



THE SPECIAL SPARKY

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ALL
VILLAIN
ISSUE!



GUEST STARRING
SPARKY!

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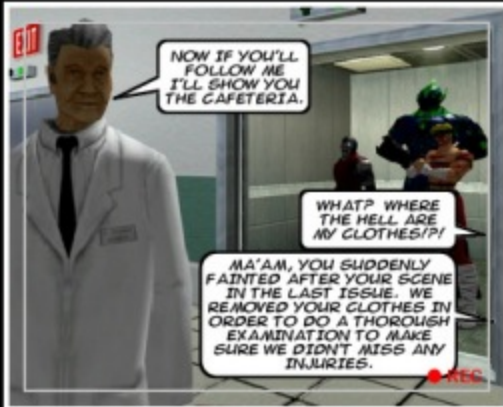
GUEST
STARRING
IN MY OWN
COMIC!

HEROIC HEROES

THE REALITY SHOW THAT PUTS YOU IN THE FRONT LINES WITH THE HEROES. JOIN US NOW AS WE TAKE A GLIMPSE INTO THE DANGEROUS LIFE OF THE HEROES OF PARAGON CITY.











WHAT WAS THAT NUMBER AGAIN?
OH YES,
1-800-RECLISE.

I NEED TO SPEAK TO LORD RECLISE, IT'S AN EMERGENCY!

NO, YOU CANT TAKE A MESSAGE! HE NEEDS TO HEAR THIS RIGHT AWAY! I'M STUCK IN PARASON CITY!

DEADLY DESIRE! HURRY UP, I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THIS CITY DRIVES ME NUTS!

AN ALERT?
FOR WHAT?



YOU'VE REACHED THE OFFICES OF ARACHNOS, HOW MAY I DIRECT YOUR CALL?

I'M SORRY, LORD RECLISE IS IN A MEETING. MAY I TAKE A MESSAGE?

I SEE, AND YOUR NAME WOULD BE?

DEADLY DESIRE IS IT? OH MY, THERE SEEMS TO BE AN ALERT OUT ON YOU.



WELL IT SAYS HERE THAT YOU HELPED A GROUP OF HEROES STEAL SOME VALUABLE INFO AND THEN ESCAPED WITH THEM ON AN ARACHNOS FLYER. THOSE THINGS ARENT CHEAP YOU KNOW.

I HAVE IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, INCLUDING THE SIGNED ORDER FROM LORD RECLISE AUTHORIZING A KILL ON SIGHT PROTOCOL. IF YOU STAY ON THE LINE I COULD SEND OVER A HIT TEAM IF YOU LIKE.

VERY WELL. PLEASE HOLD WHILE I TRANSFER YOU...AND WHILE YOU DO I CAN COMPLETE THE TRACE AND INPUT THE CO-ORDINATES INTO THE CRUISE MISSILE.

DARN, WAS THAT LAST PART OUT LOUD?
HELLO? HELLO ARE YOU STILL THERE? WELL THERE GOES THAT BOMB.



I DID WHAT? I NEVER DID ANY SUCH THING!

WHAT? NO, I DO NOT LIKE! THIS IS RIDICULOUS, I DEMAND TO SPEAK TO YOUR SUPERVISOR!

CRUISE MISSILE?!



GREAT, JUST GREAT. NOW WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

RESISTANCE: FUTILE. SURRENDER: RECOMMENDED.



YEARS OF LYING, STEALING, AND STABBING FRIENDS IN THE BACK: ALL FOR NOTHING.

SURPRISING: THIS IS PAIN: PLENTY OF.

FWAM!



EVEN IF I MANAGED TO GET BACK TO THE ROSIE ISLES MY REPUTATION IS RUINED.



MAYBE I COULD JUST STAY HERE AND CARVE OUT MY OWN LITTLE EMPIRE.

CRUNCH!

OVERKILL: UNWARRANTED.



WOW! THAT WAS AMAZING! HERE'S SOME INFLUENCE.

INFLUENCE

I'VE NEVER MET A SUPERHERO BEFORE.



AAAGH!











ENOUGH OF THIS, WE HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO.

AND THESE IMPORTANT THINGS WOULD REP

FOR STARTERS I'M SICK OF HAVING TO DIG THROUGH THE GARBAGE FOR MY EQUIPMENT AND HAVING MY SECRET LAB IN THE SEWERS.

AW IT'S NOT SO BAD. A SPLASH OF PAINT, A FEW HUNDRED AIR FRESHENERS AND THIS PLACE WOULD STILL BE A DUMP.

