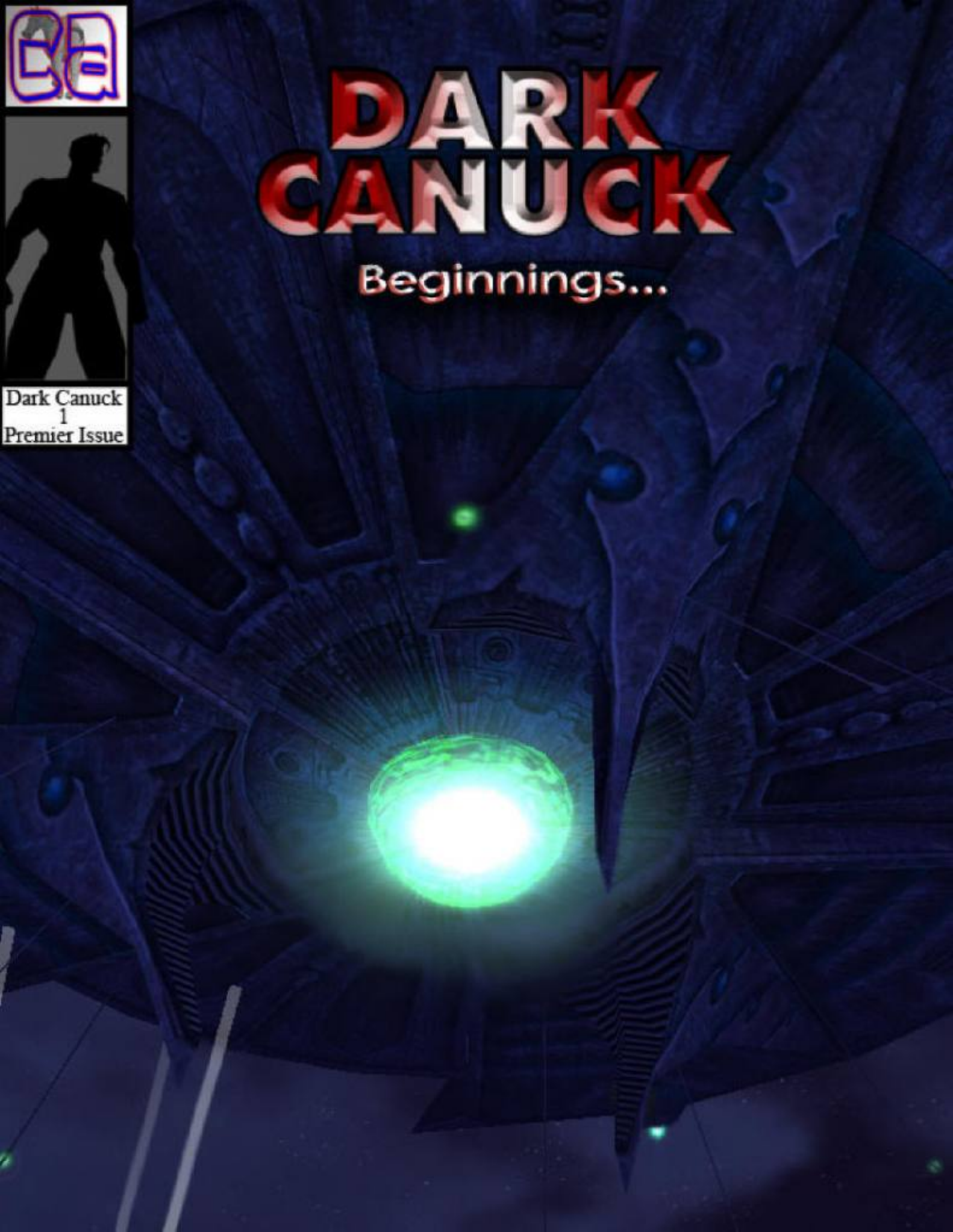




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DARK CANUCK

Beginnings...



