

ISSUE
ONE

The Expendables



part one
"ordinary men"

PARAGON CITY..

THE CITY OF
HEROES, THEY
CALLED IT..

I FOUND IT TO BE
NOT ONLY THAT..

BUT A CITY OF
NORMAL
PEOPLE, TRYING
TO BE HEROES..

MAYBE THAT'S
WHY I FOUND IT
SO DARN
INTERESTING..

OR MAYBE IT WAS
BECAUSE OF THE 5
HEROES I MET IN MY
TRAVELS..

NOW THIS
GROUP DIDN'T
REALLY HAVE A
NAME FOR
THEMSELVES..

BUT EVERYONE
ELSE ONLY
CALLED EM' THE
EXPENDABLES..

THE POWERS
THE GOOD LORD
BLESSED EM'
WITH, WERE
PRETTY
MUNDANE..

BUT IT ALL
PANNED OUT,
ONCE THEY GOT
TOGETHER..

IT'S A FUNNY
THING THOUGH..
SEEING AS THEIR
STORY STARTS
THE WAY EVERY
HERO'S STORY
STARTS...

IN THE
TUTORIAL..

In the not so distant future..

BUT SEEING AS THE NAME "GRIM REAPER" WAS TAKEN.. I HAD TO MAKE UP A NEW ONE.. BUT STILL!!

AT LAST, AFTER GOING THROUGH THE GRUELING HERO CREATOR, I HAVE BROUGHT MYSELF INTO THE HERO WORLD!!!

NOW PARAGON CITY WILL SNAP LIKE A CHICKEN BONE UNDER THE PRESSURE OF...

REEPERS CREEPERS!!

NOT IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!!

FIDDLE STICKS!! CAPTAIN TARGET!





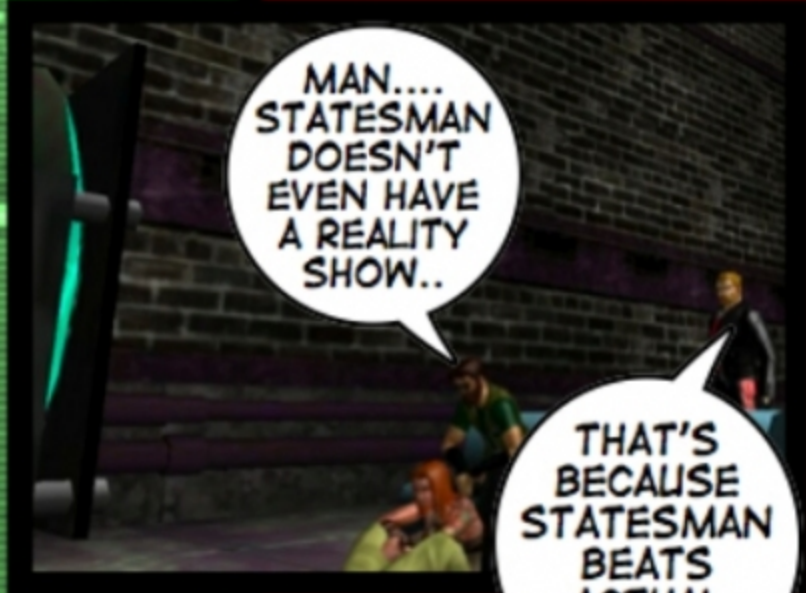


MY
HERNIA..

OFF TO
ZIGGURSKY FOR
YOU, MY
SKELETAL
DISCOMFORT!



AND
REMEMBER,
KIDS... A LIFE
OF CRIME, IS
A WASTE OF
BLOOD!



MAN....
STATESMAN
DOESN'T
EVEN HAVE
A REALITY
SHOW..

THAT'S
BECAUSE
STATESMAN
BEATS
ACTUAL
VILLAINS..

NICK, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SO HATEFUL TOWARDS THE CAPTAIN..

I MEAN, WHAT DID HE EVER DO TO YOU? ALL HE'S DOING IS HAVING A QUALITY TELEVISION PROGRAM.

WELL THE T.V. SHOW YOU MENTIONED, KENNY, IS ONLY MAKING US REAL HEROES, WHO ARE OUT ON THE STREETS, DAY AFTER DAY LOOK LIKE MORONS WITH MATCHING BOOTS AND GLOVES...

MAN, WE AREN'T MORONS. WE'VE BEATEN THE BABBAGE FOR PETE'S SAKE.

RIGHT AFTER WE DIED A FEW TIMES!

GRANTED, WE DIED, BUT WE NEVER GAVE UP!

YEAH, WHATEVER... DONNY, GET YOUR HAT. I NEED TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM..

YEAH, OK, NICK..

LATER THAT NIGHT...




I only asked
for a light,
lady...



HEY
UGLY!!





SO HOW MUCH
DID THAT OLD
LADY TIIIP US,
KENNY?

