



# The WISCRACKER



## Architects OF Chaos



PART THREE

# PRELUDE...

TRUTH BE  
TOLD...

I PREFER  
COMICS.

GET READY FOLKS...

IT'S A TALKIE.

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WE



# PREVIOUSLY ON THE WISECRACKER

Have you removed that hero from the chessboard yet?

MAGNITUDE

ALIAS: MARK TUDOR

MILD  
FERROKINESIS,  
POWERS  
MANIFEST  
PHYSIOLOGICAL

BEFORE YOU DO THAT YOU  
NEED TO REGISTER!

MR. PRESIDENT!  
YOU HAVE TO START  
EVACUATING PARAGON CITY  
RIGHT NOW!

WHO IS THIS?  
HOW DID YOU GET THIS  
NUMBER?

HEH HEH!

THE LIST

ADIOS  
SUCKERS!

THE WISECRACKER

WE'LL DO IT  
LIVE!

THE FOLLOWING TAKES PLACE  
BETWEEN 6PM AND 7PM

HEH HEH





## GREY FACILITY SHADOW SEVEN

YOU KNOW  
THE  
RULES...

TIME TO PACK  
IT IN.

ALMOST  
FINISHED...

0110101 01101111 0110101 01101110 0110100  
01100101 01100010 01100001 01101110 01101011  
00100000 01100001 01100111 01111001

THERE.

## OUROBOROS

...IN FACT, IT'S  
HAPPENING EVEN AS  
WE SPEAK.

WHAT YOU'RE ASKING US TO  
DO IS UNIMAGINABLE.

IS IT EASIER TO  
IMAGINE HIM HAVING  
ACCESS TO THE  
FABRIC OF TIME?

## KINGS ROW CIVIC CENTER

HEY BIG GUY

HEY RAKE.  
YOU SEEN  
EMILY?

THINK SHE  
LEFT AN HOUR  
AGO...

GOOD EVENING,  
I'M AMANDA  
VINES...

OUR TOP STORY,

FREEDOM CORPS OFFICIALS ARE  
REMAINING TIGHT LIPPED OVER A  
RECENT BREAK-IN AT A HIGH SECURITY  
FACILITY IN THE ROGUE ISLES.

NONE OF THE AGENTS WHO  
RESPONDED WERE SERIOUSLY  
INJURED.

LONGBOW HAS LAUNCHED AN  
INTERNAL INVESTIGATION.

THOUGH SEVERAL  
OPERATIVES REMAIN  
IN INTENSIVE CARE,



AAAAHHH!

MY CONCERN IS  
THE COMING  
STORM...

OUROBOROS IS  
NECESSARY TO MEND  
TEMPORAL TEARS.

THE SCHEMES OF ONE  
PETTY CRIMINAL ARE  
NOTHING TO ME.

HE MIGHT  
DEBATE YOU ON  
'PETTY'...

RIGHT NOW THERE  
ARE THOUSANDS OF  
MENDERS LOST IN  
TIME.

YOU'RE SAYING WE  
LEAVE THEM  
STRANDED?

ONLY  
TEMPORARILY.

Dr. Knowles?

I HAD TO  
DISPATCH SOME  
SECURITY.

**NE**

HAS BEEN  
MODIFIED.

IT'S UNDER  
YOUR  
CONTROL

Good. Make  
your escape.

Convert the  
Revenants.

SINCE WHEN DO  
YOU WATCH THE  
NEWS?

DESPITE THE PURPLE-HUE, THE  
WAR WALLS REMAIN ACTIVE

DOZENS OF CITIZENS ALERTED CITY  
OFFICIALS TO A DISCOLORATION IN THE  
FORCE-FIELD WHICH TOOK PLACE AT  
ABOUT 4 PM.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS  
URGED EVERYONE TO  
REMAIN CALM UNTIL THE  
MYSTERY IS SOLVED.

DUDE!

THIS VINES  
CHICK IS THE  
SWEETNESS!

PARAGON CITY HALL  
WAS FLOODED WITH  
CALLS THIS  
AFTERNOON.

