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# FURIA

AND THE GUARDIANS



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# 'THE CRUCIBLE'



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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**

After having spent Christmas in Wales with the whole Powers family, Furia Powers returns to Paragon City with work that still needs to be finished. But she doesn't come home by herself.

Meanwhile, things have not been easy for the agile little catgirl TashaTiger. Ever since she was released from the "time echo" of Galaxy City in 2012, she's had some problems that she's been trying to control. But it's clear she can't keep them to herself any longer.

# **"CATGIRLS AND BULLDOGS"**

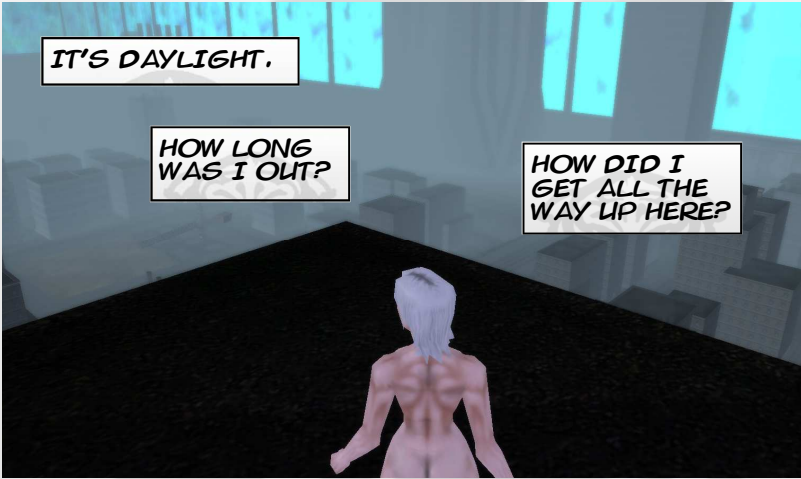
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IT'S DAYLIGHT.

HOW LONG WAS I OUT?

HOW DID I GET ALL THE WAY UP HERE?



OH NO... IT HAPPENED AGAIN!

**Natasha Priss**  
AKA TASHATIGER



I WOULDN'T MIND SO MUCH IF I DIDN'T WAKE UP NAKED.

OKAY, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE SOME MEMORY OF WHAT I DID DURING THESE TIMES TOO.

BUT AT LEAST I'M SOMEPLACE ISOLATED. NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO KNOW THAT A NAKED WOMAN IS STANDING ON A LEDGE.

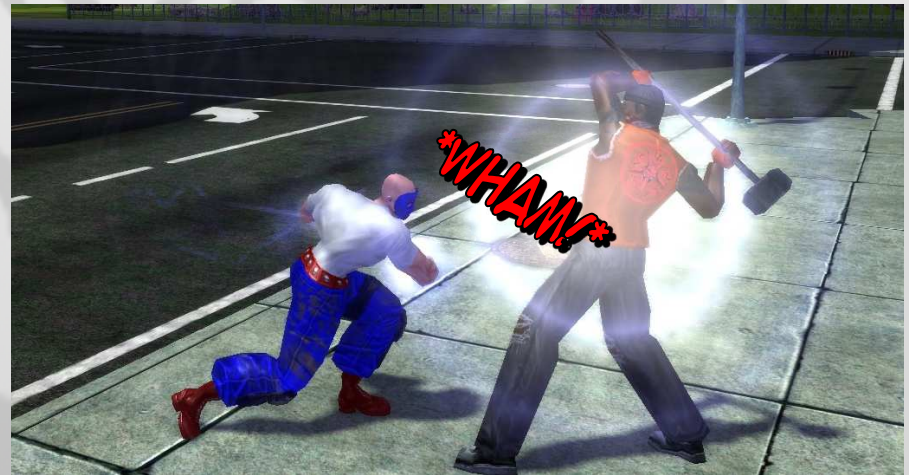
UNLESS, OF COURSE, THEY WERE FLYING BY.



IF THIS IS SOMEONE'S CONDO, I HOPE THEY DON'T MIND ME BREAKING IN TO GET OFF THE LEDGE.

AND... HOPEFULLY THEY WILL ALSO HAVE SOMETHING FOR ME TO WEAR.

ATLAS PARK





LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE IS OUT 'ERE FOR THE OL' BULLDOG!

**Bulldog Powers**  
(CHUCK POWERS)



**\*WHAM!\***



YOU CAN'T DO THIS! WE HAVE RIGHTS!



**\*WHAM!\***



SO DO I... AND A FEW WICKED LEFTS TOO!



THIS IS GREAT!  
ALL I NEED NOW IS A PINT IN ME 'AND!



I GOTTA THANK ME COUSIN FOR THIS!



OI! IT'S LIKE  
A BUFFET OF  
BADDIES TO  
POUND ON!  
COME ON OV'R  
AN' JOIN ME  
FOR A FEW!



I'M GOOD,  
BULLDOG!  
WHOMP ON A FEW  
FOR ME, Y'KAY?



HE'S A  
HANDFUL.

AND DAWN  
PATROL CAN  
PRETTY MUCH  
KEEP THAT  
ONE.

**Furia Powers**  
(FIONA PODERES)

**Ms. Liberty**  
VINDICATORS



LYON TOLD ME  
THAT BULLDOG  
WAS ASKING HER  
ALL ABOUT  
PARAGON CITY  
THE PAST MONTH.



NOT USED TO HAVING SO  
MANY FAMILY MEMBERS  
ALL OF A SUDDEN.  
IN THE PRAETORIAN  
UNIVERSE, I WAS THE  
LAST SURVIVING MEMBER  
OF MY FAMILY LINE. A  
LOT OF MY RELATIVES  
DIED BEFORE I WAS BORN.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH,  
I'M GLAD YOU'RE  
NOTHING LIKE MY  
COUNTERPART THERE.  
I'VE SPENT TIME WITH  
DOMINATRIX... PRAETOR  
DUNCAN... AND IT WAS  
LIKE LOOKING AT AN  
EVIL MIRROR.\*

(\* SEE ISSUE #18 OF TOP GUN'S  
"CITY OF HEROES" SERIES)



WHILE WE'RE ON  
THE SUBJECT OF  
FAMILY... THERE'S  
SOMETHING I'VE  
BEEN MEANING TO  
TALK WITH YOU...

DON'T SAY  
IT, FURIA.  
PLEASE  
DON'T SAY  
IT...



JOHN COLE.

I ASKED YOU NOT TO SAY IT.



I'M SORRY, BUT AFTER SPENDING THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE WHOLE POWERS FAMILY, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT YOU AND JOHN.\*

(\* LAST ISSUE)



YEAH, WELL YOU CAN STOP; BECAUSE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, JOHN COLE IS NOWHERE RELATED AT ALL TO MY FAMILY!



I KNOW ALL ABOUT TWISTED FAMILY RELATIONS. HECK, LORD RECLUSE IS MY GREAT-UNCLE!\*

(\* NO, REALLY, HE IS. HE'S THE BROTHER TO MAIDEN JUSTICE, MS. LIBERTY'S GRANDMOTHER.)



AND THAT ALSO MEANS THAT I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT ARACHNOS AND HOW THEY LOVE TO TWIST THINGS AROUND.

JUST BECAUSE HIS LAST NAME IS "COLE" DOESN'T MEAN HE'S FAMILY. "COLE" IS A VERY COMMON NAME IN BLOODY BAY, WHERE HE CLAIMS HE WAS BORN. THERE ARE DOZENS OF FAMILIES ALL NAMED "COLE", AND NONE OF THEM ARE RELATED TO ME.



