

Chat on Cat-Tale #52: Vault

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Guest Speaker: chris dee

Attendees: mpro25680, The Wilder, The Thundering Monkey, ClockworkSeer, Kessie, Random Equinox, breezygal, Clockwork, travisbickle275

chris dee: Yikes, people!

chris dee: I didn't know if anyone would be able to make it

mpro25680: Why?

chris dee: Daytime/weekend chats are new. The others have all been in the evening

chris dee: This gave our west coasters and across-the-ponders a chance

mpro25680: Over here it's 18:00 CET

chris dee: We'll wait a few minutes for everyone to get in before we get started

The Thundering Monkey: Howdy y'all

chris dee: Hi TM!

The Thundering Monkey: ;)

chris dee: While we wait, perhaps a round of the traditional chat icebreaker: what are you drinking?

The Thundering Monkey: coffee here, late night, late breakfast, don't ask.

mpro25680: Coke, just had dinner

The Wilder: coffee for me, i'm not quite a morning person, even if it is late morning

chris dee: It's a bit early for me too. Just some iced tea here.

chris dee: Well, I think we've given dawdlers a fair chance, let's get started

chris dee: Any latecomers can play catch up

mpro25680: Shouldn't "vault" have been two stories?

chris dee: No

chris dee: :P

chris dee: It could have been, but it didn't need to be

chris dee: There are 3 crucial vaults involved

chris dee: The one in Switzerland, the nightclub, and the costume vault where some pivotal conversations have been taking place, beginning in 001, I suppose, and culminating in Selina's "I had fun" admission.

chris dee: The way the 3 vaults are interconnected is part of the structure of the piece, and part of the fun.

motherkat: heya

chris dee: WB Motherkat

motherkat: thanks boss

chris dee: Follow up, mpro?

mpro25680: If you counting vaults and starting with 001, perhaps four would also do.

mpro25680: Bruce's

chris dee: That's true, Bruce's hologram vault was a huge development in Bruce & Selina's relationship. In my mind, it isn't connected with this story, at least with the primary plot but it's certainly a major episode in their history which has brought them here.

chris dee: Welcome Clockwork

ClockworkSeer: Evenin/afternoon peeps

chris dee: Welcome Kessie

Kessie: Sorry I'm late - had to get someone fed, and handed off to Daddy

chris dee: No worries, we're just getting started

The Thundering Monkey: and the 5th one where Cass keeps Tims dignity, along with her emergency stash of milky way bars and her "I beat my boyfriend at Phoinex Ninja and all I got was this lousy T-shirt" tshirt.

chris dee: Ha

chris dee: Speaking of Phoenix Ninja, we now have artwork from the box, and are hoping to see Cass in a PN tshirt soon

The Thundering Monkey: heh. I know, I know.

chris dee: If anyone is unaware, TM is our awesome poser artist, and badgering him with requests is part of the fun of the CT live events like this chat.

mpro25680: Chris, you usually end on the message board with "power corrupts": Why change?

mpro25680: Does it mean something?

mpro25680: BTW love the art.

The Thundering Monkey: thanks (for myself) We have some other great contributors too if you haven't stopped by the gallery lately.

chris dee: Just an impulse. I have 2 or 3 signatures, power corrupts is the default. Now and then I notice it and put up a different one. Usually I just hit the reply button without noticing what is checked. However...

chris dee: now that you've given me the idea of hiding messages in the sigs
naughty grin

mpro25680: Oh dear, what have I done?

chris dee: Okay, let's take a question from the mailbag, then you guys can dive back in

chris dee: fangirl asked, "What sources did you consult for Jason's lecture on the Templars?"

chris dee: It started with one throwaway line during the deluge of specials on the history and discovery channels when DaVinci Code hit. Jason winds up quoting it almost verbatim: the Templars became fugitives all of a sudden these farming communities in Switzerland become kick ass warriors, defeat all the brigands in their region, and become bankers.

chris dee: I found that one sentence a lot more interesting than the rubbish they were talking about for an hour and I wound up looking at a bunch of those specials just to find it again, because I couldn't remember where it was from. I also asked Igor, my favorite historian in the world, and he provided me with some basic articles on the Templar-invented system of banking and also the factoid that there were some accounts of "white knights" appearing to fight alongside the locals.

chris dee: I'm sorry to say that the titles I got from the library were too boring to remember, all except one. knights templar: god's warriors, devil's bankers.