COMING UP,  
HOW EASY IS IT TO CRANK-CALL  
THE OVAL OFFICE?

THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY...





ACTIVE 09/11/00  
ACTIVE 01/16/01  
ACTIVE 01/17/01  
ACTIVE 01/18/01  
ACTIVE 01/19/01  
ACTIVE 01/20/01  
ACTIVE 01/21/01  
ACTIVE 01/22/01  
ACTIVE 01/23/01  
ACTIVE 01/24/01  
ACTIVE 01/25/01

## ABOUT TIME!

YO' MARK! ARE WE  
EVER GONNA' GET A  
NEW TV?

SHOCKER!

HAS LAUNCHED

MOBILE

SERVICE



SHOWER

SHOWER

SHOWER

SHOWER



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES  
PLEASE STAND BY


**Pnn**






IS IT SO HARD TO  
HOLD A CAMERA?

WCTV




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TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES  
PLEASE STAND BY

**Pnn**



GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY!

AND I DO MEAN  
EVERYBODY...

MY NAME IS THE  
WISECRACKER,

WCTV  
I AM CRIME'S  
COMEDIC GENIUS!

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AND RIGHT NOW I'M PREEMPTING  
YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CRAP  
TO BRING YOU SOMETHING NEW...

WCTV

SOMETHING  
BOLD!

WCTV

LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN...

WELCOME...

SOMETHING, THAT TO THE BEST OF MY  
KNOWLEDGE, HAS NEVER BEEN TRIED BY  
ANY INSANE CLOWN-LIKE CRIMELORD  
EVER BEFORE!

HEH HEH!

WCTV

IN  
COLOR





A LITTLE HACKING  
INTO THE AE AND  
SOME IMAGINATION  
AND VOILA!

LITERALLY DAYS  
OF SEMI-ORIGINAL  
PROGRAMMING!

**JUMPER**



UNCUT!



AND ALL  
STARRING

**ME!**



UNCENSORED!



AND NOW A WORD  
FROM OUR SPONSORS!  
HEH HEH!

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES  
PLEASE STAND BY

**Pnn**



# NEW! FROM MOUNTBANK ASYLUM WISCRACKER BRAND SEA MONKEYS

NATURE MADE  
THEM!  
WE PERFECTED  
THEM!  
NOW YOU TOO CAN  
HAVE YOUR VERY  
OWN GENETICALLY  
ENGINEERED  
LEGION OF DEEP  
SEA HORRORS!

PLEASE KILL ME.

BY SPLICING THE DNA OF THE BRINE SHRIMP - OR THE "TERROR FROM THE DEPTHS" AS VETERAN SEAMEN THE WORLD OVER HAVE COME TO CALL THEM WITH THAT OF THE EXTINCT MIDWEST RAVISHER BABOON HAS PRODUCED THIS FEARSOME SEMI-SENTIENT PREDATOR. WITH JUST ONE 4OZ PACKAGE NOW YOU TOO CAN SPAWN A HORDE OF OCEANIC ABOMINATIONS! JUST ADD WATER!

WARNING! MAY SUFFER FROM SLIGHT DEPRESSION.

## ALSO! WISCRACKER BRAND

THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL X-RAY HEADGEAR! SO POWERFUL THAT THEY CAN EVEN SEE THROUGH PEOPLE'S CLOTHES THROUGH THE FOURTH WALL!

ASK ANYTHING-FOR-  
A-BUCK MERCENARY,  
TRIKNIFE!

BUT DON'T TAKE  
OUR WORD FOR IT...

THESE THINGS  
NEVER WORK...

WHOA!

NICE...

PUT YOUR PANTS  
ON STICKY.

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

COMING IN APRIL





**GENTLEMEN...**

**THESE ARE THE  
GROUND RULES...**



FIRST...

BECAUSE UKTHARIANS  
BELIEVE THAT UPLOADING  
YOUR MOTHER'S PICS ON  
THEIR FAVORITE WEBSITE  
IS "CHEATING"...



THIS WILL BE A  
SOFT-WARE  
COMPETITION...



