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FURIA

AND
THE GUARDIANS



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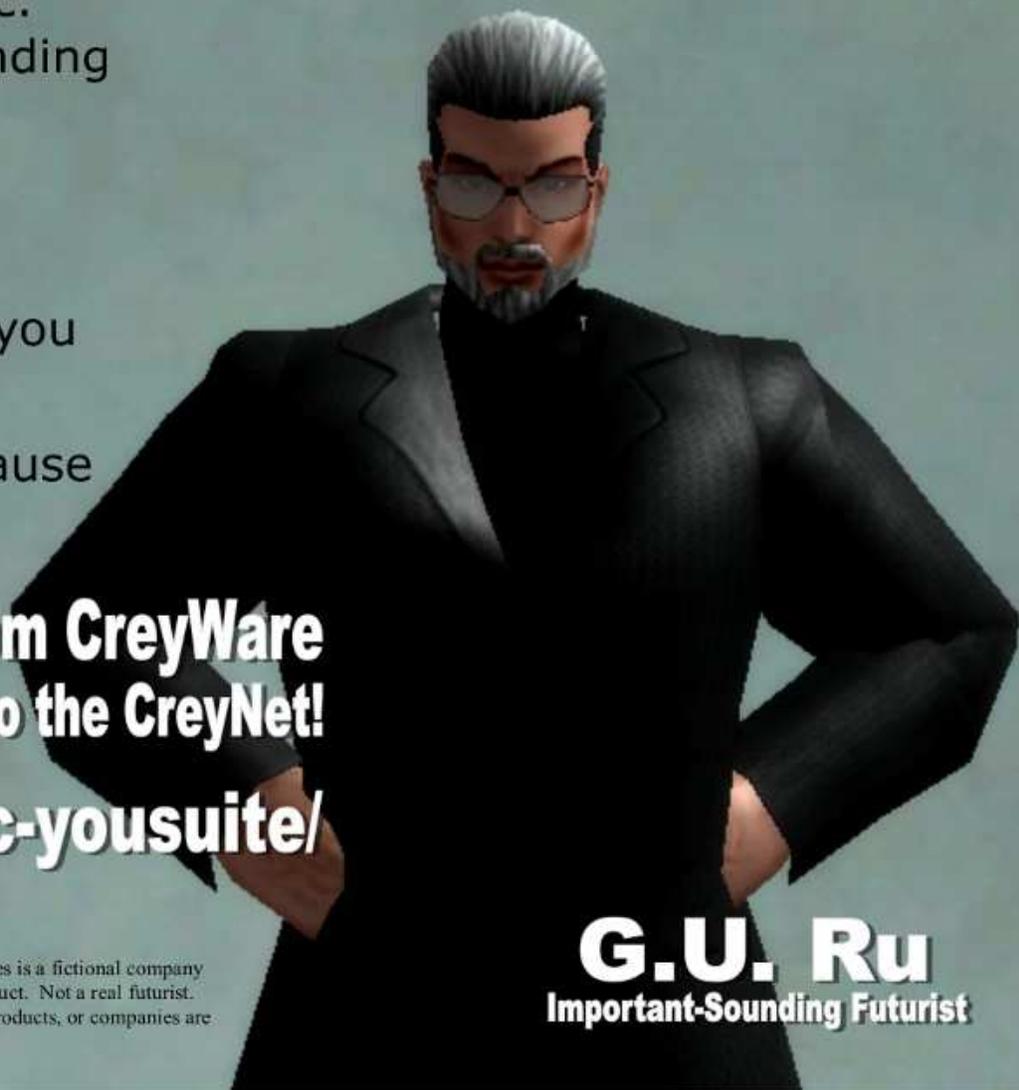
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Born in an alternate world where heroes ruled and humanity was endangered, Faith Powers was the last surviving member of the legendary Powers family. Brought up in the watchful eyes of the Praetors, she became Furia Powers, champion of the weak.

But then she became aware that all was not right in the supposed "Utopian Society". Forced to choose between the Praetors and a chance at a new family, she choose family and left for the Primal Universe.

Now Furia Powers is a member of the Guardians of the Dawn, a superhero team dedicated to helping humanity to that bright future that is always just beyond the horizon. It is a team that is on the brink of becoming legend. They are...

FURIA



AND THE GUARDIANS

The little catgirl hero TashaTiger was witness to the police harassment and intimidation of Rose Vesta. But when confronting the officers, something happened to her that leaves her scared.

Plus, someone is hunting down the corrupt members of the Paragon City Police Department. Someone that looks and sounds like the Libertarian Avenger.

But that's not possible... Is it?

"OF CAT-BEASTS AND BLUE DOGS"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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FOUNDERS FALLS - PARAGON CITY, RI

RING-RING

THIS IS DISTRICT ATTORNEY WENTWORTH.

WENTWORTH CONSIGNMENT STORE - ATLAS PARK

YOU ACTUALLY HAD ME CONVINCED, ALEX.

Andrew Wentworth
CEO WENTWORTH'S FINE CONSIGNMENT

UNCLE ANDREW?

Alex Wentworth
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEN YOU TOLD ME THAT YOUR INJURY PREVENTED YOU FROM USING A BOW AGAIN, I ACTUALLY BELIEVED YOU.

WHAT A FOOL I WAS!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHERE'S ALL THIS COMING FROM?

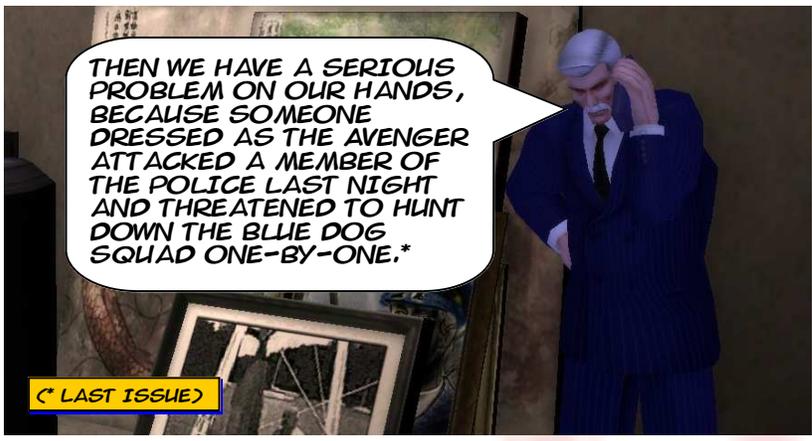
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TRY TO PRETEND THAT YOU WEREN'T THREATENING COPS IN COSTUME LAST NIGHT, ARE YOU?

UNCLE, I WAS IN PROVIDENCE LAST NIGHT, MEETING WITH THE CATO PEOPLE. REMEMBER?

I TOLD YOU THAT I WAS GOING TO BE GIVING THE KEYNOTE SPEECH ON LIBERTARIANS IN GOVERNMENT.

IT WAS LIVE-STREAMED ON VID-TUBE.

IN FACT I JUST GOT BACK INTO TOWN, SO THERE'S NO WAY THAT I'D BE OUT ON THE STREETS LAST NIGHT.



