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It's Benji's Birthday!

Hey, who dat! Benji here, celebratin' my birthday by takin' over this newsletter!

Yeah, James stepped away from his writing desk jes' long enough for me to sneak in and let y'all know I'm still kickin' and havin' a great life. Me an' Ravynn aren't recording music anymore, but we had a grand time of it for a while!

While I was getting' set to write, I noticed that the book about our first tour is getting' real close to done. I mean, like, less than a dozen scenes to go. Man, he's been workin' hard getting' the words on the page, including some rough scenes for me and Rave. I'm not gonna tell y'all how it goes, but pretty soon you might be asked if you want to be an ARC reader. I've heard him talkin' 'bout that—it's like someone who reads the book and posts a review so it generates buzz for the book, an' gets more sales that way. Course, before that, he'll be lookin' to get readers to check the book for errors and plot holes and bad stuff, what he calls a beta reader. I always thought that was someone who read one of those fancy tropical fish somehow!

So anyways, if you read the prequel, you know that was all about my seventeenth birthday. So that means I'm "celebrating" my seventy-second birthday today. Celebrating? At this age, it's celebrating when

you can still get out of bed in the morning! Though, I gotta say, Ravynn and me still are in real good shape to be as old as we are. We've been talking to James about a book to tell our story after Phoenix Rising's glory days, so you might get a chance to see what we did after the group was done.

But all that's a bunch of stuff for another day. Today's a party! As we said in New Orleans all the time, "Laissez les bontemps rouler!" Yeah, let the good times roll.

Speakin' of books, me an' Rave were talkin' about the Christmas we spent, right after my birthday, with Pearl and Hank back in the house outside New Orleans. And, dangd if James didn't turn it into a short story! He says it's his first ever Christmas story, but I kinda doubt that. He's as old as me, 'pert near. So anyway, you get first dibs at the regular edition of it, just by clickin' on the link here:

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By the way, I keep hearin' all this talk 'bout somethin' called NaNo WriMo, I think that's it.... Supposed to be about writing a novel during November, I guess. James tried it last year and he's sworn it off this year. Course, he doesn't need to write a whole book, he jes' needs to finish ours!

I'm thinkin' it's about time Ravynn and me have some cake, and maybe some cafe au lait. Would I be a hog if I asked for beignets, too? Oh, guess I should tell y'all that the next newsletter will be November 21, three weeks from today, and two days before Turkey

Day—Thanksgiving! By then, there should be some serious news on the book! Y'all come back now, y'hear?

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