DARKNESS... IT SEEMS THAT IS ALL THAT I CAN REMEMBER CLEARLY. I HAVE FLASHES OF MY LIFE, MY LIFE BEFORE THE RIKTI DESTROYED SO MUCH. I THINK I WAS HAPPY, AND I CAN'T IMAGINE FEELING WORSE THAN NOW; ALTHOUGH I KEEP THINKING, DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

I DON'T REMEMBER HEROES BEING AROUND MUCH; ONLY GLIMPSES OF THEM FLYING BY NOW AND AGAIN. FROM WHAT I HAVE REMEMBERED, MY HOME IN CANADA WAS PEACEFUL... WHY DID I LEAVE?



...BUSINESS, THAT'S WHY. I WAS IN PARAGON CITY WHEN THEY FIRST SHOWED UP



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SO MANY PEOPLE RUNNING, SO MANY PEOPLE NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO NOW...



ARMY, POLICE, RIKTI, HEROES:
ALL FIGHTING, ALL DYING.
WHAT COULD I DO?!



I RAN...

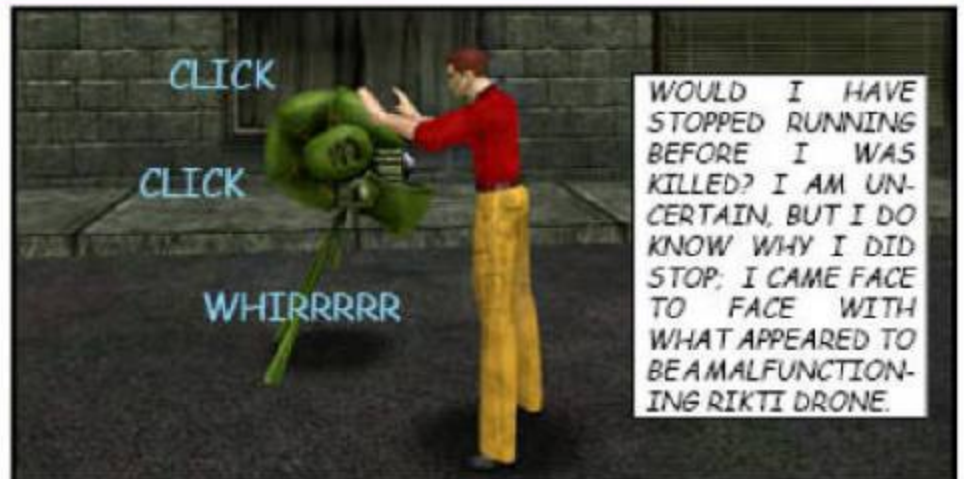


I REMEMBER LOOKING UP TO
SEE A LONE HERO GOING AFTER
ONE OF THE SHIPS, WAS HE A
FOOL OR VERY BRAVE?

WHAT I ALSO REMEMBER
WAS HIS OUTFIT. THE
RED AND WHITE THAT
REMINDED ME OF HOME.



I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG
I RAN, AND DIDN'T KNOW
WHERE I WAS GOING...



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WHIRRRRR

WOULD I HAVE
STOPPED RUNNING
BEFORE I WAS
KILLED? I AM UN-
CERTAIN, BUT I DO
KNOW WHY I DID
STOP; I CAME FACE
TO FACE WITH
WHAT APPEARED TO
BE A MALFUNCTION-
ING RIKTI DRONE.

THE WIERD NOISES STOPPED,
AND EVERYTHING SHUDDERED,
AND A BEAM OF FIRE SHOT FROM
THE DRONE TOWARDS ME...