SO JUST BECAUSE HE USED TO BE PART OF ARACHNOS, YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO ENTERTAIN THE IDEA THAT HE'S RELATED?

THAT MAKES IT EVEN WORSE!

THERE IS NO LEAVING ARACHNOS... EVER. NEVER MIND SOME BOGUS CLAIM THAT HE SOMEHOW WAS "ALLOWED" TO BE RELEASED AFTER MEETING WITH MY GRANDFATHER. RECLUSE WOULD NEVER GIVE UP THAT KIND OF LEVERAGE OVER STATESMAN IF IT WAS LEGITIMATE.





I KNOW YOU WEREN'T HERE FOR IT, BUT THE GUARDIANS HAD A SERIOUS CREDIBILITY PROBLEM WHEN IT CAME TO MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA.\*

(\*GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT\* #7-8)



RIGHT. I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT CASE. PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS PART OF ARACHNOS WHEN SHE REALLY WAS A SPY FOR LEGACY CHAIN.



EVEN WHEN THE TRUTH CAME OUT, PEOPLE DID NOT WANT TO BELIEVE THAT SHE WAS WORKING FOR THE GOOD GUYS. JOHN COLE CAN CALL HIMSELF "GUARDIAN STAR" ALL HE WANTS TO, BUT I STILL THINK OF HIM AS "WIDOWMAKER".

I STILL HAVE THE REPORTS FROM THE LONGBOW DIVISION OF FREEDOM CORPS OF WHAT HE DID AS THE FIRST MALE WIDOW. AND I CANNOT RECONCILE ANY OF THAT WITH THE IDEA THAT HE COULD EVER BE THE SON OF STATESMAN, NEVER MIND MY UNCLE.



SO PLEASE... I'M ASKING YOU NICELY. JUST... DROP THE SUBJECT. AND BE CAREFUL AROUND HIM, OKAY?

OKAY. IT'S TOPIC-NON-GRATA.



YOU DO KNOW THAT AT SOME POINT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BRING BULLDOG DOWN FROM HIS POUNDING SPREE.

I KNOW. YOU THINK THE STORE HAS ANY TRANQUILIZER DARTS?



BACK IN KINGS ROW...



STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I HAD TO DO TO GET THESE PARTS.



NEVER MIND TALK THE GUY WHO LIVED IN THE CONDO INTO GIVING ME THIS BIKINI TO WEAR.

UGH! WON'T EVEN TRY TO CONTEMPLATE THAT!

WHO KEEPS CLOTHES FROM STRIPPERS ANYWAY?



JUST SNAP THE COVER PIECE IN...

AND I SHOULD HAVE A WORKING CELLPHONE.



BRRT... BRRT...



"LEVEL THIRTEEN" - AKA THE KNIGHT'S LAIR

MISS CASSANDRA, THERE IS A CALL COMING IN FROM AN UNLISTED CELLPHONE. THE CELL TOWER INFORMATION SUGGESTS IT IS COMING FROM SOMEWHERE IN KINGS ROW.

THAT'S STRANGE. ONLY TWO PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THE LAIR. I'M ONE, AND JASON IS STILL IN THE ROGUE ISLES. RUN IT THROUGH THE SCRAMBLER AND PUT IT ON SPEAKER.

Cardinal Syn (CASSANDRA DARE)



\*CLICK\*  
SPEAK.

MISTER KNIGHT!  
IT'S ME, IT'S  
TASHATIGER!



VOCAL  
PARAMETERS  
MATCH.

HOW DID YOU GET  
THIS NUMBER?  
AND WHY AREN'T  
YOU USING YOUR  
COMMUNICATOR?



YOU GAVE ME THIS  
NUMBER! BACK  
WHEN YOU ASKED  
ME TO WATCH MISS  
VESTA, YOU SAID  
TO USE IT IF I  
NEEDED HELP.

WELL... I NEED HELP.  
SOMETHING HAPPENED LAST  
NIGHT, AND I REALLY DON'T  
KNOW ALL THE DETAILS.  
ALL I KNOW IS I'M WEARING  
ALMOST NOTHING AND I  
DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF  
TROUBLE I MAY BE IN.



SCRAMBLER OFF.

TASHA, THIS IS  
CARDINAL SYN.  
WHAT SORT OF  
TROUBLE ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT?  
DID ANYONE  
ATTACK YOU?



NO! AT LEAST  
NOT \*THAT\* WAY.  
NOT AS FAR AS  
I KNOW  
ANYWAY.  
LISTEN, CAN  
YOU COME TO  
MY LOCATION?

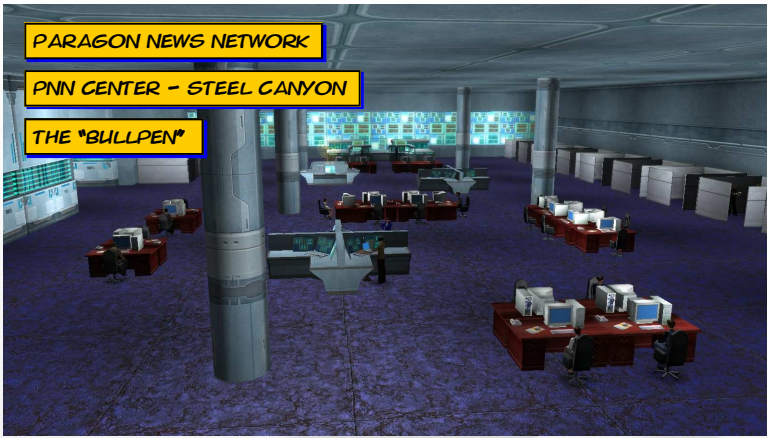


THE CALL IS ORIGINATING FROM A  
BUILDING ON 566 SPINDLE WAY.

I HAVE YOUR LOCATION.  
I'LL BE OVER THERE IN A  
FEW MINUTES. HANG  
TIGHT.

WHA..?  
OKAY, IT'LL TAKE  
A LITTLE WHILE  
LONGER, BUT I'M  
LEAVING NOW.

YES MA'AM...  
AND COULD YOU  
BRING ME A CHANGE  
OF CLOTHES AND A  
NEW COMM UNIT  
FROM THE BASE?





YEAH, ONE BLOGGER SAYS THAT THE BLUE DOG SQUAD HAS BEEN OPERATING AGAIN IN KINGS ROW.



CALLS HIMSELF "MIGHTY MARVIN". HE HAS SOMETHING OF AN AXE TO GRIND AGAINST HEROES.  
HE SAYS THE BLUE DOGS HAVE EVEN SCARED JASON KNIGHT.



