

# GO WILD

Some people like to talk about the  
*peace and tranquility of nature.*

.....  
Their eyes glaze over, and they rave about  
*cool breezes, fresh air and flittering butterflies.*

.....  
They're not paying attention, and *that makes them easy pickings for any of the predators*, including me. The Sixth World's a place of eating or being eaten. Sometimes the critters are waiting deep in the jungle; other times they're hiding in your bedroom closet.

Proving you're the fittest only ends when you aren't anymore. Know your prey—it's the only way to catch them.  
But remember, *you just might be something's prey too.*

*Running Wild* is a sourcebook for *Shadowrun, Fourth Edition*. It presents a detailed overview of the animals, spirits, and other non-metahuman entities that dwell in the Sixth World: from mundane animals that have survived the incursions of mankind, to paranormals that have Awakened, to emergent animals that have found their own ways to embrace the Matrix, to the spirits and feral AIs that may not even acknowledge metahumanity. Game rules and mechanics are provided for these beings and their unusual abilities, but so are rules for characters to interact with, to augment, and to train the critters presented. Every living being is constantly in search of its ecological niche, *Running Wild* can make a campaign home to hundreds of them.

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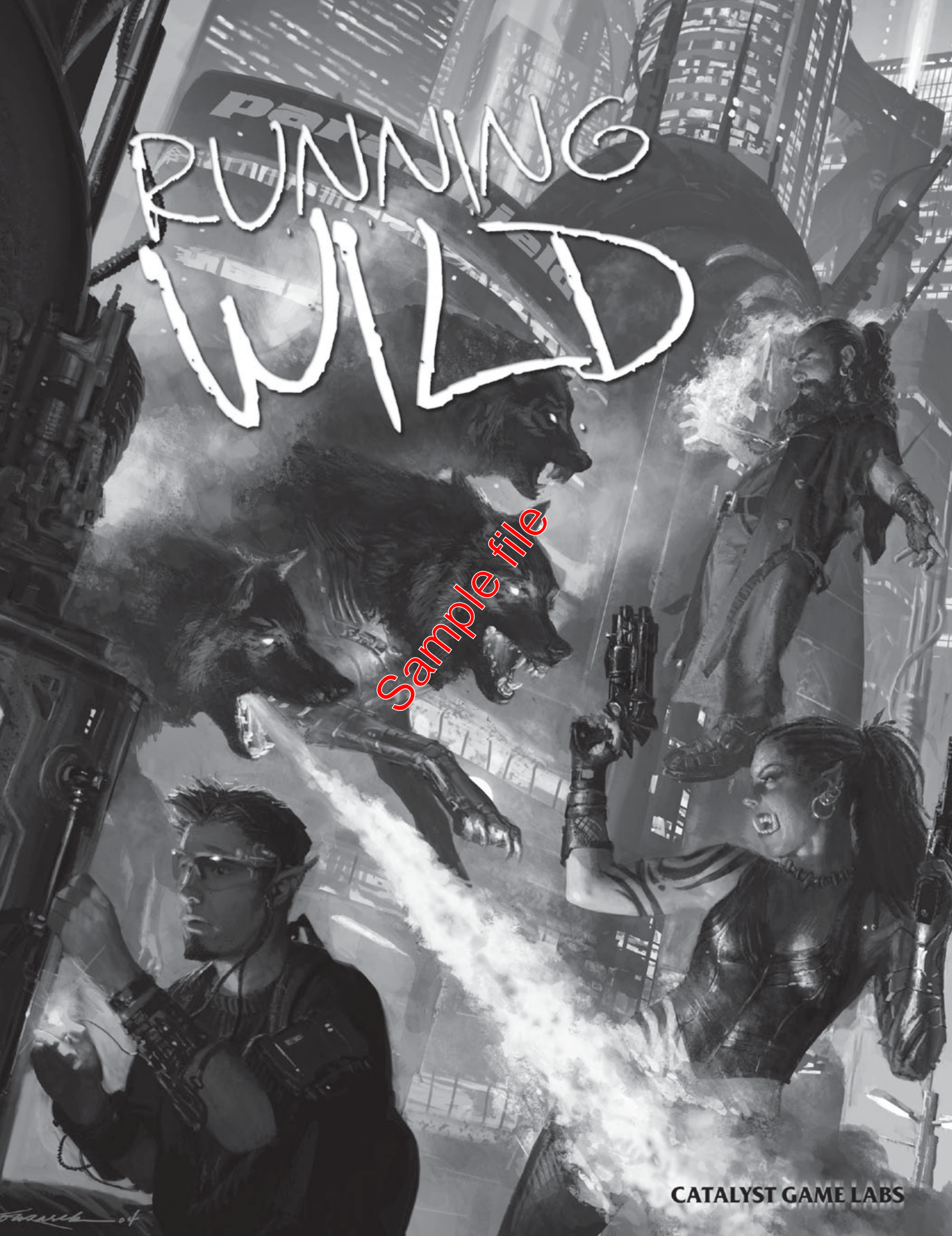
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... Connected to Onion Routers.  
> Login  
\*\*\*\*\*  
> Enter Passcode  
\*\*\*\*\*  
... Biometric Scan Confirmed.  
Connected to <ERROR: NODE UNKNOWN>  
"Every animal knows more than you do."