LENGTH  
ONLY...

THICKNESS  
DOES NOT  
COUNT...

AND IF YOU HAVE  
ANYTHING MORE THAN A  
QUARTER STALK YOU'RE  
DISQUALIFIED!



AND NO FIFTH-GRADE  
PSYCHE-OUTS...



OKAY  
SKULL?

IF I SEE A SMILEY FACE THERE  
I'M TAKING AWAY YOUR  
BETTLEJUICE DVD...







ZZZLIP!



ZZZLIP!



ZZZLIP!

WUD!



HOLY

HOLY

CRAP!

CRAP!



GUYS, COULD  
YOU KEEP  
IT...

JESUS!

NOT THIS  
AGAIN!

TRIKINIFE...

IF WE DON'T GET SOME  
LAST MINUTE CRAMMING  
FOR THE TEST THE DEAN  
WILL THROW US OUT!

WHAT TEST?

THE ONE WE'RE  
HAVING IN  
FIFTEEN  
MINUTES!





**FROM MOUNTEDANK ASYLUM**  
**A NEW COMIC BY MIKE SHAW...**



COLLEGE USED TO  
BE FUN FOR ME...

OKAY...THE DEAN'S  
HAVING HIS FUND-  
RAISER TONIGHT,

AND UKTHAR ATE  
THE LLAMA...

Sorry

SO WE'LL HAVE TO  
GO WITH PLAN B...

EXCUSE ME?

UNFORTUNATELY,  
SKULLFACE, THIS MEANS  
YOU NEED TO WEAR THE  
DRESS...

CRAP.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE  
HAVE ACCESS TO THE  
BIRTHDAY CAKE FROSTING...

EXCUSE ME?

SO WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE  
MOST OF WHAT THE LATE  
PABLO COULD PRODUCE...

WUTSMAH!

AND THEN SHE CAME...

MY NAME IS  
MELANIE  
SHEPPARD...

I'M LOOKING  
FOR OMEGA  
HOUSE?

SORRY DUDE, MY COUSIN'S A  
LEGACY, MY HUNT MUST'VE  
PULLED STRINGS.

SKULL, OMEGA-  
THETA-PHI IS A  
FRATERNITY...

FRAT-TER-NIT-TEE...

WE MAY BE SMALL BUT WE  
NEED TO HAVE STANDARDS!

UHM... IT GETS  
WORSE...

**MUCH WORSE...**

OH, I'M NOT A  
VILLAIN...

WHEN I HEARD AEON U OFFERS ONE OF  
THE MOST IN-DEPTH CRIME PROGRAMS IN  
THE WORLD...

I TRANSFERRED  
OUT OF  
PARAGON.

**WHO'S YOUR  
TRACH?**

GOOD  
MORNING  
CLASS!

AND WELCOME TO  
APPLIED CRIMINALITY  
101...

I'M YOUR LIFE-COACH ON  
THIS FELONIOUS LITTLE  
ESCAPADE...

PROFESSOR  
WISECRACKER.

**HAHAHAHA!**  
Why we  
laugh?

WHAT'S SO  
FUNNY?



WE WERE MISFITS  
BEFORE SHE CAME...

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME,  
JUST LOOK AT OUR DEAN!

MELANIE...

ADON U IS A VILLAINS  
UNIVERSITY...

WHAT?!

A SSSINGLE  
PRANK...

A SSSINLE  
SSSTUNT...

IF I SSSO MUCH ASSS  
DETECT A SSSINGLE  
SSSPITBALL...

I'LL SSSTOMP YOUR STUPID  
CLUBHOUSSE INTO PUSSST!

BUT NOW...

ANY  
QUESSSTIONSSS?

ONE.

MAY I HAVE A  
NAPKIN...

YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT  
I'M STUCK STUDYING WITH A  
BUNCH OF VILLAINS?

Ook-tar think he know  
where witch keep broom...



YOUR ASSIGNMENT FOR THE SEMESTER IS SIMPLE...

IMPRESS ME.



...AND IF YOU FAIL TO IMPRESS ME, YOU FAIL PERIOD.



