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# THE SPECTACULAR SPARKY



**THERE'S A NEW HERO IN TOWN**

# Pandora's Box

Where Sorcery is Every Day

Welcome to Pandora's Box fellow spiritual traveler. Is there anything I can help you with?

Yes, I'm looking for an enchantment that can change my appearance.

Full and temporary if you have something like that.

We have just the thing. I just need to see your here license and I'll go get it for you.

My license?

I see. Do you want a full or partial transformation and would you like it to be temporary or permanent?

Yes, you wouldn't believe how many villains and weirdos come in here looking for potions or mystic books to cause all kinds of trouble with. Don't get me started on how many want love potions.

Hey, that only happened one time, er, I mean I seem to have forgotten my license in my other pair of tights.

Well, I shouldn't be doing this but you have an honest face. Drink this elixir tonight under the light of the full moon and recite the words on this piece of paper.

Really? Thank you very much!

You have a nice day now.

CLATTO!  
VERATA!  
NICTO!  
**POOF!**

So what did you really give him?

Oh nothing that will cause permanent damage. It'll wear off in a day or two.

What the?!



George!

GAH!

SELF DESTRUCT INITIATED

Heh, wrong button

SELF DESTRUCT TERMINATED



I hope I haven't come at a bad time.

Well you know how you said you owed me one after I saved you from those Freakshow? I'm kind of looking for a suit of power armor. Something that will cover my entire body, especially my head.



No not at all Sparky. What brings you to my modest, little lab?

Actually you couldn't have come at a better time Sparky, I have a prototype that's ready to be field tested. Follow me and I'll let you take a look.



Um Sparky, might I ask why you have a tail?

Tail? I don't have a tail.

Yes you do, it's right there on your butt

Why are you looking at my butt?

Because you have a tail!!

I do not!



Just look down he-



Hey! Eyes up here buddy! How about this armor?



I'm really proud of this new suit, it's the pinnacle of modern exoskeletons. Armor that is capable of deflecting or absorbing some of the most damaging of attacks thrown at it, a psychic scrambler to block any kind of mental attack, total protection against environmental threats, and enough fire power to level several city blocks.



I give you...

Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy.

THE SUPER MAGIC HEART ARMOR!!



My five year old daughter picked the colors and name. Isn't it adorable?

Buh?

I've been trying to avoid this but it seems I have no choice



Time for a makeover!

Welcome to Paragon City here  
Please give me your name so  
we can start the registration  
process.



Mmmmm Mmmh-

I'm sorry, could  
you repeat that?

Mmmmm Mmmh!

What was that?



SCRIBBLE  
SCRIBBLE



SILENT  
SHOCKER



Silent Shocker? I'll just enter  
that into our system. There we  
go. Now before I can give you  
a hero license you must complete  
a course in hero ethics. It has  
only been made policy a few  
days ago and you will be a part  
of the first class.

Odd how fast the city council  
pushed it into being. Anyway,  
here's the address and time  
for the class.





If everyone would please take a seat... thank you. My name is Ms. Smith and I shall be your instructor. I know this is the last place you want to be but as of late there have been growing concerns of heroes using excessive force to arrest criminals.



Kitty can't see!

SWHING!

Thus in order to reassure the populace newly registered heroes must complete this sensitivity course.

Screw that! Being sensitive is for tree hugging hippies!



GURK!

CRACK!

Nevertheless you must complete this course in order to be issued your hero license.



Ciggle

Who do I have to kill to get out of here?

THUD!

To start I will be showing a short film that gives some basics on the ways to battle crime. Following that we shall discuss our feelings on it.



WHRRRRRRRRRR



Here we see a common sight in Paragon City: a mugging. This is a good beginning for inexperienced heroes to try out their crime busting techniques. I shall demonstrate a simple strategy.



Salutations young heroes! I'm Mr. Masked Man and welcome to The Modern Here. This film will lead you through the rough early days: most heroes' experience and explain the do's and don't's of the trade. Why don't we jump right into some action?

Here I use a swift left back to show the criminal the error of his ways.



Once you have defeated the criminal he is instantly teleported to jail where he is tried, convicted and released all in a matter of minutes.



Of course not all heroes engage in fisticuffs and have other powers and abilities at their disposal. All of which can be fully utilized under one strict condition; you cannot and will not kill criminals.

<BLEEP> THAT!



Now I shall show examples of what heroes should never do. For instance using a chainsaw on criminals.



Holy freaking hell!







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"snort" Oh man, what a nightmare.



This concludes the classroom portion of your evaluations. Please proceed to the 6th floor for the next phase.



**STAB! SQUARK!**

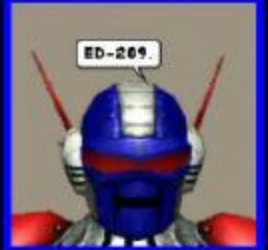
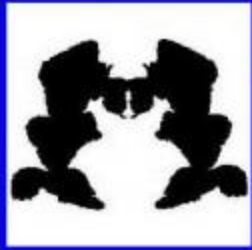


I hate elevator music.