chris dee: My general knowledge of the Crusades came from an old special of Terry Jones (yes, Monty Python's Terry Jones). There is very little in it about the Templars specifically but I always found it compelling for capturing the feel of the time in a the way the talking head interviews don't.

chris dee: The really significant detail I wanted to use for Jason was that when the Templars are arrested, most of their confessions correspond to all the other confessions by torture at the time: heresy, blasphemy, blah blah blah. It's all perfectly routine for the era, EXCEPT there is one charge that is present in nearly all Templar confessions which does not appear ANYWHERE else:

chris dee: The charge that they "worshipped a head" and that the phrase is associated with this "Baphomet" that nobody is quite sure who or what it was. That's the sort of thing Jason (or in this case Ettie) delights in. "Nobody knows what it is? You're kidding, why it's such and such, obviously."

ClockworkSeer: The main problem with most of the templar books is they run the gamut of everything from near fact to absolute guff. About the only thing that's been mythologised more out of european history is Arthur

chris dee: Point

chris dee: Don't get Jason started on Arthur. Just don't.

The Thundering Monkey: For starters, his real name was Bob, they never get that right.

chris dee: Last time Etrigan got out, he went to see Spamalot and has been harassing Jason with "the lady of the lake and her laker girls" cheer every chance he gets.

chris dee: (this is why I write CT and don't try to do serious history. can't stay on point)

Kessie: lol

Kessie: Yup, but I can just imagine Etty getting started ;)

chris dee: But yes, Clockwork, you're absolutely right. The Templar stuff I waded through was probably 60% guff and 35% historians having to piss on anything remotely interesting because they couldn't have anything "sexy" or that the common hoard thought (treasure, grail etc) in their dry academic world.

mpro25680: Don't knock historians too hard please.

motherkat: there are a few templar titles worth reading, but you have to read with a pot of salt next to you, I'm a big fan of historians personally, they write it down so I can read it all :)

chris dee: Remember Igor? I love at least one historian.

The Thundering Monkey: Favorite professor was a historian, more of a storyteller than an academician.

motherkat: scratch the surface of any good historian and you find a story teller though

The Wilder: or scratch the surface of a bad one...

motherkat: if you scratch bad historians you get applause

ClockworkSeer: Dry recitation of sanitised historical "facts" is what puts a lot of people off history at school.

chris dee: It's nice that we have a pro-historian crowd here, but let's just say I heard an awful lot of AMENs when that chapter first came out and Jason took the dullards to task

chris dee: The only real problem I have with academicians is that attitude that has to dismiss any idea that isn't in the current pot of conventional wisdom. One of the debates on one of the oldest talking head videos I found was poo pooing some theory or other about Roslyn Chapel on the grounds that "the medieval mind didn't think like that"

chris dee: And the response, from this total yahoo putting forth the crackpot theory has always stuck with me: if that were true, the cathedrals wouldn't stand

chris dee: if you have a criticism of the yahoo's crackpot theory, make it by all means, but if you have to fall back on crap like that, go work at the post office

motherkat: the concept of a specific way of thinking being the only way at any given time is somewhat gross

chris dee: Exactly, mk, it was so clear that his REAL argument is that this theory has to be wrong because *you're* putting it forth and you're nobody from nowhere.

mpro25680: Science doesn't work like that. An argument must be knocked down on it's merits.

mpro25680: doesn't matter who you are

chris dee: And right on mpro!

ClockworkSeer: mpro: theoretically, yes. Unfortunately, we're dealing with people. With opinions and egos and things. Doesn't always work like that in the real world, alas

chris dee: My other pet peeve we run into a lot in Shakespeare, and Jason gave voice to it briefly in the chapter. That's taking the lip service literally

chris dee: Officially, everyone at the time was god fearing catholic worried about their immortal souls.

Random Equinox: Hello, hello!

chris dee: Hi RE!

chris dee: concluding my meandering diatribe quickly...

chris dee: in reality, your brother, future-widow and son-in-law are just as likely to kill your sons and usurp the throne as soon as you're dead if they swore not to, no matter how many times the oath invoked peril to

their immortal souls. It's lip service. It doesn't mean these are pious people that won't break an oath or murder a kinsman.

The Thundering Monkey: Salutations RE

Random Equinox: Hail, TM!

