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# TASK FORCE TWILIGHT



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WITH  
JASON KNIGHT  
GONE...

... CARDINAL SYN  
STEPS UP!



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*In the City of Heroes, masked and caped heroes are seen as the tireless protectors of the helpless. In the eyes of law enforcement, though, they will always be seen as vigilantes and criminals, no different than the evil that they fight.*

*But when power corrupts the men and women of law enforcement, these vigilantes are all that prevent the city from falling into a fascist police state. Now they must stand together and fight for justice.*

# TASK FORCE 'TWILIGHT'

The hostilities between the registered heroes of Paragon City and the police escalated with the addition of the mercenary enforcer Despair.

Jason Knight, the self-appointed "Guardian of Kings Row", was the first target of Despair. Overpowered, abducted, and seriously wounded, he was unable to stop Despair from brutally murdering the corrupt "fixer" Lawdog in a way that would frame Jason and brand him a cop-killer. The only way out for Jason was to seemingly take his own life.

That leaves Jason's protégée and one-time sidekick, Cardinal Syn, to take on both Despair and the corrupt "Blue Dog Squad" of the police department and keep Kings Row from being the first district in the city to fall into a fascist police state.

But thanks to the mechanizations set in motion by Jason Knight, the female street vigilante also knows that she doesn't have to fight this battle alone.

## "COME TOGETHER" - A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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WELCOME BACK! THIS IS THE PNN AFTERNOON NEWS AND I'M ROBIN STEED...

AND WE ARE CONTINUING WITH TODAY'S MAJOR STORY: THE MURDER OF ACCUSED CORRUPT POLICE OFFICER BENJAMIN "BEAR" LAWTON, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAWDOG".

FOR MORE INFORMATION, WE GO TO FAITH NOTTINGHAM IN INDEPENDENCE PORT...

AND FAITH? I UNDERSTAND THIS WAS AN... ILLEGAL BAR AND CASINO?



# PNN AFTERNOON NEWS WITH ROBIN STEED



THAT'S RIGHT, ROBIN. THE BODY OF OFFICER LAWTON, A.K.A. "LAWDOG", WAS FOUND HERE AT THIS PRIVATE BAR AND ALLEGED UNDERGROUND CASINO.



FAITH NOTTINGHAM · INDEPENDENCE PORT



PATRONS OF THE BAR SAY THAT OFFICER LAWTON WAS A REGULAR HERE AT THE "HOOK AND ANCHOR", AND THAT HE WAS KNOWN FOR BEING SOMEONE WHO, QUOTE, "GOT THINGS DONE."



MURDER OF "LAWDOG"



THE POLICE HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON HOW OFFICER LAWTON WAS FOUND OR WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE ANY SUSPECTS, HOWEVER SOURCES SAY THAT THE DEATH WAS TOO GRAPHIC TO DESCRIBE ON TV.



MURDER OF "LAWDOG"



OFFICER LAWTON'S DEATH COMES JUST A DAY AFTER HE WAS RELEASED ON BAIL PENDING TRIAL ON FEDERAL CHARGES OF THE PREMEDIATED MURDER OF A REGISTERED HERO.



"HOOK AND ANCHOR" BAR



NOW JUST PRIOR TO GOING LIVE, I SAW DEPUTY CHIEF THOMAS WIELD ENTER THE CRIME SCENE, SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO REPORT SOON.

WE'LL SHARE THAT WITH YOU WHEN WE DO.



OFFICE LAWTON DEAD



REPORTING LIVE FROM INDEPENDENCE PORT, I'M FAITH NOTTINGHAM.

BACK TO YOU, ROBIN.



FAITH NOTTINGHAM · PNN NEWS



INSIDE...



DO YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED YET TO GIVE ME MY ARREST?

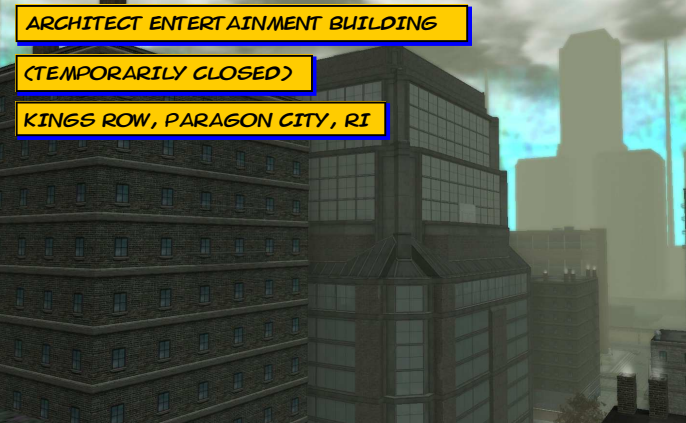
**Deputy Chief Thomas Wield**  
PARAGON CITY POLICE

CRIME SCENE ANALYSIS IS NOT THAT QUICK OR PRECISE, DEPUTY CHIEF. COLLECTING ALL THE EVIDENCE TAKES TIME.

I EXPECT YOUR REPORT ON MY DESK IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, IF NOT SOONER. AND IT BETTER SAY THAT JASON KNIGHT WAS THE KILLER.

OR ELSE YOU'LL FIND YOUR DEPARTMENT OUTSOURCED TO GREY TECH!

ONE OF OUR BROTHERS-IN-BLUE IS DEAD, PEOPLE! GIVE ME HIS KILLER!



ARCHITECT ENTERTAINMENT BUILDING

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KINGS ROW, PARAGON CITY, RI



"LEVEL THIRTEEN", AKA THE HIDDEN LAIR OF JASON KNIGHT

TRY IT NOW, SENTRY.

CONNECTING.



Just ARKTIC!  
CONNECTION ESTABLISHED.  
YOU ARE NOW SYNCED TO MY DATABASE.

GREAT!

Cardinal Syn  
(CASSANDRA DARE)



he wheelchair!  
The Margrave of Niagara!  
NOW I HAVE REAL-TIME ACCESS TO JASON'S NOTES THROUGH MY HANDS-FREE COMMLINK.



YOU HAVE ALWAYS HAD ACCESS THROUGH YOUR COMMUNICATOR.

YEAH... BUT NOW IT WILL BE LIKE JASON IS STILL ALIVE AND TALKING DIRECTLY TO ME. YOU... WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.



AS AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USING THE PERSONALITY PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR ANOTHER UNIT, I SUPPOSE THAT I WOULD NOT.



BELIEVE ME, SENTRY, RIGHT NOW I ENVY THAT IN YOU.

BUT NOW... LET'S GET TO WORK.

JASON SPENT THE PAST FEW MONTHS BUILDING UP A DATABASE OF HEROES THAT I COULD RECRUIT FOR A TASK FORCE TO TAKE DOWN THE BLUE DOG COPS.\*

SO LET'S SEE WHO HIS FIRST RECRUIT WOULD BE BESIDES MYSELF.

(\* LAST ISSUE)

PLAYING JASON KNIGHT'S NOTES...

CARDINAL SYN...

YOUR TASK FORCE NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO COUNTER THE BLUE DOGS WITH STRENGTH AND PRECISION.