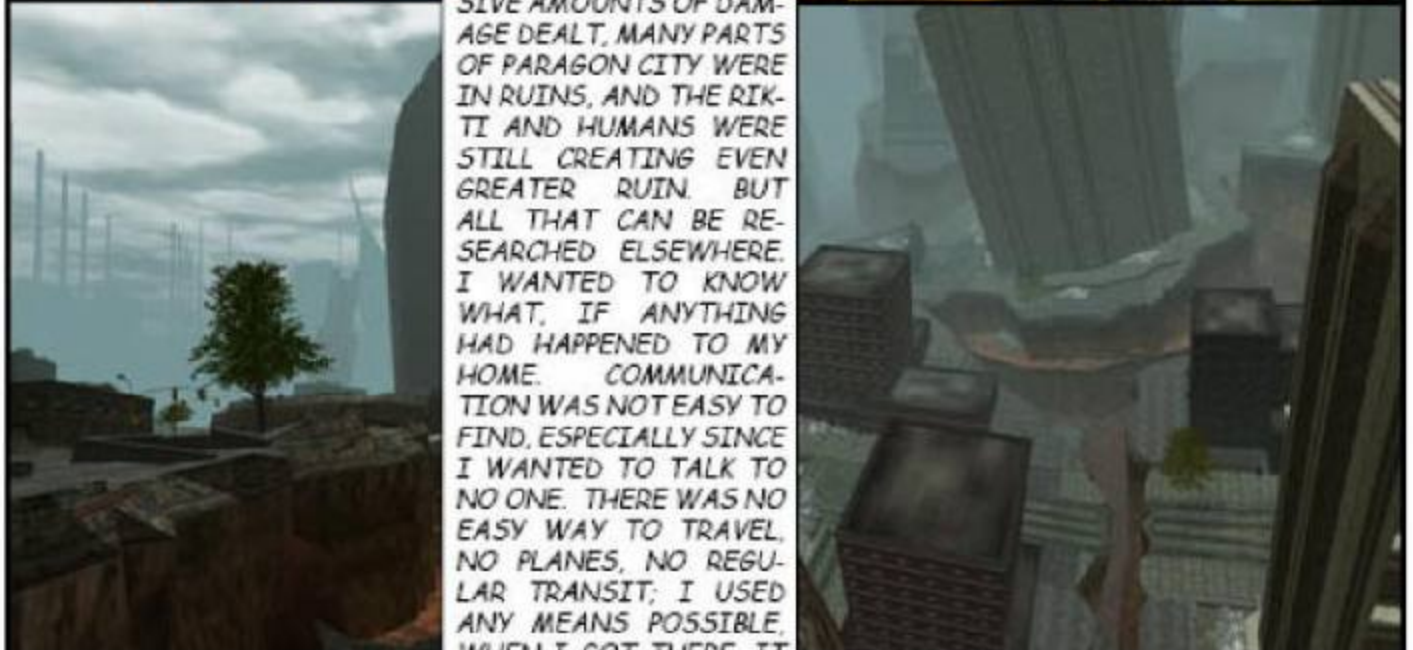
...THEN THE DRONE EXPLODED,
SENDING ME HURLING INTO
THE AIR ON FIRE. I WAS DEAD,
THAT'S WHAT I REMEMBER
RIPPING THROUGH MY MIND,
NO LIFE FLASHING BEFORE ME,
JUST DARKNESS.







MY BATTLE WAS OVER FOR NOW, BUT THE WAR WAGED ON HERE, MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF DAMAGE DEALT, MANY PARTS OF PARAGON CITY WERE IN RUINS, AND THE RIKTI AND HUMANS WERE STILL CREATING EVEN GREATER RUIN. BUT ALL THAT CAN BE RESEARCHED ELSEWHERE. I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT, IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO MY HOME. COMMUNICATION WAS NOT EASY TO FIND, ESPECIALLY SINCE I WANTED TO TALK TO NO ONE. THERE WAS NO EASY WAY TO TRAVEL, NO PLANES, NO REGULAR TRANSIT; I USED ANY MEANS POSSIBLE. WHEN I GOT THERE, IT WAS A NIGHTMARE I WANTED SO DEARLY TO WAKE FROM.



MY HOME WAS DESTROYED LIKE SO MUCH I HAD ALREADY SEEN. I LEARNED LATER THAT THE RIKTI HAD BEGUN HUNTING THE SUPER HEROES, AS THEY WERE THEIR WORST THREAT.



MY CITY DIDN'T HAVE NEAR ENOUGH DEFENSES TO STOP THE SLAUGHTER. EVERYONE I COULD REMEMBER WAS DEAD OR GONE.