Random Equinox: Um...what were you just talking about?

mpro25680: unfortunately, scientific theory 101.

chris dee: Well, it began with an emailed question on the Templar research

chris dee: and turned into a freeform exploration of historians we love to hate and hate to love

Random Equinox: Really? Sounds like fun :}

chris dee: It's the room's turn now. Next question?

The Wilder: with the tim/cass relationship progressing in both learning curve and vault, where is their relationship headed and what kind of reaction will it receive from the rest of the bat-clan?

The Thundering Monkey: Bruce: *Grunt*

The Thundering Monkey: Alfred: "My Word"

The Thundering Monkey: Dick "dude"

The Thundering Monkey: Babs: "Batgirls 2, Robins 0"

chris dee: (scratch my answer, go with TM's)

chris dee: Seriously, I would expect to see more of their relationship developing in Learning Curve than CT proper, but we'll see.

chris dee: Welcome breezygal

breezygal: Hello all!

Random Equinox: Hello!

motherkat: gonna have to go as an old friend is in town, could I jump ahead and ask if Selina whilst relaxing over the c word is going to begin relaxing over other parts of her life too, and of we've finally seen the last of mirrorbitch

Random Equinox: I'm definitely curious to see how things between Tim and Cassie develop.

Random Equinox: The phrase "comedy of errors" comes to mind!

chris dee: Tim thanks you for the vote of confidence.

Random Equinox: Tell him I'm rooting for him to prove me wrong.

chris dee: You're right though. Cassie is a fascinating creature. The mixture of innocence and lethal capabilities is quite a handful on its own. Then you have to consider that her "innocence" isn't exactly what it appears.

She is an ordinary teenage girl in a lot of ways, but she's no innocent that knows nothing about sex. Cain brought her up to be an operative in a very sleazy world

She was tracking a drug dealer on a porn set at one time, you may remember So she's not clueless or naive. She is still remarkably innocent. It's one hell of a dangerous combination

Tim's in for a hell of a ride

chris dee: (and the room goes quiet while everyone waits for someone else to make the joke)

The Thundering Monkey: Tim just pulled a spit-take.

Random Equinox: I've always thought that was such a fascinating...and dangerous...combo. So many contradictions!

chris dee: They're a fascinating couple. It should be interesting to see what develops

The Thundering Monkey: (wins quickdraw prize)

Random Equinox: As interesting as Bruce and Selina?

chris dee: Not to me. Whatever else they are, they're teenagers. There are possibilities, as there are in any couple, but not nearly as many

One of the mail in questions asked about Batman's policy on workplace dating. And I said that basically, he's more a parent than a boss when it comes to the sidekicks. He knows that a relationship at 16 or 17 isn't mating for life, and he also knows that when it runs its course and ends, that's not the end of the world either.

It's not going to be a huge long-term impact on crimefighting the way, say, Diana and Arthur created lasting tension in the League. It's going to be Dick or Tim in emotional turmoil for a few weeks, which he knows they'd have to go through ANYWAY, regardless of who the girl is. It's part of growing up.

The Thundering Monkey: I think that can be interesting in the way that finding a new TV show you like can be interesting. Relationships follow a natural progressive arc, from beginning to end, and if you're hankering for a story with the dramas that occur at the beginning of the arc, you have to find a new show.

Random Equinox: I can't remember how long Diana and Arthur were together, but they didn't seem all that compatible. Tim and Cassie seem to be a better fit, so the development of their relationship might be smoother.

chris dee: I'd have to check with Myk, but I think they had just ended when JLAin't began. He was interested in the aftermath rather than the relationship itself.

Random Equinox: And both of them are willing to listen to other people during any developments in saidrelationship, unlike some other individuals.

Random Equinox: Ah...that seems to ring a bell.

chris dee: Let's put it this way, it's not that comparing Diana and Cass or Arthur and Tim exactly, but because the parallel question asked about "workplace dating" and "policy" I was thinking in a specific direction

the big problem with such relationships, the reason any employer gets to consider it their business what their employees do in their private lives, is because it can impact the workplace, especially after the relationship ends.

chris dee: In this case, I was saying that Batman is less about "it would mess up my finely honed crimefighting team" because he doesn't really think it would

Random Equinox: 'Cause they're both professionals?

chris dee: he'd see it more the way an adult is going to look at young people's romantic turmoil. sympathetic but yeah, it's part of growing up and it's really not the big deal they think it is.