Koldfront  
Real Name: Geoff McDaniels  
Aeromancer  
Powers: mastery over wind, water, air, cold, electricity.  
Can fly  
Practiced mystic from West Coven

THAT'S WHY YOUR FIRST RECRUIT SHOULD BE SOMEONE ALREADY WELL-TRAINED.

WHILE I HAD MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT KOLDFRONT BECAUSE HE WAS FIRST RECRUITED BY ANDREW WENTWORTH\*, I HAVE HAD TIME TO REVIEW HIS ACTIONS WITH THE GUARDIANS AND FOUND HIM TO BE HONEST AND EARNEST.

(\* \*FURIA AND THE GUARDIANS\* #4)

HIS YOUTH AND RELATIVE INEXPERIENCE AS A HERO MAY BE A DETRIMENT, BUT HIS LEVEL OF CONTROL ALONG WITH HIS TRAINING WITH THE WEST COVEN SHOULD PROVE HIM BETTER THAN THE ALTERNATE.

Can fly  
Practiced my

HE IS YOUNG.  
MAYBE TOO YOUNG.  
AND BEING DISCIPLINED MAY WORK AGAINST US.

I'LL NEED SOMEONE WILLING TO BUTT HEADS WITH THE COPS IF NEEDED, AND I DON'T KNOW IF HE COULD DO THAT.

SENTRY, DID JASON HAVE A FILE ON WHOM HE WOULD CONSIDER THE "ALTERNATE"?

MISTER JASON COMPILED DETAILED FILES OF BOTH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALTERNATES.

GOOD. PULL UP THAT PERSON'S FILE.

I THINK I KNOW WHO THAT PERSON IS... AND, IF I'M RIGHT, SHE'S DUE FOR HER CHANCE TO SHINE.

MIRACLE BIO-LABS

STEEL CANYON

LET ME SEE IF I GOT THIS RIGHT...

CYNTHIA DI GHIACCIO, AKA, THE ELITE ICE QUEEN.

YOU BREAK INTO A BIO-LAB DESIGNED TO CURE THE VAHZILOK...

SO YOU CAN RECRUIT MORE VAHZILOK?

Elite Ice Queen  
(CYNTHIA DI GHIACCIO)

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE UNDEAD, NOT DUMB!

\*KRAKOOOM!\*

ICE-BASED ELECTRICAL MYSTIC.

\*Crackle\*

A VERY POTENT COMBINATION OF MYSTICAL ORIGINS.

WELL THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT I DON'T HAVE TO ARREST YOU.

INSTEAD, I JUST TELL THE DOCS HERE THEY HAVE A NEW UNDEAD SUBJECT FOR THEIR STUDIES.

AND THEY EVEN HAVE A ROOM READY FOR YOU.

BUT WITH THAT POWER AND TRAINING COMES A STREAK OF SELF-ENTITLEMENT AND ARROGANCE.

HER TIME WITH THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN HAS HAD A POSITIVE EFFECT ON HER ATTITUDE.

SYN... I GOT THIS ALL WRAPPED UP. I APPRECIATE YOU OFFERING TO HELP THOUGH.

BUT I STILL THINK HER ARROGANCE MAKES HER LESS OF A TEAM PLAYER THAN OTHER MORE INEXPERIENCED HEROES.

A TASK FORCE? IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU RECOGNIZED MY SKILLS!

I WOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT WORKING WITH HER.



PARAGON CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS

KINGS ROW



Stevie Walker-Rodgers  
AKA CAPTAIN PARAGONNA



CAPTAIN, THE  
WATCH  
COMMANDER  
IS LOOKING  
FOR YOU.

THANK YOU.  
I'LL FIND  
HIM.



FAKE.



WHAT DID  
YOU JUST SAY,  
PATROLMAN?



TOURETTE'S  
SYNDROME, MA'AM.  
JUST ASK THE  
UNION REP.



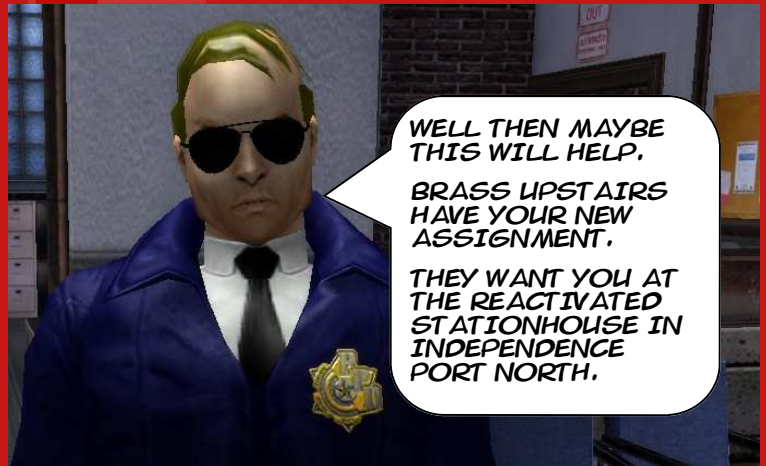
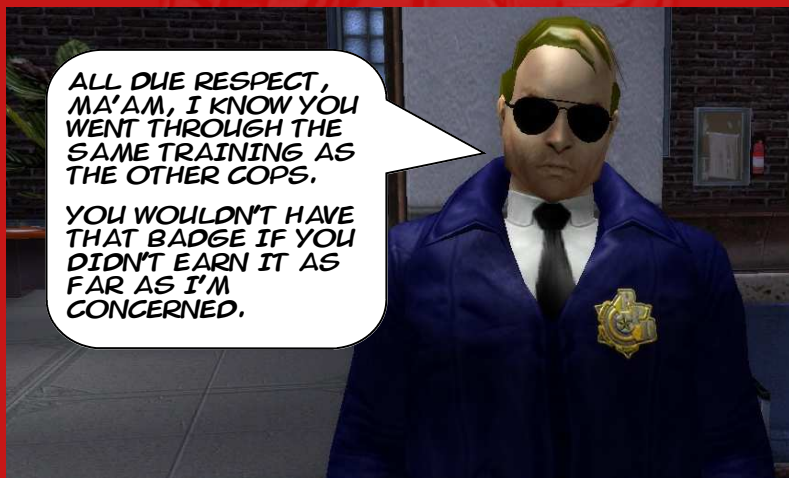
\*COUGH-COUGH\*  
FAKE.  
\*COUGH-COUGH\*  
TOURETTE'S



FAKE.

FAKE-ASS.

FAKE.



SOMEWHERE IN THE SEWERS  
OF PARAGON CITY...

MY FRIEND IS NOT HAPPY  
WITH HOW MISTER KNIGHT  
WAS HANDLED.

THAT WAS NOT  
SOMETHING I  
COULD CONTROL.

THERE WAS NOTHING  
TO SUGGEST HE  
WOULD COMMIT  
SUICIDE AS AN  
ESCAPE OPTION.

STILL IT DOESN'T  
MATTER. I LEFT  
MORE THAN ENOUGH  
FOR THE POLICE TO  
DAMN HIM.

YES, BUT KNIGHT'S  
BATTERED CORPSE WOULD  
HAVE BROUGHT A  
FINALITY TO THE CASE.  
BATTERED, NOT CHARRED.  
NOW THEY CAN'T USE IT  
TO PROVE HE IS DEAD.