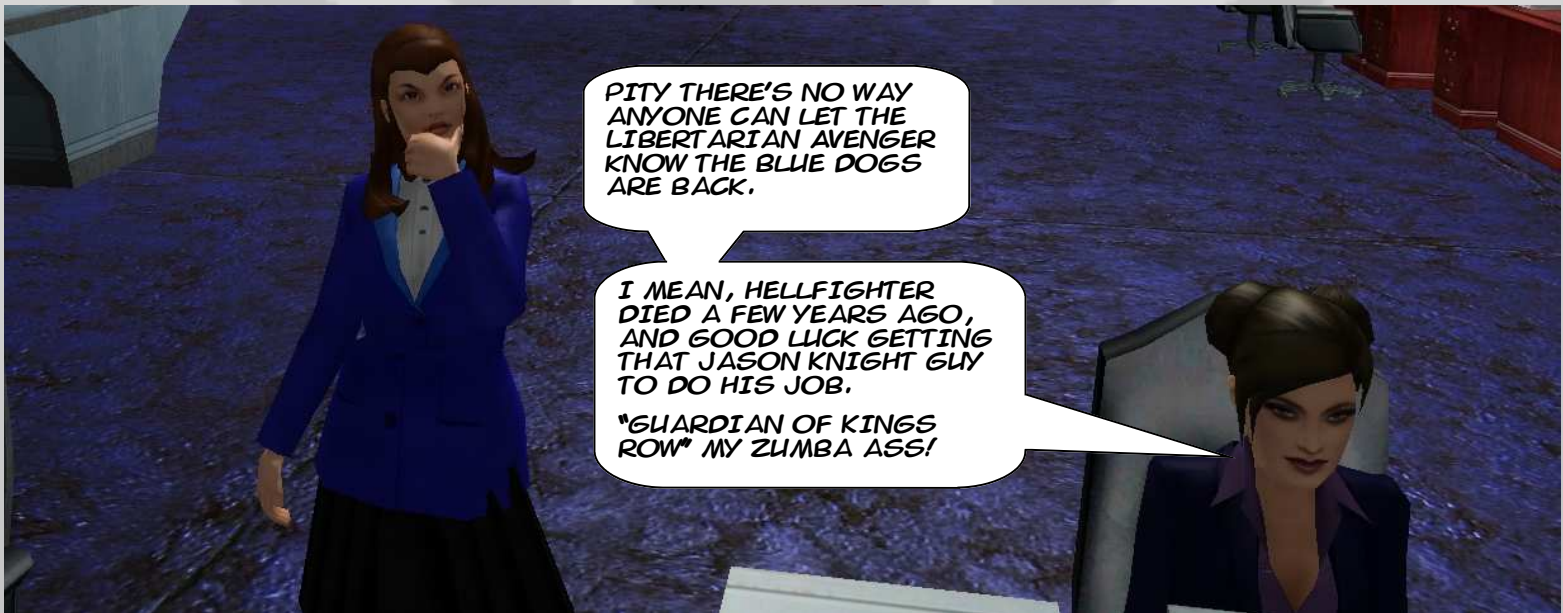
BUT THAT CAN'T BE THEM! I...  
I MEAN... THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER TOOK THEM DOWN YEARS AGO!\*

(\* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN 2012 SPECIAL"\*)



HIM AND JIMMY HELLFIGHTER.

BUT APPARENTLY IT DIDN'T STICK, BECAUSE THEY'RE BACK IN ACTION IN KINGS ROW.



PITY THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE CAN LET THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER KNOW THE BLUE DOGS ARE BACK.

I MEAN, HELLFIGHTER DIED A FEW YEARS AGO, AND GOOD LUCK GETTING THAT JASON KNIGHT GUY TO DO HIS JOB.  
\*GUARDIAN OF KINGS ROW\* MY ZUMBA ASS!



BETTER?

MUCH! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING ME MY CLOTHES.  
YOU WON'T BELIEVE HOW SCARED I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO GET HERE.



GOOD. NOW MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN HOW YOU ENDED UP... YOU KNOW... TALLER, AND... WITHOUT ALL THAT FUR?



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS HOW I USED TO LOOK.  
WHEN I FIRST GOT STARTED, THAT IS.



I STARTED OUT AS A LOW-LEVEL MUTANT.  
NOTHING EXCITING AT THE TIME. SOME HEIGHTENED REFLEXES AND BEING NATURALLY AGILE.

BUT I STILL WANTED TO TRY MY LUCK AS A HERO.  
SO WHEN I TURNED EIGHTEEN, I GOT A COSTUME AND A COOL CODE-NAME.



FREEDOM CORPS HEADQUARTERS - GALAXY CITY

(CIRCA 2006)

\*THIS WAS BACK WHEN GALAXY CITY WAS STILL AROUND, SO HEROES HAD TWO PLACES TO GET STARTED.\*

\*CITY HALL WAS NICE, BUT FREEDOM CORPS HAD A WHOLE UNDERGROUND BARRACKS FOR NEW HEROES TO CRASH AT WHILE THEY WERE GETTING THEIR CAREERS STARTED.\*



"HAD A REALLY COOL COSTUME THEN TOO."

**TashaTiger**  
(NATASHA PRISS)

"A 70'S ERA CAT-GIRL OUTFIT FROM THAT CARTOON SERIES."



\*SNICKER\*

HEY, I WAS EIGHTEEN!

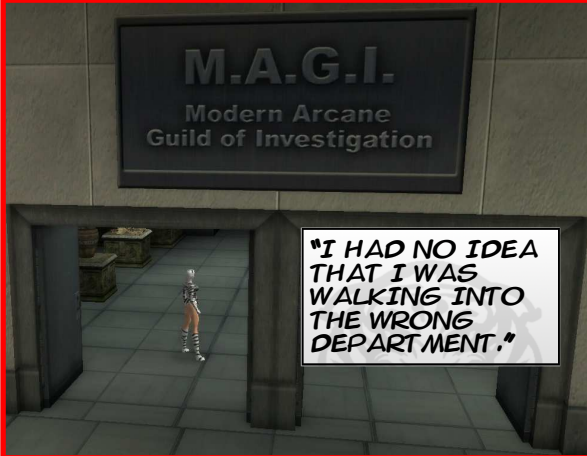


ANYWAY, I WAS ALL IN AWE OF BEING A HERO, AND I REALLY DIDN'T KEEP TRACK OF WHICH DEPARTMENT I NEEDED TO REPORT TO FOR MY FIRST ASSIGNMENT.



HELLO? IS ANYONE HERE?

"I MEAN, ALL OF THOSE ACRONYMS SOUNDED ALIKE TO ME."



**M.A.G.I.**  
Modern Arcane  
Guild of Investigation

"I HAD NO IDEA THAT I WAS WALKING INTO THE WRONG DEPARTMENT."



"NOBODY WAS THERE AT THE TIME..."

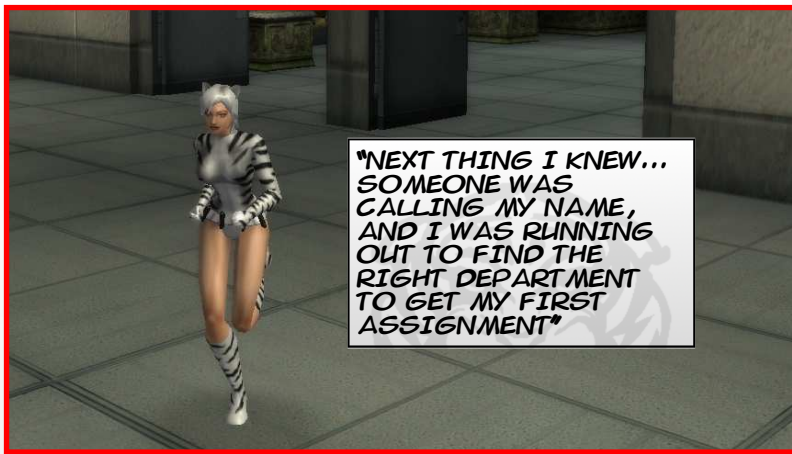
"BUT IT STILL FELT LIKE SOMEONE WAS THERE."

"I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE THE CHARM WAS THERE BETWEEN THE PAGES OF A BOOK"



"IT WAS LIKE IT WAS ALIVE... THAT IT WAS CALLING OUT TO ME."

"I WAS TOLD AFTERWARD THAT GREGOR RICHARDSON, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THAT DEPARTMENT, ACCIDENTALLY LEFT THE CHARM OUT INSTEAD OF CATALOGING IT AND LOCKING IT AWAY."



"NEXT THING I KNEW... SOMEONE WAS CALLING MY NAME, AND I WAS RUNNING OUT TO FIND THE RIGHT DEPARTMENT TO GET MY FIRST ASSIGNMENT"



"MY FIRST ASSIGNMENTS WERE NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER."