SO GET OUT THERE!  
CARPE DIEM AND  
ALL THAT JAZZ!



OH...



WE'RE MISFITS WITH A PLAN.



SYLDRITCH  
UKTHAR

TRIKNIFE  
THE WISECRACKER

SKULLFACE  
AND LORD POISON  
AS DEAN SIR LORD POISON

# VILLAINS TIT




## DISQUALIFIED!

COMING AFTER THE WISECRACKER









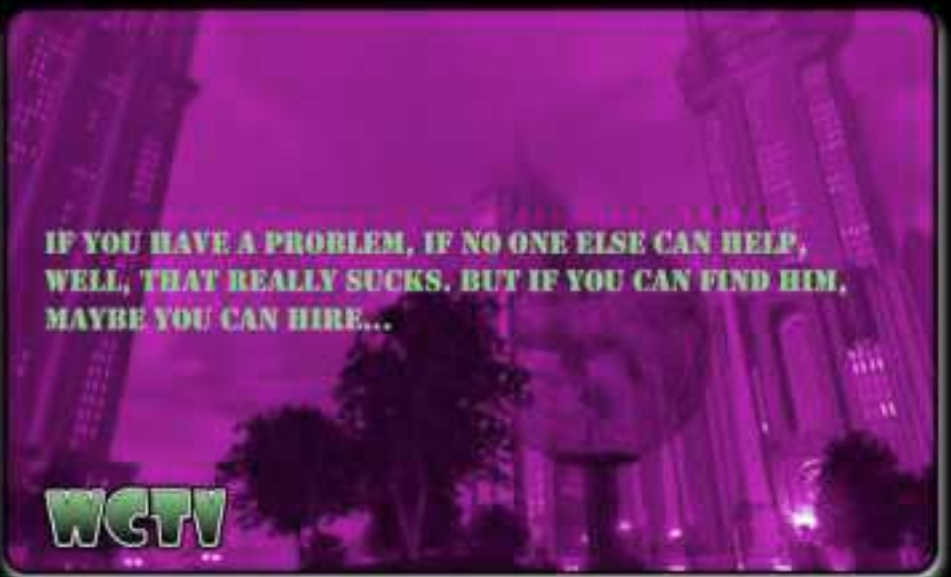
**TWO YEARS AGO, A CRACKED NEUROACTIVE CREY  
EMPLOYEE WAS CONVICTED BY A KANGAROO COURT FOR A  
CRIME HE TOTALLY COMMITTED.**

**WCTV**



**THIS MAN PROMPTLY ESCAPED FROM A MAXIMUM  
SECURITY PRISON TO THE ROGUE ISLES UNDERGROUND.  
TODAY, STILL WANTED BY EVERYONE HE SURVIVES AS A  
CRIMINAL MASTERMIND.**

**WCTV**



**IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, IF NO ONE ELSE CAN HELP,  
WELL, THAT REALLY SUCKS. BUT IF YOU CAN FIND HIM,  
MAYBE YOU CAN HIRE...**

**WCTV**

THE

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WCTV

- TEAM

I'VE LOCATED HIM.

NICE JOB HOMEFIRE!

EVERYBODY  
HOLD HANDS.

WE'RE GONNA  
WARP RIGHT INTO  
THIS JERK'S  
HOME!

GO  
TEAM  
LIMELIGHT!



WCTV





WELCOME TO V.I.B.K.I  
USER! PAT SAJAK

STARRING  
THE WISECRACKER  
AS  
COL. JOHN "HANNIBAL" SMITH

ALERT:  
INTRUSION DETECTED  
PRIMING NEUROBOMBS

WCTV



GOOD WORK  
MELANIE.

AN OLD  
COSTUME  
SHOP?

THE WISECRACKER  
AS  
LT. TEMPLETON "FACEMAN" PECK



WCTV

BY YOUR  
COMMAND!

THERE.

DOESN'T LOOK  
LIKE THE  
WISECRACKER TO  
ME...

THIS IS THE ORIGIN  
OF THE  
BROADCAST?