I HAVE STILL DONE  
WHAT YOU ASKED.  
I TOOK DOWN THE  
KNIGHT, AND I  
SHOWED HIM DESPAIR  
BEFORE HE DIED.

YES... YES YOU  
HAVE DONE THAT,  
MY FRIEND.  
AND NOW YOU  
MUST LAUNCH THE  
NEXT PHASE.

 **Despair**  
PROBLEM-SOLVER

IT IS TIME FOR THE  
OTHERS TO KNOW DESPAIR.

PRECISELY.

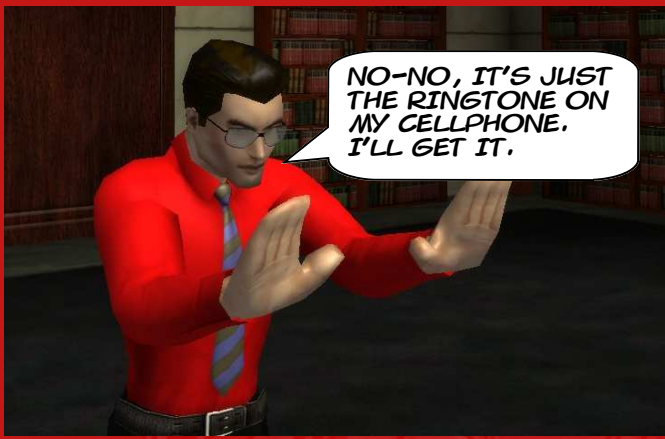
THE POLICE, THE HEROES,  
THE CIVILIANS...

MAKE SURE EVERYONE  
KNOWS DESPAIR AS YOU  
BRING DOWN KINGS ROW.

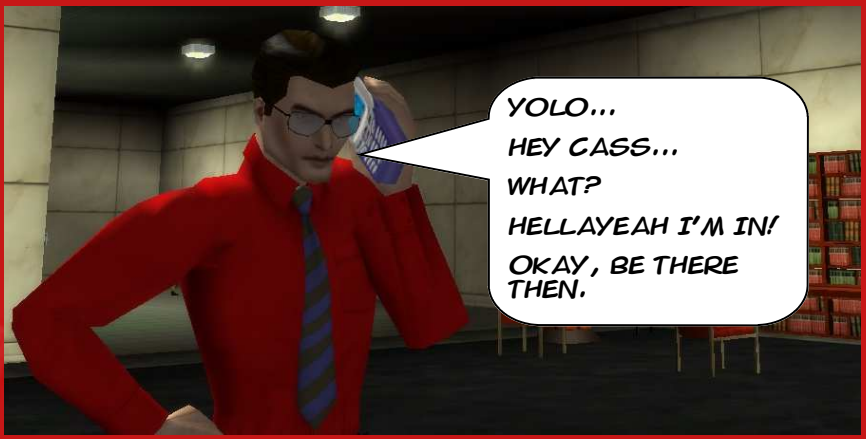
DO NOT STOP UNTIL I TELL  
YOU TO.

THEN THEY'LL BE READY  
FOR ME TO SAVE THEM.





NO-NO, IT'S JUST THE RINGTONE ON MY CELLPHONE. I'LL GET IT.

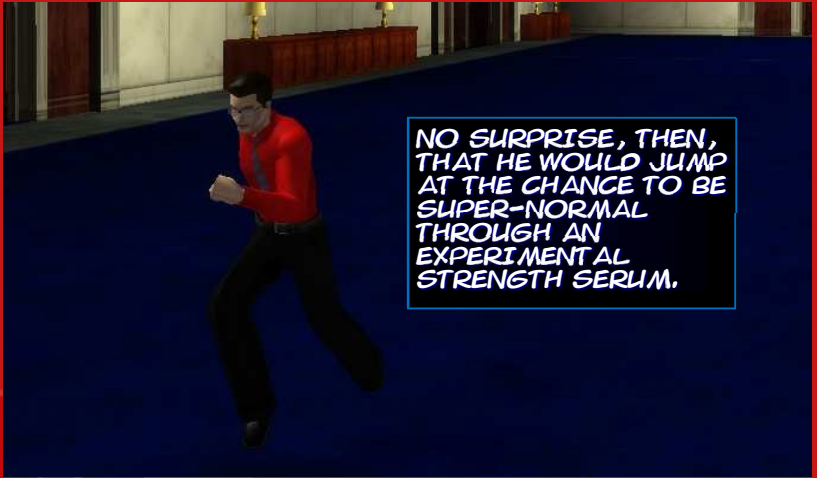


YOLO... HEY CASS... WHAT? HELLYEAH I'M IN! OKAY, BE THERE THEN.



OH... WE WERE DONE? OKAY...

PHIL SKI IS YOUR TYPICAL JEKELL-AND-HYDE KIND OF GUY. HE HATES BEING NORMAL IN A CITY OF SUPERS.



NO SURPRISE, THEN, THAT HE WOULD JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO BE SUPER-NORMAL THROUGH AN EXPERIMENTAL STRENGTH SERUM.



NERD NO MORE!



BOO-YA!

KDave (PHIL SKI)



HIS ALTER-EGO KDAVE IS AGGRESSIVE AND IMPULSIVE. HE OFTEN HITS FIRST AND APOLOGIZES LATER. THAT'S GOTTEN HIM IN TROUBLE IN THE PAST.

BUT IF YOU'RE TAKING ON THE BLUE DOGS DIRECTLY, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A BULL-IN-THE-CHINA-SHOP KIND OF GUY TO PUT THE FEAR OF GOD INTO THOSE BAD COPS.

MEANWHILE...



WHERE IS IT,  
YOU BASTARD?  
WHERE DID  
YOU GODDAMN  
HIDE IT?



BOX 1813, HE  
SAID. 1813!  
I SHOULD HAVE  
KEPT HIM ALIVE  
UNTIL AFTER I  
GOT IT!

**Punchline**  
(JUDITH PUNCH)



AWWW... LET ME  
GUESS... BOYFRIEND  
HAS A SECRET CASH  
STASH?  
BLACKMAIL NEKKID  
PICS?



ALTHOUGH WITH YOUR  
PALE SKIN, I DON'T  
KNOW WHO WOULD WANT  
TO SEE YOU NEKKID.

BY THE WAY, YOUR  
RENT-A-BOT  
MINIONS ARE CRAP.



NOW I'LL NEVER  
GET THE DEPOSIT  
BACK ON THEM!  
WHO THE HELL ARE  
YOU ANYWAY?



THE  
NAME IS  
ARTEMA.



AND I DON'T  
FIND CLOWNS  
FUNNY AT ALL.