Random Equinox: Another question: Chris, you clearly had it in your head to send Ozzy to Arkham for a while. What were the origins for that development?

chris dee: I have to think, it's been a while...

chris dee: The initial fire came as a final punch at the end of Riddle Metropolis. I won't say it was "just" a punchline, I knew there would be long term consequences. But the impetus for it was the gag: they come back to the usual Gotham chaos *on steroids*

chris dee: I guess it evolved into more when Oswald began settling in so nicely at Arkham and really taking control of his surroundings

chris dee: As you observed in the message board, he was just sooo cocky. It begged to be pulled out from under him

Random Equinox: Greek tragedy rearing it's ugly head again?

chris dee: His pride is unique, it's the sort that confuses one year of experience 20 times over with 20 years experience

The Wilder: another question: with the big leaps selina and bruce have made recently, do you ever see that culminating in the m-word?

chris dee: I really don't know that either of them feel its necessary, Wilder.

The Thundering Monkey: I think they both kind of consider that unnecessary. They don't feel they need some sort of ceremony to validate thier relationship.

Random Equinox: They're not alone. I was reading an article the other day in which a substantial number of "couples" nowadays don't actually get married.

The Thundering Monkey: Also weddings are kind of all about the woman, and fullfilling the kind of fantasies girls have when they're growing up about thier wedding day, and Selina's just not that type of girl.

chris dee: Well said, TM. I've mentioned in the last chat, she has a definite aversion to those things that are assumed to be a woman's priority

chris dee: I think on Bruce's side, there is also that aristocratic stance of: what do I care waht you think?

chris dee: Plus there's that whole marriage = death buried deep in his subconscious

mpro25680: Usually when two people are together for so long it's bound to come up again.

Clockwork: everyone else in the know reacts to them as if they are anyway, even unconsciously. so it's a bit of a moot point

mpro25680: It may not be them, but just the people around them.

breezygal: Well we've seen how well that subject worked out for Clark

The Thundering Monkey: I could actually see it making for a funny story as Eddie agonises over giving the bride away, or committing a crime on the one day he knows Batman can't be ther.

Random Equinox: Now that sort of internal struggle would be the mark of a true friend!

chris dee: LOL, yes it would

Clockwork: Don't even want to think about Eddie's speech at the reception...

chris dee: PsychoBat would want a 7 second time delay, like SNL

mpro25680: I doubt Eddie will be best man.

Random Equinox: He'd have to be very careful. I'm sure Selina would have her claws close by. Remember: Eddie's a bleeder!

Clockwork: if he gives the bride away, I seem to recall he at least gets the option of a speech

chris dee: mpro is right though, sans fear toxin this just isn't going to happen

Clockwork: Heck. In most of the ways that actually matter, they're as good as married anyway

mpro25680: all

chris dee: (Bruce breathes a sigh of relief and begs me to go on to the next question)

Random Equinox: That almost makes you want to keep the discussion of this question going, doesn't it?

chris dee: Well there is the theory that writing is taking a character you love, chasing them up a tree, and throwing rocks at them

mpro25680: I somehow can't imagine Bruce running to a tree

breezygal: Although he once compared himself to a wildebeast stuffed in to one..

chris dee: Yet again, Bat characters mess up otherwise useful analogies

chris dee: Bruce wouldn't run and the tree might be one of Ivy's babies anyway

chris dee: Let's hope he'll be just as discomfitted by the next question

chris dee: Garsoc asks "Does Bruce want Selina to stay Queen of the Underworld, under the Devil you know theory?"

chris dee: Not really. His remarks in the Batmobile "it could get rough" and in the subsequent dream make it pretty clear that he does not want that kind of reminder of what the relationship was before. Other reminders he seems quite enthusiastic about, but the ones that involve the outside world, especially the part he spends his wife battling, that's a danger he can do without.

Kessie: that is a freudian slip there Chris

chris dee: ha

chris dee: note to self, beware the freudian typo.

Random Equinox: Especially in lieu of the previous discussion.

The Thundering Monkey: especially considering that W and L are on opposite sides of the keyboard.

Kessie: depends on your keyboard layout, TM

The Thundering Monkey: good point.

chris dee: We're going to have a long digression into bedding now aren't we, just to see if you can get me to do it again?

The Wilder: what kind of affect would it have on harvey to find out about bruce/batman, and do you see it happening in Cat-Tales?

The Thundering Monkey: I think having Harvey find out wouldn't be a great idea, just because it's ground already covered with Eddie.

mpro25680: I wouldn't, to many people already know.

chris dee: I'm inclined to agree mpro

The Thundering Monkey: The story would lack oomph, and Batman would have one less foil. Eventually we'll be down to just Jervis who doesn't know, drinking alone in the iceberg when none of the other former Rogues will meet his eye.