"TAKE DOWN THE STREET GANGS AND VAHZILOK."



"THEN I GOT A ROBBERY THAT TURNED INTO A HOSTAGE SITUATION."



"I HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO EXPECT."



"TURNED OUT IT WAS THE COUNCIL"



"YOU MEAN THE FORMER NEO-NAZI GROUP?"

"THAT'S THEM."

"BACK THEN I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS SORT OF ACTION WAS BENEATH THEM."

"TO ME, THEY WERE JUST ANOTHER GANG IN UNIFORMS."





"THEN I SAW THE HOSTAGE."



"I GESTURED HER OVER TO ME SO I COULD LEAD HER TO SAFETY."



"BUT SHE REFUSED TO MOVE. IT WAS LIKE SHE WANTED ME TO GO THERE AND HELP HER WALK OUT."



"SO I TOOK OUT THE LAST SOLDIER THERE."



COME ON. THEY'RE ALL GONE NOW. I'LL TAKE YOU TO SAFETY.



I'M AFRAID, YOUNG KITTEN, THAT YOU'RE MISTAKEN. THERE IS STILL ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL LEFT...



... ME! COUNTLESS VON STRONG!

"SUDDENLY I WAS HIT BY A SWARM OF BEES."

"BEES? MY GOD..."



"AND THEN IT WAS WOLVES AND BIRDS."

"THEY WERE ALL HITTING ME AT ONCE."



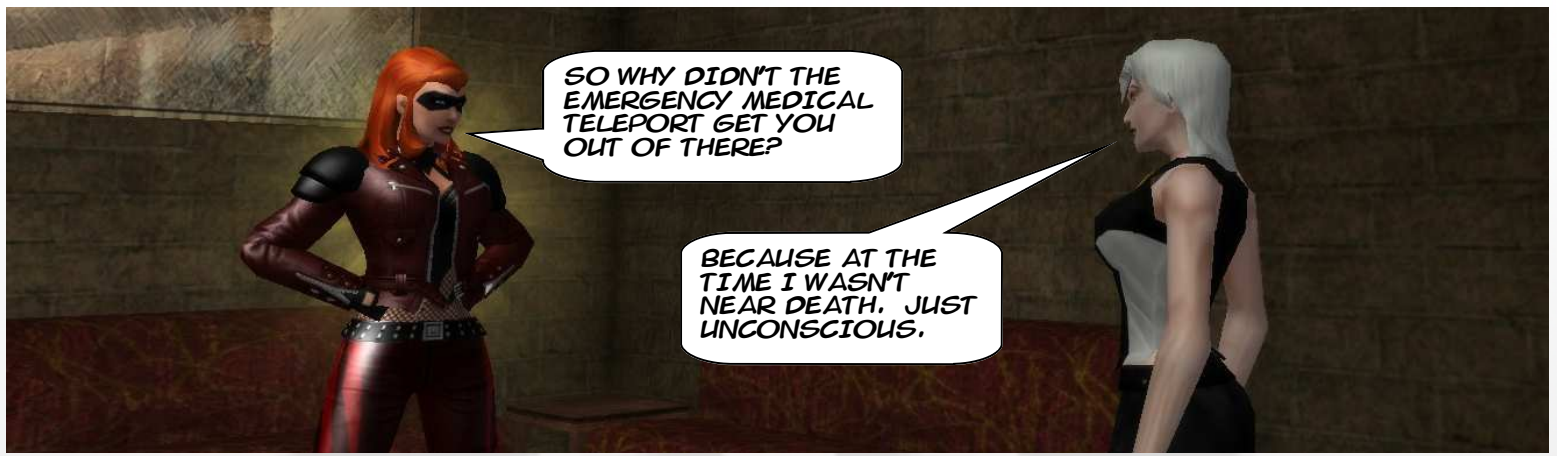
"IT WAS ALL TOO MUCH FOR ME, AND I JUST... COLLAPSED."

ARROGANT LITTLE CHILD. THINKING YOU CAN GET AROUND WITH JUST A CAT COSTUME AND SOME BLADES.

IF I DIDN'T HAVE NEED OF YOU, YOU WOULD BE DEAD LONG BEFORE YOUR CITY'S PRECIOUS MEDICAL TELEPORT SYSTEM COULD SAVE YOU.

BUT WHEN I AM FINISHED WITH YOU... YOU WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE!





SO WHY DIDN'T THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TELEPORT GET YOU OUT OF THERE?

BECAUSE AT THE TIME I WASN'T NEAR DEATH. JUST UNCONSCIOUS.



THE CHARM YOU CARRY WITH YOU HOLDS THE SOUL OF UR-BAST, THE GREAT CHAMPION OF THE EGYPTIAN GODDESS BAST. A VENGEFUL FELINE BEAST.

MY SWARM CLEARED OUT THE M.A.G.I. OFFICE BEFORE YOU ARRIVED, LEAVING YOU TO BE SEDUCED BY THE CHARM AND UNKNOWINGLY TAKE IT PAST THE MYSTICAL BARRIERS.

CHARM? I DON'T HAVE ANY...

AND NOW THAT YOU ARE HERE, I CAN FREE THE SPIRIT AND MERGE IT WITH YOU TO BECOME MY GREATEST WEAPON FOR THE COUNCIL!



"THEN SHE BEGAN SOME WEIRD CHANT, LIKE SHE WAS POSSESSED OR SOMETHING."



"THEN THINGS GOT REALLY WEIRD AROUND US."



YES! RISE UP, UR-BAST, AND TAKE THE BODY OF YOUR CHOSEN HOST! TAKE HER FORM SO YOU CAN BE BY MY SIDE AS MY CHAMPION!



"AND THEN..."



"EVERYTHING GOT REALLY... BIG."



WHAT?!?  
THIS IS THE GREAT CHAMPION UR-BAST?  
THIS IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE!



DEVOUR IT, MY CREATURES!



"THEN IT STARTED ALL OVER AGAIN..."



"BUT THIS TIME IT WAS DIFFERENT. THIS TIME I COULD WEATHER ALL THE ATTACKS."

"AND I COULD FIGHT BACK WITH MY OWN CLAWS."

AAAH!  
WHAT?

SLIP

"FIRST OPPORTUNITY I HAD, I RAN."



"AND THEN IT REALLY HIT ME JUST HOW BIG EVERYTHING BECAME."



BY THE TIME I WAS ABLE TO GET BACK TO THE FREEDOM CORPS BUILDING AND CALL FOR BACKUP, VON STRONG HAD ALREADY LEFT.

SOME BEES, BLOOD, AND SOME WOLF FUR REMAINED TO CORROBORATE MY OFFICIAL REPORT.



MISTER RICHARDSON SAID THAT HE ACCIDENTALLY LEFT THE CHARM IN THE OPEN WHEN HE WAS FORCED TO EVACUATE THE OFFICE. I HAD NO IDEA THAT I HAD EVEN TAKEN THE CHARM.

HE SAID THAT UR-BAST CHOSE ME TO BE HIS HOST, BUT THAT HE WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO FULLY TAKE OVER MY BODY, WHICH IS WHY I BECAME A LITTLE CAT-GIRL INSTEAD OF A HUGE FERAL BEAST.



WOW... I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE, LIKE, A VICTIM OF GENETIC TAMPERING OR SOMETHING.

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE THE VESSEL OF SOME EGYPTIAN CAT-LIKE BEING.

BUT... WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS NOW?

AND HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO BECOME HUMAN AGAIN?



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS WHERE IT GETS COMPLICATED.





