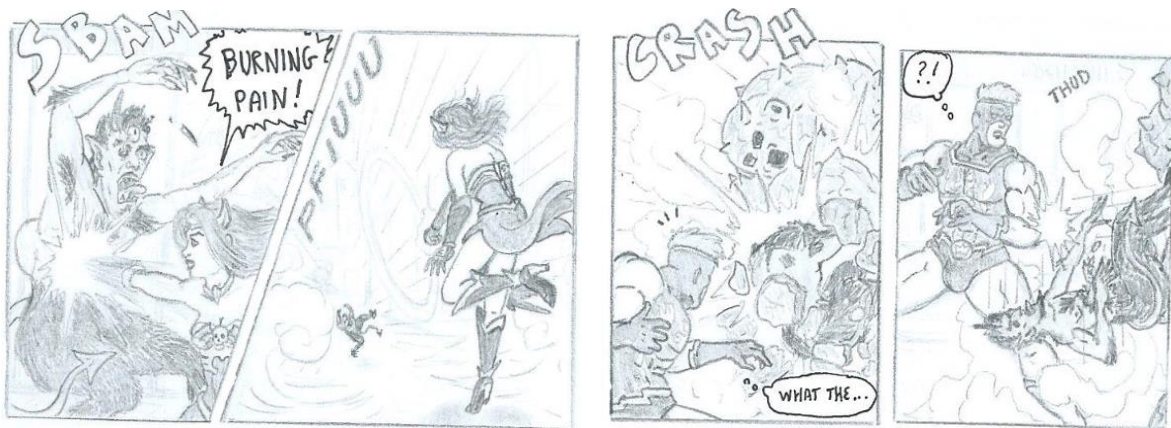
However, Kosteĭ's plan to kidnap Jana fails miserably due to Selene, whose powers are also granted by a magic crystal, still in pursuit of her fiery rival. Selene attacks the monster who she sees as little more than a nuisance, but her attempt to challenge again Jana results in another embarrassing failure for the mean-spirited white-haired girl as soon as the bubbly brunette is able to use her own crystal to transform.



As for Čert, the heroes are able to neutralize and rescue the people controlled by the old devil, who ultimately proves to be no match for a determined Jana, who accidentally contributes once again to grow the mythos of Captain Truth's unbelievable strength.



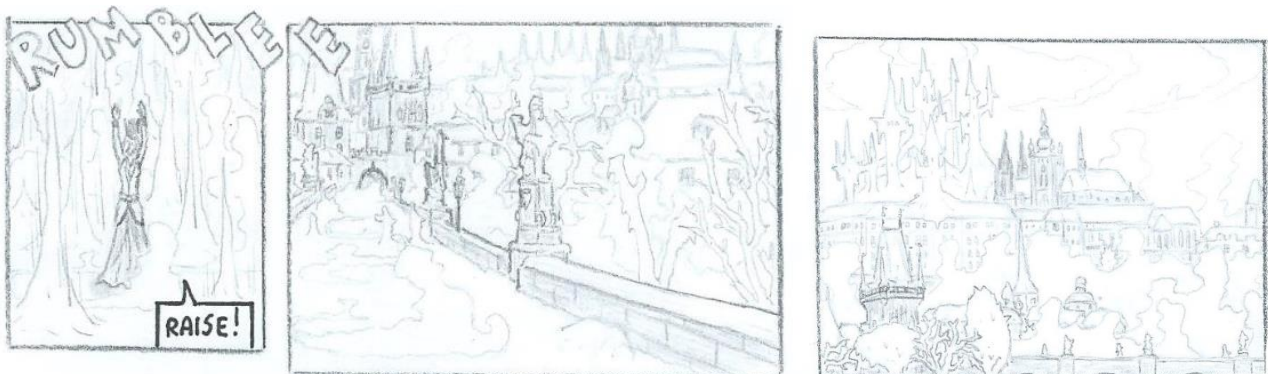




The humiliating defeat of Čert is the last straw for the Queen Morana, who decides to take matters in her own hands despite being still far from her ancient power.



The Ice Queen immediately demonstrates the scale of her powers: in a matter of minutes, the entire city is swiped by a violent snowstorm in the middle of spring, and from a gigantic ice palace she has just summoned on the top of Prague Castle an army of snowmen descends the city and begins to mercilessly attack the unfortunate citizens who happened to be outside.