THEN WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS, BECAUSE SOMEONE DRESSED AS THE AVENGER ATTACKED A MEMBER OF THE POLICE LAST NIGHT AND THREATENED TO HUNT DOWN THE BLUE DOG SQUAD ONE-BY-ONE.*

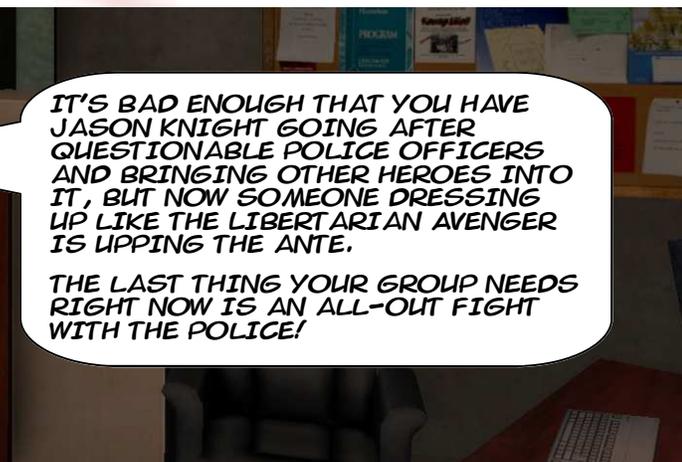
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THAT... THAT COMPLICATES THINGS.



I SWEAR YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR LEAVES A LOT TO BE DESIRED, NEPHEW.



IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT YOU HAVE JASON KNIGHT GOING AFTER QUESTIONABLE POLICE OFFICERS AND BRINGING OTHER HEROES INTO IT, BUT NOW SOMEONE DRESSING UP LIKE THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER IS UPPING THE ANTE.

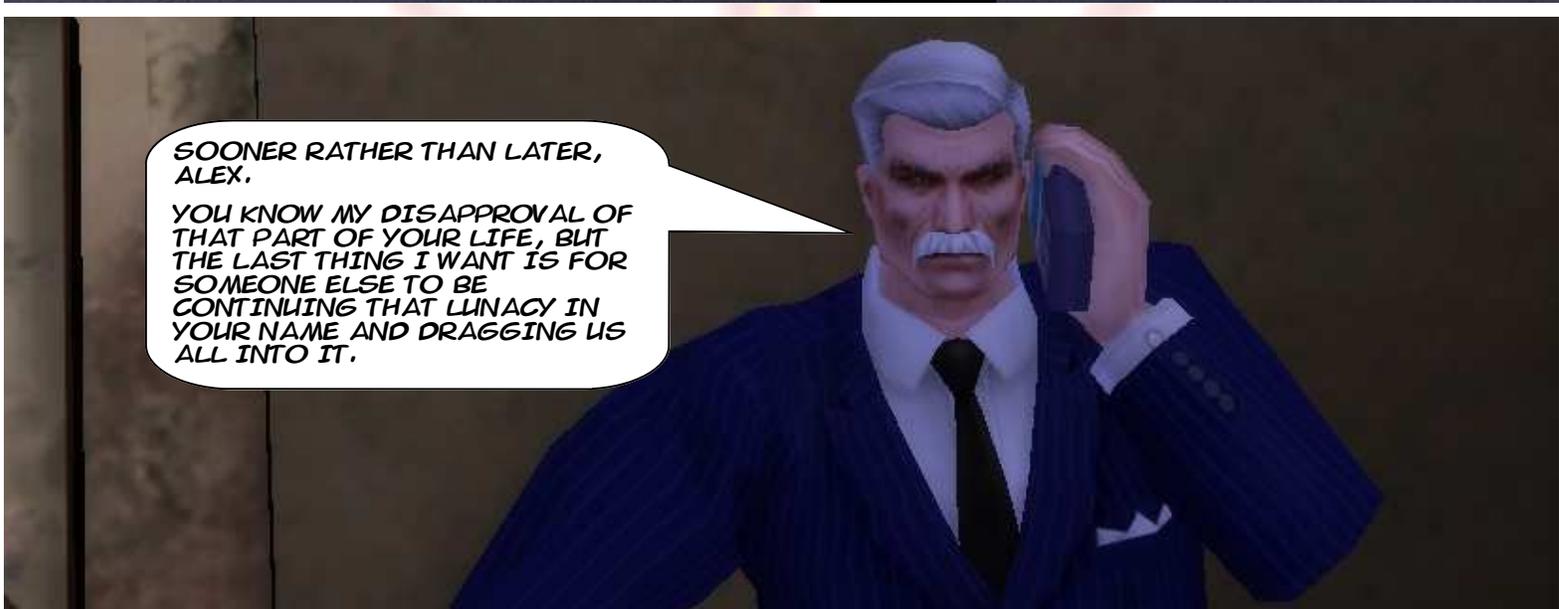
THE LAST THING YOUR GROUP NEEDS RIGHT NOW IS AN ALL-OUT FIGHT WITH THE POLICE!



I NEED TO STOP BY MY APARTMENT TO MAKE SURE MY LUGGAGE ARRIVED FROM THE AIRPORT, BUT THEN I'M GOING RIGHT TO THE JUDICIAL CENTER AND GET AN UPDATE FROM RYDER LIGHTNING.



ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I WILL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.



SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, ALEX.

YOU KNOW MY DISAPPROVAL OF THAT PART OF YOUR LIFE, BUT THE LAST THING I WANT IS FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO BE CONTINUING THAT LUNACY IN YOUR NAME AND DRAGGING US ALL INTO IT.

KINGS ROW

MISS VESTA!

I WAS LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU!
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU DIDN'T RETURN ANY OF MY CALLS YESTERDAY.

Fiona Poderes
AKA FURIA POWERS

I AM... FINE.
SHE... SHE CALLED YOU, DIDN'T SHE?
THAT VIGILANTE WOMAN.

Rose Vesta
STRUGGLING SINGLE MOTHER

I GOT WORD THAT THE POLICE TRIED TO INTIMIDATE YOU AND A HERO GOT INVOLVED.
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME AFTERWARD?

IT... IT WAS NOTHING.

L-LOOK, MISS PODERES, I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE.
I'M... I'M THINKING OF DROPPING MY LAWSUIT. I DON'T WANT THERE TO BE ANY MORE PROBLEMS.

IT'S NOT "NOTHING" IF THE POLICE TRY TO STRIP YOU NAKED IN THE PUBLIC TO GET YOU TO SHUT UP.
THAT'S CRIMINAL, AND YOUR WORD CAN SEND THEM TO JAIL TONIGHT.

WHY? SO THEY CAN BE RELEASED AND ANOTHER GRAND JURY CAN LET THEM GO?

I'VE TRUSTED THE SYSTEM ONCE, MISS PODERES, AND I AM STILL BEING HUMILIATED FOR IT.



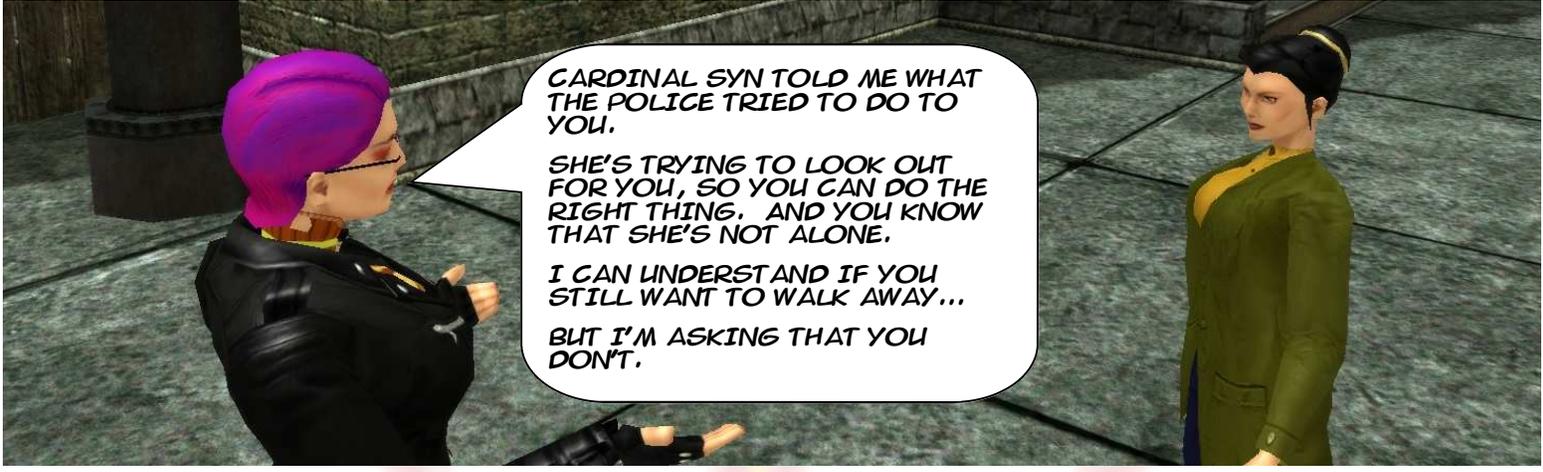
LOOK... I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE BETRAYED AND SCREWED OVER BY THE SYSTEM.
I GREW UP BELIEVING IN THE SYSTEM, AND THEN WHEN I NEEDED IT THE MOST, I WAS LEFT TO FEND FOR MYSELF.