PRECISELY! IT'S TIME I MOVED INTO BIGGER AND BETTER FACILITIES. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOING TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR ME.

AND JUST HOW AM I GOING TO DO THAT?



BY ROBBING A BANK OF COURSE!

YOU SHALL GO TO A BANK...AND ROB IT!

HOW DID I NOT SEE THAT COMING? SO YOU'VE GOT A PLAN ON HOW I'M GOING TO DO THIS THEN?

THAT'S IT? NO INTRIGATINGLY WORKED OUT PLAN? NO TEAM COMPRISED OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE TALENTED IN THEIR OWN WAY? NO CYBORG CHIHUAHUA DEATH MACHINES? WHAT KIND OF CRIMINAL MASTERMIND ARE YOU?

THE BROKE KIND. YOU WON'T BE GOING ALONE AT LEAST. KRAZY KITTY WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.

SABOTAGING YOUR OWN HEIST? THAT'S AN INTERESTING TWIST.



OKAY! OKAY! SHE CAN COME, AFTER SHE PUTS SOME CLOTHES ON.

LET'S GO SPEAKING!



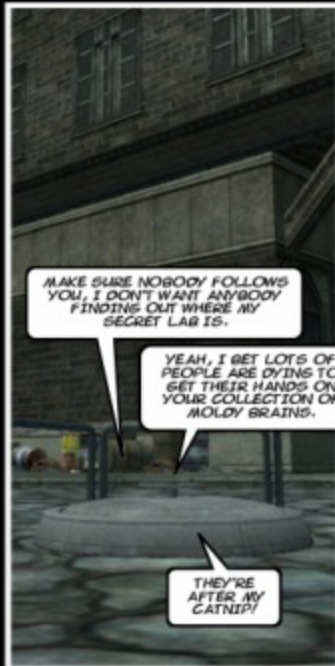
NOW JUST
GO UP THIS
LADDER.

WHAT LADDER? IT'S
SO DARK DOWN HERE
I CAN'T SEE MY HAND
IN FRONT OF-

CLANG!

MY FACE!
NEVER MIND,
FOUND IT.

I SUPPOSE I
COULD INSTALL A
FEW LIGHTS DOWN
HERE. IF I CARED.



MAKE SURE NOBODY FOLLOWS
YOU, I DON'T WANT ANYBODY
FINDING OUT WHERE MY
SECRET LAB IS.

YEAH, I GET LOTS OF
PEOPLE ARE DYING TO
GET THEIR HANDS ON
YOUR COLLECTION OF
MOLDY BRAINS.

THEY'RE
AFTER MY
CATNIP!



LET'S SET
THIS OVER
WITH.

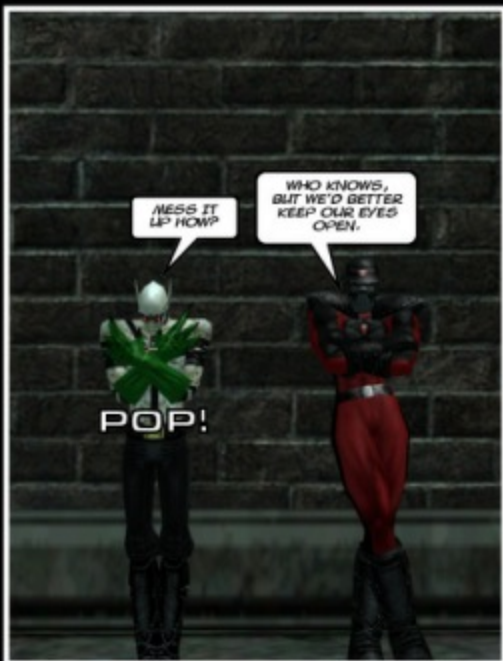
AND REMEMBER,
TRY TO ESCAPE
AND I PRESS THE
BUTTON.

YEAH I
SET IT.



ALL CLEAR,
BOSS.

GOOD, YOU CAN SET OFF MY
SHOULDERS NOW. ALSO,
WHEN I TOLD YOU TO PUT ON
SOME CLOTHES, THAT
INCLUDED PANTS.





I GUESS THAT'S IT. I STILL HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THIS PLAN.

NO PREPARATION, NO BACKUP, NO NIFTY GADGETS, NERVE GAS OR BRAIN MELTING BEAMS.

BUT YOU'VE GOT ME!

AND YOU'D BETTER FOLLOW MY ORDERS. THIS JOB IS ALREADY BAD ENOUGH I DON'T NEED YOU MAKING IT WORSE.

YES SIR, BOSS! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME! I'M TOTALLY FOCUSED! YOU'RE SO TO CATGIRL! YOU SAY JUMP I POUNCE!