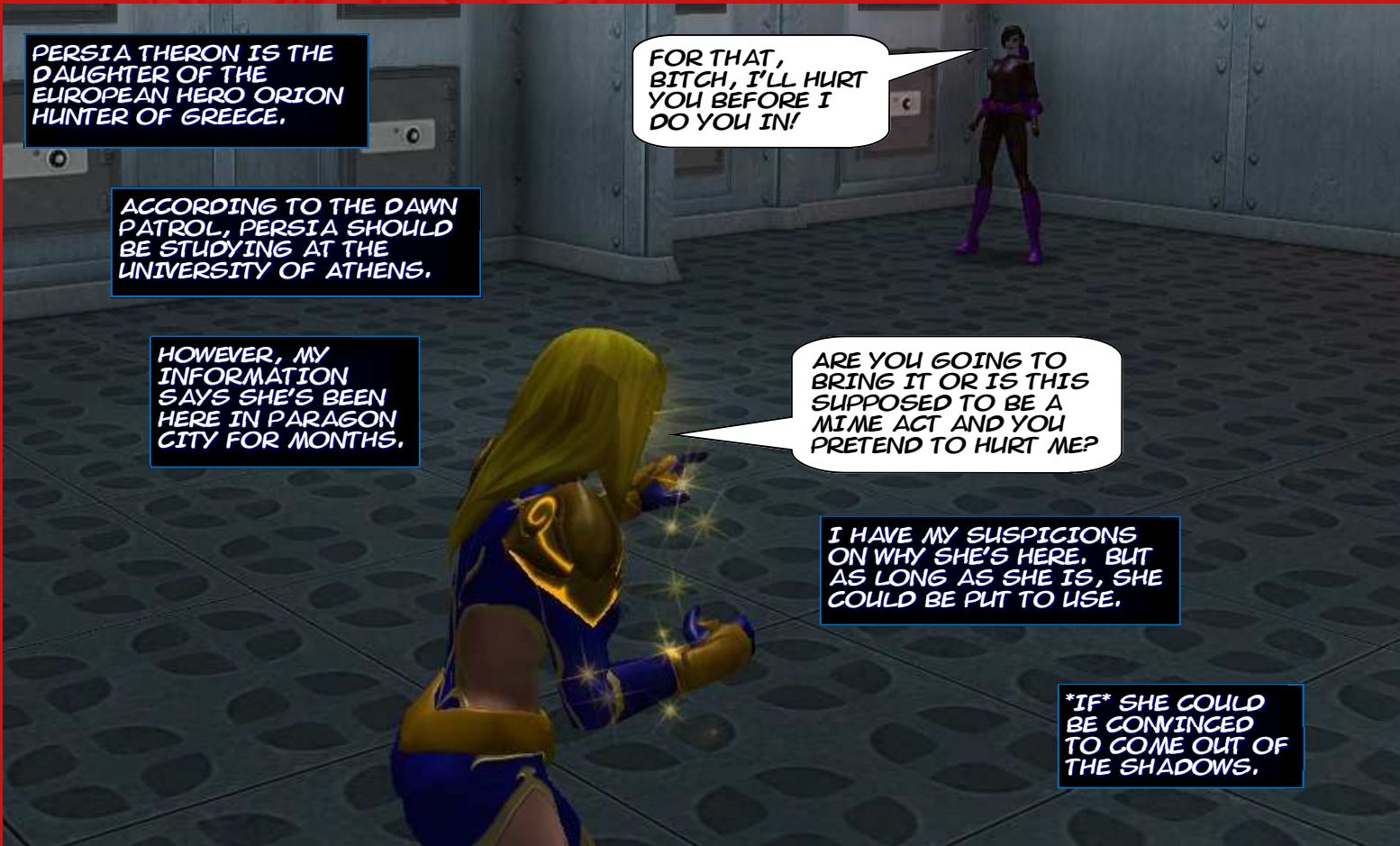
**Artema**  
(PERSIA THERON)



THEN I'LL GIVE YOU MY PUNCH -AND-JUDY SHOW... IT'S A KILLER!



IF IT'S LIKE YOUR CHEAP CARNIVAL COSTUME, I'M ALREADY BORED.



PERSIA THERON IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE EUROPEAN HERO ORION HUNTER OF GREECE.

FOR THAT, BITCH, I'LL HURT YOU BEFORE I DO YOU IN!

ACCORDING TO THE DAWN PATROL, PERSIA SHOULD BE STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS.

HOWEVER, MY INFORMATION SAYS SHE'S BEEN HERE IN PARAGON CITY FOR MONTHS.

ARE YOU GOING TO BRING IT OR IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE A MIME ACT AND YOU PRETEND TO HURT ME?

I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS ON WHY SHE'S HERE, BUT AS LONG AS SHE IS, SHE COULD BE PUT TO USE.

\*IF\* SHE COULD BE CONVINCED TO COME OUT OF THE SHADOWS.



BUT IF SHE'S LIKE HER FATHER, SHE CAN BE EASILY CONVINCED.

DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A MIME ACT, BARBIE?









PARAGON POLICE STATIONHOUSE

INDEPENDENCE PORT



HELLO?



WHERE THE HELL IS EVERYONE?

**Captain Paragonna**  
(STEVIE WALKER-RODGERS)



STRANGE BOX...

A BOMB THREAT?



OH GOD... IT'S NOT A BOMB.

THIS IS ALL MY STUFF FROM MY DESK AND LOCKER!

SOMEONE PACKED UP ALL MY STUFF FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND BROUGHT IT HERE. AND... IT'S ALL TORN UP AND DAMAGED.



BUT... WHY? WHY REASSIGN ME TO A RE-OPENED STATIONHOUSE AND THEN TRASH MY BELONGING?

UNLESS... OH SHIT!



CAREFUL CAP... YOU HAVEN'T HAD A BIOMED BOOSTER IN MONTHS.

YOU'VE GOT NO POWERS.

JUST GET OUT NOW AND COME BACK WITH THE GUARDIANS...

WELCOME TO YOUR OWN  
RETIREMENT PARTY  
"CAPTAIN PARAGONNA".

WE'VE ALREADY CLEARED  
OUT ALL OF YOUR  
BELONGINGS.

WE'VE EVEN TAKEN THE  
TIME TO WRITE YOUR  
RESIGNATION LETTER  
AND FILED IT FOR YOU.

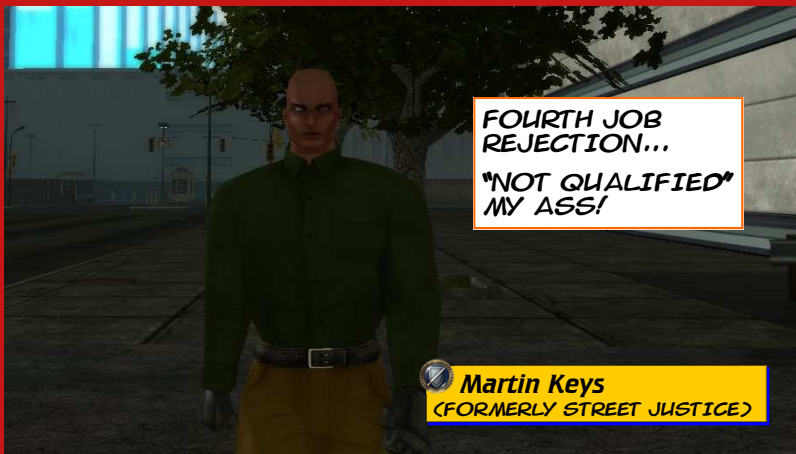
THEN COME ON OUT  
SO I CAN DRAG YOUR  
ASS TO INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS AND WE'LL  
SEE WHO IS OUT OF  
THE FORCE.