EVENTUALLY I FOUND OUT THAT EVERYTHING I THOUGHT I KNEW WAS A LIE.
I HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SITTING THERE AND ACCEPTING IT, OR FIGHTING BACK IN THE ONLY WAY THAT I KNOW.



I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I FOUGHT BACK.
AND I FOUND OUT THAT I WASN'T ALONE.



CARDINAL SYN TOLD ME WHAT THE POLICE TRIED TO DO TO YOU.
SHE'S TRYING TO LOOK OUT FOR YOU, SO YOU CAN DO THE RIGHT THING. AND YOU KNOW THAT SHE'S NOT ALONE.
I CAN UNDERSTAND IF YOU STILL WANT TO WALK AWAY... BUT I'M ASKING THAT YOU DON'T.



THAT... THAT CAT-HERO THAT STEPPED IN TO SAVE ME...
IS SHE OKAY?
I RAN WHEN I SAW THE POLICE TURN ON HER.



SHE'S FINE...
AS FAR AS I KNOW.
AND SHE'S SOMEPLACE SAFE FOR NOW.

ELSEWHERE IN KINGS ROW



IN A SAFEHOUSE OWNED BY JASON KNIGHT...



RRR... MRRR..

MOWR...

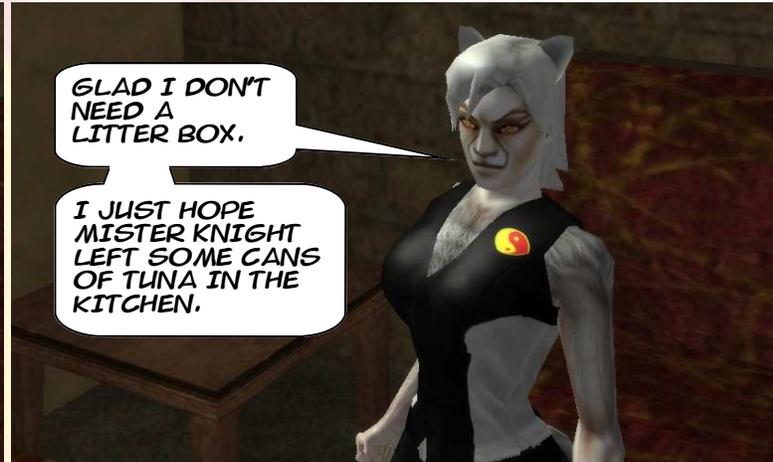
OH POOH... I'M
BACK TO BEING
A KITTY.



TashaTiger
(NATASHA PRISS)

GLAD I DON'T
NEED A
LITTER BOX.

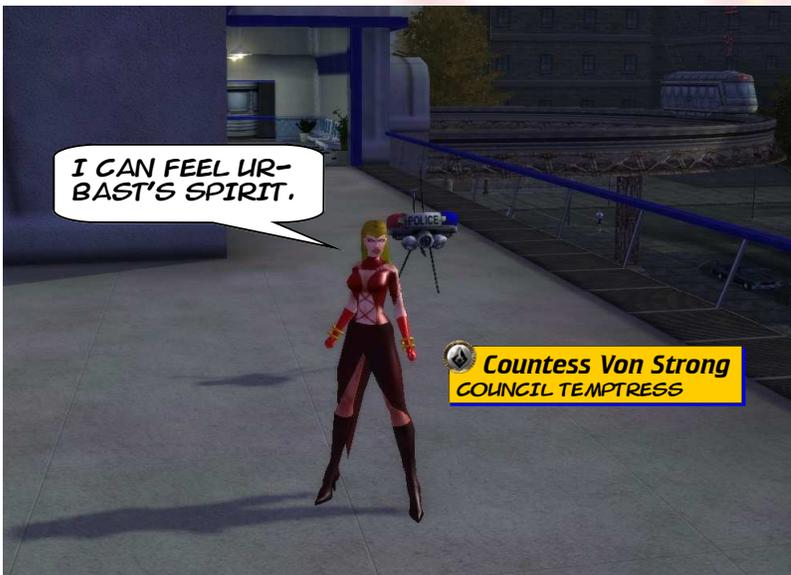
I JUST HOPE
MISTER KNIGHT
LEFT SOME CANS
OF TUNA IN THE
KITCHEN.



A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...

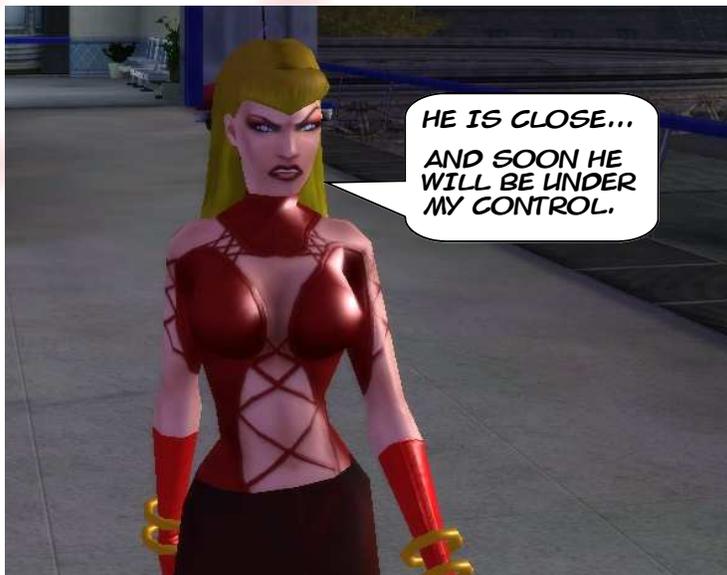


I CAN FEEL UR-
BAST'S SPIRIT.



Countess Von Strong
COUNCIL TEMPTRESS

HE IS CLOSE...
AND SOON HE
WILL BE UNDER
MY CONTROL.



TALOS ISLAND

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN



I KNOW THIS LOOKS BAD, BRIGHID.
NO, I'M NOT BEING SARCASTIC.

Ryder Lightning
(BART WALLACE)



LOOK, YOU'RE ONE OF ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHO THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER REALLY IS, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT HE WAS NOT EVEN IN THE CITY LAST NIGHT.
NO, NOT UNLESS HE CAN BE AT TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME.

I'VE GOT PEOPLE LOOKING INTO IT. THEY'RE ALSO LOOKING INTO THE FACT THAT THE BLUE DOGS SQUAD IS BACK IN ACTION WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

RIGHT. I'LL BE SURE TO KEEP YOU IN THE LOOP WHEN I KNOW SOMETHING.