BRACKA!  
BRACKA!  
BRACKA!

YES... BUT  
SOMETHING'S  
WRONG...

THE WISECRACKER  
AS  
H.M "HOWLING MAD" MURDOCK

WCTV



SO LONG SUCKERS!

OH NO...  
SYLDRITCH, GET  
US OUT ...

AND  
MR. W  
AS

WCTV B.A BARACUS





I LOVE IT WHEN A  
PLAN COMES  
TOGETHER, HEH HEH.

FILE UNDER  
"OLDEST TRICK  
IN THE BOOK".

WHAT I DON'T LOVE IS  
WHEN SOMEONE BOTHERS  
ME DURING A T.V SHOW.

I FIGURED THAT  
SOME  
OVERZEALOUS  
SPANDEX-  
SQUAD WOULD  
TRY TO POOP  
MY PARTY.

SO NATURALLY I TOOK  
SOME PRECAUTIONS...

BUT HEROES-AH HEROES-  
ARE SUCH A STRANGE  
BREED...

THEY JUST KEEP  
COMING AND  
COMING AND  
COMING.

SO LET'S UP THE  
ANTE...

I HAVE THE  
**LIST**

ANY HERO THAT  
TRIES TO CANCEL ME  
IS GOING TO HAVE  
INNOCENT BLOOD  
ON THEIR HANDS.

NOW MANY OF  
YOU OUT THERE  
MAY BE  
SKEPTICAL...

SO I  
PREPARED  
ANOTHER  
SHOW...

MAGNITUDE'S  
SISTER IN...

COMING UP  
NEXT ON  
WCTV...



# CIRCLE SACRIFICE

GREAT JMM...  
LISTEN HERE US!

WE OFFER THE BLOOD  
OF OUR ENERGY

FROM THE VIEWS OF  
AN INNOCENT...

GOD! NO  
PLEASE!

**NO! STOP!**

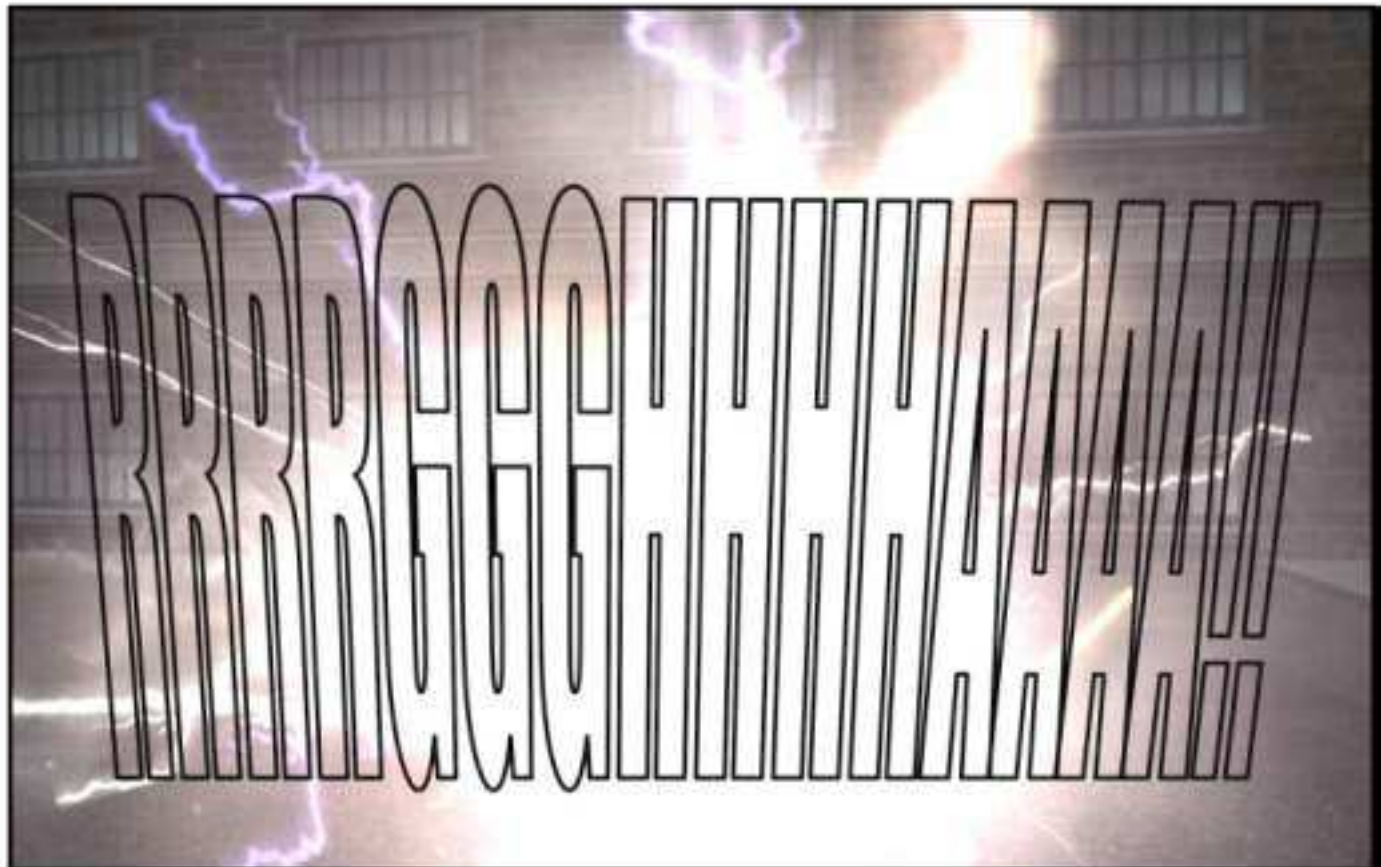
**AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAEEEEEEEEEEEEE!**