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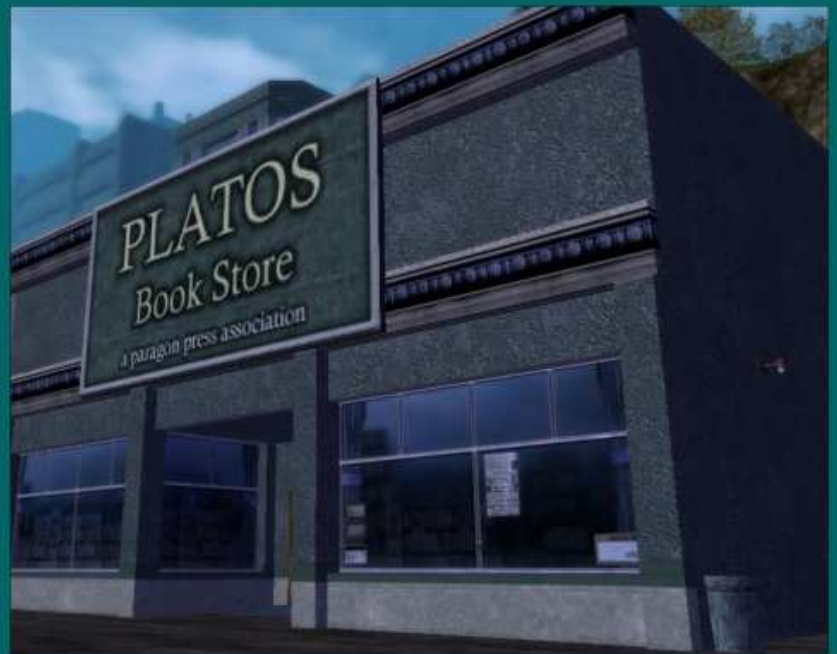
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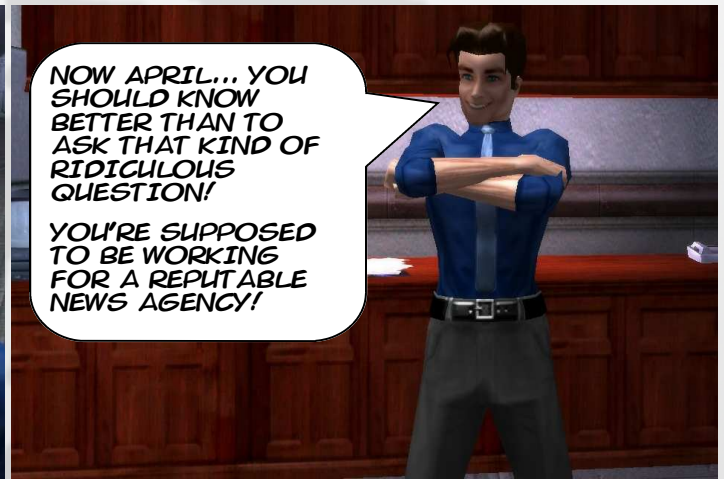


APRIL RAMIREZ!  
WHAT A PLEASANT  
SURPRISE!  
WHAT BRINGS YOU  
TO OUR HUMBLE  
STATIONHOUSE?

**Detective Becktrees**  
PARAGON CITY POLICE



WELL I WAS  
HOPING YOU  
COULD CONFIRM  
A RUMOR THAT  
I'VE BEEN HEARING  
ABOUT THE BLUE  
DOG SQUAD.



NOW APRIL... YOU  
SHOULD KNOW  
BETTER THAN TO  
ASK THAT KIND OF  
RIDICULOUS  
QUESTION!  
YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
TO BE WORKING  
FOR A REPUTABLE  
NEWS AGENCY!



I AM, AND THAT'S WHY  
I CAME TO YOU AFTER I  
CHECKED OUT SOME OF  
THE STORIES MYSELF.

STORIES ABOUT STORE OWNERS IN KINGS  
ROW BEING HIT UP FOR PROTECTION MONEY  
AGAIN. ABOUT INNOCENT PEOPLE BEING  
HARASSED BY CERTAIN PATROL OFFICERS.  
THEY'RE SAYING THE BLUE DOGS ARE  
BACK... SO I'M ASKING YOU IF THAT IS  
TRUE. EITHER ON OR OFF THE RECORD.



\*TGH!\*  
AND HERE I  
THOUGHT YOU WERE  
BETTER THAN THAT!  
YOU KNOW, I SEEM  
TO RECALL  
SOMEONE ELSE  
MAKING THOSE  
KINDS OF WILD  
ACCUSATIONS.

NOW I REMEMBER!  
"MIGHTY MARVIN" WAS HIS NAME!  
A FAILURE OF A HERO WHO RUNS A  
BLOG SITE. HE'S SCREAMING  
ABOUT BLUE DOGS AND DEATH  
SQUADS AND HOW THE HEROES ARE  
A BUNCH OF COWARDS IN SPANDEX.

IT'S LIKE EVERYONE WANTS TO BE  
THE NEXT GARRY BECKER, OR THE  
NEXT REVEREND NEOCON.  
WHAT'S NEXT? MORE PHONY  
OBAMA BIRTH CERTIFICATES?





**YOU KNOW, I CAME TO YOU WITH THIS BECAUSE YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SQUARE WITH ME.**



**YOU'VE NEVER LIED TO ME.  
YOU NEVER WERE AFRAID TO ADMIT WHEN YOU COULDN'T ANSWER A QUESTION OR CONFIRM OR DENY SOMETHING.**



**AND YET HERE YOU ARE INSULTING MY WORK, INSULTING ME, AND NOT ANSWERING A SIMPLE QUESTION.  
YOU HAVE A REPUTATION OF BEING THE FRIENDLIEST DETECTIVE IN THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT, AND YET YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A POMPOUS NEO-CONSERVATIVE!**

**I'LL MAKE THIS REALLY SIMPLE: IF THE RUMORS AREN'T TRUE ABOUT THE BLUE DOGS BEING BACK, JUST SAY SO AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY.**

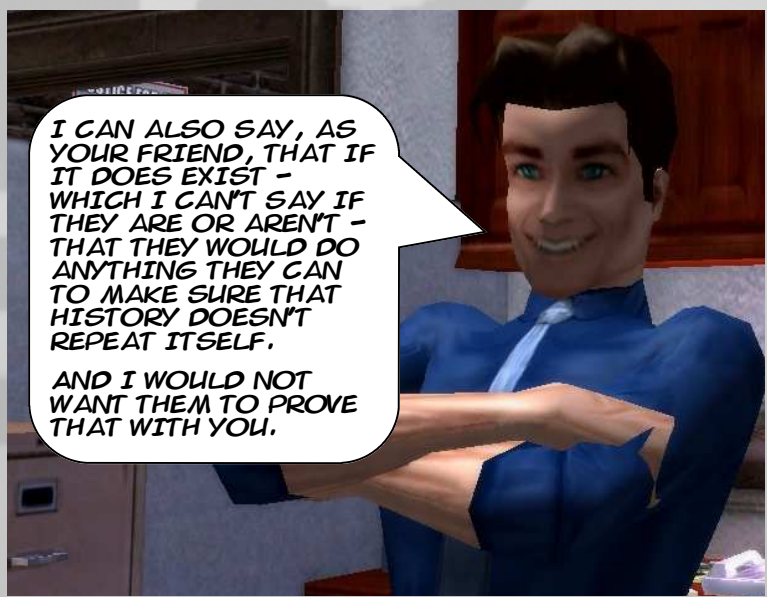
**I'LL TREAT YOUR ATTITUDE AS JUST HAVING AN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY BAD DAY FOR YOU.**



**WOW! YOU'RE REALLY LAYING IT ON HEAVY.  
YOU MUST BE GETTING SOME SERIOUS PRESSURE FROM UP HIGH TO MAKE A STORY.  
OKAY, I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHAT I CAN TELL YOU...**




**I CAN'T TELL YOU WHETHER OR NOT THE BLUE DOG SQUAD EXISTS AGAIN.  
BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT NOBODY IN THE DEPARTMENT WILL EVER CONFIRM IT, EVEN IF IT IS TRUE.**



**I CAN ALSO SAY, AS YOUR FRIEND, THAT IF IT DOES EXIST - WHICH I CAN'T SAY IF THEY ARE OR AREN'T - THAT THEY WOULD DO ANYTHING THEY CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT HISTORY DOESN'T REPEAT ITSELF.  
AND I WOULD NOT WANT THEM TO PROVE THAT WITH YOU.**





REMEMBER WHEN I WAS CAUGHT IN THE TIME ECHO OF GALAXY CITY FOR A YEAR?