OKAY, I BOUGHT US SOME TIME ON THAT ISSUE WITH THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE.
LET'S GET BACK TO TASHATIGER.
HOW MUCH DOES SHE REMEMBER OF THE INCIDENT?

FROM WHAT SHE TOLD ME, EVERYTHING RIGHT UP TO WHEN THE BLUE DOG COPS STARTED SHOOTING AT HER.

Cardinal Syn
(CASSANDRA DARE)



THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH.
THE POLICE UNION ATTORNEY WILL PICK HER STATEMENT APART IF IT EVER GOES TO TRIAL.
WE NEED JASON HERE.

I CAN GET SENTRY TO CONNECT TO HIS BUSINESS CELLPHONE.

JASON SET IT UP IN CASE WE NEEDED TO TALK TO HIM WHILE HE'S STILL IN THE ROGUE ISLES.

ELSEWHERE IN KINGS ROW...



I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT... BUT I FEEL DIFFERENT!

 April Ramirez
PNN REPORTER

MAYBE I JUST NEEDED A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP TO GET ALL THE STRESS OUT OF MY SYSTEM.



ALL I KNOW IS THAT I'M NOT THE SAME MOUSY REPORTER THAT I'VE BECOME LATELY.

I FEEL LIKE I CAN TAKE ON THE WORLD!



HELLO KINGS ROW!
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU HAVE FOR ME TODAY.



THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LEAVE THE ISLES RIGHT THIS MINUTE.

I HAVE A VERY FINITE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE THE COMPANIES HERE IN THE ISLES THAT DO BUSINESS WITH PARAGON CITY.

Drake Grey
AKA JASON KNIGHT

I'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO TWO COMPANIES, BUT DOCTOR AEON AND HIS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KEEPING ME ON A VERY TIGHT LEASH HERE.

I UNDERSTAND, "DRAKE". BUT I HOPE I CAN PICK YOUR MIND FOR A MINUTE. TASHATIGER WAS AN EYEWITNESS TO THE BLUE DOGS GOING AFTER ROSE VESTA. BUT SHE BLACKED OUT ONCE THE COPS STARTED SHOOTING AT HER.

WE THINK IT'S CONNECTED TO SOME SORT OF TRANSFORMATION SHE'S BEEN EXPERIENCING EVER SINCE HER RETURN FROM THE TIME ECHO.

IT MAY HAVE TO DO WITH THE MYSTICAL CHARM THAT FIRST TURNED HER INTO A CAT-GIRL. I HAVE ELITE ICE QUEEN AND COEUR DU FEU LOOKING INTO THAT PART OF THE EQUATION.

THOSE TWO ARE FORMIDABLE MYSTICAL FIGHTERS BUT THEY'RE NOVICES IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION.

YOU NEED SOMEONE THAT CAN PIERCE THROUGH TASHATIGER'S MIND TO GET TO THE MISSING SEGMENTS OF HER LIFE.

AND I KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN DO JUST THAT.

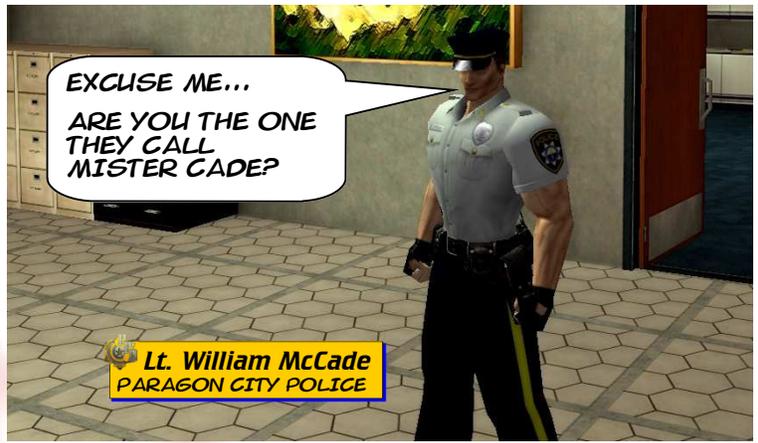
PARAGON CITY JUDICIAL CENTER

FOUNDERS FALLS



EXCUSE ME...
ARE YOU THE ONE
THEY CALL
MISTER CADE?

Lt. William McCade
PARAGON CITY POLICE



I AM CADE.
IS THERE
SOMETHING I CAN
HELP YOU WITH...
OFFICER...?

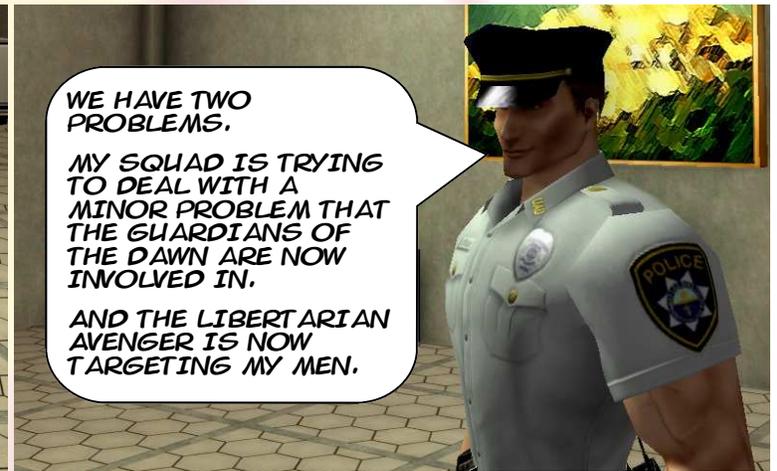
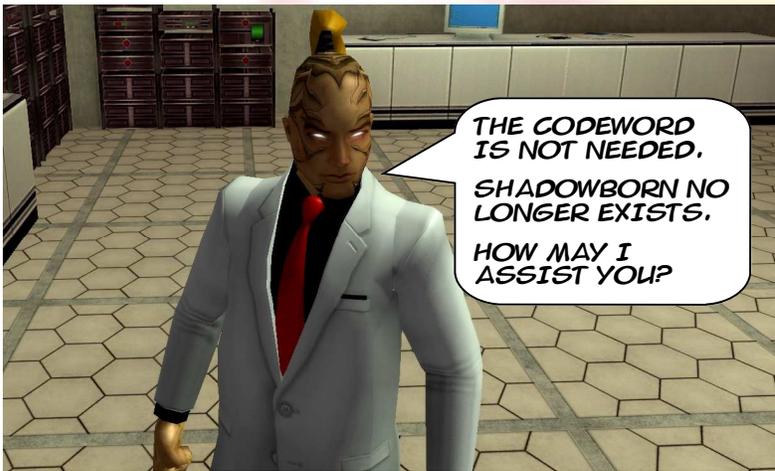
Mister Cade
D.A. TECHNOMANCER

IT'S CADE...
I MEAN, MCCADE.
LIEUTENANT MCCADE.
LOOK, I HAVEN'T CONTACTED
ANYONE IN THE GROUP
BEFORE, BUT I BELIEVE THAT
THE CORRECT CODEWORD--



THE CODEWORD
IS NOT NEEDED.
SHADOWBORN NO
LONGER EXISTS.
HOW MAY I
ASSIST YOU?

WE HAVE TWO
PROBLEMS.
MY SQUAD IS TRYING
TO DEAL WITH A
MINOR PROBLEM THAT
THE GUARDIANS OF
THE DAWN ARE NOW
INVOLVED IN.
AND THE LIBERTARIAN
AVENGER IS NOW
TARGETING MY MEN.



SO WHAT DO YOU
EXPECT ME TO DO?
AS I SAID,
SHADOWBORN NO
LONGER EXISTS.