THIS ISN'T GOING TO END WELL. OKAY KITTY, WHEN I OPEN THE DOOR I WANT YOU TO CHARGE IN SO YOU CAN GET SHOT AT FIRST.

HEY! NO CUTTING!



NO WHATP

BACK OF THE LINE, LOSER!

YEAH, I'VE BEEN WAITING HERE ALL DAY!



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME. IS THIS BANK ROBBED EVERY DAY BY EVERY VILLAIN?

531 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FIRED. 12 GRENADES THROWN. 20 GUARDS NEUTRALIZED. 1 ROLL OF QUARTERS STOLEN.

EQUALS ONE FREAKIN' RIP OFF!

THIS IS SO DEPRESSING. FIRST I CAN'T DEFEAT SPARKY, THEN I GET EXPERIMENTED ON AND TOSSED OUT IN THE TRASH, AND NOW WORST OF ALL, I'M A LADKEY THAT CAN'T ACCOMPLISH THE SIMPLEST OF TASKS.

OH, LOOKIE!

WHAT NOW, GOT BACK TO LUGNITS AND ADMIT FAILURE? IF I TRY ESCAPING HE'D JUST USE THIS INSIDIOUS COLLAR.

LOOK!

LOOK...OVER...

YOU'RE TOUCHING ME. WHY ARE YOU TOUCHING ME?

THERE!

CRACK!

yargh!

OH HEY, LOOK AT THAT.

VAULT
RESERVE

Vault Reserve Inc.

HELLO AND WELCOME TO VAULT RESERVE INCORPORATED. CAN I HELP YOU?

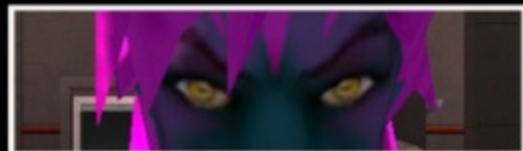
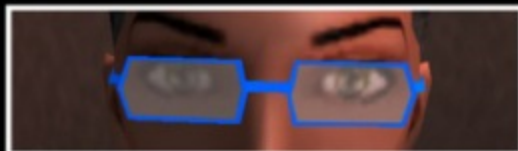
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

HERE AT THE VAULT RESERVE WE OFFER VILLAINS A PLACE TO STORE THEIR LOOT AND OTHER ILL-GOTTEN GAINS. FOR A NOMINAL FEE OF 60% OF YOUR STOLEN VALUABLES THEY CAN BE PLACED IN OUR ULTRA SECURE VAULT. OPEN AN ACCOUNT TODAY AND YOU'LL RECEIVE A FREE TOASTER.

TEMPTING, THERE SURE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE VERY MUCH SECURITY.

WELL WE DO HAVE SEVERAL GUARDS BUT REALLY, THEY'RE NOT NEEDED. WHO WOULD BE DUMB ENOUGH TO STEAL FROM OTHER VILLAINS?

WE WOULD!





THAT IS A REALLY BIG DOOR.

HEY YOU, HOW'D YOU GET BACK HERE?

RIPEDAL LOCOMOTION. HMM, TWO GOOD ZAPS OUTTA DO IT.

WHAP WELL YOU JUST CAN'T GO BE BACK HERE, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO-



BACKHAND!

SHUT UP, AND STOP INTERRUPTING ME.



YOU BETTER STILL BE HERE WHEN I WAKE UP.

SURE THING, I PROMISE TO STAY RIGHT HERE.



NATURALLY I'M LYING.

THE FLOOR IS GETTING BIGGER!





*C'MON! WHY
WONT MY DAWN
POWERS WORK!*



WUT?



*HOLY HONKINS
TESLA COILS!*



*OH RIGHT! NO
BLASTERS IN CITY
OF VILLAINS. I
GUESS THAT MAKES
ME A BRUTE NOW.*

*SWEET, THE
RED
ELECTRICITY
GOES NICELY
WITH MY NEW
LOOK.*





GOT THE
GOODS,
LET'S GET
GOING, KITTY!



UH,
KITTY...WHAT
THE HELL
HAPPENED
OUT HERE?

WELL THAT LADY
SAID SHE WAS
GONNA CALL SOME
GUARDS AND I WAS
LIKE NUN-UH AND
SHE WAS LIKE
UH-HUH AND I WAS
LIKE GRRR AND SHE
WAS LIKE BRING IT
SO I BROUGHT IT.
THEN I ATE HER.