I REMEMBER YOU WERE MISSING FOR A WHOLE YEAR, ALONG WITH OVER TWO THOUSAND OTHER PEOPLE WHEN GALAXY CITY WAS HIT BY THOSE SHIVAN METEORS.\*

(\* GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH\*)



DOC TOR SAVED MOST OF US BY PUTTING US IN A TIME ECHO OF THE CITY. HE AND GALATEA POWERS BROUGHT US BACK, BUT IT COST HIM HIS LIFE.\*

WELL... THAT EXPERIENCE CHANGED ME.

(\* THE GUARDIAN POWERS\* #14-15)



I'VE BEEN EXPERIENCING BLACKOUTS. HUGE CHUNKS OF TIME WHEN I WOULD JUST NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ME.

IN EVERY INSTANCE, I'D WAKE UP IN SOME STRANGE PLACE WITH NO MEMORY OF HOW I GOT THERE.



AND EVERY TIME, I'D BE MY OLD SELF... ONLY NAKED.

AND THEN, AFTER A WHILE, I'D CHANGE BACK TO BEING A LITTLE CAT-GIRL.



I TAKE IT THAT IT HAPPENED TO YOU AGAIN LAST NIGHT.



YES MA'AM. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

MISTER KNIGHT ASKED ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON MISS VESTA WHILE HE WAS AWAY. HE KNEW THAT THE POLICE WOULD TRY TO BULLY HER AGAIN.\*

(\* ISSUE #10)

"MY PLAN WAS TO FOLLOW HER WHEN SHE LEFT WORK TO MAKE SURE SHE MADE IT TO HER APARTMENT, BUT I WAS A LITTLE LATE GETTING THERE."

"WHEN I CAUGHT HER TRAIL AGAIN, THE POLICE HAD PULLED HER INTO AN ALLEYWAY JUST BLOCKS FROM HER HOME."

PLEASE, JUST LET ME GO.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, FRANK?  
THINK WE SHOULD STRIP-SEARCH HER FOR DRUGS?

YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE HER NAKED IN PERSON AFTER YOU AND CADE RELEASED THAT VIDEO OF HER.

PLEASE! NO! DON'T DO THIS TO ME AGAIN!

YOU KNOW, MAYBE WE COULD GIVE YOU A BREAK... IF YOU STILL DIDN'T HAVE THAT LAWSUIT AGAINST US.

NAH... DON'T LET HER GET OFF THAT EASY, SAMMY.

I THINK SHE SHOULD GIVE THE WHOLE BLOCK A SHOW FIRST, THEN HAVE HER DROP THE SUIT.



"I HAD HEARD ENOUGH... SO I ACTED."



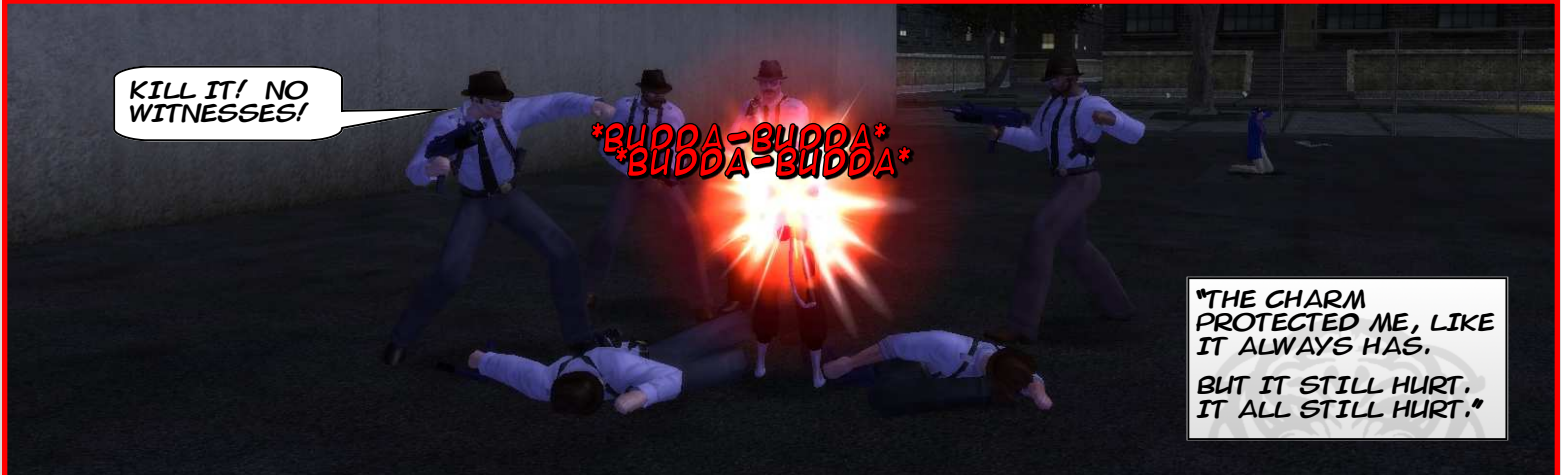
YOU LEAVE HER ALONE, YOU BIG BULLIES!



"BUT THEY DIDN'T LEAVE HER ALONE. THEY ATTACKED ME INSTEAD."



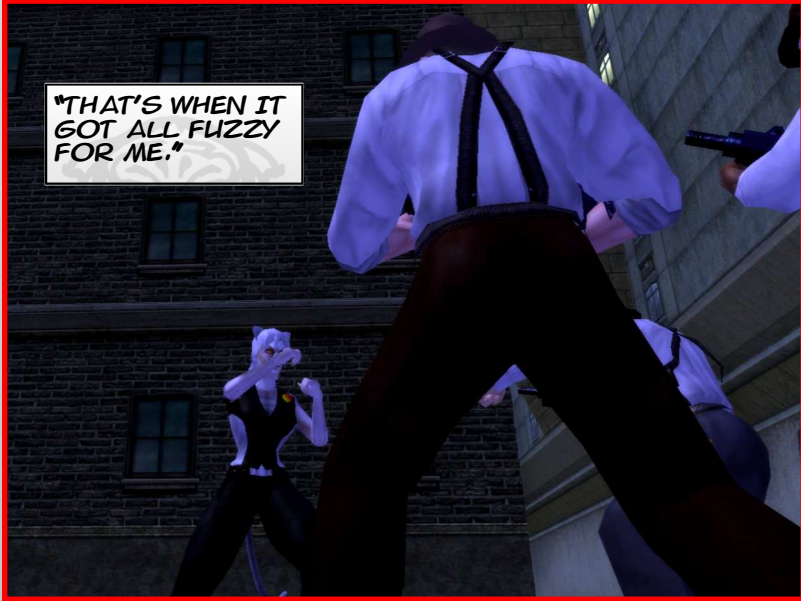
"THEY SHOT AT ME... WITH REAL BULLETS."