SPARE ME THE DENIALS.
I KNOW SHADOWBORN HAD
TO FOLD*, BUT I ALSO KNOW
THAT THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT
ARE NOW PART OF
SOMETHING EVEN LARGER.
MY SUPERIOR TOLD ME TO
CONTACT YOU SO YOU CAN
GET WORD TO YOUR
SUPERIOR THAT WE'RE
LOOKING FOR SANCTION.



(* SEE THE ONE-SHOT COMIC
"GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN
AFTERMATH")



YOU WANT PERMISSION TO GO TO WAR AGAINST THE GUARDIANS.

WE'RE COPS. WE DON'T "GO TO WAR". WE'RE ALWAYS IN ONE.

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF HOW FAR WE'RE ALLOWED TO FIGHT BACK.



LOOK, I'VE BEEN A COP FOR OVER A DECADE NOW. I'VE SEEN MY SHARE OF SHIT HITTING THE FAN.

THE WAY I SEE IT, AND THE WAY MY SUPERIOR SEES IT, IS THAT WE CAN EITHER TAKE OUR SHOT NOW AND COME OUT ON TOP, OR WE ROLL OVER AND LET THE HEROES TAKE CHARGE.

JASON KNIGHT IS A SHELL OF HIS FORMER SELF AND HE HASN'T EVEN BEEN SEEN IN A FEW DAYS. HIS RED-HEADED PROXY IS USELESS. THE ONLY ONE WE REALLY FEAR NOW IS THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER.



YOU SEEM TO FORGET THE OTHER HEROES IN THAT GROUP.

I RECALL THE INCIDENT WITH FURIA POWERS LAST YEAR.*

FURIA POWERS CAN BE MANAGED, JUST LIKE HER SISTER.

AND IF SHE CAN'T... WELL, WE ALSO KNOW THAT SHE'S NOT AS INVULNERABLE AS HER SISTER.

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YOU AND YOUR SUPERIOR SEEM TO HAVE THOUGHT THINGS THROUGH ON THIS.

VERY WELL. I'LL CONTACT MY SUPERIOR ON THIS AND WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU ON HIS RESPONSE.

BUT I STRONGLY ADVISE YOU NOT DO ANYTHING ON YOUR OWN UNTIL THEN.

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Tough As Nails... But Still Needs Help.

Time are getting tough for Paragon City, and your police officers are getting tough as well.

We can give our officers the latest in technology, the most advanced weapons, and the toughest of body armors. We can turn every officer into a walking, talking, super-powered tank.

And all of that will still not be enough.

Because the police still need loyalty and support from you, the public.

They put their lives on the line for you, fighting the worst of the worst.

Heroes in spandex are fleeting. They're here today and gone tomorrow.

The real heroes are the ones that are out there each and every day, fighting the good fight not for glory, but because you're worth it.



Support Your Local Police Officer!



Paid for by the Paragon City Police Union. Support the police and obey the police.

SOME TIME LATER...

NICE SHOW YOU PUT ON IN THERE.

THANKS.

REALLY ENJOYED THE PART WHEN YOU WEREN'T EVEN ON STAGE BUT MADE PEOPLE THINK THAT YOU WERE.

WHO..?

WAIT... YOU'RE NOT A BILL COLLECTOR OR A PROCESS SERVER.

NOPE. I'M AN AEROMANCER. I'M WITH THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN.

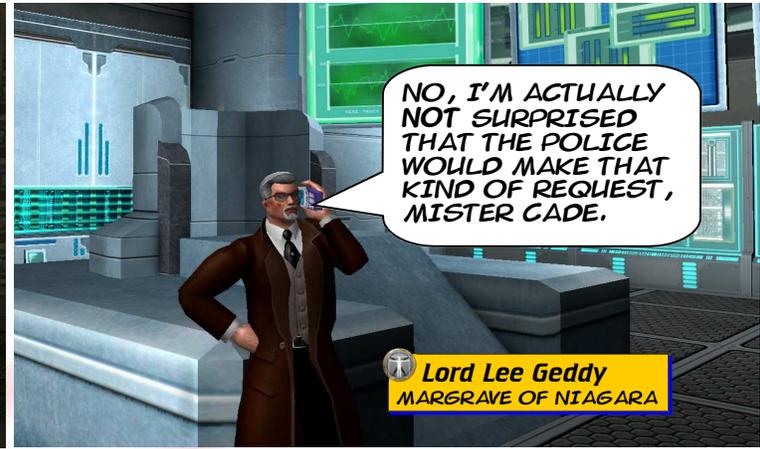
Geoff McDaniels
AKA KOLDFRONT

TO BE HONEST, I'VE NEVER MET A MIND-DANCER BEFORE, MUCH LESS ONE THAT PRETENDS TO BE A STAGE MAGICIAN.

YEAH... WELL I'VE DONE A LOT WORSE TO MAKE ENDS MEET. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

JASON KNIGHT TOLD ME WHERE TO FIND YOU.

THERE'S A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES YOUR UNIQUE TALENT, AND HE SAYS HE'S CASHING IN A FAVOR.



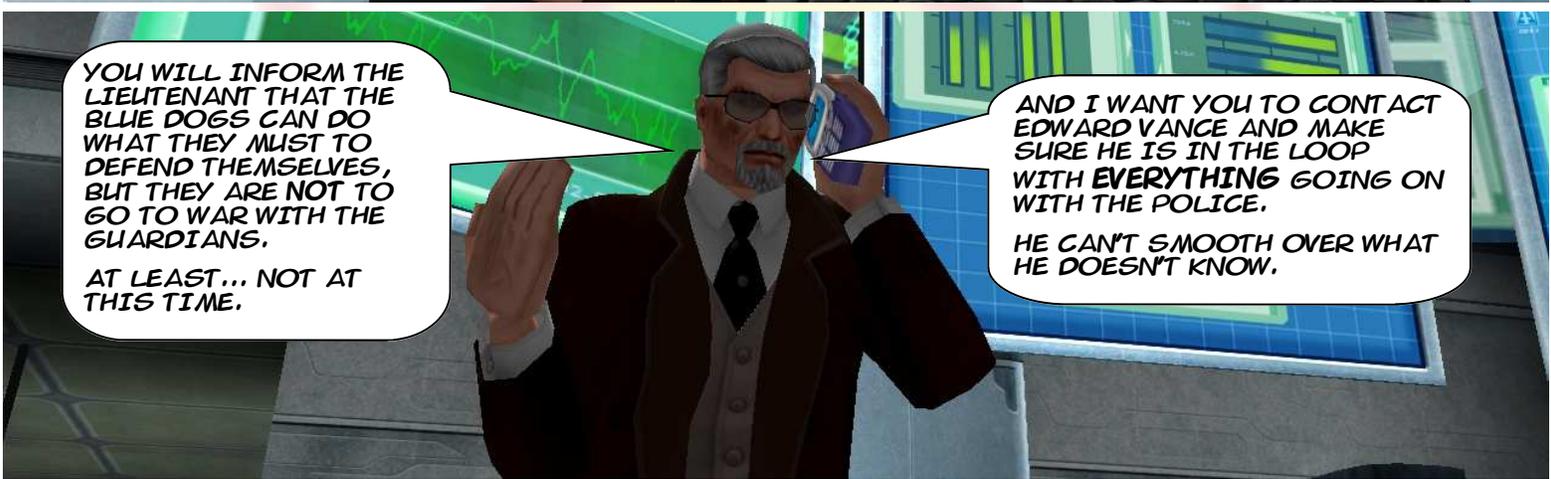
NO, I'M ACTUALLY NOT SURPRISED THAT THE POLICE WOULD MAKE THAT KIND OF REQUEST, MISTER CADE.