SURE THING, FAKE  
COP! LET'S GET THIS  
PARTY STARTED!



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STEVIE? STEVIE  
IT'S MARTIN.  
CAN YOU HEAR  
ME?



MMM...  
MISSY... WAL...  
WALKER...

WHAT?  
WHAT ARE  
YOU TRYING  
TO SAY?



NEED TO USE MY  
SISTER'S NAME...  
NO POLICE...  
BLUE DOGS...



PLEASE...  
MARTIN...  
FOR ME...



ALRIGHT... ALRIGHT...  
JUST LET MET GET  
YOU A COAT OR  
SOMETHING.  
THE HOSPITAL IS  
JUST UP THE STREET.

SKYWAY CITY

YOU KNOW YOU DO HAVE A FREE TICKET WITH YOUR NAME ON IT.

**Alison Kane**  
AKA ALLY KAZAM

WELL, THAT'S FOR FUN. THIS IS FOR WORK.

I DON'T HAVE TO USE MY GIFT TO FIGURE THAT. THE OUTFIT SORTA GAVE IT AWAY.



YOU AND I DID WELL AGAINST A MUTANT CAT.\* HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT DOGS?

(\*FURIA AND THE GUARDIANS' #14)



DOGS? I... OH GOD... OH GOD I'M SO SORRY...

ALLY KAZAM IS A MYSTICAL-BASED TELEPATH.



I DON'T KNOW HOW TO KEEP THOUGHTS OUT LIKE YOU DO... BUT WHAT YOU SAW IN MY HEAD... THAT STAYS BETWEEN US, OKAY?

NO, OF COURSE, I UNDERSTAND... AND, YES, OF COURSE I'LL HELP.

SHE IS A TRAINED MIND-DANCER WHO CAN CUT THROUGH LIES AND GET TO THE TRUTH.



I TAKE IT THAT THIS IS NOT A GUARDIAN ACTIVITY.

NO, BECAUSE IF THEY KNEW WHAT HAPPENED... WELL, IT WOULD GET MESSY.

I'LL HAVE THE FULL DETAILS AT THE MEETING.

SHE HAS A PAST, THOUGH, THAT HAS KEPT HER OUT OF MOST SUPERGROUPS IN THE CITY.

HOWEVER, YOU KNOW FROM WORKING WITH HER THAT SHE IS THE BEST AT WHAT SHE DOES.





\*BEEP-BEEP-BEEP\*  
THIS IS THE ANSWERING SERVICE OF...



MARTIN? NO, I REMEMBER YOU, BUT HOW DID YOU GET THIS NUMBER?  
WAIT, WHAT HAPPENED?



NO, STAY WITH HER. DON'T TELL THE OTHERS.  
I'M HEADING THERE NOW.



USE YOUR GUARDIAN SUPERGROUP TELEPORT. IT'LL GET YOU THERE CLOSER.  
I'LL MEET YOU AT THE MEETING PLACE TONIGHT AND WE'LL TALK THEN.



WPNN RADIO

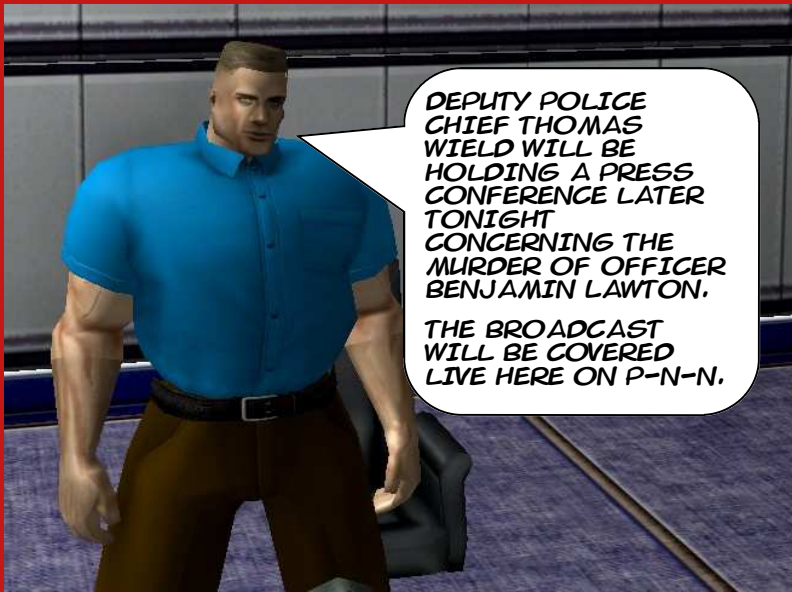
\*THE NEW GARRY BECKER EXPERIENCE\*

ALRIGHT, HOLD ON, RADIO LISTENERS, BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME BREAKING NEWS FOR YOU!

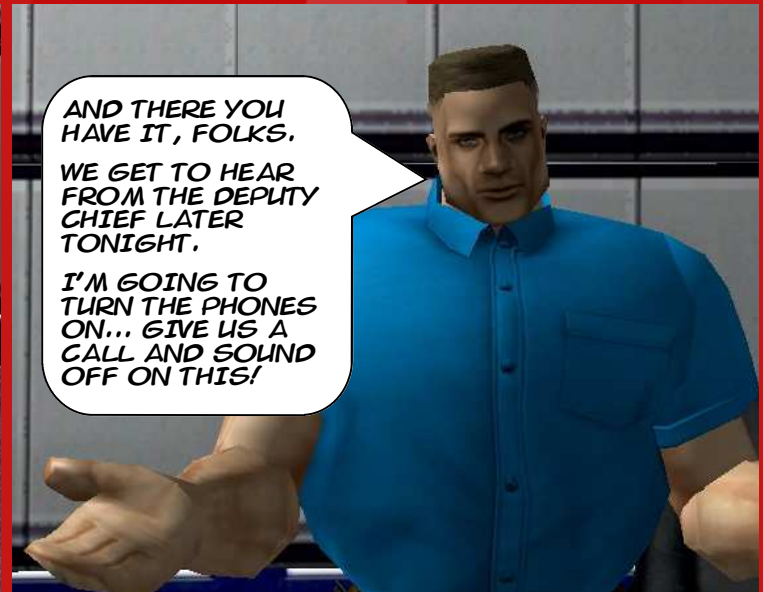
Garry Becker  
PNN RADIO HOST



THIS THE REAL DEAL, FOLKS.  
MY PRODUCER JUST SENT ME THIS NEWS RELEASE FROM STUDIO A...



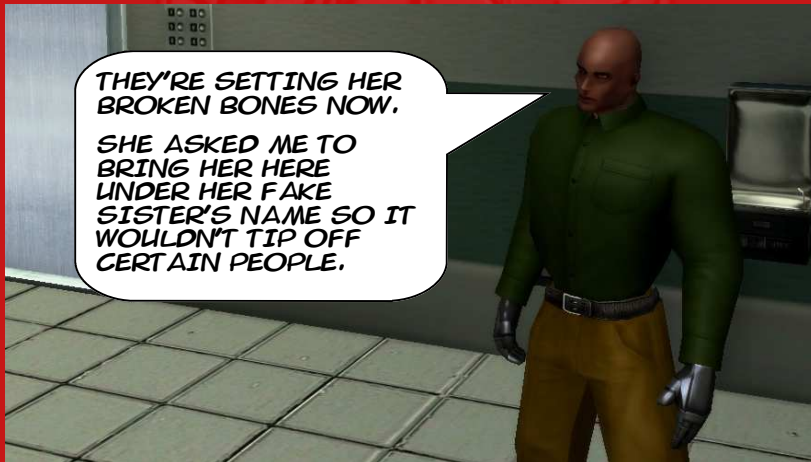
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF THOMAS WIELD WILL BE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER TONIGHT CONCERNING THE MURDER OF OFFICER BENJAMIN LAWTON.  
THE BROADCAST WILL BE COVERED LIVE HERE ON P-N-N.