Random Equinox: He might handle it better if Selina told him first

mpro25680: It muddy's the water (if that's good english)

chris dee: Yep. And the water is muddy enough as it is

breezygal: Question: How long do you foresee Vault continuing as the new Gotham underworld hotspot? Will we see the Iceberg return?

chris dee: When I began CT, when someone went in to Arkham or Blackgate, it was for 2 stories. Regardless of how much story time passed, that was my standard length of time for a sentence.

Random Equinox: Wow. Arkham really is a "bed and breakfast", isn't it?

chris dee: Stories got longer and that rule of thumb has become more pliable, but I would say most changes are still in the 2 to 3 story range.

chris dee: RE, they prefer to think of it as the "fast track to mental wellness"

chris dee: Welcome Rob!

travisbickle275: hi all!

travisbickle275: room for a little one I hope?

travisbickle275: ;)

Clockwork: only if you brought cake

travisbickle275: lol!

travisbickle275: you take after my own heart

chris dee: I was going to say there's always room for one more but didn't think to ask for cake, damn

travisbickle275: *settles down in the back* - don't mind me. on with the chat!

chris dee: ahem, yes. fast track to mental wellness

Random Equinox: When you came up with the idea for the Vault, did you know it would involve Harvey moving out, or was there another reason for getting him away from a "Two-Face" lair?

travisbickle275: yes, id like to know the answer to that too.

chris dee: I can't trace back exactly how that thought developed, but I KNOW the moment it was settled was when I thought of him coming out of the building walking Binky's two dogs

Clockwork: From respected rogue, to dogwalker...

chris dee: Initially I thought Selina wouldn't know and would be going to see Jason, see him coming out of her old building??? walking two dogs??? and think some weird time/space anomale was at it again

Random Equinox: Not again!

chris dee: Often there isn't a hard and fast plan, just a sense that we haven't seen this character or that one in a while, and they're due

chris dee: If I'm living right, they take it from there

The Wilder: speaking of the fast track to mental wellness, will we see a bit more rogues released from arkham in the next story?

chris dee: At this moment, there are two different possibilities for a one shot story before the next big one. One of them would have a lot to do with rogues being released.

chris dee: Either way, by the following story, more of the regulars should be out again.

chris dee: Regulars = Joker, Riddler, Scarecrow, Hatter, Strange, etc.

Random Equinox: Can you imagine those fellows at the Vault?

chris dee: Yes, Sly's presence means rogues are welcome.

chris dee: All but Catman would be likely to accept it as an interim Iceberg

travisbickle275: I'm fond of Catman. I know that's probably a minority view in this room...

Clockwork: Catman can be amusing in small doses

chris dee: He's going to have a hard time choking out that password

chris dee: And he certainly livened up the Iceberg Tale

The Wilder: perhaps another fire?

The Thundering Monkey: Firefly is just a little upset that no one invited him to the last one.

The Thundering Monkey: Is it too much to ask, for a "Yo Garfield, get down here, the bergs on fire"

mpro25680: What I like to Know: When's Wayne Tech coming out with that new chip?

chris dee: November 10, in time for inclusion in the christmas geek giftpacks

mpro25680: great

chris dee: The Sony ones are real btw. \$20 for a 1 gig on amazon.

travisbickle275: chris, we all enjoy your work, and you've managed to build up a remarkable canon over the years - but what inspires you? how do you come up with these excellent story arcs?

chris dee: liquor and chocolate

chris dee: :P

travisbickle275: (i didnt mean for that to be anywhere near as sycophantic as it probably came across... :))

The Wilder: nice

travisbickle275: LOL!

travisbickle275: yeah, thats how i do my uni coursework. ;)

chris dee: Honestly, it's pretty much what I said earlier, put the characters together and hope they do something interesting

The Wilder: do you ever worry about long-term story continuity or does that always come naturally?

chris dee: I don't worry about it. I do a few things to try and avoid continuity traps

chris dee: I do my best to avoid getting specific with years or times of year. Except for the definite hell month, thanksgiving or christmas stories, I avoid a lot of specifics

Random Equinox: Anything else?

chris dee: I also stick with real history whenever I can rather than consult some DC secret file about the history of Gotham or the Waynes. I look to New York simply because it's easy to trip yourself up when you invent history and DC has done that in spades with their geography.

chris dee: In NY, uptown is the good part of town for very specific reasons.