Lord Lee Geddy
MARGRAVE OF NIAGARA



I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE BLUE DOGS AND THE GUARDIANS WAS GOING TO BE INEVITABLE.
I'M JUST SURPRISED THAT IT IS HAPPENING THIS SOON.

NO, WE ARE GOING TO HONOR OUR OLD SHADOWBORN LOYALTIES.
IT WOULD BE UNCHARACTERISTIC OF US TO SUDDENLY ABANDON THE POLICE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE ESSENTIAL IN MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO.



YOU WILL INFORM THE LIELTENANT THAT THE BLUE DOGS CAN DO WHAT THEY MUST TO DEFEND THEMSELVES, BUT THEY ARE NOT TO GO TO WAR WITH THE GUARDIANS.
AT LEAST... NOT AT THIS TIME.

AND I WANT YOU TO CONTACT EDWARD VANCE AND MAKE SURE HE IS IN THE LOOP WITH **EVERYTHING** GOING ON WITH THE POLICE.
HE CAN'T SMOOTH OVER WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW.



OH, AND MISTER CADE...
REMEMBER WHAT WE DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY ABOUT NEEDING YOUR SERVICES HERE?
THAT TIME IS COMING SOON.
MAKE YOUR PREPARATIONS FOR IT.



THERE...



UR-BAST IS IN THAT BUILDING.



OF COURSE WE WILL HAVE TO PRY HIM OUT OF THE SHELL OF THAT CAT-GIRL. IT WILL NOT BE EASY.

ARRRWWW...

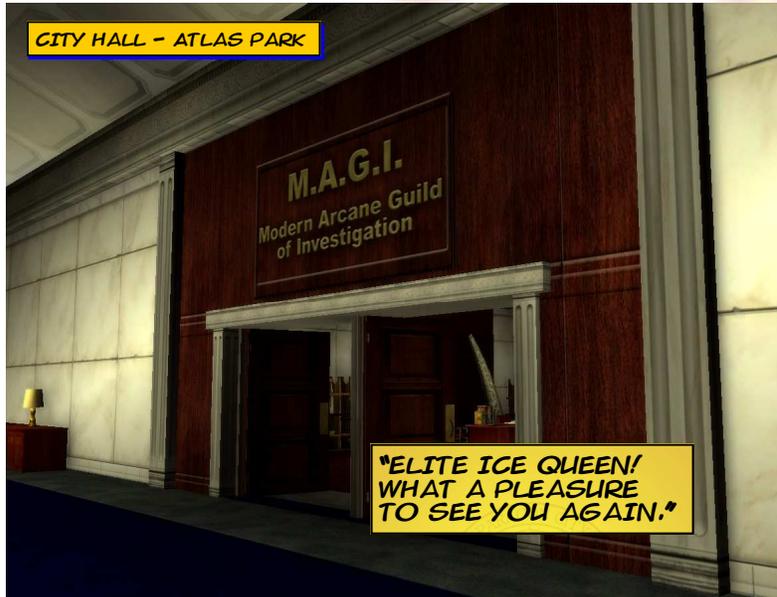


OH DON'T WORRY. I WON'T RISK EITHER OF US FOR THAT TASK.



WE'LL LET PARAGON CITY'S PRECIOUS POLICE DEPARTMENT DO ALL THE DIRTY WORK FOR US. THEY'VE ALREADY SEEN UR-BAST UNLEASHED ON THEIR RANKS, SO THEY'LL BE QUICK TO RUSH IN LIKE THE FOOLS THEY ARE.

AND IN THE END... UR-BAST WILL COME TO US.



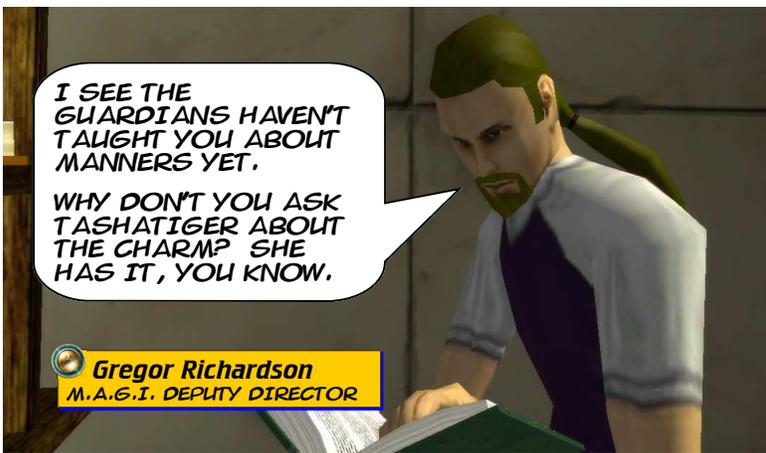
CITY HALL - ATLAS PARK

"ELITE ICE QUEEN! WHAT A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN."



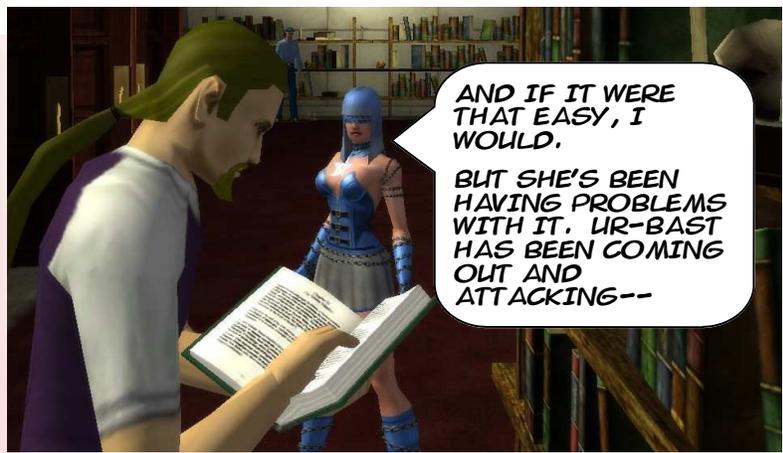
HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE BEING SARCASTIC OR SINCERE, RICHARDSON. WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE CHARM OF UR-BAST?

Elite Ice Queen (CYNTHIA DI GHIACCIO)

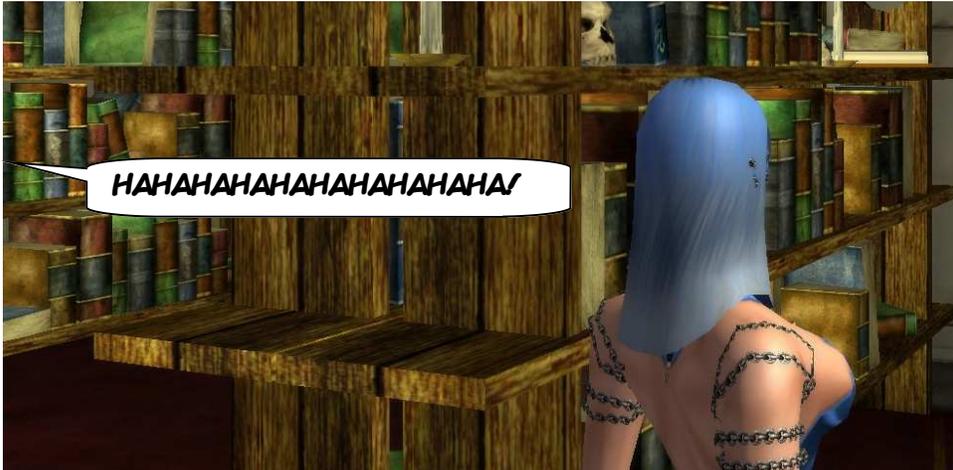


I SEE THE GUARDIANS HAVEN'T TAUGHT YOU ABOUT MANNERS YET. WHY DON'T YOU ASK TASHATIGER ABOUT THE CHARM? SHE HAS IT, YOU KNOW.