## JackPoint Stats

38 users currently active in the network

### Latest News

\* <051472> Last week, a major security hole was found in the MoSoSo software. Get security patch v12.5 immediately, and make sure any SINS you're using aren't being used by anyone else. — Fastjack

### Personal Alerts

- \* Your "xpl0it3r" agent has an [urgent message](#) for you
- \* You have 12 new [private messages](#)
- \* You have 3 messages queued for anonymous re-routing
- \* You have received 5 [Metalink Friends](#) add requests
- \* You have 74 new [responses](#) to your JackPoint posts
- \* PDA: You have a meeting with Mr. Johnson at Dante's Inferno in 3 hours, 27 minutes, and 34 seconds ([map](#))

Your Current **Rep Score**: 55  
(91% Positive)

Current Time: July 3, 2072, 1532

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Welcome back to JackPoint, omae; your last connection was severed: 5 hours, 13 minutes, 47 seconds ago

## Today's Heads Up

\* Still wondering what that was that tried to take a bite out of you on the last job? Having a hard time identifying some Matrix icons or some astral signatures? This compilation of files might save you from slotting a parazoology knowchip. [Tag: [Running Wild](#)]

## Incoming

- \* Still clearing your head after the tempo high? Sorting through the fallout of the gangland wars? Want to know what the underworld status quo looks like now that the dust is settling? This file might be just what you want. [Tag: [Vice](#)]
- \* Have you been wondering what our would-be lords and masters have been scheming of late in their comfy ivory towers? Find out the latest buzz with our latest download. [Tag: [Corporate Guide](#)]
- \* Serious changes are afoot in the Emerald City. Brackhaven is governor, The Star has fallen. The Shotozumi-gumi has taken a pounding. All this and more in our latest guide to the City on the Sound. [Tag: [Seattle 2072](#)]

## Top News Items

- \* Over the weekend, a Genetique lab in Calgary was badly damaged by subversives during a B&E. At least 3 fatalities and dozens of injuries were reported when the animal containment systems were deactivated. Conspiracy theorists are claiming that this incident is linked to a series of similar raids on Aztechnology holdings in the area twenty years ago. Genetique representatives have refused to comment. Seventeen different ecoterrorist groups have claimed responsibility for the attack. [Link](#).
- \* The Corporate Court has issued a preliminary adjudication on the South China Sea territorial dispute favoring the Pacific Prosperity Group, with the remaining contested areas due for further arguments and adjudication later. [Link](#).
- \* A unanimous vote by the CAS congress has caused the nation to adopt a new flag, after a long grassroots campaign started by a Virginian school teacher. The flag is due to be unveiled to the public at the North Georgia Military Academy in **Dahlongega**, Georgia, on the 4th of July. [Link](#).

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Commcode

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Active

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Wyrm Watcher  
Dr. Lucy Shapiro

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\* Protosapients        ([More](#))

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With the taste of bile heavy on her tongue, Deepti could not bear to run any longer. Yet to stop meant certain death. She could smell each of them, their odors as distinct as colors on a palette. There were Burning Wood and Cigar, two men whose smells mixed so thickly in the jungle air you would think they were lovers. Gun Oil scared her, for he carried the scent of experience and death. The woman among them stank of a flowery perfume, the sort their kind dabbed behind each ear, the lingering kind. She was closest now, moving cautiously through the underbrush. Deepti could hear her below, close enough to touch. She could hide here, wrapped in the twisting arms of this Banyan tree, but the lives inside her would not stand that for long. They needed food, so she needed food. Deepti wished she could shift now, squeeze her slender brown body deeper into the knotted limbs of the tree. She wished she could cry for them, pretend to be a human so the hunters would pass. They would not fire on a pregnant woman. However, her true form had no human skin. She was fur, striped white and black, wiry whiskers, and blue eyes.

No, these four would not let her pass.

Deepti's nostrils flared, and she leapt from the high Banyan branches with a piercing roar. Perfume spun mechanically, bringing her gun up an instant too slow to fire. Deepti was on her, teeth slicing through flesh. Perfume's scream died as a whimper between her powerful jaws.

"There!" Burning Wood shouted, raising a rifle to fire. Deepti spun, trying to keep the tree between her and her attackers. Wood splintered from the impact of bullets.

Cigar cried out, "Aim for the head, we need those cubs alive!"

Deepti froze in place. Hadn't she been the target? The Shapeshifter could smell Gun Oil far off to her flank, circling in behind her. The two lovers approached from the front with all appropriate caution. She could not fight them all in her condition. Another moment, and they would have her—have her offspring. Deepti would not let that happen. She reared up on her hind legs and roared.

"Shoot now, shoot now!"

She shoved a set of claws and then a second into her own belly. The searing pain buckled her knees and sent her to the ground. They would not have her young, not now.

"Shit." She heard Burning Wood moan as her eyes fogged over. "Can we at least save the fur?"