Greetings hero potentials, I shall be giving you a simple mental examination known as the Rorschach Test. I will show you a series of ink blots and you simply tell me what you see. Also, I shall be recording your responses for evaluation.



I swear I don't know how that nut keeps getting past security. I apologize for the interruption heroes. The examination is now over, please proceed to the top floor and await the results.



\*With all due respect to Alan Moore



-ulations: Patriot Bot you'll make a fine addition to the heroes of Pargen City. If you go into the next room you can pick up your certificate of approval. Again, well done here.

Thank you Sir!

Huh? Is this some sort of test?

**KAPOW!**

Hahaha! Drag the fool into the other room and start disassembling him for transport. I'll go get the next target.

Okay potentials, the next on the list is eh? "sigh" You listened in didn't you?

**THUMP!**

Au bfffft bfffft...

Ooooo, you in trouble.

What in the world  
did you just say?



TUG!  
PULL!



GET 'EM!



BASH!



FISHIES!!



No more! Please!  
I surrender! I  
surrender!



Great work team! But I have  
one little suggestion. Stop  
beating on the old geezer...



...and do something about  
the guys with the guns.



No that's okay, we  
were just leaving

THIS AFTER A BATTLE OF LEGENDARY PROPORTIONS (so large it had to be cut from the comic) ONLY ONE FOE REMAINED.

The game is over, you've lost esidoor.

Nonsense, the game has only just begun

KER-CHANGE!

Out of the way blue boy, this one is mine.

Well *that* was unexpected.

Hey! Gimme back my demon blade!

RUH-UH

I'll just use my unmatched martial arts skills to defeat you!

KUUYAI!

PIFF

IT APPEARS THAT HE IS INCAPABLE OF DEFYING GRAVITY.

Yep, he can't fly

SHOULD WE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE?

Nah he's fine. See, those Troils broke his fall. We'd better get back before someone else decides to take on Rover alone.



Bad puppy!



This isn't going to be pretty.

No! Stop! We have to work together!

I ain't fighting that thing.

You muss.



Krazy Kitty Claw Cut!!



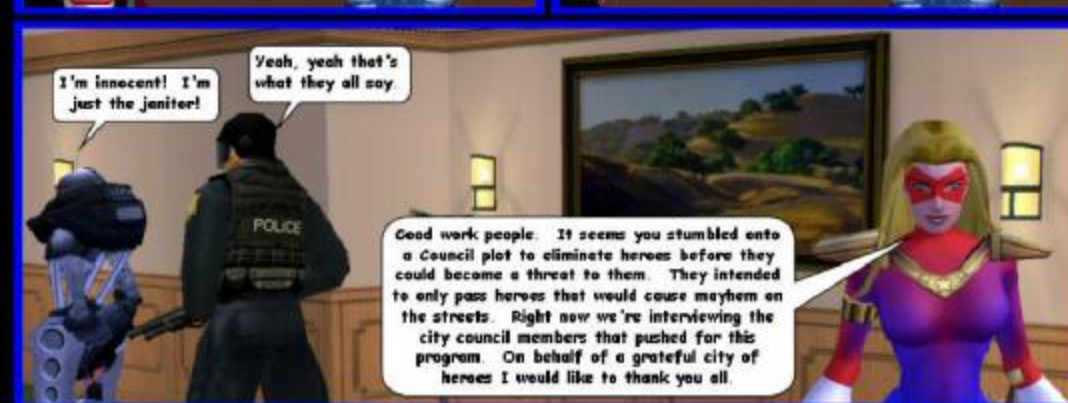
**SLICE!!! YIPE!!**

Gadzooks! She neutered him!

\*gasp\*

Oh that's just not right

It worked didn't it? You muss.



THE NEXT DAY AT CITY HALL

Ah, it feels good to be back in my old fighting togs.

WELL LOOK WHO IT IS. I SAW YOU ON THE NEWS LAST NIGHT SPARKY. DID YOU INTEND TO PUKE ALL OVER THAT REPORTER?

I was nervous okay, and they promised they'd edit that part out.

I HAVE IT ON TAPE IF YOU WANT TO SEE IT. THE INSTANT REPLAY IN SLOW MOTION IS PRICELESS.

Maybe some other time. So what's with the new outfit BBQ?

OH ME AND THE NEARSIGHTED MAN SAVED SOME EGGHEAD FROM THE BREAKSHOW AND HE GAVE THIS TO ME. WELL AT FIRST HE TRIED TO GIVE ME SOME ARMOR THAT HIS KID HAD PAINTED BUT THEN WE SETTLED ON THIS INSTEAD.

Sounds like you and Nearsighted man are making a good duo.

ARE YOU KIDDING? HALF THE TIME I HAVE TO THROW HIM AT THE BAD GUYS JUST SO HE DOESN'T START SWINGING AT ME INSTEAD. THANKFULLY THAT EGGHEAD SAID HE COULD MAKE SOMETHING TO FIX HIS EYESIGHT. HE SHOULD BE GETTING BACK FROM THE LAB SOON.

There you are.

I've been looking everywhere for you guys.

PARAGON CITY HALL