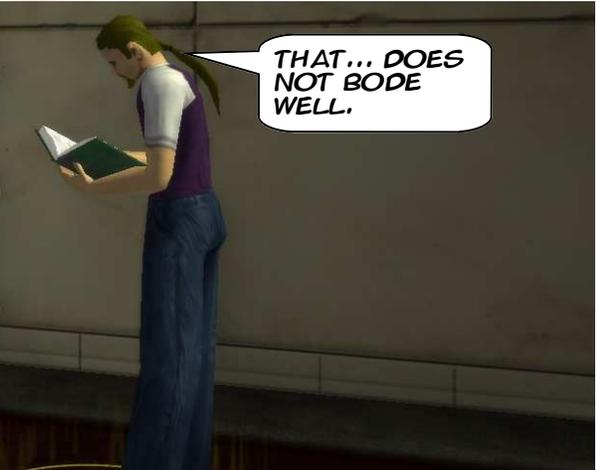
Gregor Richardson
M.A.G.I. DEPUTY DIRECTOR



AND IF IT WERE THAT EASY, I WOULD. BUT SHE'S BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS WITH IT. UR-BAST HAS BEEN COMING OUT AND ATTACKING--



HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA



THAT... DOES NOT BODE WELL.



I'VE NEVER HEARD HER LAUGH LIKE THAT...

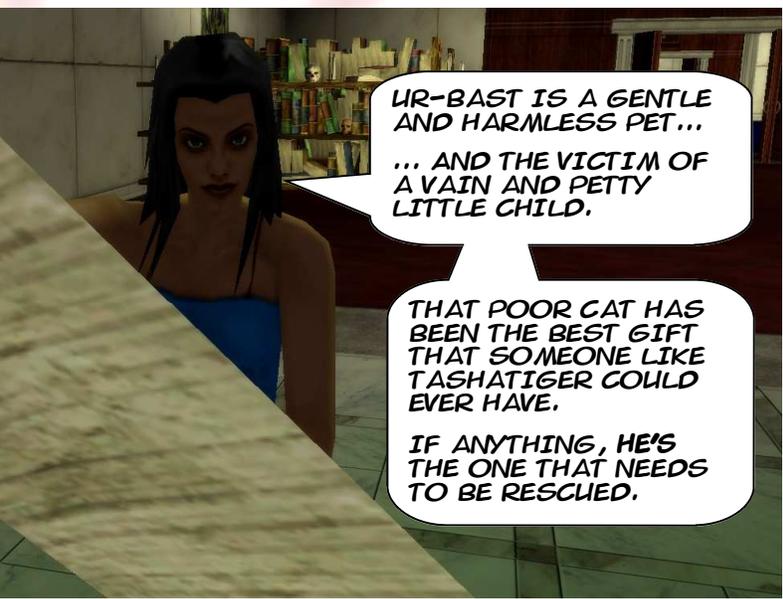


AZURIA? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SHARE?



UR-BAST...
... IS NOT THE BEAST.

Azuria
M.A.G.I. DIRECTOR



UR-BAST IS A GENTLE AND HARMLESS PET...
... AND THE VICTIM OF A VAIN AND PETTY LITTLE CHILD.
THAT POOR CAT HAS BEEN THE BEST GIFT THAT SOMEONE LIKE TASHATIGER COULD EVER HAVE.
IF ANYTHING, HE'S THE ONE THAT NEEDS TO BE RESCUED.



**ALERT!
ALERT!**

THE HELL?
THAT'S NOT
THE CPCU.*

(* CPCU: ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE INSTALLED
IN SUPERGROUP BASES.)



WHAT IS IT,
SENTRY?

PARAGON POLICE ARE
RESPONDING TO THE
SAFEHOUSE ADDRESS.
THE SAFEHOUSE HAS
BEEN COMPROMISED.



GET TASHATIGER
OUT OF THERE.
I'LL SEND FURIA TO
RUN INTERFERENCE
WITH THE POLICE.

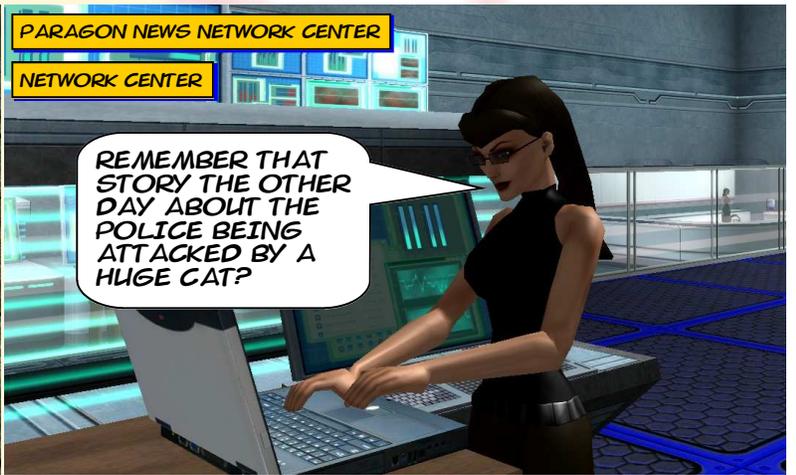


CPCU, CLEAR
TELEPORT
PAD ONE FOR
IMMEDIATE
USE TO
KINGS ROW.

IT WILL BE
READY WHEN
YOU GET THERE.



HI BETTY!
WHAT DO YOU
HAVE FOR ME?



PARAGON NEWS NETWORK CENTER
NETWORK CENTER

REMEMBER THAT
STORY THE OTHER
DAY ABOUT THE
POLICE BEING
ATTACKED BY A
HUGE CAT?



WE'LL GET THIS...
THE POLICE GOT A
TIP TO WHERE THAT
HUGE CAT IS HIDING
OUT, AND THEY'RE
MOBILIZING NOW.
THEY'RE SETTING UP
A COMMAND POST
IN FRONT OF 566
SPINDLE WAY.



"I'VE ALREADY
DISPATCHED A
CAMERA CREW TO
MEET YOU THERE."

JUST OUTSIDE 566 SPINDLE WAY...

HI.

Furia Powers
(FIONA PODERES)

THIS IS A SECURED
POLICE ACTION.
WE HAVE NO NEED
FOR HEROES.

I GUESS NOT, GIVEN THE
HEAVY-DUTY ARMOR.
AND... I'M SENSING SOME
TELEPATHY. ARE YOU
FROM THE PSI-DIVISION?

NOT THAT IT'S ANY
BUSINESS OF
YOURS... BUT, YES,
THE PSI-DIVISION
HAS BEEN ASKED TO
ASSIST IN THIS
POLICE ACTIVITY.

A VERY DANGEROUS
CREATURE THAT ATTACKED
OUR OFFICERS IS INSIDE
THAT BUILDING.

WE HAVE A TEAM INSIDE
NOW TO APPREHEND THE
CREATURE. WE'RE JUST
HERE TO PROVIDE BACKUP
AND TO SECURE THE AREA
FROM INTERFERENCE.

AND BY "INTERFERENCE", YOU
MEAN SOMEONE LIKE ME, RIGHT?
LOOK, I'M HERE TO HELP. I
HAPPEN TO HAVE A FRIEND IN THE
AREA AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE
SURE THEY'RE NOT ACCIDENTALLY
CAUGHT UP IN THIS.



THEN YOUR ASSOCIATE BETTER KEEP THEMSELVES OUT OF THE WAY OF OUR PEOPLE. IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

THAT MAY NOT BE THAT SIMPLE.
WHY DON'T I GO IN THERE AND MAKE SURE?