KILL IT! NO WITNESSES!

\*BUDDA-BUDDA\*

"THE CHARM PROTECTED ME, LIKE IT ALWAYS HAS. BUT IT STILL HURT. IT ALL STILL HURT."



"THAT'S WHEN IT GOT ALL FUZZY FOR ME."



RRRRRRRRR  
RRRRRRRR...



**RRRRRRRAAAAAHHHHH!!!!**

WHAT THE HELL?!

"I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT."



RRRR...



KILL IT!  
KILL IT NOW!!

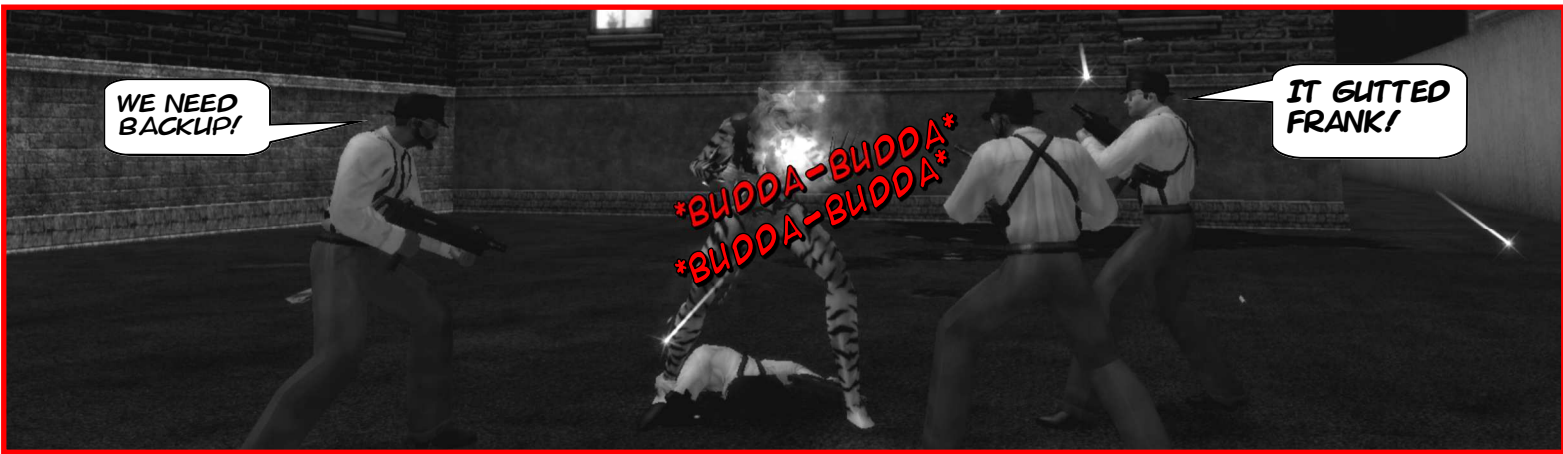
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**\*BUDDA-BUDDA\***



OH GOD...

**ROWL!**

**\*BUDDA-BUDDA\***  
**\*BUDDA-BUDDA\***



WE NEED BACKUP!

\*BUDDA-BUDDA\*  
\*BUDDA-BUDDA\*

IT GUTTED FRANK!



SLIT

\*BUDDA-BUDDA\*  
\*BUDDA-BUDDA\*



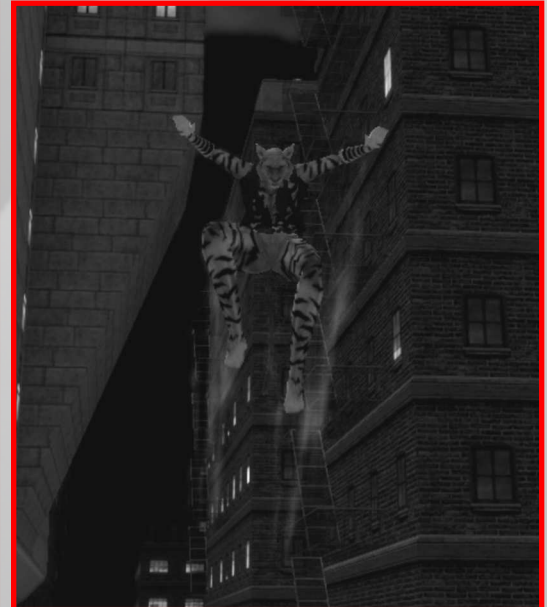
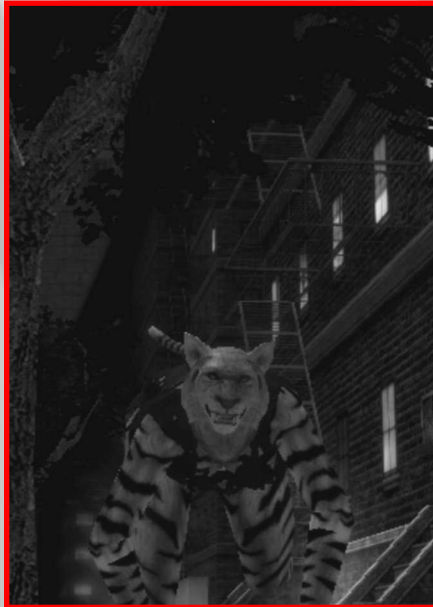
DIE YOU MUTHAF--

\*BLAM-BLAM\*  
\*BLAM-BLAM\*



--AA..

DIE YOU MUTHAF--





THE NEXT THING I REMEMBER IS IT'S DAYLIGHT... I'M ON A LEDGE HIGH UP ON A BUILDING, AND I'M NAKED.



OHMIGOD!  
MISS VESTA! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER!  
IS SHE OKAY?



CALM DOWN NATASHA... IF SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO HER, WE WOULD HAVE HEARD IT BY NOW.



THE BEST THING WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS APPROACH THIS CALMLY.

I CAN CHECK IN ON MISS VESTA AND SEE IF SHE'S OKAY.



I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE FOR A WHILE.  
I'LL NEED TO CHECK WITH FURIA AND WITH RYDER LIGHTNING TO SEE HOW BAD THE DAMAGE IS.

I HOPE I DIDN'T KILL ANY OF THOSE POLICE OFFICERS.  
EVEN IF THEY WERE BAD, I COULDN'T... I JUST COULDN'T...



I HOPE YOU DIDN'T KILL THOSE COPS EITHER.  
BUT THAT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE... BECAUSE YOU'RE NOW AN EYEWITNESS TO THEIR ACTIONS.

YOU SAW THEM INTIMIDATE ROSE VESTA AND TRY TO GET HER TO DROP HER LAWSUIT.  
YOU'RE THE PROOF WE NEED TO SHUT DOWN THE BLUE DOG SQUAD FOR GOOD.  
AND THAT ALSO MEANS THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMING FOR YOU.

SOMEWHERE IN ATLAS PARK

"DETECTIVE BECKTREES REFUSED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS ATTACKED BY A HUGE FERAL CREATURE IN KINGS ROW."

"EIGHT OFFICERS WERE TAKEN TO CROWNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WITH SERIOUS BUT NON-LETHAL INJURIES."

"CITIZENS IN KINGS ROW DESCRIBED THE CREATURE AS A HUGE BEAST, BUT WERE DIVIDED IN THEIR DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CREATURE; SOME CALLING THE CREATURE A CAT, WHILE OTHERS CALLED IT A WOLF."