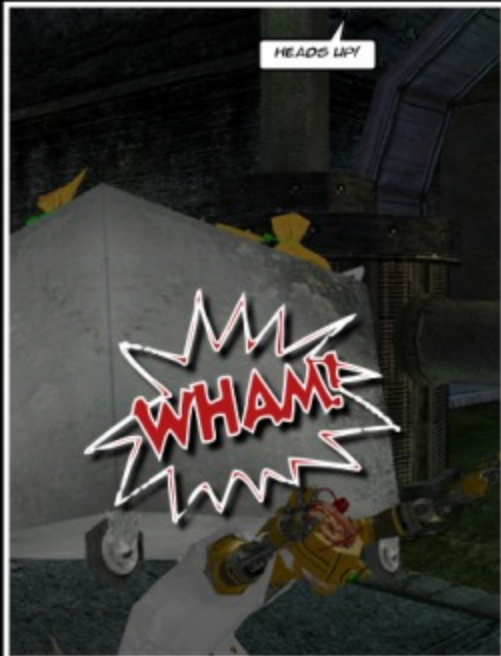


RRRIGHT,
AND THEN?



SEVERE CAT
ALLERGIES.

YOU KNOW,
YOU'D THINK
I'D JUST
LEARN NOT TO
ASK.



ONE WEEK LATER...

HOW DO YOU FEEL, KRAZY KITTY?

M-N-N-N/ TAIL HAS G-G-GONE N-N-N/UM!

DRAT! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN FROZEN INSTANTLY. SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG WITH THE FREEZE RAY.

OH, HERE'S THE REASON. FAULTY POWER CELL--

GOT ANOTHER DELIVERY FOR YOU, DOC. WHERE DO YOU WANT IT?

HMP OH JUST PUT IT ANYWHERE.

FRAGILE

YOU GOT IT. SO HOW MUCH MORE STUFF ARE YOU GETTING?

THAT WAS THE LAST M/ NEW LAB IS FULLY OPERATIONAL NOW.

DROP
SMASH!

FINALLY! NOW I CAN STOP PRETENDING TO BE YOUR LACKEY.

EMP WHAT ARE YOU DOING? STOP THAT! CAN IT BE THAT M/ FREQUENT USE OF THE BLOOD FLOW TO YOUR BRAIN AND RESULTED IN DAMAGE OF SOME KIND? BUT THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A FUNCTIONING BRAIN IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WE'LL SEE WHO'S LAUGHING AFTER I GET THIS COLLAR OFF.

THAT WOULD BE ME! HA-HA! YOU SEE? WELL I SUPPOSE YOU CAN'T WITHOUT A HEAD. CURSES, NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE TO REPAINT THE WALLS.

KABOOM!



SURPRISE! THANKS TO MY INCREASED BRUTE HIT POINTS SURVIVING THAT EXPLOSION WAS SIMPLE. IT'S NICE NOT BEING SQUISHY ANYMORE.

AND I MUST THANK YOU FOR SETTING UP MY NEW BASE. FROM HERE I SHALL GO ON TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD! AND KILL SPARKY. GANT FORGET TO DO THAT.

BUT NOW YOU HAVE A CHOICE, SERVE ME OR PERISH.



I'M WITH YOU BOSS! IS THERE A CHANCE WE CAN MAKE TWO TO SIX IN THE AFTERNOON NAP TIME?

AS LONG AS I CAN CONTINUE TO PERFORM CRUEL AND INHUMAN EXPERIMENTS ON UNWILLING SUBJECTS I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT YOU DO. I JUST WANT TO PLAY WITH MY NEW TOYS.

WE'LL WORK OUT A CONTRACT FOR WAGES, WORK HOURS AND POSSIBLE BENEFITS WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT, WHICH WILL BE THE DAY AFTER PIGS FLY.

CHILD'S PLAY, THAT'LL ONLY TAKE ME AN HOUR. OF COURSE THE PIG WILL MOST LIKELY EXPLODE, CREATING A SINGULARITY THAT WILL SUCK THIS UNIVERSE INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION.



THE FIRST STEP OF MY MASTER PLAN IS FINALLY COMPLETE. SOON ALL SHALL REGRET EVER THINKING THEY COULD DEFEAT DARK SPARKY! THIS CALLS FOR AN EVIL LAUGH.

SUFFAW!
DAMN, STILL NEEDS WORK.
"COUSH"

HOLY MONKEY MARBLES! WHY DIDN'T ANYBODY TELL MY HAIR WAS ON FIRE!?

BACK IN
PARADISE CITY.

GIMME THE
PURSE, LADY!

IN YOUR DREAMS!

