

***Savage In Limbo* by John Patrick Shanley**

DENISE SAVAGE

(A small, wild haired, strong, belligerent, determined, dissatisfied, and scared. She is in pain, paranoid, and full of hunger. She has hungry ears.)

In the beginnin', it was just bad luck. I'm not like you, and I got a big mouth, and well, it's easy not to lose it at first. You're scared, they're scared. To start with. But then it became a thing. Most everybody I knew lost it, you know, over a certain period a time, and there I was. It woulda' been easy to lose it then. But it became a thing, ya' know? I felt different. I felt like I was holdin' out for somethin'. Not some guy, not just some guy. I felt like I was holdin' out for somethin', sayin' no, no, I'm not takin that life just cause it was the first one I was offered. So here I am. And I'm still sayin' no, no. And I still only got offered the one life, and I still don't want that one.