

THE FIRM presents



IN
DANCE OF THE DOGFIGHTER

A VIGNETTE

On March 3, 1969 the US Navy established an elite school for the top one percent of its pilots. The pre-eminent graduate is no military man. She is Gisela Moretti. Callsign: Phoenix. Twice winner of the Top Gun Trophy. Not infallible. But undefeated anyway.

Called a 'merc' and a 'cunt,' equally.
— No angel



MIDAIR

AND JUST LIKE THAT

IT'S GONE

*At 15, the outgoer would come in, before
dawn, climb that tree stump, shed her clothes
to better feel her
airspace*



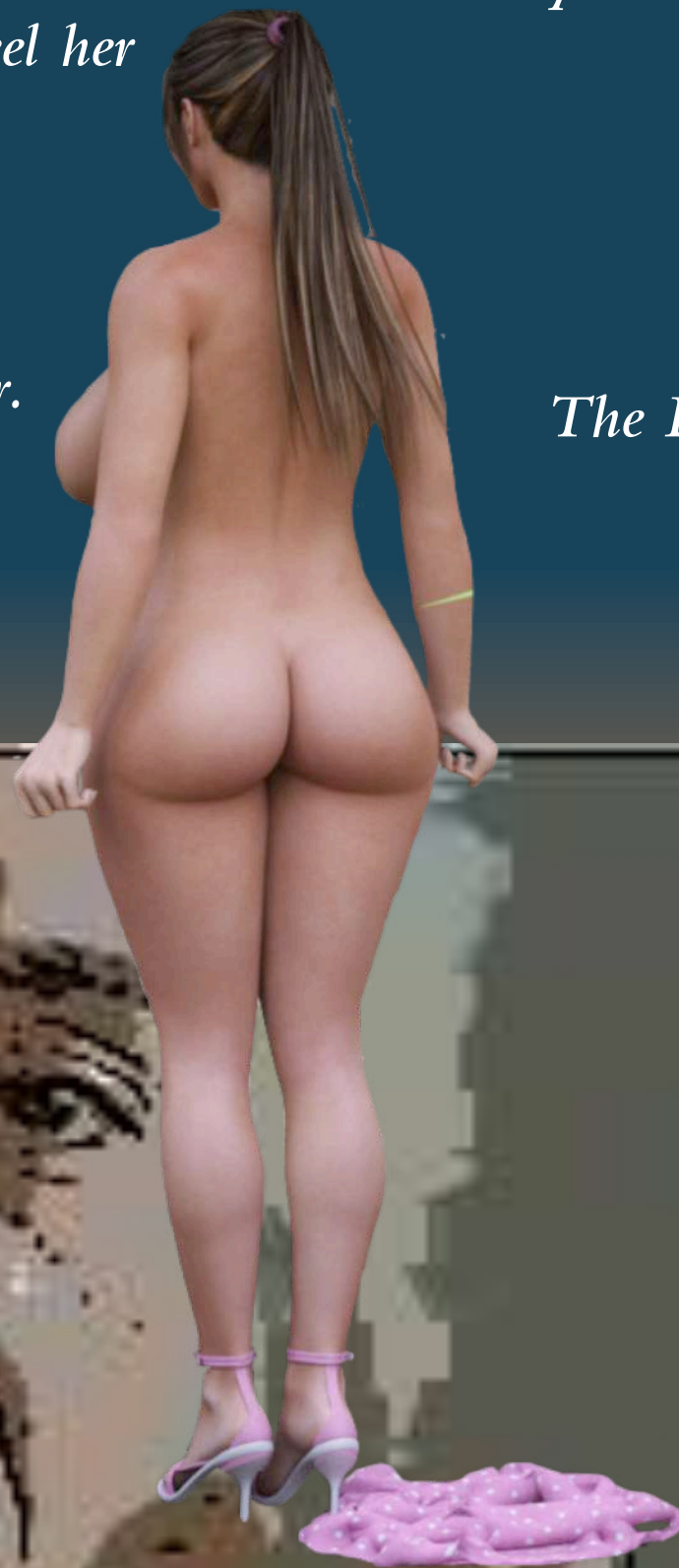
*& in her heels, she'd loop & roll &
turn, g-force holding & releasing her.*

The princess of pitch, roll & yaw.

*The bride of Balance. A primal aeronaut.
Today she still climbs that tree stump; is largely
unreachable when up there
— So it is said.*

*She starts Gisela's Aerial Assault,
The Dance of the Dogfighter, Kira calls it.*

—Men & women get divorced.



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