AND THERE YOU HAVE IT, FOLKS.  
WE GET TO HEAR FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF LATER TONIGHT.  
I'M GOING TO TURN THE PHONES ON... GIVE US A CALL AND SOUND OFF ON THIS!



WHERE IS SHE?  
WHY AREN'T YOU WITH HER?

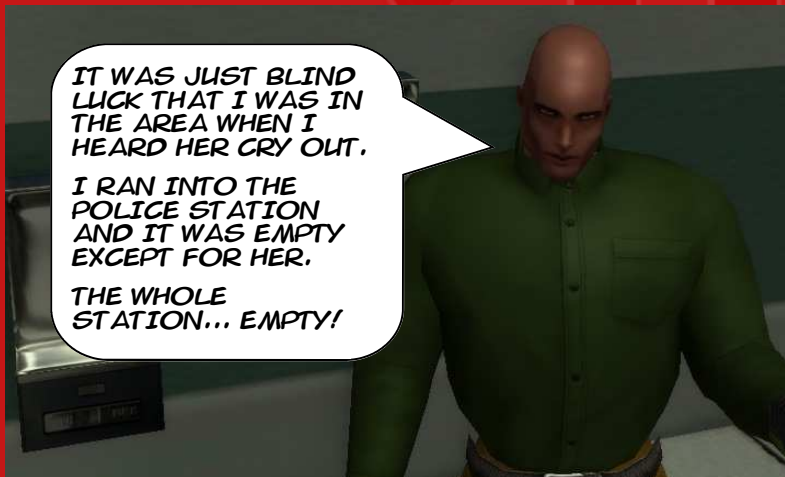


THEY'RE SETTING HER BROKEN BONES NOW.  
SHE ASKED ME TO BRING HER HERE UNDER HER FAKE SISTER'S NAME SO IT WOULDN'T TIP OFF CERTAIN PEOPLE.

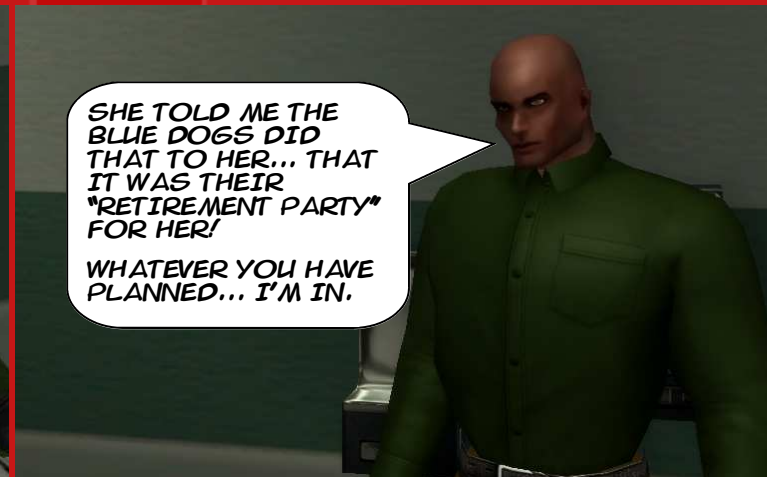


RIGHT... \*TIER TWO\*.  
SO... WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?  
HOW DID YOU COME ACROSS HER LIKE THAT?

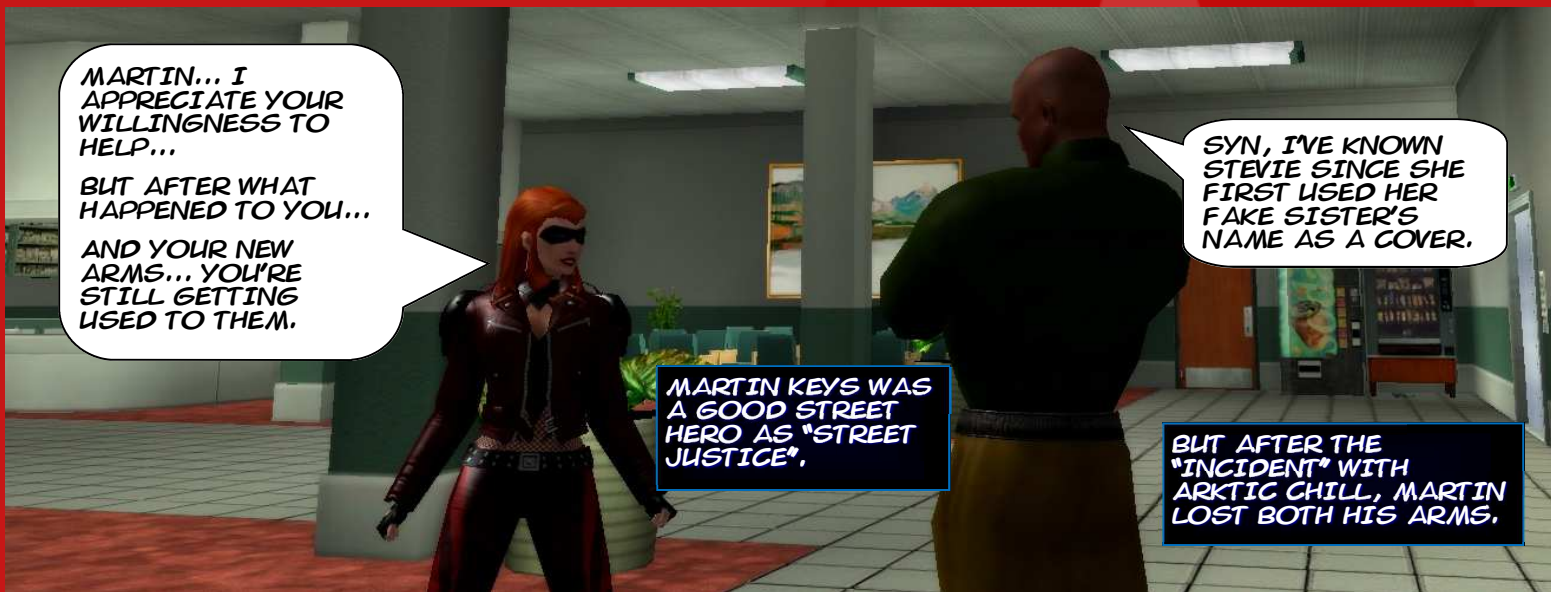
\* ALL THE WAY BACK IN \*GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT\* #4 \*



IT WAS JUST BLIND LUCK THAT I WAS IN THE AREA WHEN I HEARD HER CRY OUT.  
I RAN INTO THE POLICE STATION AND IT WAS EMPTY EXCEPT FOR HER.  
THE WHOLE STATION... EMPTY!