SOMEONE WOULD PAY!!



BUT HOW...?



I LEFT EVERYTHING BEHIND
AND TRIED TO LOOK INWARDS
TO FIND ANSWERS.



I HAD POWERS; I COULD TAKE DAM-
AGE THAT WOULD INCINERATE ANY
NORMAL HUMAN. MY HANDS HAD A
STRANGE ENERGY TO THEM. WHAT
ELSE? WHAT GOOD WAS IT?



I COULDN'T SEE PAST THE DARK-
NESS THAT ALWAYS THREATENS
TO CONSUME ME. DO I WANT TO?
WHAT SHOULD I NOW DO WITH
MY LIFE? DID I WANT TO LIVE?
WHAT PURPOSE? MOST OF THESE
I STILL HAVE YET TO ANSWER.



NOT FINDING THE ANSWERS INSIDE OF ME, I DECIDED TO BRING THE WORLD BACK IN AND TRY TO FIND THE ANSWERS THERE.



THESE SUPER HEROES ALL WANTED TO HELP, AND I'M CERTAIN FOR VASTLY DIFFERENT REASONS THAN THE NEXT.



THEY FOUGHT TOGETHER; SO MANY DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, RACES, CULTURES, ALL COMING TOGETHER TO BEAT BACK THE CURTAIN OF EVIL THAT THREATENS TO BLANKET THIS CITY.



SO MANY NEW GROUPS OF VILLAINS SHOWING UP WITH THEIR OWN AGENDA'S, OR JUST EVIL. EVEN WITH THE RIKTI WAR BEING OVER, THERE WAS SO MUCH THAT HAD TO BE OVERCOME.



I WAS WRONG. THE HEROES HAD DONE NOTHING BUT SACRIFICE. THESE WERE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD STOP THE VILLAINS, FROM THE SMALL TIME PURSE SNATCHERS TO THE CITY THREATENING DEVASTATORS.



I MET A GREAT NUMBER OF HEROES IN MY TRAVELS...



ALL...



...WILLING AND WANTING...



... TO HELP..

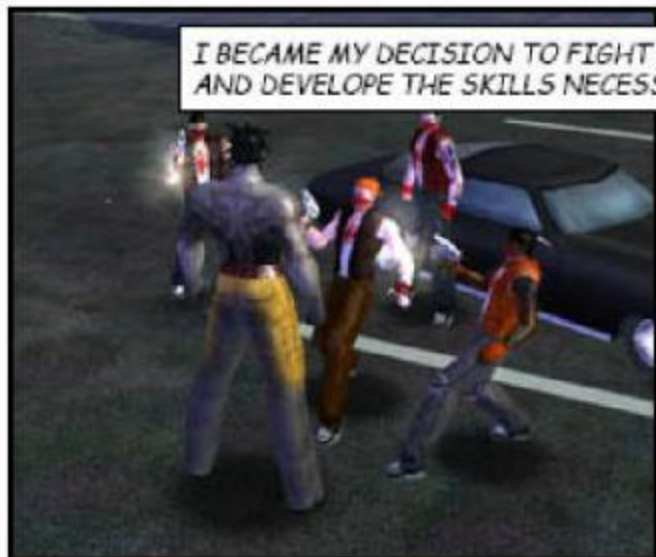


...AND DIE!



YES, I SAW MORE THAN MY SHARE OF FALLEN HEROES.

I BECAME MY DECISION TO FIGHT, IT WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO LEARN AND DEVELOPE THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO PUNISH MY ENEMIES.



I HAD ALREADY DISCOVERED SOME OF MY GROWING POTENTIAL, AND SOMETHING TO HELP STAVE OFF THE DARKNESS INSIDE OF ME.

I NOW FOUGHT WITH THESE OTHER HEROES, BUT I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE ONE. FOR NOW THAT WAS GOOD ENOUGH. THE DARK BECAME A BETTER FRIEND.



TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT MONTH WILL INTRODUCE US TO DARK CANUCK'S COSTUME!!!