C'MON, PLEASE

OKAY.

REALLY?

NO NOT
REALLY YOU
IDTDT.

THAT WASN'T
VERY NICE.

WHAT? WHY DO I
HAVE THIS
SUDDEN URGE
TO GIVE MY
PURSE TO YOU?

YES! I GOT THE
PURSE! I GOT THE
PURSE! THIS IS THE
GREATEST MOMENT
OF MY LIFE!

NOW WHAT DO
I DO WITH IT?

I CAN'T BELIEVE I
JUST REPORTED TO
HELPING A THUG
STEAL A PURSE.
HAVE I FALLEN SO
FAR ALREADY?

WEDNESDAY
AND SUNDAY
3-8PM

FREE COFFEE

OFFEE

THERE HAD TO BE
SOMETHING I CAN
DO BEFORE I SLIP
ANY FURTHER INTO
THE REALM OF
PETTY CRIME.

WELSH
OUTREACH
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OH WHAT
THE HELL.



AND GO...

I AM VICTORIOUS!
THE LAST
SUGAR-COATED CAKE
OF SWEET DOUGH
 FILLED WITH JAM IS
 MINE!

WOW, SO YOU'RE
 SAYING "MUNCH" THAT
 BECAUSE OF US YOUR
 CRIMINAL "MUNCH"
 CAREER HAS BEEN
 RUINED ON THE ROSIE
 ISLES? "MUNCH"

YES! HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU
 GOING TO MAKE ME EXPLAIN IT? AND
 JUST WHEN MY LIFE WAS FINALLY
 GETTING BETTER. YOU HAVE NO IDEA
 HOW HARD IT IS GROWING UP IN A
 PLACE WHERE EVERY SECOND PERSON
 IS A SUPERPOWERED VILLAIN.

VERY
 INTERESTING.
 NOW TELL ME
 ABOUT YOUR
 FATHER.

**KNOCK IT
 OFF, FREUD.**

WELL YOU JUST GO
 AHEAD AND STAY
 HERE FOR FREE
 UNTIL YOU GET
 BACK ON YOUR FEET.

SEE THANKS,
 I THINK.

WAIT! AREN'T WE
 FORGETTING
 SOMETHING? SHE
 BEAT ME UP! AND
 SHE'S A VILLAIN!
 AND SHE BEAT ME UP!

SO OBVIOUSLY WE'RE
 GOING TO HAVE TO GO
 SHOPPING SO YOU HAVE
 STUFF TO MOVE INTO
 YOUR NEW APARTMENT.

**IF YOU WANT I CAN
 INSTALL A POOR
 BETWEEN YOURS AND
 SPARKY'S APARTMENT.**

AM I BEING
 IGNORED?

IF YOU'RE GOING
 TO BE WORKING
 HERE I CAN HELP
 GET YOU A
 TEMPORARY
 WORKER VISA.
 UNLESS YOU WANT
 TO IMMIGRATE.

AND LATER WE
 CAN GO
 RANDOMLY
 ATTACK PEOPLE
 IN THE STREETS.

YEP, I'M BEING
 IGNORED. AGAIN.

ANOTHER DAY ENDS IN THE BUSTLING METROPOLIS OF PARAGON CITY AND WE'VE GOTTEN A PEARL LOOK INTO THE LIVES OF VILLAINS.

AND MIGHTY PATHEIC THEY WERE.

I USED TO BE A VILLAIN AT ONE TIME, SPARKY. IN CASE YOU FORGOT.

NOPE, I DIDN'T FORGET AND MY POINT STILL STANDS.

SLEEP LIGHTLY, SPARKY.

THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT. WHAT DOES MASS HAVE TO DO WITH SLEEP?

AAAAAGH!

GOOD NIGHT TO YOU TO, BRQ. GOOD NIGHT, HYPER.

SLEEP! NO TIME! GOTTA GO GO!

I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HER FINISH OFF THE LAST OF THE DONUTS AND COFFEE. GOOD NIGHT, N-MAN.

WHOOPS, FORGOT HE'S STILL STAYING IN HIS PENTHOUSE NEXT DOOR. GOOD NIGHT, TEZRIAN.

THE WITCHING HOUR IS UPON US! I HAVE SPELLS TO CAST, DEMONS TO SUMMON!

YOU BETTER NOT SUMMON ANOTHER BALROG. IT TOOK FOREVER TO GET THE STAIR OUT OF THE CARPET LAST TIME. GOOD NIGHT, DESIRE.

YOU PEOPLE ARE FREAKING NUTS!



FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS

SEE YOU AGAIN
NEXT ISSUE