SHE TOLD ME THE BLUE DOGS DID THAT TO HER... THAT IT WAS THEIR \*RETIREMENT PARTY\* FOR HER!  
WHATEVER YOU HAVE PLANNED... I'M IN.



MARTIN... I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP...  
BUT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...  
AND YOUR NEW ARMS... YOU'RE STILL GETTING USED TO THEM.

SYN, I'VE KNOWN STEVIE SINCE SHE FIRST USED HER FAKE SISTER'S NAME AS A COVER.

MARTIN KEYS WAS A GOOD STREET HERO AS \*STREET JUSTICE\*.

BUT AFTER THE \*INCIDENT\* WITH ARKTIC CHILL, MARTIN LOST BOTH HIS ARMS.

WHEN I RAN IN THAT STATIONHOUSE... I SAW MY FRIEND AND TEAMMATE STRIPPED TO HER UNDERWEAR LIKE IT WAS SOME SICK HAZING RITUAL...

I HAVE NEVER SEEN HER SO POWERLESS.

THEY DESTROYED HER UNIFORM, SYN!

THEY DESTROYED IT AND THEN THEY THREW THE SHREDS INTO THE TRASH CAN!

COPS DID THAT!  
COPS!

I'M NOT ASKING TO BE IN WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING.

I'M ALREADY IN, WHETHER YOU WANT ME THERE OR NOT.

HIS SKILLS WITH HIS NEW CYBERNETIC ARMS ARE, AT BEST, QUESTIONABLE.

BUT WHEN HE PUTS HIS MIND ON SOMETHING, HE'S FOCUSED ON IT.

IF YOU HAVE TO INVOLVE HIM, BE SURE TO KEEP HIS MIND ON THE MISSION AND NOT LOOKING FOR REVENGE.

OFFICIALLY WE'VE GONE WITH THE "BIOHAZARD DRILL" TO EXPLAIN WHY THE STATION WAS EMPTY.

PERFECT.

THEN YOU CAN CLAIM THAT HER DESTROYED BELONGINGS WERE "MISTAKEN" FOR THE "DUMMY BOX".

I HAVE TO TELL YOU, SIR, EVEN THOUGH WE COULDN'T GO THROUGH THE FULL HERO-SHAMING ON HER, IT WAS... ALMOST CATHARTIC TO DESTROY HER AND HER UNIFORM LIKE THAT.

YOU WERE THERE WHEN SHE FIRST DISRESPECTED THE FORCE, YINDELL.\*

IT WAS ONLY RIGHT FOR YOU TO PERSONALLY SEND HER OUT.

SHE WAS NEVER REALLY A COP TO BEGIN WITH.

(\* AGAIN, SEE "SPOTLIGHT" #4)

A FEW HOURS LATER...

WHEN YOU DO GET YOUR TASK FORCE TOGETHER, YOU'LL NEED A PLACE TO MEET AND SHARE INFORMATION.

THAT PLACE MUST NOT BE THE LAIR.

FORTUNATELY, THERE IS AN OLD FREEDOM CORPS TACTICAL TRAINING CENTER NOT FAR FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS THAT WOULD BE PERFECT FOR YOUR TEAM.

MARTIN, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I'M ALREADY IN THIS.

AND YOU CAN START CALLING ME...

**HARD JUSTICE!**

**Hard Justice**  
(MARTIN KEYS)

MY CYBERNETIC ARMS ARE BATTLE-CERTIFIED, AND MY BODY ARMOR IS ALMOST AS DURABLE AS MY NEW SHIELD.

OKAY. WELL HOPEFULLY WE WON'T HAVE TO FIND OUT JUST HOW DURABLE. LET'S CATCH UP WITH THE OTHER.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.

MOST OF YOU ALREADY KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE, OR YOU HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHY WE'RE HERE.

THE PARAGON CITY POLICE FORCE HAVE BEEN RUNNING A RENEGADE UNIT CALLED THE BLUE DOG SQUAD THROUGH KINGS ROW.

SOME OF US, INCLUDING MYSELF AND STREET ANGEL, KNOW THEM FIRST-HAND.



THEY HAVE BEEN TARGETING HEROES THAT OPERATE HERE IN KINGS ROW, TAKING THEM DOWN ONE-BY-ONE.

THEY USE FEAR, INTIMIDATION, VIOLENCE, HUMILIATION, AND THEY ARE NOT ABOVE KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE TO GET THEIR WAY.



THE BLUE DOGS WERE ORIGINALLY AN ANTI-DRUG UNIT IN THE 1980'S.

EXCEPT THEY DIDN'T DISBAND ONCE THE DRUG DEALERS WERE TAKEN DOWN.

AFTER THE RIKTI INVASION, THEY RAN A PROTECTION RACKET AND TERRORIZED THE STREETS LIKE ANY OTHER GANG.

TWO HEROES STOOD UP TO THEM AND TOOK THEM DOWN...

THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER... AND THE LATE JIMMY HELLFIGHTER.

WELL... NOW THEY'RE BACK. AND THEY'RE PICKING UP WHERE THEY ORIGINALLY LEFT OFF, ONLY NOW THEY'RE DOING IT IN THEIR OWN CUSTOM OUTFITS.



I'M SORRY, BUT  
WOULDN'T JASON  
KNIGHT BE HERE  
FOR THIS?

WOULDN'T THIS  
BE HIS TEAM?

**Streetangel**  
(KAREN MANNING)

REMEMBER TO KEEP  
MY DISAPPEARANCE  
A RUMOR. CONFIRM  
OR DENY NOTHING.



I'M SORRY, STREET ANGEL...  
BUT JASON WON'T BE ABLE  
TO HELP US ON THIS.

WE NEED TO STOP THE BLUE  
DOGS IN HIS ABSENCE.



MOST OF YOU KNOW JASON  
TOOK ME UNDER AS HIS  
SIDEKICK.

HE TRAINED ME LIKE HIS  
MENTOR AND PREDECESSOR  
TRAINED HIM.

HE TRAINED ME SO THAT  
WHEN THE TIME CAME, HE  
KNEW KINGS ROW WOULD BE  
WATCHED OVER WITHOUT HIM  
THERE ALL THE TIME.

I HAVE HIS TRAINING... I  
HAVE HIS RESOURCES...

AND I ALSO HAVE YOU.

JASON TOOK THE TIME TO  
EVALUATE YOUR SKILLS AND  
ABILITIES. I KNOW FROM  
WHAT HE'S RESEARCHED WHAT  
YOU CAN BRING TO THIS  
TASK FORCE.

I KNOW THAT WE  
CAN STOP THE  
BLUE DOGS  
TOGETHER.



BUT STOPPING THE BLUE  
DOGS IS NOT ENOUGH.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHY  
THEY'RE COMING BACK  
WITH A VENGEANCE.

A DECADE AGO THEY  
WERE CONSIDERED AN  
EMBARRASSMENT TO  
THE DEPARTMENT.

NOW THE POLICE UNION  
AND THE DEPARTMENT  
ITSELF IS BACKING  
THEM UP.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHY, OR  
ELSE THEY'LL DOUBLE-DOWN  
ON THEIR SUPPORT EVEN  
FURTHER.