IS THAT?

MARK?







**You're  
DEAD!**

**HEAR ME!**

NOW THE  
REAL SHOW  
BEG...

DID YOUR  
GUYS HEAR  
SOMETHING?

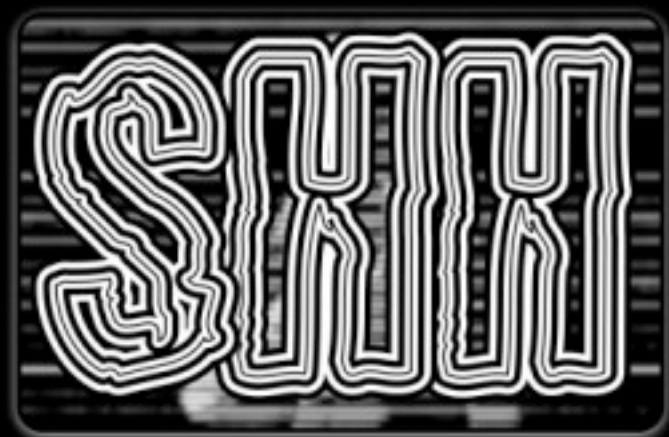


TO BE CONTINUED



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES  
PLEASE STAND BY







THERE'S ACTION!

SUSPENSE!

**COMEDY!**

THE GOOD GUYS WIN AND  
THE BAD GUYS LOSE!



Mountebank Asylum  
presents a Mike Shaw comic

This is the Paragon City  
emergency alert system  
Standby for further  
instructions.

The  
Wisecracker in  
Architects of Chaos



# AND NOW A BEHIND-THE-SCENES-LOOK AT

## Wisecracker Reviewers of #4 CHAOS

HELLO MRS.  
V-I-C-K-I-...

UMMM...

THIS IS  
CAPTAIN  
MAKO.

/GOT IT!



THIS IS CAP'N  
MAKO.

EXCELLENT!

CAN I SPEAK TO  
THE  
WISECRACKER?

YOU'VE GOT THIS ACTING  
THING DOWN PAT CAP'N!

JUST ONE  
NOTE...

I NEED YOU TO  
CRACK YOUR VOICE  
SLIGHTLY WHEN  
YOU SAY "I".

...

I CAN DO THAT.