The downtown developed first because of the rivers/river traffic/COMMERCE. With that part of town settled, it was largely black and immigrant populations with no status in what is now central park

chris dee: i.e. people who were easy to oust. That's why the prime real estate is now where it is. Without bothering to *understand* all that, I just use NY as a model, uptown is here, downtown there, bristol over there. it holds up to its own internal logic because it really did develop that way. so I don't have to understand why.

chris dee: if you make it up as you go along, you can get into these bizarre inconsistencies where the high crime area is next to the park and you have to go through the best part of town to get to the bowery and so on. you don't realize you've written yourself into a corner until you're there

The Wilder: will we see more cameos from JLAers/titans in Cat-Tales?

chris dee: JLAers are more likely because Myk is on hiatus. Titans have their own series now, look for them there on the while

chris dee: Clark is as bad as the rogues for always wanting some screentime

Random Equinox: It would be interesting to see how Ollie and Dinah are doing since the last time they showed up (Fortune Cookies? Can't remember, exactly).

chris dee: It was Fortune Cookies. Good memory

Clockwork: Wonder if that's long enough that Dinah is actually going to be able to have a semi-reasonable conversation with one of the batclan when she finally reappears

chris dee: I wouldn't mind seeing them, but I don't have a story idea at the moment - although as I type, they could maybe be worked in to one of the one-shot possibilities

mpro25680: What I really missed in Riddle me Tropolis was Lois, Selina interaction.

chris dee: I'll see what I can do about that mpro. She's none too pleased either. "WHat do you mean she went shopping with NIGMA?!"

The Thundering Monkey: The man can't find a decent Pizza much less a shoe shop.

The Wilder: any thoughts on the ollie/dinah wedding happening in The Post?

travisbickle275: cynical sales ploy?

Random Equinox: They're probably stretching it out and milking it for all they're worth.

Random Equinox: Though that comes from general cynicism, and not firsthand experience.

chris dee: No thoughts here, haven't been in a comic shop in over a year, don't plan to.

The Thundering Monkey: Just once I'd like to see a comic book wedding where the bad guys didn't attack in force.

Clockwork: "Please send all flowers to the front table. Please send all Ninjas to the west pavillion, where a reception has been laid on for them."

chris dee: What if they attacked the wrong wedding in force?

travisbickle275: lol!

The Thundering Monkey: That might be cool.

chris dee: Quiet and peaceful on the Ollie/Dinah front, everyone's sort of shrugging wondering why

chris dee: Meanwhile, at the East Side Hilton instead of the Riverside Hilton the Liebowitz/Stilton reception is a shambles

travisbickle275: reminds me of my favourite joke from (the admittedly poor) loaded weapon, where they are trying to take out the main character and bomb john mcclane's place by accident

The Thundering Monkey: lol, I remember that.

The Thundering Monkey: "You idiots!! He's down the beach!!!

Clockwork: or the end of Waynes World 2.

Clockwork: and we've sneaked back onto the topic of weddings again.

chris dee: Yikes, we're coming up on two hours. One last question before I flee

Random Equinox: My, how time flies when you're having fun!

travisbickle275: hmm - the question of weddings arises, and miss dee flies the coup...

travisbickle275: ;)

The Wilder: will we ever find out what happened at clark's bachelor party?

chris dee: I know there was speculation in the message board at one point, and I think I copied it into the wiki.

chris dee: There won't ever be anything more definitive

Clockwork: Would spoil the mystique

chris dee: barring the invention of kryptonian truth serum

chris dee: Well gang, this was a blast

chris dee: Thank you all for coming out

Random Equinox: Absolutely! Glad I could finally make it!

Kessie: thanks Chris - and looking forward to the next story
The Wilder: same here, RE!
The Thundering Monkey: Yeah, this was fun.
Clockwork: thanks for having one where I don't have to be up till 1 or 2am :)
travisbickle275: ditto!
travisbickle275: :)
mpro25680: thanks
chris dee: We'll definitely keep weekend afternoons in the schedule for these things
breezygal: Thanks for your time!
chris dee: maybe not every story, but as often as we can
travisbickle275: thanks Chris. take care everyone. :)
chris dee: Ciaomeow everybody
mpro25680: by
Clockwork: time for beer, Said Zebedee
Random Equinox: Later.