OUR FIRST TASK IS TO MAKE A STAND AND GET THEIR ATTENTION. KEEP THEM FOCUSED ON US SO THEY DON'T GO AFTER THE CIVILIANS AND THE OTHER HEROES. WHILE WE'RE DOING THAT...

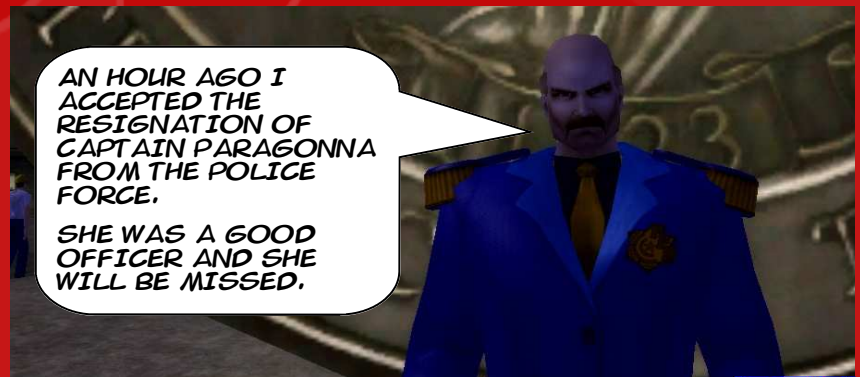


I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, CARDINAL SYN, BUT DEPUTY CHIEF WIELD IS HAVING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

UNDERSTOOD SENTRY, PUT THE FEED OVER HERE.



BEFORE I BEGIN, I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE...



AN HOUR AGO I ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF CAPTAIN PARAGONNA FROM THE POLICE FORCE. SHE WAS A GOOD OFFICER AND SHE WILL BE MISSED.

LIVE · POLICE HEADQUARTERS 

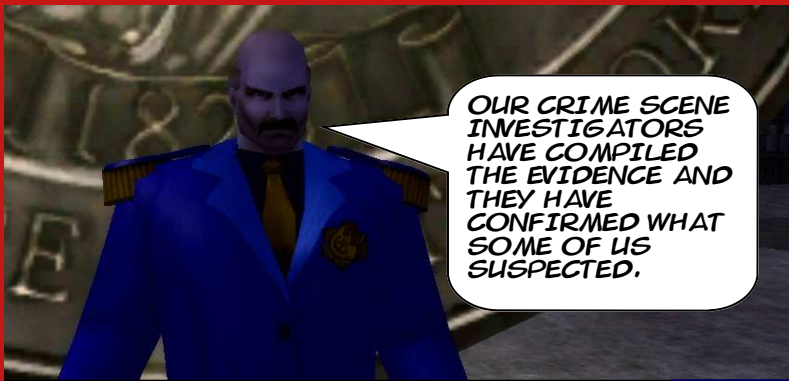
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF THOMAS WIELD 



BUT HER DEPARTURE HIGHLIGHTS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE THREAT POSED TO MEMBERS OF THE WHOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THOSE WHO CLAIM TO BE OUR "COMRADES IN ARMS".

AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ON THE NEWS, SUSPENDED OFFICER BENJAMIN "BEAR" LAWTON WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED JUST A DAY AFTER HE WAS RELEASED FROM A FEDERAL DETENTION FACILITY.

BREAKING NEWS: DEPUTY CHIEF WIELD LIVE ANNOUNCEMENT 



OUR CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS HAVE COMPILED THE EVIDENCE AND THEY HAVE CONFIRMED WHAT SOME OF US SUSPECTED.

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OFFICER LAWTON WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED...  
... BY THE RENEGADE STREET VIGILANTE JASON KNIGHT.

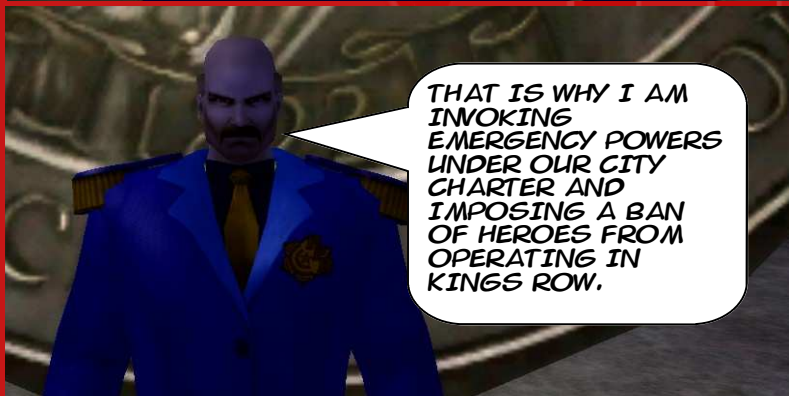
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A WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR JASON KNIGHT'S IMMEDIATE ARREST ON THE CHARGE OF CAPITAL MURDER.

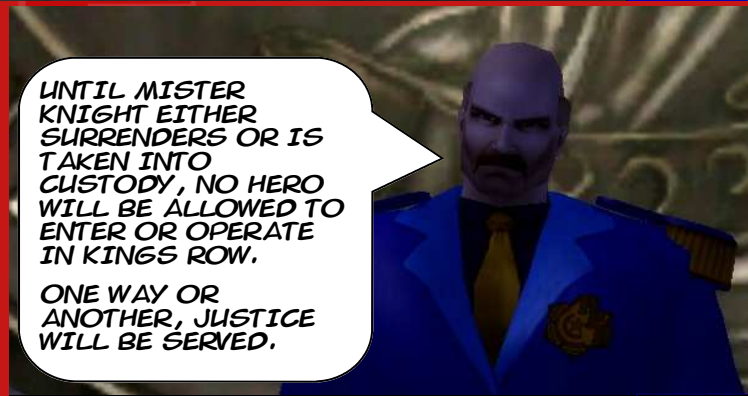
HOWEVER, GIVEN THE HOSTILITY BETWEEN THE HERO COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE FORCE, WE FEAR MISTER KNIGHT MAY HIDE WITH THE HELP OF HIS ASSOCIATES.

BREAKING NEWS: POLICE ACCUSE JASON KNIGHT OF MURDER



THAT IS WHY I AM INVOKING EMERGENCY POWERS UNDER OUR CITY CHARTER AND IMPOSING A BAN OF HEROES FROM OPERATING IN KINGS ROW.

WIELD ACCUSES JASON KNIGHT



UNTIL MISTER KNIGHT EITHER SURRENDERS OR IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, NO HERO WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER OR OPERATE IN KINGS ROW.

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, JUSTICE WILL BE SERVED.

LIVE · POLICE HEADQUARTERS



AS IF THINGS COULDN'T GET WORSE... WE GOT OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US NOW.

Next:  
Standing Up To  
The Dogs



# TASK FORCE NOTES

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**IT'S TIME FOR THE  
TASK FORCE TO TAKE  
A STAND.**

**BUT WILL THEY BE ABLE  
TO WHEN THE POLICE  
HOLD ALL THE CARDS?**

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OUR "CITY" ONLY GOT BIGGER!**

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