WELL, IT APPEARS THAT I CAME BACK TO PARAGON CITY AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME.

UR-BAST HAS FINALLY EMERGED FROM THE SHELL OF THAT PITIFUL KITTEN.

RRWWW...

DON'T WORRY... YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY FAVORITE PET.

BUT NOW I NO LONGER HAVE TO PUT YOU AT RISK. NOT AFTER I TAKE CONTROL OF UR-BAST AND COMPEL HIM TO DO MY BIDDING.

THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN INTIMIDATED BY THE FIFTH COLUMN LONG ENOUGH. WITH UR-BAST BY MY SIDE, THE COUNCIL WILL ERADICATE THE FAILED OLD GUARD AND THAT FRAUD ÜBERMENSCH, REICHSMAN. AND THEN WE WILL CLAIM ALL THAT HAS BEEN LONG DENIED.



HOOK AND ANCHOR BAR

TALOS ISLAND

SO... THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL A PUB?  
IT'S A BIT EMPTY.

**Chuck Powers**  
AKA BULLDOG POWERS

WELL IT'S STILL EARLY FOR PARAGON CITY,  
AND I THINK THE YARD-  
WORKERS HAVEN'T GOT OFF SHIFT YET.

**Fiona Poderes**  
AKA FURIA POWERS

COULDN'T 'ELP BUT NOTICE A BIT O' TROUBLE WI' YOU AND MS. LIBERTY.  
'OPE IT WASN'T CUZ OF ME COMMIN' OFF STRONG.

IT WASN'T YOU.  
BUT... IT DOES INVOLVE YOU.  
I WANT YOU TO STICK AROUND IN PARAGON CITY.

'EY, YE DON' 'AVE T' ASK ME TWICE.  
BUT... WHY?

I WANT YOU TO KEEP AN EYE ON JOHN COLE.  
THERE'VE BEEN A FEW THINGS ABOUT HIM LATELY THAT MAKE ME QUESTION HIS MOTIVES.

YE NEED ME T' SHADOW 'IM... DONE.  
I JUS' DON'T WANNA GET ON 'AYA'S BAD SIDE IF SHE GETS WIND O' IT.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY SISTER.  
I'LL DEAL WITH HER IF I HAVE TO.  
BUT IF I'M RIGHT, WE'RE NOT THE ONES THAT WILL BE IN TROUBLE.

LATER IN KINGS ROW...



**TACTICAL SERGEANT GRADY!**  
**DID YOU HAVE FUN SHAKING DOWN STORE OWNERS TONIGHT?**



**I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.**  
**COME ON OUT AND ASK ME THAT TO MY FACE.**



**\*CRACKLE\***  
**YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE YOUR FELLOW BLUE DOGS A MESSAGE.**



**YOU TELL THE OTHERS THAT THE BLUE DOGS ARE NOW AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.**  
**YOU CAN ALL RESIGN NOW... OR I WILL END YOU ALL ONE AT A TIME.**



**WHO... WHO T-THE HELL D-DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?**



**I'M YOUR WORST NIGHT MARE!**  
**YOU TELL THE OTHER DOGS... THE AVENGER IS BACK!**

**Next: Is he really back?**

# **FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS**

*Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.*

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## **“Cats and Dogs, living together, MASS HYSTERIA!”**

Welcome to 2016!

When I started working on this issue, I had two ideas running through my head.

The first was to show off another member of the Powers Family. We keep on hearing about how big the Powers Family is in England, but who else is there?

Well a family is more than just the immediate family, mother, father, brother, sister. It's also aunts, uncles, cousins, second-and-third-relatives, and, of course, the adopted members. And let's not forget in-laws and step-relatives and half-relatives in the case of marriages, divorces, and affairs.

It's easy to see, then, how even a modest family can have so many family members. Of course, NBC's soap opera "Days of Our Lives" still takes the cake with so many inter-related family members. It really makes one wonder how characters on that soap could even date without being accused of committing incest.

But back to our superhero dynasty...

When coming up with who else would be a part of this Welsh family, I decided to keep the first extended family member simple. Someone who needs little explanation as to what they do and why they're considered a hero. Someone who can burst upon the scene, kick butt, take names, and look good doing it without being too cocky.

Thus... Bulldog Powers.

When coming up with this character, I had a simple question: If someone like Jason Statham were a superhero, what sort of hero would he be?

I don't think anyone would expect him to be wearing spandex, or really anything form-fitting. He comes off as a meat-and-potatoes kind of character. He does what needs to be done, and maybe with a little bit of bluster. He's the kind of guy who would wear a tee-shirt and jeans to work, and then put on an open-collar shirt with a suitcoat after the job is done.

Of course, to introduce a character without a complicated origin story would be a very short issue, which is why the decision was made to revisit one of the older Guardians that didn't have an origin story told yet.

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TashaTiger was first seen in “Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight” #22, when she was one of the heroes that tried to rescue a captured Icon Powers from the traitor StarCygнус.

There were plans to have her origin story told in that series, but, sadly, circumstances forced the end of the comic. And then, when it was possible to return to “The City”, that character was not accessible for me. So she became one of the “lost” heroes in Galaxy City.

Of course, that “lost” period ended with the end of “The Guardian Powers”, which coincided with the end of the MMO itself. So even though she was “back”, her story would remain untold until now.

If you read the three-part miniseries “Guardians of the Dawn GRADUATION”, you’d know that something had changed with TashaTiger after what happened in Galaxy City, but you really didn’t know how or why. Now, you know.

In telling her story, I also wanted to introduce her own villain. Someone who would be responsible for making TashaTiger the little cat-girl she is today. And here, I had two villains come to mind. The first being Cruella DeVille from Disney, and the second being the various World War II villainesses from the 1970’s “Wonder Woman” TV series.

Catgirls have always been an alluring mystery. Are they victims of genetic manipulation? Are they mystical beings like unicorns and centaurs? Or are they just young women that like to dress up like cats?

Or maybe it’s just a little bit of everything along with our own imagination?

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**NEXT ISSUE...**



**IS THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER REALLY BACK? AND IF HE ISN'T, THEN WHO IS THE MAN IN THE HOOD?**

**AND DON'T FORGET TO KEEP READING "THE CRUCIBLE" AT COXCOMICS.COM TO SEE FLURIA'S CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN THE "HOUSE OF SOTHIS" STORYLINE.**



# Did you know that...

- ◆ Statistically speaking, you have a better chance at getting robbed in Paragon City - the so-called “City of Heroes” - than anywhere in the Rogue Isles? It’s true!
- ◆ Despite an ongoing and hostile boycott of trade by the United States and most European nations, the Rogue Isles continue to thrive and serve as a shipping hub for goods.
- ◆ We have completely solved homelessness, joblessness, and hunger!
- ◆ There is no energy crisis thanks to our advanced energy program bringing free energy through most of the Isles.
- ◆ Our education program has a 99.9% success rate. Almost every single graduate of our Rogue Isles University will find a job immediately! Some find work even before they graduate!
- ◆ Our climates are constant... and comfortable.
- ◆ Despite what you hear from the media, most places in the Isles are still locally-governed, and enjoy the highest and longest-lasting citizen satisfaction rating than any country in the world today.
- ◆ There are no “War Walls” in the Isles - either literally or politically.

So why continue to buy the hype that the Rogue Isles are somehow “evil”?

**COME TO THE ROGUE ISLES**  
**YOU'LL BE BETTER HERE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE!**

Statistics are not an accurate representation of standards of living or chances of survival. Climate is controlled through volcanic clouds and magic. Most brand goods are not legally available due to ongoing international boycott. Local officials are honorary members of Arachnos or are put to death for treason.

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