WHAT
MATTERS
IS THAT WE
SAVED
HER.

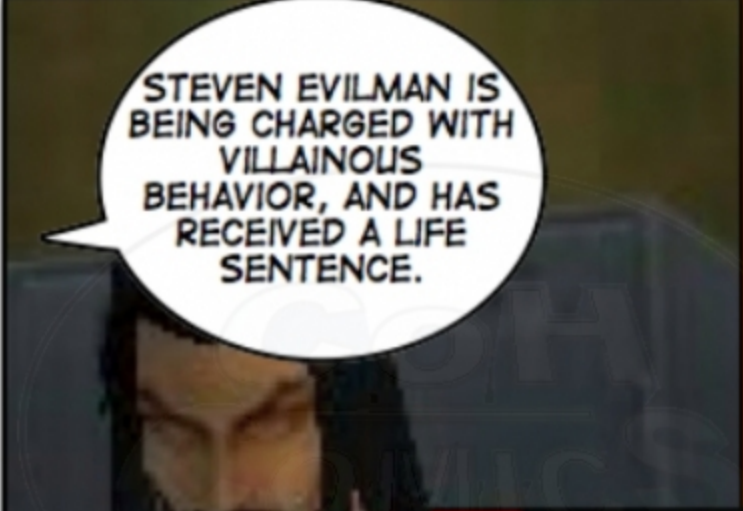
SHUT UP,
DONNY..

...NOW WE
ONLY NEED
\$299 TO PAY
OUR SUPER
BASE RENT.

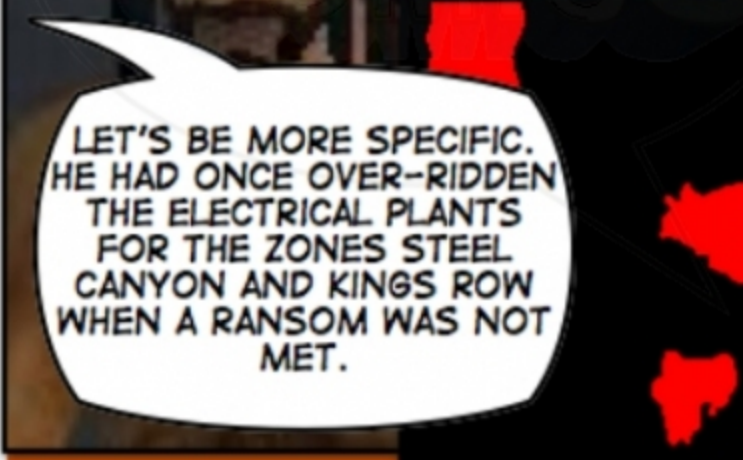
WELL THAT'S
JUST
GREAT..

*MEANWHILE AT THE
ZIGGURSKY PRISON
COMPLEX....*


*THE 18TH
PAROLE HEARING
OF STEVEN
EVILMAN IS NOW
IN SEESION*




STEVEN EVILMAN IS BEING CHARGED WITH VILLAINOUS BEHAVIOR, AND HAS RECEIVED A LIFE SENTENCE.



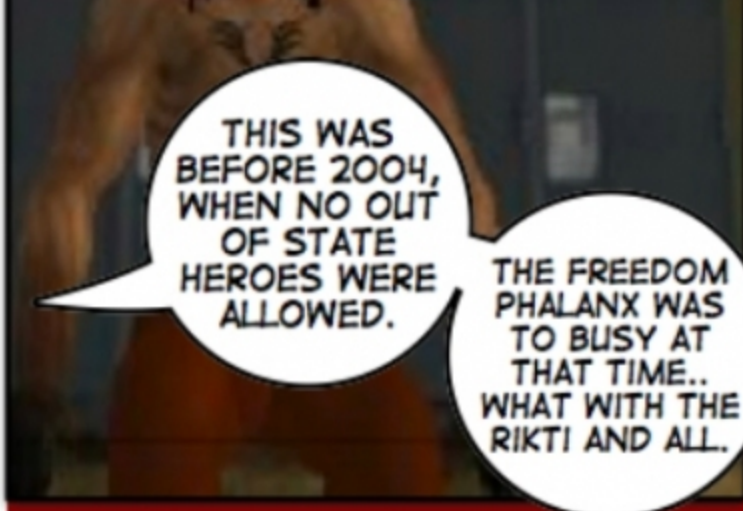
LET'S BE MORE SPECIFIC. HE HAD ONCE OVER-RIDDEN THE ELECTRICAL PLANTS FOR THE ZONES STEEL CANYON AND KINGS ROW WHEN A RANSOM WAS NOT MET.