During such dramatic and unforeseen crisis, the heroes are the only hope for salvation.

All of them began to run across the city, fighting against the evil snowmen in a desperate attempt to reach the strange ice castle, which everyone understood being the source of the abnormal and sudden winter storm.





Jana, whose fire-based powers are the perfect match for the snow army, is not yet taken too seriously by the professional heroes, who are not aware of her true skills, since she has always operated without a hero licence and is not included in any official ranking, being mostly know for her accidental damage to properties.



Despite Golden Princess' perplexities, Jana is the first to manage to break into the castle, furtively followed by Captain Truth, who saw of what she is capable.

After dispatching the last remaining minions, our Torch of Justice finally gets face to face with the Ice Queen herself.



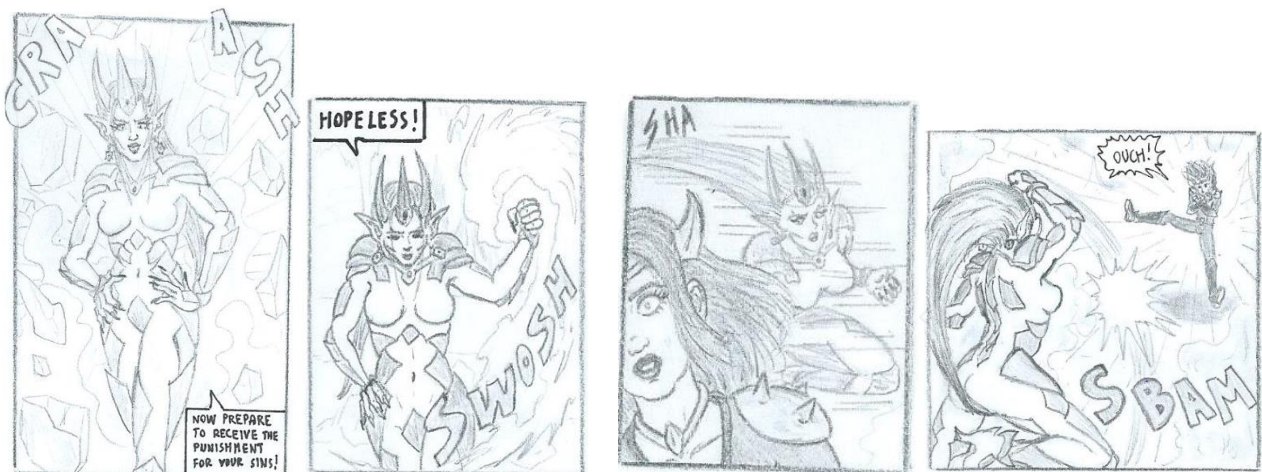


Whiskers Mask, Golden Princess and El Espadachin Negro are also climbing towards the Castle, but are stopped in their way by Mr. Pokorny, who was gifted by Morana with ice powers in order to stop the heroes from reaching their destination. Despite the power-up giving him an initial advantage, the evil business man is eventually defeated and imprisoned by Golden Princess.

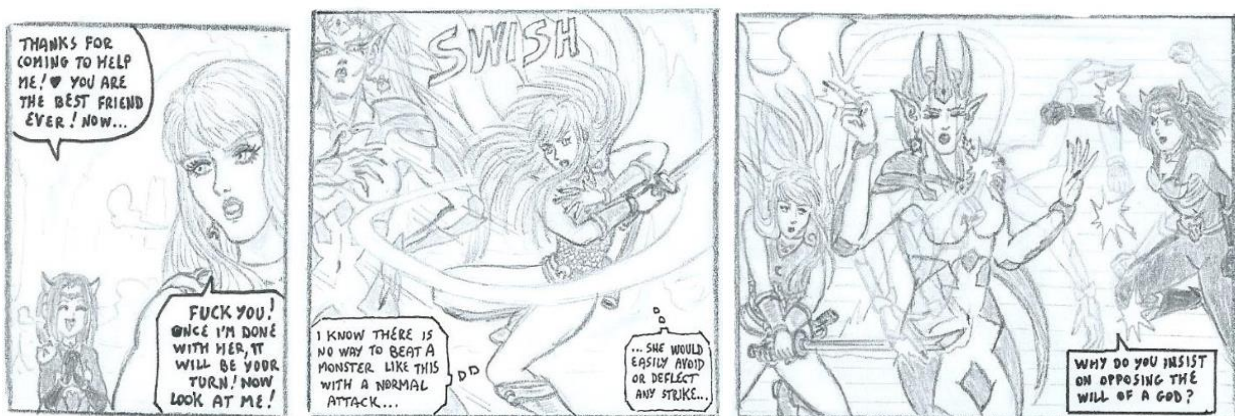




But the destiny of the country and perhaps the worlds is being decided inside the ice castle. Queen Morana is initially surprised by Jana's supernatural strenght and abilities, but after the demonic entity starts showing her true power, the fiery superhero soon finds herself to be outmatched for the first time.