I JUST BUTTED HEADS WITH A SIRIAN ROYAL SQUAD NOT TOO LONG AGO.*
I CAN HANDLE ANY KIND OF *CREATURE* THAT IS IN THERE.

* FROM THE *HOUSE OF SOTHIS* STORYLINE IN *THE CRUCIBLE* AT WWW.COXCOCOMICS.COM.*



LADY, I DON'T CARE IF YOU MADE RUALRUU YOUR BITCH.
WE ARE UNDER ORDERS TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM INTERFERING WITH THE OFFICERS INSIDE. ANYONE.



I SENSE YOU HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE GOING UP AGAINST TELEPATHS, SO YOU KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO.
AND IF WE CAN'T STOP YOU, THEN MY FRIENDS IN THE HEAVY-DUTY ARMOR WILL.

DAMN STRAIGHT.



EITHER WAY, YOU TRY TO GET PAST US, AND WE HAVE ORDERS TO ARREST YOU FOR INTERFERING WITH A POLICE ACTION.
YOUR CALL.











FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

FROM THE ARCHIVED NOTES OF...

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Shadowborn:

"Shadowborn" is the name of a secret black-operations network that was started as a clandestine way to quietly shut down people or institutions deemed "too powerful to stop".

The idea for the group started in the early 1980's as a way to deal with the drug trade. Even though superheroes were willing and able to step in and stop the most dangerous of cartels on behalf of the U.S. government, some of those crime leaders and those associated with them were able to contract their own teams of super-powered mercenaries. The threat of a global super-powered war was seen as being very real.

With the memories of the 1977 incident in Norway fresh in the minds of world leaders, the decision was made by President Ronald Reagan's administration to not directly challenge the crime lords or their associated institutions. The "War on Drugs" would be fought in the streets by police and federal agencies, not by the Pentagon. A "war" in political name only.

That was what the "public policy" said.

But quietly, the heads of several agencies began putting their heads together to deal with these suspected super-influential groups without attracting attention.

The idea that came from that meeting would be a network of operatives from various agencies and institutions, including some from the private sector. Each would be connected to the greater whole, but not a part of it. There would be no organization to this network; no one group or person in charge. They would help each other when needed. It would simply be a group "born in the shadows".

Thus "Shadowborn" came to be.

At first, the network was effective in shutting down drug rings in America. With the rise of the mysterious drug Superadine, drug manufacturers found a way into the illegal drug market, thus they also became the targets of Shadowborn operatives. This also opened the door for a way to finance Shadowborn operations through the seizure of corporate funds. Since there was no specific hierarchy in Shadowborn, there was nobody to be held to account for those seized funds.

Eventually, though, Shadowborn as an operation began to take a life all its own. Deals were brokered by various operatives that were questionable at best. Key officials and departments distanced themselves from Shadowborn. Instead of working for a common goal,

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Shadowborn began serving whatever black-ops designs the various operatives wanted done.

In 2009, the last vestige of Shadowborn was shut down after one of the remaining operatives, a Homeland Security agent dubbed "Agent Shadow", violated the secrecy of the Witness Protection Program to try to force a registered superhero to turn herself over to members of the Family. The United States Marshalls neutralized Agent Shadow and seized all the funds that Shadowborn had hidden. Later, evidence collected from the Guardians of the Dawn superhero group would expose the full list of operatives and "allies" in Shadowborn, including known criminals that the group were protecting at the expense of innocent victims.

Then, just when it was believed that the organization was stopped, a second incarnation of Shadowborn took its place. However, whereas the first incarnation operated on a federal level, the second incarnation focused specifically on Paragon City. This second incarnation was also different in that it had a central leader. This kept the organization from straying from its intended purpose of "preserving the status quo" in Paragon City.

Investigations by members of the Guardians of the Dawn speculated that the Rocinante Group and its leader, Lord Lee Geddy, were the real head of this incarnation, and that they were doing the bidding of an even larger more global organization. But no real proof could be found, and no charges were ever filed against Lord Geddy or the Rocinante Group.

After the attempted assassination of Alex Wentworth, then-candidate for District Attorney, Shadowborn seemingly disappeared back into the shadows. While certain people associated with Shadowborn continued to operate in Paragon City, the organization itself became silent. Whether it was disbanded outright or otherwise assimilated into that larger organization remains to be seen.

In its day, Shadowborn was a formidable organization; one that could rival that of the old secret societies of the 18th Century. One has to wonder, then, how pervasive the mysterious larger global organization that backed Shadowborn really is.

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NEXT ISSUE...



THE BEAST IS NOW OUT. CAN THE GUARDIANS STILL SAVE TASHATIGER? AND HOW DOES JASON KNIGHT'S FRIEND PLAY INTO IT?

AND HOW CAN THEY DIFFUSE THE ESCALATING SITUATION WITH THE PARAGON POLICE BEFORE IT BECOMES A NEW "BADGE WAR"?

FIND OUT!



“My name is Molly Rhone, and this is my story...”

On September 31st, 2013, I was accosted by a trio of gang members in Steel Canyon and chased into an alley. I didn't resist when they asked for my purse, but then they said they wanted more.

I tried to fight back, but there were three of them.

I screamed. I called for help, but it only made them bolder.

During this ordeal, several heroes passed the alleyway.

I screamed and I shouted at them for help, but they ignored me.

What was worse was that some of them stopped and saw what was happening.

One hero said the attackers were “lowbies” and “not worth her time” and then flew away.

Another hero who watched started to step in, but then his friend said they were late to “Raid the Rikti”.

My attackers took their turns with me, savagely beating me and violating me for what seemed like an eternity.

Then they left me in the alleyway. One of them even said “thanks”, as if it was a service.

It was a member of the Paragon City Police Department, a patrol officer, who found me in that alleyway. He called for an ambulance to take me to the hospital. He called for a trauma counselor to visit me, and for an investigator to get my statement and get a description of the gang members.

This officer would later tell me in the hospital that they had found the gang members that raped me and that they wouldn't ever be preying on someone like me ever again.

I never heard from any of those heroes again, but that officer still check in with me regularly to see that I'm okay.

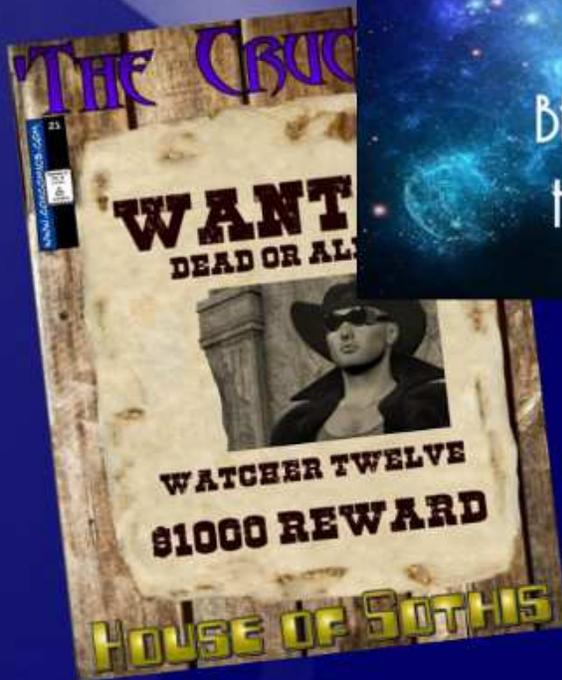
The doctors say that if he didn't stepped in to help when he did, I probably would have bled to death.

We always hear about the great things that heroes do for Paragon City, but what good are those heroes when they can't even take the time to help someone like me?

COPS NOT CAPES

A message from the Paragon City Police Union and Concerned Citizens of Paragon City.

THE GAME IS GONE...



...BUT THE STORIES GO ON!

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