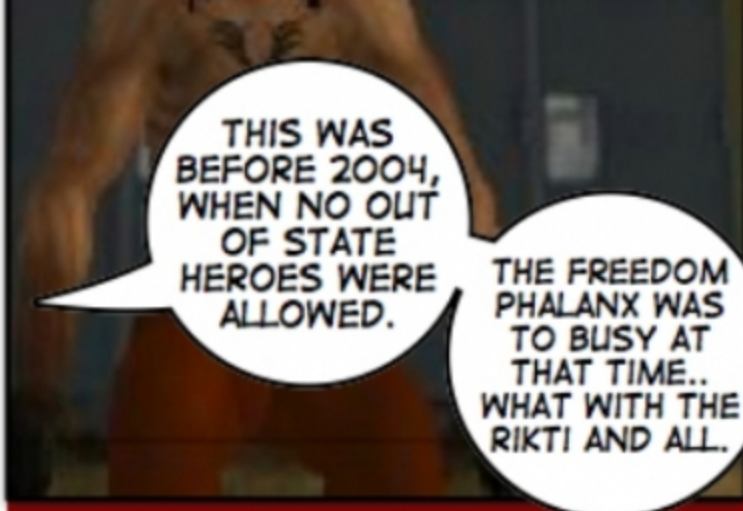
THE ONLY REASON THE RANSOM WAS NEVER MET, WAS BECAUSE OF ALL THE PAST RANSOMS WE HAD PAYED HIM...




WHY DIDN'T YOU SEND A HERO?



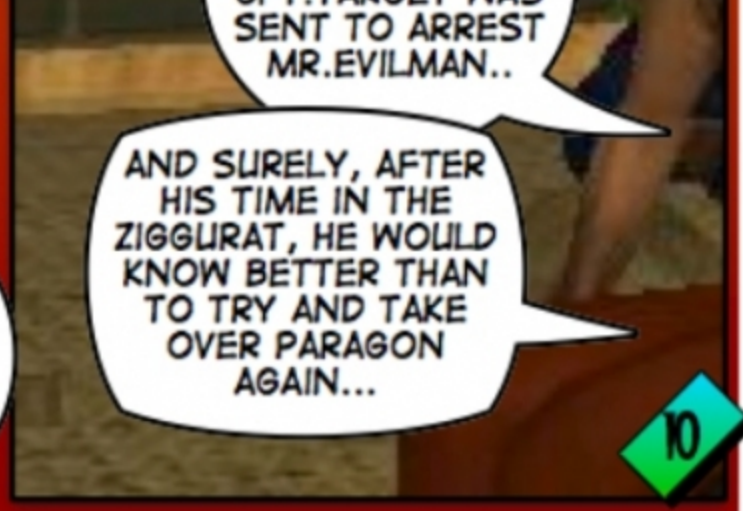
THIS WAS BEFORE 2004, WHEN NO OUT OF STATE HEROES WERE ALLOWED.



THE FREEDOM PHALANX WAS TO BUSY AT THAT TIME.. WHAT WITH THE RIKTI AND ALL.



IT WASN'T UNTIL MORE HEROES ARRIVED, THAT CPT. TARGET WAS SENT TO ARREST MR. EVILMAN..



AND SURELY, AFTER HIS TIME IN THE ZIGGURAT, HE WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRY AND TAKE OVER PARAGON AGAIN...

AT THE SAME TIME..

**SUPER
LADIES**




ALL I'M SAYING, IS
THAT WHEN YOU USE
YOUR SECONDARY
TO BEAT SOMEONE,
YOU'RE GETTING
COCKY..

WELL I LIKE
ELECTRICITY
MORE THAN
ENERGY,
SOMETIMES.

BUT YOU'RE
THE EMERALD
ENERGIZER,
NOT THE
EMERALD
ELECTRICIAN!

WELL THAT'S A
BURDEN OF
HAVING A MINOR
POWER AS WELL
AS A MAJOR
POWER..





SO WHERE ARE
YOU HEADED
MR.EVILMAN?



HOME..



FOR PETE'S
SAKE! IS
THAT YOU,
MARY?



OH DEAR LORD,
MASTER! WE'VE
BEEN WAITING
FOR YOU TO
MAKE AN
APPEARANCE..



MARY,
THERE'S NO
TIME FOR
GROVELING!

WE HAVE A
LOT OF
WORK TO
DO...



THE NEXT DAY

PARAGON
POLICE
DEPARTMENT..

I'M AFRAID
WE HAVE A
PROBLEM..

YOU SEE,
LAST NIGHT,
STEVE
EVILMAN
MADE A
HOSTILE TAKE
OVER OF THE
CITY HALL..

WE HAVE REASON
TO BELIEVE HE
KILLED ALL OF THE
LONGBOW
GUARDIANS THERE
WITH SOME HELP..

WE'VE TRIED
EVERYONE
FROM
MS.LIBERTY TO
CPT.TARGET..

ANYONE
WE'VE
CALLED IN
HAS NOT
COME OUT
YET..

HE'S
THREATENING
TO DESTROY
THE PORTAL
TO RECLUSE'S
VICTORY..

TO BE
CONTINUED...