A much-needed help comes from the most unexpected place. Selene had also entered the ice palace following Jana's trail of melted snow and is still determined to best her rival, even if that means having to face an almighty ice demon first. Predictably, the white-haired girl alone is also not at the level of the Ice Queen, and even together the improbable duo still struggles against such an overwhelming opponent.







When even Selene's trump card, her devastating Crescent Slash, fails to do any real permanent damage to queen, the magic pig asks the girls to truly cooperate, and Jana prosed to her arrogant rival to lend her some energy, so that she can try to pull off one last trick she has up her sleeve. Queen Morana does not intend to let the girls plan a strategy, but another intruder suddenly distracts her: it is Captain Truth, who had been hiding behind a column during the entire battle but has finally found the courage to join the fight.



Of course, the local super-soldier is nonchalantly dispatched by the Ice Queen, yet his intervention gave the girls enough time to temporarily set apart their differences and agree on the plan.



To everyone's surprise, the Captain is not done yet, and he and the astral pig are able to buy the magical girls just enough time for Jana to charge her ultimate attack and be ready for the final confrontation with Ice Queen Morana.





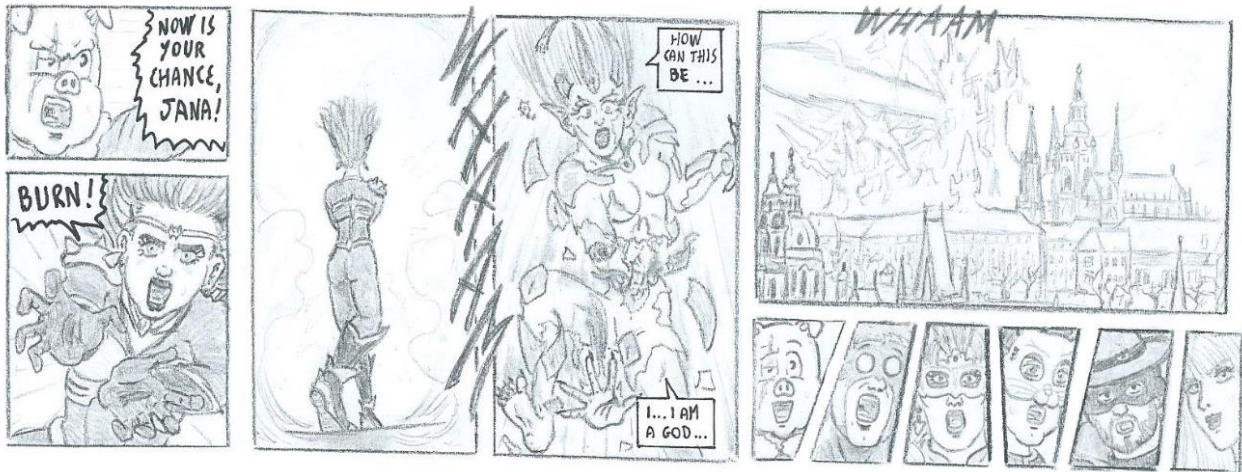
And then the final clash for the destiny of central Europe begins, with Jana's ultimate fire attack repelling the freezing powers of the astral embodiment of winter.



In the end, thanks to a final distraction provided by Selene, Jana finally overcomes the Ice Queen, putting an end to both her and the winter storm trapping the city.







With Selene finishing off a badly hurt and weakened Morana and Captain Truth, which to his credit also brought an exhausted Jana to safety, taking the credit for saving the day, the heroes can finally sigh in relief and enjoy a deserved walk in the sunset.



Well, most of the heroes, as it looks like the one-sided rivalry between the two magical girl who actually saved the day is still far from being over.



**End of part 1**